



**NORTH STAFFS**



**CLUB LTD**

# Newsletter

## June 2017

### CLOSURE AND OPENING TIMES FOR REST OF SEASON

Closed on Saturday afternoons in June

Sunday closing in June - 2.00 pm

Close for the summer - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9 pm

Re-opens - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### End of season celebration

Where did the season go?  
Join us for strawberries and scones on Friday 23 June.

The slopes will be open for skiing and freestyle.

Tickets can be bought in advance for £5 per person from the club.

We hope to see you there!

### KIDSGROVE SKI CENTRE

## Strawberry

# Soirée



*Skiers and freestylers Welcome*

**Friday 23rd June 2017**

**Skiing 1900 - 2100hrs**

**Strawberries and Scones**

**£5 per person**

**Tickets @theclub**

**The**  
**AOATCAKE**  
**Apres**



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CLEAR  
OUT!**

### End of season clear out

Please make sure any personal equipment or items for sale left are removed before closure on the 29th June.

If you have left property at the club this is your last opportunity to claim it before it is disposed of!! We will be cleaning out the ski room, any unidentifiable personal skis/poles/boots/helmets etc. left in the ski room will be put into stock for general use.



**SNOWSPORT  
ENGLAND**

Member of the British Ski Slope  
Operators Association

Kidsgrove Ski Centre, Bathpool Park, Kidsgrove,  
Stoke on Trent, ST7 4EF Telephone (01782) 784908

[www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk](http://www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk)

Company Number:4337963



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## Summer Maintenance - Volunteers Needed

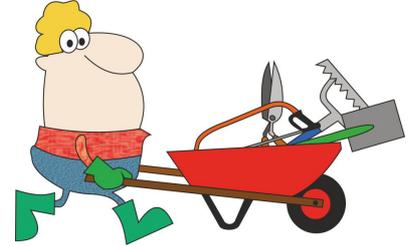
The club will be open for maintenance throughout July and August (from July 5th) on:

**Wednesdays 7 - 9 pm**

**Sundays 9.30 am - 1 pm (except for August bank holiday weekend) - a change from Saturdays in the hope more can attend to lighten the load!!**

Jobs to be done include:

- Weeding / weed killer application
- Boxing in of ramps
- Button lift – moving along the cable, specific mechanical maintenance
- More skis to be put on fencing
- General tidying up
- Painting the ramp sides
- Bracing gallows supporting nets and cover
- Checking of all matting seams for raised screws.



If you think you can help with any of these tasks and would like to select what you do in advance please put your name on the notice at the ski club or let Ann Loton know either at the club or at [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com). If you would like to take charge of one of the jobs even better.

## Regional Park and Pipe Talent Sessions

Snowsport England are holding 3 Park and Pipe Talent Sessions for skiers and snowboarders at the club. Sessions are open for anyone with an interest in freestyle skiing and snowboarding - whether you're hitting the features for the first time or you've done back-to-back seasons in Austria! The only minimum requirement is that you can link your turns and control your speed. Cost is £25 per session.

These sessions are aimed at skiers & snowboarders of all abilities looking to progress their freestyle riding. We'll have coaches at all the sessions helping you dial in the tricks you want to learn - whether it's your first boardslide or a corked 9.

Sessions are run by experienced ski and snowboard coaches. Go to [ski-kidsgrove.co.uk](http://ski-kidsgrove.co.uk) freestyle page and follow the link. Or use the direct link below:

<https://snowsportengland.typeform.com/to/HGASgq>



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**Bracknell**  
Sunday 25th June - 11am-1pm  
Sunday 10th Sep - 11am-1pm  
Sunday 15th Oct - 11am-1pm

