



NEWSLETTER August 2011

Don't forget folks the slope is due to reopen on Monday 5th September, come and see if you can spot the differences.

OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 8th 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 2nd adults 12noon – 5pm.

Please note - The club will be closed on Monday 24th October

Annual General Meeting Monday 24th October 2011



See enclosed information. The club will be closed on this night to allow volunteers to attend. A draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 10th October 2011 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 (a digital one is fine).
- 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.



Look who's become our Volunteer Coordinator

Now that Norman has reached the venerable age of 80 and has spent ++ years involved with the club we thought it would be a good idea to give him a title.

He has volunteered to become our official Volunteer Coordinator.

- ! What will he do? -
- ! If you want to have a job at the club, talk to Norman, he will find you one.
- ! If you are already a volunteer and would like to have further training in a particular aspect e.g food hygiene/boot fitting he will find out about qualifications you can get.
- ! If you stand still for too long or look bored he will recruit your services as a volunteer.!

Only 12 places left!

**2012 Ski Club holiday
to Serre Chevalier.**

Depart on Saturday the 21st of January 2012.
Returning on Saturday 28th January



With summers end thoughts turn to skiing. We have a good mixed group already booked and looking forward to Serre Chevalier. If you are thinking about going you should do something as soon as possible to guarantee a place and the flight.

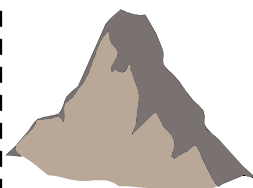
You can pick up a holiday request form from the ski club or download one from www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk. You will find it on April's Newsletter 2011.

Please note all cheques for the deposit should be made payable to **Rocket Ski** for **£120 per person**.

Send to - Jo Stackhouse, 78 Allport Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 1DY Or leave it for Jo's attention at the ski club.

Hope you can join us.

Jumping the height of K2 Challenge



You will be pleased to know that £1200 was raised for Lifeworks Staffordshire. Many thanks to all those who took part in the event or sponsored jumpers.



Brilliant!



Very good



Newcastle Borough Council have inspected the ski club premises and have awarded us a Hygiene Rating of 5 - the highest possible rating.

The rating system, developed by the Food Standards Agency (FSA), corresponds to the latest inspection results and ranges from zero at the bottom, where urgent improvement is needed, to a top rating of five where hygiene standards are very good.

The food safety officer inspecting a business checks how well the business is meeting the law by looking at:

- how hygienically the food is handled – how it is prepared, cooked, re-heated, cooled and stored
- the condition of the structure of the buildings – the cleanliness, layout, lighting, ventilation and other facilities
- how the business manages and records what it does to make sure food is safe.

This is due to the excellent work that all the volunteers do. If you would like to help full training would be given and anyone is welcome.



NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD

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

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2011
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 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:

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 Feeney 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 8th October 2011.

Annual General Meeting - 24th October 2011. North Staffs Ski Club Ltd. - Directors Report 2010 - 2011

Another year has passed and I'm glad to say that the club continues to thrive in spite of the country's financial restraints. There has been a steady intake of new members to replace those who have left the club so that membership remains around 900. Some of those new members have joined the stalwarts who have toiled over the summer closure to maintain and improve the facilities; many thanks go to all concerned.

Once again 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 continued to explore the possibilities of developing the ski slope over the next few years. These are still in the preliminary stage but some considerable time has been spent trying to work out the best plan of action. No firm decisions have been made yet.

The surface of the ski slope continues to exceed our expectations regarding wear. During the closed period there has been a contingent of people who have removed some of the creases and cleaned the water sprayers. It should provide another year's good skiing.

This year's club holiday to Val d'Isere in January was enjoyed by all. Next year's club holiday to Serre Chevalier is proving popular with only a few places remaining.

We have had more instructors become qualified this year and development of both qualified and unqualified instructors has continued on Friday nights. We now have two Instructors qualified at Level 3 Coach Award. The Master Classes which have been held on Sunday evenings led by our newly qualified coaches have proved very popular.

Members of the club have begun working towards gaining Snowmark accreditation for the club. This is built around a set of core criteria which ensure that accredited clubs operate to a set of consistent, accepted and adopted minimum operating standards.

Some of our members took on the challenge to raise money for Lifeworks Charity, they achieved their goal of ski jumping the height of K2.

Once again during the summer the club played host to a group of youngsters from Chernobyl. By the end of the session some were making real progress and were skiing from the top.

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 or our Volunteer Coordinator, Norman Salmon and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

Ann Loton
Chair



Discount offer

If you are off to the Tignes area next season check out www.tignes-spirit.com who are offering the following discounts to club members.

40% discount for direct ski and snowboard bookings through www.tignes-spirit.com

40% discount for ski and snowboard hired through our shop in Tignes Lavachet

30% off ski and snowboard servicing

10% off in store and online purchases

You can check out <http://www.tignes.co.uk/TignesSpiritFeedback2011.htm> for recent feedback about the quality of equipment and the service on offer.

“Tignes Spirit’s mobile ski and snowboard hire and personal service is invaluable to our customers - we can get all the equipment to our customers and professionally fit it so they get on the slopes first thing the morning after arrival, and it maximises time in resort as there is no necessity to spend time going to and from a hire shop at the beginning or end of the holiday. If arrival is late in resort for any reason then we can deliver the equipment long after the ski hire shops have closed, again meaning that there is no necessity to deal with this when you are keen to get out first thing, or need to get to morning ski lessons. We will also collect the equipment at the end of the week. You can of course also come to the shop in Tignes Lavachet”.

Chernobyl Children’s Project

On Thursday 18th of August a group of children from

Chernobyl came to the ski club along with their host families for the afternoon. They were from the Buxton and Longnor local group of the Chernobyl Children’s Project (UK). Buxton and Longnor group has been hosting children with diabetes for over 10 years.

The ski club provides skiing instruction and a venue for a buffet tea (provided by the host families).

Fortunately this year, the weather was perfect. At the end of the afternoon many of the group could

ski well enough to go from the top of the slope and were reluctant to finish the session.



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