



NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

Newsletter August 2013

Has Britain's storming summer of sport inspired you to get active then come down to the ski club when it reopens.

7pm, Monday 2nd September

(Just in case the water is not reconnected due to ongoing works on the new area please phone to check the club is operating during the first week.)



Annual General Meeting Monday 28th October 2013

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 2013 and at the meeting.

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

Have your friends and family been inspired by Britain's storming summer of sport to get active?



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.

Sessions bookable in advance.

B-B-Q



**BARBEQUE AVAILABLE
(FOOD AT REASONABLE PRICES)**



Coming up soon:

**VISIT
IN THE SNOW LIVE**

All New National Ski Show - In The Snow Live From October 25th - 27th at the NEC there's , the ski show brought to you by the major Snowsports magazine. Keep in touch via the link on the club's home page.



2014 is Winter Olympics year and they will be held at Sochi in Russia. Olympics from February 7th to 23rd and Paralympics from March 7th to 16th. Great Britain will have several Snowsport competitors to follow. There's a link from the club's home page. www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk



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Slope Development Update.

Have you seen it? The ground has been cleared of tree trunks and undergrowth. Work has commenced on re-sculpturing the ground levels, inserting the drainage system, re-siting the old permanent fencing and adding new permanent fencing where needed. By the end of September the area should be permanently fenced, drains installed and the basic contours completed. That will be the completion of Phase 1. Phase 2 will not commence until next spring.

Your ideas are needed.

When you have had a good look at the new space you may have some good ideas as to what features you would like to see



included. We need a slope that is functional, challenging and fun with safety in mind.

Please add your suggestions to the sheet on the notice board. In the autumn we will hold an open meeting where we will have on display a proposed design for the new slope with your ideas incorporated where possible. Look out for the date of the open meeting to be posted on the notice board.

Can you help?



During the Autumn and winter a comprehensive landscaping scheme will be undertaken along the perimeter fencing which will provide a green interface to disguise the palling fence from the slope side. A Hawthorn hedge is also to be established on the park side of the fence. That means almost 1,000 shrubs and trees have to be planted. To save costs we will

set up a working party from our membership to do the planting over several weekends. If you would like to help please put your name on a list on the notice board and we will notify you when the dates have been arranged.

The work has continued preparing information for the requests for additional funding. BIFFA have invited the club to apply for a grant. Talks are continuing with Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council, Snowsport England, County Sports Partnership and the club on the preparation of a bid for funding from Sport England.

As was mentioned in previous newsletter's 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. If you are a tax payer then it can be gift aided to mean more. 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!

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.

Thank You!

Very much to all those who have already given a donation to the project



A special thank you to everyone who worked at the ski club during the closure period. We wouldn't be able to continue without your help to keep things running smoothly!



STORM SKIS

tel 07710 062066
email sales@xalpine.com



SALE of NEW Storm skis

Sat 9th Nov, 12-4 pm

Xalpine have a large stock of Storm skis and are bringing them to the Ski Centre for a sale on Sat. 9th November. There are skis for on & off piste, all-mountain skis and specialist big-mountain skis - Some models are not available anywhere else!

Prices from under £100 and up to a genuine 75% off

Cards accepted. For further info & to reserve skis call Graham on 07710 062066



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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...



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 28th OCTOBER 2013
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 post to:-

Jo Stackhouse. 78 Allport Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1DY to be received 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, Ian Shakespeare and Tony Williams.

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 Seconder must all be **full members** of the club (not associate members).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 7th October 2013.

**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

Directors Report - September 2013

Another year has passed and I'm glad to say that the club continues to thrive. Once again there has been a steady intake of new members to replace those who have left the club so that the membership remains around 900.

Our treasurers have once again managed our finances by tightly controlling expenditure resulting in a sum of money being available for future development.

Open day was very successful with almost all the sessions full resulting in many booking beginners' lessons.

In January, after a great deal of negotiation with Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council, the club was finally given approval to develop the land to the side of the current slope. The decision was made to clear the land before the birds had time to nest. Fortunately the very cold winter resulted in delayed nesting and we were given an extension date by Staffordshire Wildlife to the end of March. Bat ecologists were also consulted to make sure bat welfare was safeguarded. The area has been cleared and re profiled ready for the next stage which it is hoped will commence next spring. The council has agreed to grant a variation of the current lease held by the club to include the extra land and the lease will be extended to run for thirty years from the date of the new lease. 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 Les Menuires in January was enjoyed by all. Next year's club holiday to Sestriere has proved popular, there are approximately 60 places booked.

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 has gained his Level 4 Coach Award and four of our level 1 instructors have gained their Level 2 awards. We have several newly qualified Level 1 instructors. The Master Classes which have been held on Sunday evenings led by our coaches continue to be very popular.

The club continues to work within the Snowmark accreditation criteria demonstrating 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