



NORTH STAFFS



CLUB LTD

NEWSLETTER August 2010

Don't forget folks the slope is due to reopen on Monday 6th September, come and see if you can spot the differences.

OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 9th October, 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 5th adults 12noon – 5pm.

Sunday 5th September **Members only - Ski and BBQ** **11am - 3pm**

To mark the opening of our refurbished building we are opening the ski club a day early for members only. The slope will be open for skiing from 11am until 3pm. BBQ will be available at a small cost, drinks as usual. So dust off your boots and come and join us.

Annual General Meeting **Monday 25th October 2010**



See enclosed information. Draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 11th October 2010 and at the meeting.

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 sized photo to the desk.
- If you pay by standing order the commitment is to pay for at least 12 months.
- 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.
- Gloves/mittens, long sleeves and long trousers must be worn at all times.
- If you are using club boots please wear waterproof trousers over the boots to prevent the inners from excessive wetness.
- Boots and skis should be brushed off outside before entering the building.

Free V.I.P. Tickets await you 29 - 31st October

The Daily Telegraph British Ski + Board Show with Snow Sport England

Invites ski club members to join us, as **V.I.P. guests** to celebrate the start of the winter season, at the NEC.

How to access your tickets

We have simplified the system this year so your members can access a Ski Clubs VIP ticket from the show website www.britishskiandboardshow.co.uk

Click on Club Lounge section and register your ticket request here .
Once we have verified membership details, we will email an **e-skiclubsticket and a guests voucher.**

On arrival at the show

THE E-SKI CLUBSTICKET & GUEST VOUCHER MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TICKET OFFICE OR THE ADVANCED BOX OFFICE KIOSK FOR VERIFICATION OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND TO COLLECT THEIR FREE ENTRANCE TICKET.

Recognizing the essential role played by the ski clubs and their members within the snow sports industry. The organisers would like to acknowledge that effort and show their appreciation with this third **VIP ski show initiative.**

As **our VIP guest**, you'll **benefit** from the free fast track entrance to enjoy the full amenities of this prestigious show. Your V.I.P. pass will also give you exclusive access to **The Ski Club Lounge**, An area created exclusively for you. Accredited club members, can sit and relax, enjoying the light - refreshments, entertainment, film reviews, exclusive competitions and seminars. The V.I.P. lounge will also host the Snowsport England awards ceremonies.

Winter sports. It's your passion and its all here in one place. For more show information visit www.britishskiandboardshow.co.uk



FIX FOR FIVE

Fix your servicing costs for up to FIVE years!

We are all now well used to paying our household expenses on a monthly plan – mobile phone, gas and electricity, rates etc. etc. Well, now you can do the same with your car service costs AND fix those costs for up to five years.

We are very pleased to announce a UNIQUE service to our Endon Rewards loyalty scheme members – a new fixed price servicing package – BUDGET PLAN.

Endon Rewards Budget Plan Service provides your regular manufacturer scheduled vehicle servicing for a single fixed monthly payment. You can fix your service costs with us at today's prices for up to FIVE years and the payments are simply based on your expected annual mileage NOT the car that you drive!

See Schedule of Payments table on the right...

For annual mileages above or below the figures shown, please ask for an individual quotation.



Our Budget Plan covers all the parts and labour (including VAT!) for your manufacturer scheduled service plans. You only have to pay for any wear and tear items which are required at the time of repair. You are also required to have your annual MOT carried out with us but we make a special price offer of £40 to all our Budget Plan customers, saving £14 against the normal MOT recommended price. The budget plan and its payments are completely transferrable if you change your car and you can cancel the scheme at any time **without any charge or hassle whatsoever.**

Miles per year	FIXED Monthly Payment
10,000	£10 + Vat
15,000	£15 + Vat
20,000	£20 + Vat
25,000	£25 + Vat
30,000	£30 + vat
Over 30,000	Ask for a quote

Please contact us if you require help or advice at any time.

Office hours 01782 50 50 50 - Evening and other times 07866 253869 or 07831 296982



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

**VENUE: CLOUGH HALL PUBLIC HOUSE
CLOUGH HALL ROAD, KIDSGROVE,
STOKE ON TRENT.**

**MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2010
7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start.**

The Business of the Evening will be as follows:

- To accept apologies.**
- Minutes of the previous AGM.**
- Chairman's report.**
- Treasurer's report.**
- Any other business.**
- 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 return to the ski club to be received no less than 14 days before the AGM.

Your present committee is made up of the following:

Chair - Ann Loton. Vice Chair - Simon Jones. Secretary - Jo Stackhouse
Treasurer - John Daines / Craig Timmis Hon. President - Dave Dick
The remainder of the committee consists of: Terry Boulton, Gerald Loton,
Eric Hartley, Paul Knapper, Simon Feeny and Ian Shakespeare,

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 Seconder must all be **full members** of the club (not associate members).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 9th October 2010.

**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

Annual General Meeting - 25th October 2010. North Staffs Ski Club Ltd. - Directors Report 2009 - 20010

You might be surprised to know that this directors report has been written by Ann Loton. It was reported in the October 2009 Newsletter that Phil Rowley had been elected as Chair of the ski club. Unfortunately, due to work relocation he had to resign and the newly elected vice chair had to step into the breach.

Another year has passed and I'm glad to say that the club continues to thrive in spite of the financial crisis. There has been a steady intake of new members to replace those who have left the club so that membership remains around 1000. Some of those new members have joined the stalwarts who have toiled over the summer closure to maintain and improve the facilities, my thanks go to all concerned.

The club's finances have been well managed by our treasurers' tightly controlling expenditure resulting in a sum of money being available for future development. Discussions in committee have been taking place to explore the possibilities of developing the ski slope over the next few years. These are still in the very early stages but some considerable time has been spent trying to work out the best plan of action. No firm decisions have been made yet as so much depends on Newcastle Borough Council being helpful.

You will notice great improvement to the fabric of the building, new windows, new fascia on the outside, a new roof and new toilet facilities thanks to Newcastle Borough Council. They secured funding to provide external toilets for the disabled (no responsibility of the ski club) and an internal unisex toilet for the disabled which will also double as the 'Ladies'. The improvements have certainly made a difference to the external appearance of the club house.

The surface of the ski slope continues to exceed our expectations regarding wear. After a great deal of effort during the closure period to remove some of the creases and cleaning of the water sprayers, should provide another year's good skiing.

Last year's return visit to Valmeinier for the club holiday was not quite as successful as our first visit due to the transport arrangements not living up to expectations. However, the snow conditions were very good, food and accommodation was fine and much fun was had by all. Next year's holiday to Val d'Isere is proving popular with the hotel almost full.

We have had more instructors become qualified this year and development of both qualified and unqualified instructors has continued on Friday nights. All instructors have to be revalidated every three years, a group will be going through their paces again in the autumn.

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 and energy to the club.

Finally, this club is run by the members for the benefit of the members, the skiing is only so cheap because nobody is paid a penny. The club needs a little effort from a lot of people to help it run smoothly. Out of the 550 or so adult members only around 60 presently give some of their time. If you can spare a few hours to help please see one of the committee members and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

**Ann Loton
Chair.**