



NORTH STAFFS



CLUB LTD

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Don't forget folks the slope is due to reopen on Sunday 3rd September, come and see if you can spot the differences.

Date for re-opening - early warning of possible delay

During summer maintenance we have discovered a problem with the bottom of the slope. Investigations are under way and we hope that the remedial work will be completed by the end of August. However, if the work is not finished we will **not** be able to re-open on September 3rd. We will keep you informed as follows: If you are an early season skier please watch the web-site at www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk or ring the slope on 01782 784908 where there will be a message on the answering machine.

OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 30th September, until then opening times will be
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7pm till 9pm
Sunday, Kids Club 9.30 to 12noon, adults 12noon to 2pm in September
Sundays from October 1st adults 12noon – 5pm.

Coming up. Annual General Meeting

Monday 23rd October 2006

See enclosed information.

Draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 2nd October 2006 and at the meeting.



Horse Trekking on Cannock Chase

A group is being organised for Saturday the 30th September Cost £32 for 2 hours



Beginners welcome but not really suitable for children unless experienced riders.

Please let me know by the **10th September** – deposit of £16 per person payable on booking (cheques payable to Cannock Chase Trekking Centre)

Arrive by 2.15pm for a ride from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

*** When booking – please let me know whether you have ridden before and your skill level if you are able to trot or canter.

Cannock Chase Trekking Centre is on the A34 between Stafford & Cannock. Directions can be provided but if you have access to the internet the postcode is ST19 5RP– also, their web site can be accessed by searching on Cannock Chase Trekking Centre.

To book contact Jo Stackhouse

Thank You!

To all the volunteers who have so far responded to the request for help with the work over the summer that includes the following.

- Relaying the bottom of the slope
- Refurbishing and redecorating the boot / ski bay
- Fence painting
- General gardening
- Widening the top of the slope to make a bigger standing area.
- Cleaning and servicing all the skis and boots
- Redesigning safety stop at top of tow

There is still work to be done so, if you haven't already, please come down on a Wednesday evening and help to complete the work – you'll be able to admire it all next season.

We hope you enjoy the benefits in the new season. Don't forget the club is run for your benefit by volunteers throughout the season and there is always a need for more volunteers so, if you have a few hours to spare speak to one of the volunteers manning the ski room or kiosk when the club is open.

The Club Website www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk

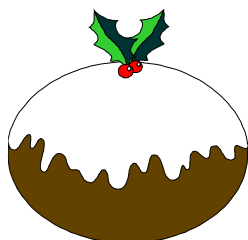


We have a web-site that is there to inform both members and potential customers about our activities. It provides details of the slope, opening hours, membership lessons and prices. Do have a look if you haven't recently.

If you missed the 2007 holiday briefing and the pictures of Chatel then you can catch up or see it again by clicking the link either on the front page or the "Links" page.

See the "Links" page for more links to various other organisations. These include those people who have provided sponsorship, are suppliers or are professionally related. There are also links for you to find other ski related information, winter jobs or holidays.

I know it is still summer but make a note in your diary



CHRISTMAS MEAL and DISCO
Saturday 9thth December
New larger venue – Alsager Golf Club
Details in the next newsletter

ATTENTION ALL RENAULT OWNERS



We are pleased to announce that we are now able to supply the following facilities to RENAULT owners - Servicing, Parts, Warranty Processing and Warranty Repairs.

In addition we have a large supply of nearly new RENAULT vehicles.



Annual General Meeting 23rd October 2006

Directors Report 2005 - 2006

We have now completed 2 years with the new matting and it has performed far beyond our expectations. However we have had a significant amount of maintenance this year, mainly due to landslip. At the end of the season a few dips were beginning to appear at the bottom of the slope. The matting has been removed and as I write this report repairs are well under way and the opening date of September 3rd should be achievable.

The security fence around the slope has been extended slightly at the top of the slope to make way for a larger holding area for people in ski lessons.

Club membership seems to have stabilized at around the 1,000 mark. This is made up of Junior, Adult and Family memberships.

The Friday night Instructor Training has continued and 7 more club instructors gained qualifications.

The social events organised by the club have also been well attended this year. Over 80 people went on the club holiday in January to Valmeinier. This was the first time that we travelled by coach. The advantage being that we had 2 extra days skiing, 8 days in all.

Next years club holiday will be in the French resort of Chatel. A lovely traditional village on the border of France and Switzerland, skiing in the Port du Soleil area.

Our financial policy is one of careful management and investment. Expenditure is tightly controlled to ensure that our income is spent wisely. We pay our bills promptly and claim any discounts that are offered.

Financially, the club has continued to do well and total income has increased once more, enabling us to put more back into the club. This year we have replaced more boots and skis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped to run the club over the last year. We are lucky to have so many people willing to give so much time & energy to the club.

And finally, this is your club and it needs a little effort from many people to help it run smoothly. If you can give some of your time to help, please see one of the committee members and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

Terry Boulton, Chairman



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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD**

**VENUE: CLOUGH HALL PUBLIC HOUSE
CLOUGH HALL ROAD, KIDSGROVE,
STOKE ON TRENT.
MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2006,
7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start.**

The Business of the Evening will be as follows:

- 1. To accept apologies.**
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM.**
- 3. Chairman's report.**
- 4. Treasurer's report.**
- 5. Any other business.**
- 6. To elect the committee.**

After the meeting there will be a small buffet. We anticipate this to start at approximately 9.00 p.m. All members are welcome. Voting can only be carried out by full members (not associate members).

Should you wish to stand for the committee; at the bottom of the page you will find a nomination slip. Please fill this in and post to Jo Stackhouse 78 Allport Road Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1DY to be received no less than 14 days before the AGM.

Your present committee is made up of the following:

Chairman - Terry Boulton Secretary - Jo Stackhouse
Treasurer - John Daines / Craig Timmis Hon. President - Dave Dick
The remainder of the committee consists of: Gerald Loton, Eric Hartley, Ann Loton, Alex Godikian, John Cowan. Simon Jones, Phil Rowley and Paul Knapper

A **Committee Member** will be expected to commit his / her time to the club for at least **two hours a week** on one of the days we are open. The committee meets once each month between September and July, committee members are expected to attend **at least 8 out of the 10** scheduled meetings.

We hereby nominate as a Committee Member of North Staffs Ski Club Ltd.

Proposed by

Seconded by

Date

Note: Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must all be full members of the club (not associate members).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 9th October 2006.