



**NORTH STAFFS  
SKI CLUB LTD**

# NEWSLETTER April 2009

## SUMMER OPENING TIMES

**Monday to Thursday 7.00pm – 9.00pm as usual**

**Saturdays – closed in May and June**

**Sundays in May Closing 3.30pm**

**Sundays in June Closing at 2.00pm**

**Bank Holiday Weekends**

**Closed 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

**CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> June 9pm**

**REOPENING ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**

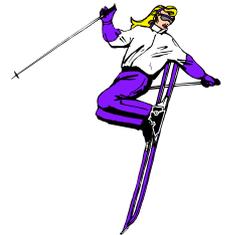
**For those of you able to help with maintenance the club will be open each Wednesday evening throughout July and August. Please come along and join in. Many hands make light work!!!**

### **Hi everyone**

Freestyle nights are starting to heat up down at Kidsgrove. Every Sunday, the ramps and moguls are pulled out from 5pm to 7pm for all who want to come down and have a go. Whether you're new to freestyle, trying to grab the fastest air possible, or just want to refine your own style, this is the night for you. Ramp supervisors are on hand to ensure you have a great time and stay safe, and we are planning for more equipment in the near future!

Boarders and skiers unite in harmony that is Freestyle @ Kidsgrove! The following nights are designated freestyle nights - see you there. Sunday 17th May and Sunday 31st May.

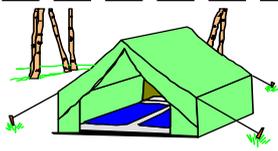
PS - make sure you sign the freestyle consent form BEFORE you come down for a freestyle session (ask anyone working in the boot room) and wear the required safety gear i.e. slap that helmet on! Any queries, ring Ed on 07967 391410 or pop down the club on a Tuesday night.



### **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.**



Camping and Caravan Weekend  
31st July - 2nd August 2009  
Glanllyn Lakeside Caravan and Camping Park  
Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7SS  
By beautiful Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake)  
In Snowdonia National Park North Wales.

After previous very successful caravan/camping weekends, another one has been arranged for this summer. Glanllyn lakeside caravan and camping park offers extensive views of the nearby Aran and Arenig mountains and the 16 acres of level parkland makes it the ideal spot to pitch caravans, motor home, tent or trailer tent. Glanllyn has modern facilities including a modern shower block with free, hot all day showers. There is a launderette and dish washing area. There is plenty of electric hook up points. The well stocked camp shop sells basic supplies, gas, maps of local walks etc. There is also a Children's Playground.

### Things to do in the area.

Visit the market town of Bala, 3 miles from site.

A narrow gauge railway runs alongside the lake from Bala to LLanuwrchilyn  
The Tryweryn National White-water Centre famous for rafting and canoeing.

### PITCHING COST: CARAVANS/TENTS

£16.00 PER NIGHT (includes 2 adults, 1 car and electric)

### Activities



Group walk from the site  
Saturday morning, 5 - 8 miles,  
bring sensible walking boots  
and waterproofs.

Gather together for  
Saturday teatime BBQ (bring  
own food and drink.)



**You are welcome to join us for the walk and / or BBQ if you are unable to camp.**  
To avoid disappointment, please let me know by 25<sup>th</sup> June, if you require a pitch booked.  
Telephone Mark Cornes at the club 01782 784908



### The next Kids Club Snowlife Assessment day will be on Sunday 17th May

This is for anyone who has never done any of the previous days or for kids who have presently achieved levels 1 or 2. It will be a 10am start. We will run another assessment day for the remainder in June watch the notice board - Simon & Phil

### Want to help in the boot room?

For anyone who wishes to help in the boot room there will be a ski binding course held at the club on Saturday 9th May 10am - 12 noon. Anyone interested please put your name on the list on the notice board.



## ATTENTION ALL FORD OWNERS

We have now become the new Ford Dealer for North  
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# Club Holiday 2010 Valmeinier 1800

**Departs Friday 15/01/2010**  
**10 days 7 nights in resort**  
**8 days skiing**  
**Returns Sunday 24/01/2010**



We are pleased to announce that next years ski club holiday will be a return visit to the French Alpine resort of Valmeinier. Travel will be from Kidsgrove by Royal Class coach (air travel is available from Gatwick at extra cost).

## The Resort

High in the French Alps at 6000ft the resort of Valmeinier is a sensational find, an undiscovered 'jewel in the Alps'. Located high in the Maurienne Valley, Valmeinier enjoys long-season snow cover.

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced skier, this is one of the few resorts that solves the problem of families and groups of different skiing abilities. The small and modern ski village at 1800 is beautifully built in an aesthetically pleasing style, which merges modern design with tradition. Valmeinier 1500 is an old, picturesque mountain village, harmoniously nestling in the slopes just a short ski down from our club hotel.

## Après ski & activities

- Bars
- Nightclub
- The popular "Snowcoach" Quiz Night
- Party Night"
- Games evening
- Floodlit night skiing
- Sledging



## The hotel - Club Hotel L'Aigle

This club hotel enjoys spectacular views up and down the valley and is in an excellent location in the centre of the village, opposite the main chair lift. The L'Aigle is modern and spacious,

tastefully decorated and furnished throughout in a simple, yet comfortable style. The reception, residents' bar, dining area and lounge are all open plan and enjoy breathtaking views across the valley. After a hard day's skiing you can enjoy a drink at the bar, or have your afternoon tea by the open fire in the lounge area.

