



NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

Newsletter February 2012

OPENING TIMES	
Easter - 7 th , 8 th , 9 th April	CLOSED
May Bank Holiday - 6 th , 7 th May.	CLOSED
June Bank Holiday - 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th June	CLOSED
Last Saturday Afternoon Opening = 28 th April.	
Sunday closing May 13 th , 20 th , 27 th close at 3.30 pm June 10 th , 17 th , 24 th close at 2.00 pm	
Closed for summer break - Thursday 28 th June.	



We've got it! Check out the certificates on the wall



On the 1st February Jan Doyle, the Snowsport England Senior Development Officer, assessed the club and awarded us the Snowmark and Clubmark Accreditation.

This is awarded to show the club has demonstrated that it meets Snowsport England's criteria as to

- playing programme;
- safeguarding and protecting children;
- knowing your club and its community
- 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.

The club will be assessed every three years to make sure we maintain the required standards.

Framed copies of the certificates will be presented at the ski show in October.



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Club Holiday 26th January - 2nd February 2013

Les Menuires



The next Club holiday will find us in Les Menuires, part of the 3 Valleys ski area. With doorstep skiing from our hotel for all levels of skiers.

The resort of Les Menuires is set at 1850 metres in the Vallee de Belleville. Between the traditional village of Saint-Martin-de-Belleville and the high altitude resort of Val Thorens.

Many Club members have been to this area before but if you have not, there is something for everyone. Les Menuires provides an excellent variety of local pistes. Large nursery areas can be found on most of the pistes making up Les Menuires, whilst the upper slopes provide an

array of interconnecting red, blue and green runs. For more experienced skiers, the modern chair lift system allows speedy access to Val Thorens and the Meribel and Courcheval valleys.



We will be travelling with SkiBound to the Clubhotel Piolet which is situated near the Croisette, the centre of the resort. You can ski back to the door of this property as it is directly on the piste and the Croisette is easily accessible on foot from the hotel.. There is a bar area with comfortable settees and a small recreation room that is also accessed from the reception area. The restaurant which opens from the bar provides stunning views across the valley.

If you want to relax, the sun terrace at the hotel is the ideal spot. There is a variety of activities available in Les Menuires and free shuttle buses connect the hamlets that make up the resort. The local sports centre offers a swimming pool, saunas, jacuzzi and Turkish bath.

Accommodation will be based on two adults sharing a room. There are however some larger rooms on the 3rd floor that have additional beds on a mezzanine level. These are ideal for families, or if more than two adults are willing to share. All rooms are ensuite.

It is a small friendly hotel with only 30 rooms, we are expecting the places to go quickly so you need to book early to secure your place.

We shall be on a half board basis **for all 7 nights with;**

Buffet breakfast
Tea & cake after skiing
3 course evening meal with coffee, inc 25cl of wine/soft drink

Costs ; Adults £435 2 sharing
£375 3 or 4 sharing
Child £299 (12 years and under - sharing with 2 full paying adults)

Ski carriage - £35 per person

Ski Hire - This can be arranged in house using the latest Salomon equipment.

Prices and details will be available nearer the holiday.

Ski passes --With such a vast ski area, the full lift pass is a bit more expensive than in smaller resorts but you can buy a local pass if you wish. See the 3 Valleys web site for details of the 2011/12 season prices.

Details for next season will be available nearer the holiday.

2013 Holiday request form

Les Menuires - Saturday 26th January to Saturday 2nd February 2013

The next Club holiday will find us in Les Menuires part of the vast 3 Valleys ski area.
With doorstep skiing from our hotel for all levels of skiers.

For details, please see your February Newsletter or the notice board at the Ski Club.

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

Prices: Adults £435 (2 sharing) **Ski Carriage** - £35 per person
 £375 (3 or 4 sharing)

Children £299 (12 years and under -- sharing with 2 full paying adults)

Non refundable deposit of £120 per person

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Holiday Request Form - Les Menuires - Saturday 26th January 2013.

I/We would prefer my/our room to sleeppeople. (In the case of adults sharing, please state who you wish to share with)

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

..... Deposit of £..... enclosed

..... For..... people

Signed

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

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Please indicate numbers for SKI CARRIAGE -

Ski Hire and Ski Passes - Prices and details will be available nearer the holiday.

Contact details (These details will only be used by club members organising the holiday and will not be passed on to anyone else) We try to send all communications about the holiday by email, please check yours regularly.

Email _____

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

Please make all cheques payable to North Staffs Ski Club Ltd and send to --
Jo Stackhouse, 78 Allport Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 1DY **or** hand in at the Ski Club.

Holiday review 2011 - Serre Chevalier

An early start was needed for the flight to Grenoble but everybody managed to be on time. There was the usual chaos at the airport as seemingly hundreds of people arrived at the same time to check in. There was a delay on the tarmac because there were so many skis and boots packed into the front hold of the plane that it was out of balance! The pilot asked for 3 volunteers to move to the rear of the plane to adjust the trim!!

After a short delay on the journey from the airport to the hotel (driver and volunteers had to shovel away an avalanche) we arrived at the hotel to deep snow and blue skies.

It soon came to our notice that we were sharing the hotel with 70 young teenagers and accompanying staff from Edinburgh. I was ready to do battle with any wayward, noisy, rude high school delinquents! Not required, they were a great bunch of youngsters we were not disturbed by them at all - credit to them and the staff.

After returning the soup four times on the first evening because it was cold the food for the rest of the week proved to be very good. (it pays to complain).

The plentiful snow, the variety of skiing which was available and the après ski atmosphere in the hotel made a great holiday. Thanks yet again Jo.

Here's what one of our younger members thought -

Hi From Joel

A very good holiday in Serre Chevalier

It was Brilliant

Hope we can go again

It was even great fun learning with, Yann, the French Ski Instructor

It was really, really good fun skiing with Andrew, Jasmin and Jessica

The grownups looked after me always and taught me to ski better and took me on runs I've always wanted to go on.

Thankyou to Julie, Gail, Norman, Karen,

Ben, Craig, John, Andrew's Mum and Dad and my Grandma

Rode Park and Lawton Cricket Club

New Players Wanted

Come and join the fastest growing Junior Section in the area at Rode Park. We are looking to attract new players aged 6 upwards for our vibrant junior section. **No experience required.**

We run 5 Junior teams from U9 softball games through to U17s

Winter Nets are on Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March, 6.30 – 8.30 at Sandbach Boys School.

Come and join the Fun.

Contact Julie Richards on 07765 557012 or have a look on the web.



Looking for something to do over Easter????

Join in with our **Virtually Free Easter** coaching at Rode Park.

Sessions will be run for 6-15 year olds on the 10th – 13th April 9.30 – 12.30. Each session only costs £3 – or pay £10 for all four sessions – that's less than £1 per hour! No experience required and you don't need to be a Member.

Search for Cheshire Cricket Board on YouTube to see last year's fun - all footage from Rode Park sessions.

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