

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2008

COMING UP

Kids Club News

Snow Life Awards Assessment Day Sunday 2nd November 10:00 am start



The Snowlife Snowsport Awards are nationally recognised awards for skiing and snowboarding. They've been developed by UK Governing Bodies for skiing and snowboarding and BASI (British Association of Snowsport Instructors).

So it really means something when you win one.

On Sunday November 2nd we will be running the next Snowlife Awards Assessment Day at 10am. This will be covering anyone who couldn't attend the previous day and children wishing to take the Level 2 award.

A few weeks later we will run another Assessment to cover levels 3 and upwards.

The Awards will be presented at the Kids Club Christmas Party.

If your children wish to be involved in this assessment day, please enter your name on the form at the club to give us an idea of numbers.

If you require any further information, then please see Simon or Phil on Sunday mornings.



Alpbach Aktiv are coming to Norths Staffs Ski Club on Friday November 7th

They will be bringing 14 internationally qualified instructors and Frosty, the ski club bear.

There will also be a Pie and Pea Supper available for £2
Please also feel free to bring a bottle or a can



- 1700- 1830: Kids class with Frosty the Bear
- 1900- 2100: Adult only ski classes
- 2100- 2300: Socialising



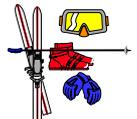
Any queries contact Mark Cornes at macornes@hotmail.com

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Ski Wear Bring and Buy



For 1
Week
Only



Another chance to sell those unwanted ski items and to get a bargain.

If it is your first ski holiday, get kitted out at really good prices.

If you leave items to sell they must be clearly labelled with your name and telephone number. Money received will be enveloped and retained at the ski club until collected.

Please ensure all goods not sold are collected before November 28th.

The club does not accept responsibility for items left for sale. We do not have any storage space for left items. You can place an advertisement on the notice board but do not leave items at the club.

Any items NOT COLLECTED will be donated to charity on 26th November.



Ski Clothing & Equipment Sale - Its back again ! with more

Saturday 22nd Nov 1 -4 pm

Many people said how much they enjoyed the first one we organised, with other people sorry that they missed it. These events are for the benefit of you, the members and so we have arranged another visit in time for Christmas.

This time there will also be the new clothing range from Diel and both suppliers will also be bring their skis for sale as well.

This is not the normal type of clothing that you can buy in the high street and tends to be specialised, quality equipment used by many international ski teams around the world. Quality wise, I would put these on par with the legendary American manufacturer, Spyder, in fact both Diel and Vist use the same materials in their clothing range.

A great chance to stand out on the slopes this season, or a special Christmas present for a family member.

I have arranged to have Credit Card facilities available on the day. If you need any further information then please see Simon on the slope on Sunday mornings.



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Icelandic Skis
08-09 LINEUP



A few useful links for you to the manufacturer's websites.

VIST <http://www.vist.it>
DIEL <http://www.dielsport.com>
ICELANDIC <http://www.icelanticboards.com/>
HIGH SOCIETY <http://www.highsocietyfreeride.com/>

SPACE CARBON
HYPER CARV
ULTRA CARV
SPACE
TWIN TIP
TWIN CAP
FREESTYLE
SKIBOARD



SKI COLLECTION 2008



WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 7.15pm
Come and try out the latest Salomon skis. There will also be some boots for sale.

SKI CLUB CHRISTMAS MEAL
BULLS HEAD – SMALLWOOD
FRIDAY 12TH
DECEMBER 2008
3 COURSE MEAL
LARGE CHOICE IN EACH COURSE
ONLY £16.50
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME



If you are interested please buy a voucher at the ski club for a meal at £10 the remainder to be paid on the evening. There will also be a list for people to say which meal they want. For further information see the notice on the board. Numbers are limited so please put your name on the list as soon as possible.

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
KIDS' CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
SKI FROM 9.30 TO 10.30
PARTY FROM 10.30



As the club is run on a voluntary basis will parents contribute by donating items for the party such as: - Sandwiches, Crisps, Cakes, Sausage Rolls, Drinks, and Biscuits etc.

Any offers of help are always greatly appreciated, especially on occasions like these. If anybody wishes to help out with the kid's party, then could they please leave their name with someone behind the ski counter?

For further information please contact Simon on the slope on Sunday mornings.

Have you tried it yet?



