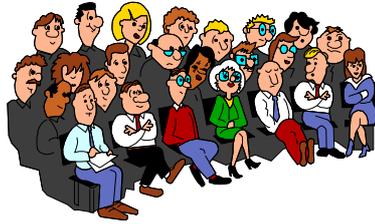




# NEWSLETTER

## October 2014



### Annual General Meeting Monday 27th October 2014

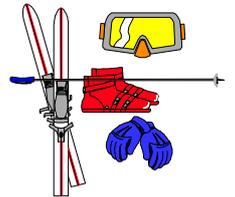
**Change of Venue  
Now to be held at the  
The Rifleman Inn  
7.30 for 8pm start**

The club will be closed for skiing on this night to allow volunteers to attend. A draft financial statement will be available at the ski club and at the meeting. Refreshments at 8.30.



### Ski Wear Bring and Buy Sunday 2nd November

For 2 Weeks Only  
Another chance to sell those  
unwanted ski items and buy 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 December 9th**. 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 advert on the notice board but do not leave items at the club.

**Any items NOT COLLECTED will be donated to charity**

Advance Notice (sorry to mention it)

**SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER**

**JUNIOR 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 please 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 party, could you please leave your name with someone behind the ski or kitchen counter?

For further information please see Rob at the slope on Sunday mornings.



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## Can you help on Saturday 22nd November Between 9 and 1pm?

Once again there will be a working party to finalise the tree and shrub planting around the perimeter of the ski slope. If you can only manage part of the time that is better than none. You will need to wear boots/wellingtons as it may be muddy. If you have one could you please bring a planting (ladies) spade. **If you are able to help please email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com) in case there is a change of date due to a mild autumn.**

# MASTERCLASS IS BACK!

- Are you looking to improve your ski technique?
- Have you hit a plateau and wondering how to take your skiing to the next level?
- Are you looking to get your ski legs back for your next skiing holiday?
- Are you thinking about becoming an instructor?
- Are you looking for a fresh challenge?



If the answer to any of the questions above is yes then maybe Masterclass is for you!

Run by the club's coaches, Masterclass is for intermediate to advanced skiers who are looking to improve their skiing ability. The session works on improving the foundations of ski technique (balance, stance, body management etc.) which in turn will improve personal performance.

**This season the sessions will take place every Monday evening from 7pm –9pm.**

The cost to members is £5 per session. Payment for the session is to be made prior to taking part. Non-members are welcome. Please ask at the club for details of cost.

**Please note: minimum requirement for the class is the ability to ski parallel.** For more information contact the club or come down and give it a try!

## ALTERNATIVE MASTER CLASS

Once a month on Sunday evenings from 5pm there is a class for those who want to develop their skiing ability at a gentler pace. Ask at the ski desk for more information.

## We did it!

From  
this



To this -in three short months



Well done and many many thanks to everyone who played a part, small or large in helping the club to achieve what you can see on the photo above. It is a great achievement in our 40th anniversary year. Some of the first Ski Club members were at the official opening on 11th October. Little could they have imagined how the slope would look in 2014

Whilst construction was underway many commented on the waves "too steep" "too close together" "nobody will want to ski those" well, seems like most people love them from the 5 year olds to the 60+ year olds (yes we do have several in that category). On the freestyle slope the building of the rocket rail, flat rail and big kicker was met with "Who's going to be skiing those? We will need a permanent ambulance!" The competitors at the Oatcake Jam demonstrated just what could be done on them and our Junior Club members enjoyed their session on the freestyle slope on Sunday whether it was learning how to ski the varied terrain or learning to use the jumps and rails. It certainly looked fun.

Whilst all is not perfect yet we have come a very long way from the mud covered wasteland in June. From the enthusiasm of a small group of people in 1974 has developed the thriving ski club you see today. Only through the generous time given by all the volunteers over the years have we been able to achieve what we have now.

*Thank You!*

### Ski Club Christmas Meal and Disco Friday 5th December



To celebrate the clubs 40th anniversary we are arranging a Christmas Meal and Disco at The Rifleman Inn, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove. Numbers are limited to 45 and some are already taken. Look out for information on the notice board at the club. If you would like to join us please add your name to the list or email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com) or leave a message for Ann Loton at the ski club.

## Members Please note



As we are heading to the busiest time of the season it speeds things up for you and those in the queue behind you if you have your membership card ready to show the ski room staff. If you do not have membership card just bring a passport sized photo (a digital one you have printed yourself or one you have cut from a photo is sufficient) and a card will be issued. Each member of the family should have one if you have a family membership.

## Members Special offer until 31/10/2015 — Just in time for Christmas



The club has negotiated a special discount for members to use at Cotswold Outdoor Ltd. You can get **15% off** the full retail value of current season's product ranges and is available for use both in the store, online through the website and mail order. If you are a regular volunteer at the club you can get **20% off**. To obtain the unique code for the discount just show your membership card at the ski desk. You will be given a letter which tells you how to get the discount.



As the season progresses we are getting busier and parking efficiently is becoming more important. Please park **between** the posts on the car park to enable the maximum number of cars to park. If you have to park on the road please be careful to allow residents to enter and exit their driveways.



### Homemade cakes.

Thanks to those who kindly donated cakes for the opening event. They were such a success that if anyone would like to donate others at any time Brenda in the kitchen would be very pleased to accept them.



### Donations would be appreciated.

If you have any new unwanted items, they can be skiing related or not we would like to run a Christmas Raffle. Please leave donated items at the kitchen for Brenda's attention or ask for further details.