



**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

Newsletter April 2013

OPENING TIMES

May Bank Holiday - 5 th , 6 th May.	CLOSED
Spring Bank Holiday - 26 th , 27 th May	CLOSED
Last Saturday Afternoon Opening = 27 th April.	
Sunday closing May 12 th , 19 th , close at 3.30 pm June 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd close at 2.00 pm	
Closed for summer break - Thursday 27 th June. Reopen - Monday 2nd Sept	

2014 Club Holiday

Sorry for the wait everyone. On return from our very successful trip to Les Menuires we immediately set about looking for a destination for next season. The companies that we normally deal with had nothing available.

After contacting several tour operators, we were offered the Hotel du Col in Sestriere, operated by Thompsons. Because of its 4T rating and excellent position in the resort we feel that it will prove to be a good base from which to explore the extensive Milky Way ski area.

More detailed information is attached to this Newsletter.

Your holiday Committee

We have started!

Those of you who have visited the ski club over the last few weeks may have noticed that work has begun on the extension of the ski slope. For those of you who haven't managed a visit to the club this is what the new area looks like now taken from the bridge in the park with the existing slope hidden on the right hand side. If you want to know more about what is happening? Look on the next page.



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Your Ski Slope - Can You Help?

In June 2011 the committee decided that they wanted to provide a more interesting and varied terrain for the intermediate skiers whilst still providing room for beginners to have lessons. There is also the problem of queuing for the lift at busy times. Initial enquiries were made and the council encouraged us to apply for planning permission to extend the slope.

In the first instance we wanted to make sure that Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council would grant permission and extend the lease to include the land required. It has taken a long time but at last, on March 19th, we were granted a licence to go onto the land to start clearing the trees.



Although we may not have liked it, the cold weather allowed us to have an extension of the permission to fell the trees as the birds had not begun to nest. We have had bird nesting surveys done, supervision by a bat ecologist whilst 2 trees were felled in case any hibernating bats were found (none were) and assurances from Staffordshire Ecological Services that the land does not sustain a habitat for newts.

It has not been easy and has cost the club to date £26,000 (plans, surveys, solicitors, tree felling, temporary fencing and a licence) plus £18,000 paid to Newcastle under Lyme Borough council as a bond to cover any un-rectified damage to the park road. (This

should be returned).

To finish Phase 1 - prepare the land for the new slope and lifts etc. will cost in the region of £50,000. The whole project will cost over £400,000. We do have some savings to use but will need to apply for grants from various bodies to meet the shortfall.

Something which will act in our favour when applying for extra funding is if we can show that the club members are supporting the project by giving a donation specifically towards the project fund.

So, can you help your club by donating a small or large amount to go directly into the project fund? If you feel you would like to donate please give it to someone behind the ski counter. If all our adult members donated £10 we would raise £5,000. Remember the club is run entirely by volunteers which is why it is the cheapest skiing in the country. We need your support to improve your skiing experience at Kidsgrove!

ACTION!

If anyone knows of a company who would like to sponsor a particular aspect of the project then that can easily be arranged. Just contact Ann Loton at the club.

Detailed plans will go up on the wall as soon as they have been drawn up. If you have any suggestions about what you would like to see included please let us know.

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Miles per year	FIXED Monthly Payment
10,000	£10 + Vat
15,000	£15 + Vat
20,000	£20 + Vat
25,000	£25 + Vat
30,000	£30 + vat
Over 30,000	Ask for a quote

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

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Club Holiday 19 - 26 January 2014



For our 2014 holiday we are returning after some time to the fabulous Milky Way ski area, and the Italian resort of Sestriere.

Situated at a height of 2035 metres in the middle of this extensive ski area which has a total of nearly 400km of pistes, the resort provides access to plenty of interesting and varied skiing for all abilities.

Travelling with Thompsons we shall be staying at the Hotel Du Col which carries their 4T rating. It is located in the centre of the village and is opposite the main lifts and ski school meeting point. It is normally possible to ski back very close to the hotel.

The Hotel Du Col has two bar areas, a quieter upstairs bar area and a second separate pub style bar with TV, pool table and a football table. It is also well placed for the other amenities in the resort, the swimming pool and other local bars and cafes.



The accommodation is based on two adults sharing a room. All rooms are ensuite and have satellite TV, telephone and fridge.

We shall be on half board basis for all 7

nights with-

Buffet breakfast

Free afternoon hot drink – tea/coffee – 4.30 to 5.30 pm

4 course evening meal with a choice of menu, salad starter and dessert buffet.

Also – free unlimited wine / water / soft drink with evening meal



Costs:

Adults £589.00 per person based on two sharing

Child £469.00 for aged 11 years and under on date of travel And sharing with two full paying adults.

Due to the style of the hotel there are only a few family rooms available. All occupants aged over 11 years in a triple or quad room will be charged at full price.

Ski Passes - The 6 day area pass covers the Italian side of the Milky Way (the largest proportion) and includes one day in Montgenevre.

Thompsons offer various packages for lift passes and ski carriage or ski hire. Here are some examples, if you need any other prices please ask;

Adult area lift pass + ski carriage = £182.00

Adult area lift pass + standard ski hire = £199.00
(additional £27 for boot hire)

Area lift pass for aged 8 years to 74 years = £164.00

Child over 8 years lift pass + skis + boots + helmets = £214

Ski Pass only (ages 8 – 74) = £164

Ski Carriage only = £35

Tourist Tax

A LOCAL TOURIST TAX: is payable in all accommodations in Italy, including Sestriere, ranging from 0.5 to 3euros p.p.p.n depending on the official star rating. Tax is approximate and subject to change, it is payable locally on arrival in cash only.

2014 Holiday request form

Sestriere - Sunday 19th January to Sunday 26th January 2014

The 2014 Club holiday will be to the Italian resort of Sestriere in the fabulous Milky Way ski area.

The Hotel Du Col provides doorstep skiing from our hotel for all levels of skiers.

If you have any further queries, you can call into the club and see us on Sundays or leave a message at the ski club on 01782 784908. You can also email Jo Stackhouse on geoffstackhouse@hotmail.com.

Prices: Adults £589 per person (2 sharing)

Children £469 (11 years and under -- sharing with 2 full paying adults)

Non refundable deposit of £130 per person

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Holiday Request Form - Sestriere - Sundays 19th to 26th January 2014.

Name/s.....

(If sharing, please state who you wish to share with)

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

..... Deposit of £..... enclosed
.....
..... For..... people
..... (£130 per person)

Signed

Your contact details - Email.....

We try to send all communications about the holiday by email, please check yours regularly.

Telephone = Home..... Mobile.....

(These details will only be used by club members organising the holiday and the holiday provider. They will not be passed on to anyone else without your permission)

Please list all the names of those travelling – **AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT** (including their dates of birth.)

.....DOB.....
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Ski Carriage/ Ski Hire and Ski Passes – see examples on information sheet. We will contact you in late summer for you to book what you need.

****Please make all cheques payable to North Staffs Ski Club Ltd and send to Jo Stackhouse or hand in at the Ski Club.**