



NORTH STAFFS  
SKI CLUB LTD

# NEWSLETTER August 2009

Don't forget folks the slope is due to reopen on Monday 7th September, come and see if you can spot the differences.

## OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 10<sup>th</sup> October, until then opening times will be:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7pm till 9pm  
Sunday, Kids Club 9.30 to 12noon, adults 12noon to 2pm in September  
Sundays from October 5th adults 12noon – 5pm.

## Annual General Meeting Monday 19th October 2009



See enclosed information. Draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 30th September 2009 and at the meeting.

## 2010 North Staffs Ski Club holiday to Valmeinier / Valoire.

*There are still places left for next years ski club holiday to the French Alpine resort of Valmeinier. Our holiday will depart on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2009, return on Sunday 24th January (7½ days skiing) and will involve a coach journey from Kidsgrove. Air travel (6 days skiing) available at extra cost Half board accommodation plus afternoon tea.*

Adult £445    Child £340 (aged 6 – 15 if sharing with an adult)  
Deposit £100 per person. For detailed information see June's Newsletter at the club or on the web [www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk](http://www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk). Holiday request forms are also available from the club. Should you require any further information, you can either call **Jo Stackhouse at the club** or alternatively you can leave a message at the ski club on 01782 784908.

## The Club Web-site

Just to remind you that the club has a web-site (address bottom of page)) that provides information for club members and others. It contains basic information on the club, opening times, lessons and prices so if you or friends want more info then it is there. In the What's on / News section you can see the current and back issues of the Newsletter. There is a Links section that will enable you to find out more ski related information, for example a new link to a ski insurance company.

**Thank You!** To all the volunteers who have so far responded to the request for help with the work over the summer.

We hope you enjoy the benefits in the new season. Don't forget the club is run for your benefit by volunteers throughout the season and there is always a need for more volunteers so, if you have a few hours to spare speak to one of the people in the ski room or behind the tea bar.

## Members - Just a reminder

- We are having a check on memberships so you will be asked to show your membership card when you get your skis. If you haven't got a membership card just take a passport photo to the desk. Don't forget you can get 10% (sometimes 20%) discount from Blacks shop in Hanley with your card.
- If you are an Associate Member you must pay £8 for 1 hour or £12 for 2 hours when you come for a ski and you must show your membership card.
- Parents please remember that a responsible adult should accompany junior members at all times.
- Gloves/mittens, long sleeves and long trousers must be worn at all times.
- If you are using club boots please wear waterproof trousers over the boots to prevent the inners from excessive wetness.
- Boots and skis should be brushed off outside before entering the building.

## Appeal for helpers in the kitchen and boot room



Once again we are appealing for help to keep the snack bar open. You only need a friendly face as guidance will be given. If you can find a couple of hours to come and join the merry band of helpers in the evenings or on Sundays please have a word with someone at the club. Sadly, if we do not have enough helpers the snack bar will have to be closed.

Also help is needed in the boot room on Tuesday evenings. If one of the recently trained boot / ski technicians is available please let us know. If you were not able to attend the training but would like to help please speak to someone in the boot room.

Come on folks, you don't need to be a rocket scientist!!

## Snow sliders Dictionary - Edging

1. Key skill in which a skier uses a rolling motion of the knees and hips to tilt the ski edges into the slope in order to stand still on the fall line.
2. Key skill in which a skier uses a series of hip movements and shoulder turns to gain several places in the lift queue.

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## FIX FOR FIVE

**Fix your servicing costs for up to FIVE years!**

We are all now well used to paying our household expenses on a monthly plan – mobile phone, gas and electricity, rates etc. etc. Well, now you can do the same with your car service costs AND fix those costs for up to five years.

We are very pleased to announce a UNIQUE service to our Endon Rewards loyalty scheme members – a new fixed price servicing package – BUDGET PLAN.

Endon Rewards Budget Plan Service provides your regular manufacturer scheduled vehicle servicing for a single fixed monthly payment. You can fix your service costs with us at today's prices for up to FIVE years and the payments are simply based on your expected annual mileage NOT the car that you drive!

