

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008



NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

EASTER CLOSING

The club will be closed on
Sunday 23 and Monday 24th March.

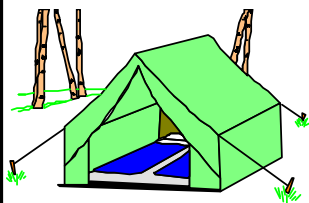


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Extra Ordinary General Meeting 14 April 2008
See details enclosed.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING WEEKEND

June, 27, 28 & 29th



North Staffs Ski Club summer camping weekend
this year will be at Greenhills Holiday Park,
Crowhill Lane,
Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PX

There will be a Barbecue on the Saturday evening if people would like to
bring their own food.

The standard price is £19 per tent or caravan per night inclusive of
electrics and 2 adults.

Children, pets, extra adults and extra vehicles all cost extra, please either
speak to Mark Cornes or see park
website. www.greenhillsleisure.com.

Walks will be arranged for Saturday and Sunday.



Places are limited so to avoid disappointment please con-
tact Mark or put your name on the list at the ski club to book your place..

In the interests of safety



We have children's ski helmets for sale at the
club in a variety of colours . They are essential if
anyone is going over the ramp on the slope.
They conform to the latest standard and are only
£20. Please ask at the ski desk.

Holiday review - Serre Chevalier January 20 — 27 2008.

The holiday got off to a good start at Manchester Airport, check in for the 78 of us was relatively trouble free and reasonably quick. We flew to Turin without delay, after a 2 hour transfer we arrived at the hotel and were delighted to see lots and lots of the white stuff. Rooms were allocated and we set off to explore our home for the next week. The bedrooms were fairly basic but adequate and spotlessly clean (the standard of cleanliness throughout the week was excellent).

Our first experience of the food that evening was worrying as the main course left a lot to be desired. Fortunately, it did improve and whilst it wasn't cordon bleu it was more than adequate once we realised that more vegetables were available if asked for. We had arranged for afternoon tea each day as an extra for our group and after the hotel manager had made it clear to the rest of the guests that it was only for our group there was plenty to go round and the cakes were excellent. The hotel did provide a different menu for children if required, even though this wasn't on the specification for the holiday.

Everyone was eager to be out on the slopes the next day, the great bonus apart from there being plenty of snow was the position of the hotel. You only needed to



walk (or ski) for 20 metres across the car park right outside the hotel and you were on the piste ready to ski the few hundred yards to the ski lift. At the end of the day one person managed to ski right into the ski locker room. Now that's what I call ski in ski out! The ski area catered well for all levels of skiing and there was plenty of kilometres to go at. The pistes were relatively quiet and if you went over towards Briançon or Monêtier you could find yourself all alone on the mountain, fantastic. There was the inevitable motorway run last thing in the afternoon but beginners could come down in the gondola if they were prepared to walk a short way up to the hotel. There was plenty of snow coverage although high winds on the Tuesday did blow some off the top but fortunately not off the ski runs. Apart from the Tuesday morning we had beautiful blue skies all week and the snow stayed good.

To provide some après ski entertainment in the basement Sports bar the staff arranged a quiz night, a karaoke night and showed the live Premier football on TV. If you didn't want to join in there was another adults only bar on the other side of the Hotel with a lovely log burning open fire. The staff at the hotel did prove to be very good, they were very helpful in a crisis and generally pleasant and obliging where possible.

Would we go again? Very definitely yes! Although the hotel left a little to be desired the ski area was brilliant and the hotel position on the edge of a piste was just perfect. Remembering that we only paid around £400 for the hotel with half board it was great value for money.

Many thanks go to Terry for all his hard work organising the holiday. Now the work starts again for the next one. Any volunteers????

If anyone has a photo to put in a collage to go up on the wall please leave them at the ski club for the attention of Ann Loton.

Look out for details of club holiday 2009 in April's newsletter.

Snow Slider's Dictionary

Grooming report: Daily account of the state of the current snow cover at a ski area, usually described by a few common terms like packed powder (wet slush), packed powder (glare ice), packed powder (frozen granules), packed powder (broken crust), and packed powder (bare earth).



ATTENTION ALL MG ROVER OWNERS

We have now become MG Rover Parts Wholesalers and thus have access to more than 177,000 MGR parts including most old and veteran vehicles.

Please contact us if you require help or advice at any time.

Office hours 01782 50 50 50 - evening and other times 07866 253869 or 07831 296982



Extraordinary General Meeting

Monday 14th April 2008 at 8pm

Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)

The Club has had contact with HM Revenue and Customs to investigate the possibility of becoming a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). This is a government scheme that offers a club benefits related to taxation. We have been advised that in order to become a CASC it will be necessary to alter the Club's (Company's) Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association. The proposed changes must be approved by the membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting called at least 21 days before the event.

Calling Notice

There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at Clough Hall Public House Clough Hall Road, Kidsgrove on 14th April 2008 at 8pm. The purpose will be for members to vote on the following resolutions.

Resolution 1

That the Club (Company) become a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC).

Resolution 2

That the Memorandum of Association is altered as follows:-

Paragraph 3.3

from:

to promote and pursue the interests of the sport of skiing

to:

to promote community participation in and pursue the interests of the sport of skiing

The "PROVIDED" section at the end of section 3

from:

PROVIDED that notwithstanding anything in the above:

All profits and other income of the Company shall be applied only in promoting its objects; and

No dividends shall be paid to members of the Company; and

If the Club is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator shall transfer all the assets which otherwise be available on its winding up either to another body with objects similar to its own or to another body the objects of which are the promotion of charity and anything incidental or conducive thereto

to:

PROVIDED that notwithstanding anything in the above:

All profits and other income of the Company shall be applied only in promoting its objects; and

No dividends shall be paid to members of the Company or third parties; and

If the Club is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator shall transfer all the assets which otherwise be available on its winding up either to another body with objects similar to its own which is a registered CASC or to a registered charity.

Resolution 3

That the Articles of Association are altered as follows:-

Paragraph 4

from:

Subject to Article 7 membership of the club shall be open to all persons who complete and submit to the Club an application for membership in the form from time to time approved by the Board of Directors payment or standing order in accordance with Article 5.2

to:

Subject to Article 7 membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Skiing as a particular sport and who complete and submit to the Club an application for membership in the form from time to time approved by the Board of Directors with payment or standing order in accordance with Article 5.2

Paragraph 9.1

from:

Every candidate for election (including candidates for election to the special classes of membership specified in article 7) must be balloted for by the Directors of the Club and three Directors' votes against will exclude

to:

Every candidate for election (including candidates for election to the special classes of membership specified in article 7) must be elected by a simple majority vote of the directors.

Paragraph 12.3

from:

Upon receipt of a notice of appeal an extraordinary meeting must be convened within 14 days and, if that meeting passes an extraordinary resolution rescinding the expulsion, then the member must be reinstated as from the date of the resolution.

to:

Upon receipt of a notice of appeal an extraordinary meeting must be convened within 14 days and, if that meeting passes an extraordinary resolution rescinding the expulsion, then the member must be reinstated as from the date of the resolution. The same procedure must be used in the case of an appeal due to refusal from membership.

Paragraph 41

from:

If the Club is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator shall transfer all the assets which otherwise be available on its winding up either to another body with objects similar to its own or to another body the objects of which are the promotion of charity and anything incidental or conducive thereto

to:

If the Club is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator shall transfer all the assets which otherwise be available on its winding up either to another body with objects similar to its own which is a registered CASC or to a registered charity.