Alternatively, relax in the sauna/steam room or the outdoor hot tub - always a firm favourite with guests!

- All rooms with bath/shower and WC, some with balcony
- Lift to all floors
- Buffet breakfast with a selection of daily hot dishes
- Afternoon tea/coffee/hot chocolate with home-made cakes
- 4-course dinner with complimentary wine or soft drink.
- Bar and lounge with open log fire
- Children's playroom and video player
- Games room - table tennis, darts, table football
- Sauna/steam room - **free**
- Outdoor hot tub - **free**
- Internet access, telephone and fax services

**Location:** Only a few metres from the 4-person chair lift in Valmeinier 1800, in the village centre.

## **The slopes**

Enjoy dramatic scenery with varied and extensive skiing. An excellent ski system encompassing 3 valleys, this area has all the ingredients that will make it a big hit as it offers superb skiing for everyone.

You can enjoy skiing above the tree line on wide pistes or take scenic routes through the trees down to the rustic villages of Valloire and Les Verneys.

The excellent nursery slopes are right by the hotel, and the resort prides itself on its quality grooming, which will boost the confidence of the beginner skier. You can then progress to the leisurely blue runs near the hotel and cross the valley to Valloire.

The fast chair lift just outside our club hotel takes you to a vantage point from where you can ski back to 1800 or head off towards Valmeinier 1500. You can ski directly to le Crey du Quart and Valloire on the piste behind Hotel L'Aigle and you can also ski back to below 1800 directly from Valloire and get the fast lift up in to 1800. Maximise your time on the slopes, starting on that first chair up in the morning and skiing that last possible run back in the evening.

The 150kms of piste start right outside the hotel and extend throughout the whole Valmeinier and Valloire area, for even more skiing a floodlit ski evening is included in your lift pass.

## **Beginners \*\*\*\***

Lessons begin in the afternoon and commence on the nursery slopes near the hotel. You can progress quickly to the green and blue runs, which give great encouragement to the novice skier.

## **Intermediates. \*\*\*\*\***

Few resorts can be so attractive to all levels of intermediate and recreational skier. There are runs of every type either to cruise on, or to try something more difficult. You can enjoy the entire area from Valmeinier 1800 right across to Valloire and Les Verneys.

## **Advanced \*\*\*\***

Combine a maximum of kms / day with real quality skiing on the good selection of challenging red and black runs. The extensive off-piste and powder possibilities are wonderful with a local guide; the powder remains untracked for days. Overall a great uncrowded area, offering high-calibre skiing.

## **Holiday costs**

Adult £445

Child £340 (aged 6 – 15 if sharing with an adult)

Child £250 (aged 2 - 5 years if sharing with an adult)

Deposit £100

## **Extras**

Lift Pass full area 8 days - Adult £172 Child £155

## **What they said about the club holiday to Valmeinier in 2006**

"Excellent, superb, the whole thing, This will take some beating." Mark Harris.

"Thoroughly enjoyable all round. Initially concerned about the coach travel but much better than expected." Richard and Heidi.

"Feel at home first time around, brilliant." Nick .

"The best club holiday we've been on." Phil, Albert, Warren and Dave.

"We had a blast! Hotel and staff were great, food excellent, overall a real family experience." The Osbornes.

"Met a super, generous, jocular and caring group of people. An absolutely 'cracking' holiday!" Debi (newcomer).

*Holiday request form*  
*Valmeinier 2010 - 15<sup>th</sup> January to 24th January*

As I'm sure you can appreciate, finding suitable accommodation that can accommodate a large number of people is far from easy. Due to the success of the club holiday to Valmeinier in 2006 and after many requests to return to Valmeinier we have decided that we will return next year. Because of its popularity in 2006 we are expecting a great deal of interest in the holiday.

Please note places can only be given on a first come first served basis i.e. a booking request form must be completed and handed into the club before you can be registered (Booking request forms below)

If you would like to join us on our 2010 club member's holiday, please complete the attached holiday request form and return it to the club as soon as possible **either email to: geoffstackhouse@hotmail.com, post it to the address shown below, or drop it in to the club – please mark it for Jo's attention.** Deposits will be required as soon as possible to secure a place.

**Prices:**

Adult (over 11 years) = £445  
Child (6 to 11 years) = £340 (must be sharing with at least two adults – if not, full adult price is applicable)  
Child (aged between 2 - 5 ) = £250

Should you require any further information, you can leave a message at the ski club on 01782 784908 or call into the club and see us on Sundays or on a Wednesday evening.

***Holiday Request Form***

I ..... wish to join the next ski club holiday to Valmeinier on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.  
There will be ..... adults (over 11 years old) and ..... child/children aged ..... and we would prefer our room to sleep.....people

Home address: (full postal address and post code required please)

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Signed .....

Please list all the names of those travelling, (including their dates of births.)

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I understand that returning this form does not guarantee our booking until a non-refundable deposit of £100 per person is received.

I enclose a deposit of .....

Contact numbers (these are extremely important, they will only be used by club members organising the holiday and will not be passed on to anyone else)

Day.....  
Evening.....  
Email address.....

Please make all cheques payable to "Snowcoach" and send to Jo Stackhouse at the club.