**Halifax**  
Sunday 11th June - 10am-1pm  
Sunday 24th Sep - 10am-1pm  
Sunday 22nd Oct - 10am-1pm

**Kidsgrove**  
Saturday 1st July - 10am-1pm  
Saturday 23rd Sep - 10am-1pm  
Saturday 21st Oct - 10am-1pm

**Norfolk**  
Sunday 11th June - 7pm-10pm  
Saturday 9th Sep - 5.30pm-8.30pm  
Saturday 21st Oct - 5.30pm-8.30pm

**Snowsport England  
Park & Pipe  
Regional Talent Sessions**



Photo Credit: Ski The Kingdom

## FREESTYLE NEWS

### K JAM 2017

Early on Saturday 6th May, nine keen freestyle skiers from the club rubbed their sleepy eyes and began their journey North towards Kendal, (well seven... rumour has it that Hunter and Archer were already there, having a cheeky lie in). All were looking forward to taking part in the 4th Annual K Jam.

Once again they received a warm welcome and were soon warming up on the unfamiliar black surface. After a rest and the all important safety briefing the fun began, with everyone pushing themselves to their limit and beyond.

Well done to all who competed, Archer, Fynnlay, Hunter, Joel, Logan, Luke, Paulie, Will B and William. Special congratulations to Paulie and Finnlay who came 1st and 2nd as sponsored riders in the Under 12's Male category.



### IV Oatcake Jam — Saturday 11th November 2017

Please remember to make a date in your diary for our own Jam in November. All freestylers are welcome, club members and non members. Look out for details in the clubhouse, on Facebook and Instagram.

If you are able to offer any help, either on the day for an hour or two, or by providing sponsorship we would love to hear from you.



### Air Attack 2017

Saturday 20th May saw success for Will Byatt who came 3rd in the Under 16's Male category. Well done !!!

## Junior Club Snowlife Awards



On Sunday mornings Junior club members have been working hard towards their next Snowlife Awards. Assessments took place in May resulting in the presentation of Blue Level 2 and 3 Star, Red Level 4, 5 and 6 Star, and Black Level 6 Star.

## Airbag

The club has bought a second hand airbag for all those who want to have fun while doing your first jumps safely. It enables you to have enough airtime to learn straight jumps, flips and spins.

Some refurbishment is necessary to get it up to the needed safety standard and staff need to be fully trained and ready for safe operation. It will be in operation on Freestyle Fridays as soon as possible.

We are on the look out for a truck to move it around — can you help?



## Remembering Mike Gibson



There may be many of you who read this saying "who is Mike Gibson"? Many of you will know Mikes daughter Anne who is now one of our most senior instructors, usually down on a Tuesday night.

I first met Mike, his wife Sue and children Anne and Paul some 20 plus years ago having had a go at skiing at Festival Park, they came to us for lessons and I had the pleasure of instructing the family (now Anne tells me what to do!)

We became personal friends and on the first club holiday they attended they stayed at the same hotel as us because the one booked for the ski club was full. I still remember the snowball fight with the locals one night. He was always involved, whether at the club or on various social events, especially the club walks, as walking was another passion with the family. He was able to integrate with all ages and was always ready for a laugh. Mike was an active member until his knees started giving him trouble and he decided to give up skiing with a lot of regret.

We always remained friends and even a few days before he passed away his humour had not faded.....From Ian Shakespeare

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Mike taught for many years on a regular basis and many people in the area will remember his lessons. All the family came on Club Holidays and then, because once a year wasn't enough, also the "extra" holidays that involved driving to Chamonix and staying self-catering in some mobile homes. This was a good opportunity to experience some challenging runs, especially from the top of the Grandes Montets (3,300 metres). It was from here that Mike conquered the long mogul descent on the way down to the glacier. One year they were making a James Bond film up at the top and we could hear bangs and see smoke. A couple of days later Mike came back from the gents with news that he'd met Pierce Brosnan.

After retirement from 30 years in the police force he worked in the police call centre and actually took the call when a member phoned 999 to say that a pile of the Dendix mats was being loaded onto a lorry at the club. Appropriate action was taken and a successful result ensued.

In his spare time Mike was a keen fisherman and he and Sue became increasingly involved with the Life Works charity which helps with assisted living for young people on the autistic spectrum.

Mike was always a cheerful person and will be missed.....From John Daines