



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2007

Dates for your Diary

Summer Opening Times

Monday to Thursday 7.00pm – 9.00pm as usual

Saturday afternoons – Closed in May and June

Sundays in April and May Close at 3.30pm, in June Close at 2.00pm

Bank Holiday Weekends - Closed 6^{th} & 7^{th} May and 27^{th} & 28^{th} May.

CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER ON THURSDAY 28TH June 9pm

OPEN FOR THE NEW SEASON ON SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Annual General Meeting on Monday 29th October Details in the August Newsletter

Horse Trekking on Cannock Chase

A group is being organised for Saturday the 2nd June

Cost £32 for 2 hours + £1 hat hire – beginners welcome but not really suitable for children unless experienced riders.

Please let me know by the **8th May** – deposit of £16 per person payable on booking (cheques payable to Cannock Chase Trekking Centre)

Jo Stackhouse

*** When booking – please let me know whether you have ridden before and your skill level if you have e.g. = Able to trot or canter.

Arrive by 2.10pm for a ride from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

Cannock Chase Trekking Centre is on the A34 between Stafford & Cannock.

Directions can be provided but the Post Code is ST19 5RP if you want to use the Internet – also, their web site can be accessed by searching on Cannock Chase Trekking Centre.

Ski Holiday to Jackson Hole Wyoming

On 28th February 7 intrepid skiers went to Jackson (probably not the Jackson in the song). It was an Inghams package holiday travelling by BA scheduled airlines. Although we were dreading the long flight it proved to be not as bad as anticipated. Unfortunately one bag was missing when we arrived at Dallas airport to transfer to another plane. It was quickly traced to be still on the tarmac at Gatwick. It was subsequently delivered to the hotel one day late (better than we expected.)

We stayed in a 3 bedroom condominium with 2 people sharing the bed settee. It all worked out quite well once the occupants of the bed settee had devised a way to stop rolling into the trough in the middle of the mattress. The condo was quite well equipped and had plenty of space. The condo was part of a hotel complex at Snow King Resort which had, opposite, a small area where we could ski for free. The downside to the condo was that it was a 35 minute bus ride, through the cowboy town of Jackson (a ten minute walk away from the hotel) to the main ski slopes at Teton Village. The town was lively and

interesting with lots of shops and restaurants to explore.

When we arrived there was plenty of snow covering the whole area. The ski terrain proved to live up to its reputation of being steep and deep with plenty of off piste between the steeply sloping trees. We had brilliant blue skies for the 2 weeks we were there, which of course took its toll on the snow conditions, say no more!



The highlight of the holiday was a 90 mile snowmobile around Yellowstone National Park where we saw hot springs exploding out of the ground including the legendary Old Faithful which spurts 30 to 60 foot high every 60 to 90 minutes. We each rode a snowmobile in convoy with 2 of us becoming cut off from

the rest of us by a family of buffalo for a short time. We had a really fantastic day out and would recommend it.

Would we go again, probably not, as there are many more places we want to visit. If we had had some fresh snow whilst we were there then the story might be different but as with most American resorts the skiing is limited and by the end of the 2 weeks some of us were getting bored doing the same runs. Maybe 10 days would have been enough and we would have been better to have stayed at Teton Village at the bottom of the ski area. However we did have a good holiday and the snowmobiling was absolutely awesome!

Reminder.

Now the weather is getting warmer. For your protection, all people using the slope must wear long sleeves, trousers and gloves. (Yes, even when the weather is warm.)

Anybody not complying with this will be asked to leave the slope.

Snowsliders Dictionary

BASE 1. the layer of snow on the surface of a ski slope. 2. The layer of plastic on the base of a ski that is no longer there because 1 is no longer there.





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