Many of you will have seen the new bench seat, just inside the gate. It has been made by Brian Woodcock, a founding member, and is the club's tribute to the memory of Albert Pover who did so much and taught so many. The plaque has been engraved by club member Guy Standing. Do enjoy the seat, whether you are basking in the sun or huddling under the cover when the weather is not so nice.

Check out the second from the left, our Chairman, having a well deserved rest after working hard in the ski room on a Sunday.

Members - Just a reminder

We are having a check on memberships so you will be asked to show your membership card when you get your skis. If you haven't got a membership card just take a passport photo to the desk. Don't forget you can get 10% (sometimes 20%) discount from Blacks and High Peak shop in Hanley with your card.

If you are an Associate Member you must pay £8 for 1 hour or £12 for 2 hours when you come for a ski and you must show your membership card.

Parents please remember that a responsible adult should accompany junior members at all times.

Skiway Code

1. When you start skiing always look up and down the slope to see if it is clear.
2. Always stop at the sides of the slope not in the middle.
3. Always behave sensibly on the slope.
4. Do not ski too fast, especially if the slope is busy.
5. Leave lots of room if you want to ski past somebody. If anyone falls and is hurt tell an instructor.

Don't forget.

If you bring a friend to recreational ski they must join as an Associate Member and it is only available to those skiers who can perform basic snowplough turns and controlled stops. Any skiers found unable to make these basic manoeuvres will be asked to leave the slope. No refunds will be given.

Also

Please don't bring valuables to be left in the club house whilst you are skiing. There is no secure place to keep them, many people go in and out of the ski room. Any thing left is at your own risk .

Instructors



Congratulations to Neil Ravenscroft and Marc Clowes who have gained their Level 2 Instructor (formerly ASSI) awards. This reflects much hard work and dedication involving many Monday evening sessions at Stoke Ski Centre with coach Alan Ashfield. The club will benefit from their new skills.

All the instruction in the club is undertaken by volunteers, most of whom originally joined as ordinary members to do some recreational skiing. As time went on they saw the opportunity to put something back into the club and, on the way, to improve their skiing. We are very lucky that our instructors teach because they enjoy it and for the personal reward of giving new customers their first steps and improving the skills of existing members.

If you think that you could be an instructor one day don't hesitate to ask one of the existing instructors. We run sessions on Friday nights for existing and potential instructors to improve skills and share experiences. These are usually run by the senior instructors but we also have visits from Snowsport England coaches.

Snowsport England - Piste Magazine

All club members are members of Snowsport England, the sport's governing body. They produce a magazine called "Piste" that you may have seen in the Ski Room. Normally they only send half a dozen copies but this year they have increased the print run and we have boxes of them. Please make sure that you pick up your copy.

We also receive copies of the "Snow" magazine - they are free, so please pick one up and have a good read.

The First North Staffs Ski Club Christmas Raffle.

A £500 pair of Skis and Binding for potentially only £5

This is no ordinary raffle, any proceeds go straight back into the club and are spent on, new equipment and facilities that benefit all members. Unlike normal raffle we only have 100 strips for sale at a cost of £5 per strip. When these are gone they are gone!

What's on offer?



A £500 pair of High Society FR Skis with Vist Bindings mounted to suit you.

The FR is the flagship. Now in its 5th season the FR has become a force to be reckoned with. Each season it has been improved and innovated and this year is no exception. The topsheets are stronger, the bases are faster and the core is stronger and lighter. All of this is combined with a special shape and flex engineered to deliver unmatched performance in all snow and terrain conditions. Length-171-187cm. Please see HSFC website for full tech details FALL-LINE RECOMMENDED!!!! If you want a ski that can take on the whole mountain.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 26th Oct and the draw will take place as soon as the 100 strips are sold. The winner can choose from either a 171cm or 179 cm model. The bindings have removable covers, so you can choose the colour that takes your fancy.

Don't forget, ALL proceeds go STRAIGHT BACK to your club!

The Second North Staffs Ski Club Christmas Raffle.

£500s worth of DIEL Ski Jacket and Salopettes for potentially only £5

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What's on offer?



A Choice of a Ski Jacket AND Salopettes from the DIEL Skiwear Range, Ladies or Gents

Diel make high quality Skiwear using the same material technology found in top brands such as Spyder. This clothing will last you for years and being very technical, will ensure that you are dry, warm and comfortable.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 26th Oct and the draw will take place as soon as the 100 strips are sold. The winner will be given a voucher to allow them to choose a jacket and salopettes from the Diel Collection via Graham Ryland, the clubs Coach and importer.

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