

Newsletter December 2017

Seasons Greetings



NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

OPENING TIMES

Sundays:	9.30 to 10.30	Children's lessons
	10.30 to 12.00 noon	Junior Club
	12.00 to 5.00 pm	Recreational skiing and lessons
Mon-Thurs:	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Recreational skiing and lessons
Fridays:	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Freestyle Fridays (fortnightly)
Saturdays:	2.00 to 5.00 pm	Recreational skiing

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR
24-26 and 31 December, 1st January

KIDSGROVE SKI CENTRE

Bostin

Bangers and Beans Bash

Skiers and Freestylers Welcome
Saturday 16th December 2017
From. 1700 - 1900hrs

Soup, Bangers and Beans, Mince Pie
£5 per person

Tickets @theclub **The OATCAKE Apres**

If any non members want to ski they will have to pay an additional £15 an adult or £10 a junior for a day membership.



Off-Piste and Mountain Safety Awareness Training

Last year we ran some successful courses about safety off piste. The courses consisted of lectures and theoretical training, a short series of exercises on the slope and avalanche transceiver exercises in the park. If you are interested in attending a course please leave your name at the ski desk. If there is enough interest a date will be arranged.



Junior Club Christmas Party

Sunday 17th December

Games on the slope from 10.30 to 11.30 am
Party from 11.30 am



As the club is run on a voluntary basis, please can parents contribute party food on the day - Please put your name and donation on the list by the kitchen.



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FREESTYLE NEWS



The Dave Dick Freestyle Award

This trophy Inspired by Dave`s contribution to the club over many years, especially his enthusiasm for Freestyle and determination to establish freestyle in the club, will be awarded to a young skier or snowboarder on an annual basis at the Oatcake Jam.

The Freestyle coaches came together to decide who would be the first recipient. After much consideration they agreed that it should be presented to William Mason.

On Sunday 28th November 2015, at the age of eight, William had his first skiing lesson with John Daines. He was very quickly signed off and became a regular sight practicing his new skills. Then he realised there was another part of the slope he hadn't skied on. The Freestyle Slope! William wanted to know if he could do it. He continued to practice so that his skiing skills were of the required standard, got a helmet and was signed off to ski on the Freestyle Slope.

The coaches were particularly impressed by his relaxed style, his determination to get it right, his thirst for knowledge about what to do and how to do it. They were also impressed at his attitude towards others and the way he included and encouraged others to enjoy the sport.

Since receiving the award, which was presented by Mia Brookes, Dave`s granddaughter, the current British Indoor Snowboard Champion, William has been seen on the slope on a snowboard... has he defected to the dark side? Watch this space....



Well Done William!

 <p style="font-size: small;">All ages, all abilities welcome! Members-Free Day Members: Junior-£15 Students-£15 Adults-£20 (Air Bag incl. Restrictions apply)</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small; color: red;">SKI - Kidsgrove</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">15th Sep 29th Sep 13th Oct 27th Oct 10th Nov 24th Nov 8th Dec 22nd Dec 5th Jan 19th Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small; color: red;">SKI - Kidsgrove</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">5th Jan 19th Jan 2nd Feb 16th Feb 2nd Mar 16th Mar 30th Mar 13th Apr 27th Apr 11th May 25th May 8th Jun 22nd Jun</p>	<p>Don't forget that the Airbag is now in action on Freestyle Fridays and is proving to be a very popular and useful addition to this increasingly popular night (conditions apply to users). Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who make this possible. If you are attending Freestyle Fridays as a Day Member and will not be using the Airbag the rate is £10 for Juniors and Students, £15 for adults.</p>
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The Oatcake Jam 2017

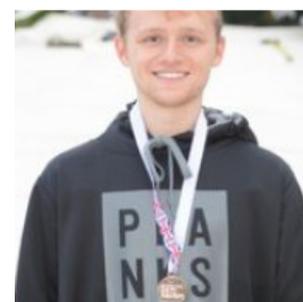
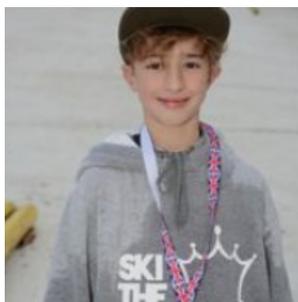


With a record number of participants, Saturday 11th November saw the club hosting the Fourth Annual Oatcake Jam.

History was made when four enthusiastic girls from the club made the brave decision to compete. Scarlett and Freya had already taken part in the Stoke Charity Jam but for Aysha and Ruby it was a new experience. It was good to see them enjoying themselves and showing the boys how it should be done. A second piece of history was also made with our first entrant in the Masters Category. Well done to all our members who took part.

Unlike last year, the weather was kind to us and participants from as far afield as Kendal and Bournemouth joined us for a fantastic day. Everyone smiles at Kidsgrove, but this year the smiles appeared even broader.

To make the day complete we were joined by John Weatherly as our compere and snowboard judge, Cameron was joined by Dean Ecclestone and Helen Taylor-Tipton as our skiing judges. Mia Brookes the Indoor British Champion judged the snowboarding.



North Staffs Ski Club Medal Winners - Well done everybody!

Thanks must go to all the sponsors who very kindly donated the many prizes given out.

It goes without saying that we would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to all those volunteers who helped to make it such a successful day. Without them it would not happen. Whilst the list is too long to mention everyone, a special thank you should go to all the senior members without whose skills and dedication all year round, none of us would be able to enjoy the Kidsgrove experience.

See you all next year!

Your First Ski Holiday or a Seasoned Skier?



You booked ages ago and now have paid the balance and are arranging your airport parking. Even if you are a many seasoned skier have a read of the tips below you might find there's one you haven't thought of.

- It is possible to buy most things in the resort but they are **usually expensive** so take spare ski socks, gloves, sunglasses, etc..
- **Sunscreen** - Sun can reflect up to 85% of the sun's ultra violet rays use a high factor sun cream and lip balm and reapply several times a day, even on a dull day.
- **Layers** - with today's efficient thermal clothing think layers the weather can change quickly and the temperature may be much lower at the top of the mountain.
- **Daysack** - To carry spare gloves, an extra layer of clothing, sunscreen, water, chocolate or cereal bars.
- Have your **contact/insurance/hotel details with you** - in old fashioned written form as well as on your phone. This one usually catches someone out!
- You should **not ski alone** - decide with your family or friends on a meeting place in the area that you are skiing in case somebody gets separated from the group.
- **Skiing with children** - Throughout the day it is important to keep them fed & hydrated with regular stops. Regularly check their fingers, toes, nose as they freeze up quicker on children and they are more likely to carry on skiing without noticing. **ALSO** that they have a copy of your contact details in their pocket. **Good gloves** are particularly important for children, cold hands can make them miserable.
- **Wear something distinctive** - It can be difficult to spot people in your party when in a crowd, mist or skiing ahead.
- **Ski lessons** - Even if you don't want ski school for the whole week, you may consider lessons on the first day or so. You will learn how to manage lifts and find your way around the resort, as well as some extra skills to help you on the snow.
- If you have not yet been down to the slope this season we look forward to seeing you when you come to **wake your ski legs up** and we will be happy to help with any questions you may have.
- There are some very useful tips on packing and safety guides for all skiers on <http://www.firsttimeskier.co.uk/index.html>



Entrepreneurs.

An appeal From Laura Wallis, a research student from Plymouth University.

She is gathering information on entrepreneurs who run their own businesses but who also participate in a life style –focussed sports or activities.

If you would like to help please see below a link to the questionnaire.

https://plymouthbusiness.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b74A14RLfuQZAI7