

Newsletter June 2011



**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

**Summer closing for maintenance -
9pm Thursday 30th June.
Reopening - 7pm Monday September 5th
AGM - 24 October 2011**

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Wednesday nights from 7pm

During the closed period from 1st July to 1st September there are lots of jobs which need doing. You don't have to have specific skills as there are many uncomplicated jobs which need just a willing pair of hands. At the same time there are jobs which do need specific skills where your expertise would be valued. The more people the better then we can all enjoy the summer and have a club which runs smoothly next season. Have a look at the list below, there must be something you can help with for a couple of hours. Even if you can only manage one 2 hour session it is better than nothing.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Jobs to be done

- Washing boots and skis (200)
- Hedge cutting
- Grass strimming
- Weed killing
- Adjusting the matting
- Anti vandal painting
- Fence painting
- Spray head cleaning
- Tow maintenance needing electricians and engineers

Photo Competition

We are pleased to announce the winner of our photo competition is **Jeanette Owen** for this great action photo of her son Max on holiday in Nauders, Austria.

Look for the photo on the wall at the ski club when we reopen.



Congratulations to Neil Ravenscroft and Marc Clowes who have passed the Level Three Coach Award. They had to do 35 hours training, log a minimum of 20 hours teaching and complete one day's examination.

K2 Charity Jump Challenge

Legs severely aching, vision very blurred (well mine was anyway), we all lined up for one final jump to take us past the magic number 8611metres. All 9 skiers taking part set off in close formation, one rapid fire movement we all took off to complete our last jump. We'd done it, we'd managed to jump the height of K2 mountain and our challenge was complete.

The challenge which started some 4 hours 32 minutes earlier was to continually hit the ramp with the distance of each jump being measured and added to a tally. The target was 8611 metres, the height above sea level of the second highest mountain in the world K2. The measuring was done using the clubs hose pipe which was marked up with each metre and half metre markers. The distance was then recorded in specially developed program for the event which kept track of all our stats as we were skiing.



We knew this would be a difficult challenge and we weren't wrong, even as I sit here writing this, 4 days after the challenge, my legs are still aching.

We completed 1002 jumps and averaged 8.6 metres per jump which was further than I'd anticipated. It took 4 hours and 32 minutes to complete, which meant each skier had to complete a whopping 111 jumps each and one jump was completed



every 16 seconds. We all managed to do some spectacular aerial jumps for which extra metres were added to the length.

The main aim of this challenge, of course, was to raise as much money as possible for our chosen charity, Lifeworks Staffordshire.

They are a local charity based in Wolstanton and help individuals who are on the autistic spectrum (such as High Functioning Autism or Asperger's Syndrome) to enable them to have a sustainable lifestyle (the charity is completely reliant on fundraising and charitable donations). We will now focus on collecting all sponsor monies and donations over the next few weeks and the Club have very kindly agreed to match our total, which we hope will be over £1000. If anyone still wishes to make a donation they can contact Ian Shakespeare or Sue Gibson at the club.



I have to say a big thank you to all who took part as this was a very very difficult challenge, however we all did it and without injury (except very aching legs). We also can't forget the people behind the scene (some being clients of Lifeworks) that made this event possible, from the scorers / recorders to the guys bringing us drinks and food so we didn't have to stop; the club for allowing us to take over the slope for the day; even the spectators cheering us on kept us going through the most difficult sections. A final thank you needs to go to all who have donated money or sponsored this challenge – THANK YOU ALL

Matt Wall
Ramp Supervisor

[2012 Ski Club holiday to Serre Chevalier.](#)

Depart on Saturday the 21st of January 2012.

Returning on Saturday 28th January

Details of the 2012 Club holiday were sent out with the April newsletter and there has been a good response from both regulars and new members.

When making enquiries for this holiday we found that our operators are becoming increasingly reluctant to hold a large number of flights and hotel spaces for any length of time. In fact to secure our initial option this year, the Club advanced deposits for 30 places.



Those places have all been taken and we have been able to hold another 30 places until mid August. As we usually take around 80 people, to avoid disappointment, you do need to make your intention known by paying the deposit. You can pick up a holiday request form from the ski club or download one from www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk.

You can either post any bookings to me or take them to the slope, we are open for maintenance work on Wednesday evenings during the summer.

Cheques to be made out to **Rocket Ski** for **£120 per person**.

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