**See Schedule of Payments table on the right...**

**£** **FIXED**  
**FOR**  
**FIVE**

For annual mileages above or below the figures shown, please ask for an individual quotation.

Our Budget Plan covers all the parts and labour (including VAT!) for your manufacturer scheduled service plans. You only have to pay for any wear and tear items which are required at the time of repair. You are also required to have your annual MOT carried out with us but we make a special price offer of £40 to all our Budget Plan customers, saving £14 against the normal MOT recommended price. The budget plan and its payments are completely transferrable if you change your car and you can cancel the scheme at any time **without any charge or hassle whatsoever.**

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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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

**VENUE: CLOUGH HALL PUBLIC HOUSE  
CLOUGH HALL ROAD, KIDSGROVE,  
STOKE ON TRENT.**

**MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2009  
7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start.**

**The Business of the Evening will be as follows:**

- To accept apologies.**
- Minutes of the previous AGM.**
- Chairman's report.**
- Treasurer's report.**
- Any other business.**
- To elect the committee.**

After the meeting there will be a small buffet. We anticipate this to start at approximately 9.00 p.m. All members are welcome. Voting can only be carried out by full members (not associate members).

Should you wish to stand for the committee; at the bottom of the page you will find a nomination slip. Please fill this in and post to:-  
Jo Stackhouse. 78 Allport Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1DY to be received no less than 14 days before the AGM.

Your present committee is made up of the following:

Chairman - Terry Boulton                      Secretary - Jo Stackhouse  
Treasurer - John Daines / Craig Timmis                      Hon. President - Dave Dick  
The remainder of the committee consists of: Gerald Loton, Eric Hartley,  
Ann Loton, Simon Jones, Phil Rowley, Paul Knapper, Ed Marshall,  
Mark Cornes, Neil Ravenscroft and Mark Cornes.

A **Committee Member** will be expected to commit his / her time to the club for at least **two hours a week** on one of the days we are open. The committee meets once each month between September and July, committee members are expected to attend **at least 8 out of the 10** scheduled meetings.

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We hereby nominate ..... as a Committee Member of North Staffs Ski Club Ltd.

Proposed by .....  
Seconded by .....  
Date .....

Note: Nominee, Proposer and Seconder must all be **full members** of the club (not associate members).

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

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**Annual General Meeting - 19th October 2009.**  
**North Staffs Ski Club Ltd. - Directors Report 2008 - 2009**

Hi members!

It's that time of year again and time for me to sit down and write the Chairman's Report. As I sit and write this, volunteers are working on the slope doing the usual maintenance work. It's nice to see a few new faces helping out at the clubhouse, thanks very much to all the people who have put in the work during the summer close down.

We have now completed 5 years with the new matting and I am continually surprised at the excellent performance & durability of the 'Playgrass' surface.

Club membership seems to hold at around the 1,000 mark. This is made up of Junior, Adult and Family memberships.

The Friday night Instructor Training has continued and more instructors gained qualifications.

The social events organised by the club have also been well attended this year. About 65 people went on the club holiday in January to Le Corbier. This year we flew from Manchester to Turin, with a two hour transfer by coach to the resort. Again we were blessed with good weather, and everyone came back with smiles and a nice tan. It was nice to see some older faces returning to the club holiday, along with a few new ones.

Next year's club holiday will be a return visit to Valmeinier. If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch soon, as this is likely to be a popular choice. The last time we went here we filled the hotel, taking every room available.

Our financial policy is one of careful management and investment. Expenditure is tightly controlled to ensure that our income is spent wisely. We pay our bills promptly and claim any discounts that are offered.

Financially, the club has continued to do well and total income has increased once more, enabling us to put more back into the club. This year we have replaced boots and skis once again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped to run the club over the last year. We are lucky to have so many people willing to give so much time and energy to the club.

And finally, this is your club and it needs a little effort from many people to help it run smoothly. If you can give some of your time to help, please see one of the committee members and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

Terry Boulton, Chairman