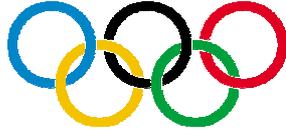




**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

NEWSLETTER August 2012



Congratulations to all the Olympians. Have you been inspired to be more active by their fantastic achievements? The ski club reopens on **Monday the 3rd of September**, come on down and get fit for the coming ski season.

OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 20th October, until then opening times will be:-

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

Please note - The club will be closed on Monday 29th October - AGM

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER



Have your friends and family been inspired by the Olympic Games to take up a sport?



FREE HALF HOUR TASTER SKI LESSONS
10am - 3pm

A good way for them to find out about skiing and have a go if they want to! Support your ski club by telling all your friends and family about this event.



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**Annual General Meeting
Monday 29th October 2012**



See enclosed information. **The club will be closed on this night to allow volunteers to attend.** A draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 8th October 2012 and at the meeting.

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 sized photo to the desk (a digital one is fine).
- If you pay by standing order the commitment is to pay for at least 12 months.
- 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.

Snow sliders dictionary.

DRYLAND TRAINING - A physical workout or practise session undertaken off the slopes or out of skiing season. There are a number of exercises and drills that can help skiers develop the stamina and techniques they need for the sport.

- Stand in one place for five minutes, then take two steps forward. Repeat.
- Attach a large block to each foot with old belts or duct tape and walk up and down a flight of stairs.
- Tie your ankles together; lie flat on the floor, then, holding a banana in each hand, get to your feet.
- Put a car in neutral and push it for 100metres.

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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.

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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...

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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 29th OCTOBER 2012
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 8.45p.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 hand in at the ski desk for the attention of Jo Stackhouse no less than 21 days before the AGM.

Your present committee is made up of the following:

Chair - Ann Loton. Vice Chair - Simon Jones. Secretary - Jo Stackhouse
Treasurer - John Daines / Craig Timmis Hon. President - Dave Dick
The remainder of the committee consists of: Terry Boulton, Gerald Loton, Eric Hartley, Paul Knapper, Simon Feeney and Ian Shakespeare,

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 every 2 months between September and July, committee members are expected to attend **at least 5 out of the 6** scheduled meetings.

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

Proposed by
Seconded by
Date

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

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 8th October 2012.

NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD





Annual General Meeting - 29th October 2012. Directors Report 2011 - 2012

Another year has passed and I'm glad to say that the club continues to thrive in spite of the country's continuing financial restraints. There has been a steady intake of new members to replace those who have left the club so that membership remains around 900. Some of those new members have joined the stalwarts who have toiled over the summer closure to maintain and improve the facilities; many thanks go to all concerned.

Once again the club's finances have been well managed by our treasurers tightly controlling expenditure resulting in a sum of money being available for future development. Discussions in committee have continued to explore the possibilities of developing the ski slope and planning permission has been sought to obtain extra land to be used for skiing. The planning application went before Newcastle Borough Council Planning Committee in March. There have been many hurdles to cross but it is hopeful that planning permission will be granted by the time of the Annual General Meeting in October. However, the council still has to grant a variation of the current lease held by the club to include the extra land before any development can start. Decisions still have to be made regarding the way the extra land will be utilised to provide a varied ski terrain.

This year's club holiday to Serre Chevalier in January was enjoyed by all. Next year's club holiday to Les Menuires has proved popular, there are approximately 80 places booked so we have the hotel to ourselves.

More instructors have become qualified this year and development of both qualified and unqualified instructors has continued on Friday nights. One of our Level 3 Coaches is working towards his Level 4 Coach Award. We have several candidates working towards their Level 1 Coach Award. The Master Classes which have been held on Sunday evenings led by our coaches continue to be very popular.

I am very pleased to report that the club gained Snowmark/Clubmark accreditation in January 2012. The club has now demonstrated that it meets Snowsport England's criteria as to playing programme, safeguarding and protecting children, knowing the club and its community and club management. Snowmark is an acknowledgement that we take these issues seriously and that we provide a high quality and welcoming environment for participants in the sport.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped to run the club over the last year. Thanks must go to those who run and maintain the kitchen so that it continues to meet the Level 5 Food Hygiene rating awarded by Newcastle Borough Council. We are lucky to have so many people willing to give so much time and energy to the club.

Finally, this club is run by the members for the benefit of the members, the skiing is only so cheap because nobody is paid a penny. The club needs a little effort from a lot of people to help it run smoothly. Out of the 550 or so adult members only around 60 presently give some of their time. If you can spare a few hours to help, please see one of the committee members or our Volunteer Coordinator, Norman Salmon and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

**Ann Loton
Chair**