



NORTH STAFFS



CLUB LTD

Newsletter

March 2023

OPENING TIMES as usual except the following	
Easter – Sun 9th and Mon 10th April	CLOSED
Last Saturday afternoon open - 1st April	
May Day Holiday - Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May	CLOSED
Coronation Bank Holiday - Sunday 7th and Monday 8th May	CLOSED
Spring Bank Holiday Sunday 28th May and Monday 29th May	CLOSED
Club Closes after Thursday 29th June until Monday 4th September for essential maintenance	

WOW - WOW - WOW

CLUB MEMBER MIA BROOKES BECOMES THE YOUNGEST SLOPESIDE WORLD CHAMPION

Mia beat New Zealand's Zoi Sadowski-Synott to the women's slopestyle gold in the Snowboard Freestyle and Freeski World Championships in Georgia

Mia landed the first CAB 1440 double grab in a women's event. A highly complicated four-rotation 1440 switch earning her a winning score of 91.38.

Have a look at the winning run.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/winter-olympics/64790941> with video

SKI WASH



Check it out — at the bottom of the slope you will see a new facility for cleaning the skis instead of brushing. You may need to plan the timing of your exit from the slope to avoid a queue.

Children should be supervised when using.

Kidsgrove Ski Centre,

Bathpool Park, Kidsgrove, Stoke on Trent, ST7 4EF

Telephone (01782) 784908 www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk



SNOWMARK
SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

Tignes 2023 Club Holiday

After failing to make it onto the 2022 club holiday thanks to an ill-timed bout of covid, we made it to Manchester airport on Saturday morning very excited to get skiing, little did we know what lay ahead!



We made it through security easily, (no queues to deal with) and began bumping into familiar faces in the terminal. We settled ourselves down for what should have been a short wait.... Six hours later we got called to the gate; "finally" we all said... 27 hours later at midnight on Sunday we eventually arrived at the hotel in Tignes Val Claret thanks to some drunk passengers (not any ski club members!) and poor baggage handling, which resulted in a cancelled flight, a night in a hotel in Manchester airport and a redo of the whole check in process on Sunday morning.

Following a good night's sleep and a big breakfast everyone was keen to get on the slopes, so those who needed it headed straight to the ski hire shop. The lift was only 50M from the hotel, so we were ready and waiting to jump straight on the lift when it open



A slightly cloudy morning was spent on the local greens and blues with Diane and June to warm up (Holly hadn't skied on real snow before, but she soon got to grips with it.) In the afternoon the skies cleared so we decided to go up on the funicular (the mountain train) and ski a long blue back into Tignes. We bumped into Steve and Phil on the way up who skied down with us, telling us where we needed to build speed to enable us to deal with the ascents (which was very much appreciated!) The views at the top were spectacular but it was very windy, so we didn't hang around, but vowed to return later in the week.

Tuesday arrived and there was snow, however as soon as we left the hotel it stopped and the skies cleared, we along with Diane, June and Giles had a brilliant morning of instruction from Chris who came over from Meribel. The conditions were fantastic, our first experience of skiing on fresh snow.

We returned to Grande Motte on Thursday, and it did not disappoint, especially as the views were combined with huge hot chocolates. As you can see Holly and June enjoying in the photo!



On Wednesday and Thursday evening we ventured on foot across the frozen lake to Le Lac and the indoor pool. We swam whilst watching the dog sleds zooming across the lake, we found some igloos on the lake which you could crawl into.

We finished the week, skiing up to the Eye of the Needle on Friday afternoon, which felt like a must do from where we were staying. Freya took the opportunity to drag Paul K on a few more challenging runs including the very steep black back into Tignes.

Blue sky days and lovely snow conditions ensured we had a fantastic week of skiing. Everyone made us feel welcome and looked after us on our first club holiday- Thank you. The bomb scare and airport evacuation on the journey home didn't dampen our sprits at all. (We were assured that travel on club holidays is usually very uneventful!) We are looking forward to our next trip with NSSC.

Gemma, Freya & Holly.



Junior Club News 6-18 year olds

Congratulations!!!!

Since the last newsletter in November a further 38 badges have been awarded:



Snowlife Awards

... and apologies to Gertie B, for achieving **Blue 3** and should have been included in the last newsletter. Well done Gertie!

Blue 1

Lucy L, Lily H, Florence H, Charlie B, Molly G, Isaac L, Oliver S, Norrie S, Noah L, Nyah L, Alexandra T, Zuzanna S, Wilf R, Ollie R, Santino J, Annie H, Indie W.

Blue 2

Molly G, Isaac L, Wilf R, Huw D, Sarah C, George S, Chloe Wi, Benjamin P, Isla L, Alexandra T, Zuzanna S, Santino J, Annie H, Guy S and Kit S.

Blue 3

Rebecca T, Adam G, Hanna D, Liliana W, Fabbrino J and Tom K.

(If we have missed you off the list please accept our apologies and let us know so you can be included in the next newsletter.)

This success is a reflection of the hard work of our dedicated Junior Club Instructors who turn up every Sunday morning whatever the weather. **Thank You!**



***** UPDATE *****

Young Instructors Project

The participants in the Young Instructors Project are continuing to develop their knowledge while shadowing our more experienced instructors and are improving their skiing skills at regular training sessions on Sunday mornings, led by Adam.

In preparation for assessment and Licensing they will also be completing a First Aid qualification and those over 16 will complete DBS checks and a Safeguarding course.

FREESTYLE at KIDSGROVE



Don't forget our dedicated freestyle slope is open at all times that the club is open. In addition we have three Junior Club sessions on a Sunday morning:

9:30 am to 10:30am

10:30am to 11:30am

11:30am to 12:30pm.



FRIDAY FREESTYLE AND RECREATIONAL SESSIONS

7 pm to 9 pm

Free for members

Non Members: Juniors £10, Adults £15

Annual Membership: Junior £54, Adult £108, Family £180

These sessions are for anyone who enjoys Freestyle and Recreational Skiing/Boarding on a quieter lesson free slope.

Dates - 2023

Friday 17th March

Friday 31st March



FUTURES SESSIONS

These sessions are run by Snowsport England Freestyle Coaches at venues across the country. They are a great way to have fun, learn new tricks and make progress.

The Futures Project supports and encourages young people aged 6-21 to get involved in snowsport and develop their skiing and snowboarding skills.

We are pleased to be hosting a third sessions at Kidsgrove Ski Centre on:

Saturday 22nd April 2023

2 pm to 5 pm

Booking should be made via the Snowsport England website. Please ask if you need help.



**92 years young and
still going strong.**

**Many, many thanks
Norman for all the
years you have spent
volunteering at the
ski club**



Something Different. Clough Hall Bowling Club is inviting people to look at another sport. They are just down the road and are offering 10% off their annual membership. See @mybowlsclub facebook or email bowlsmember@gmail.com for more info

Dear All,

Brian Woodcock

Please accept our sincere thanks for your words of condolence, donations and more importantly the wonderful support of the ski club members who attended our dad's funeral on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

Dad was a member of the club for over 44 years and we know we don't have to explain how important that association was to him. He loved every aspect of the club life, whether that be skiing holidays, the social occasions or helping in the boot room on a Sunday morning.

We are pleased to inform you that a donation has been made to the Royal Stoke University Hospital Charity, for the cardiology research in dad's memory.

Once again we thank you for your support, at this difficult time, it is very, very much appreciated.

Phyllis, Debra and Nigel