



# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2007



**SEASONS  
GREETINGS**

## CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

23rd DECEMBER	CLOSING AT 3.30PM
24th, 25th & 26th DECEMBER	CLOSED
27th, 29 & 30th DECEMBER	OPEN
31st December	CLOSED
1st January	CLOSED

## COMING UP



**ORION SKI**

**Ski Orion Demo Day.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
7pm**

Here's a chance to try out the 2008 range of Orion Skis *and* get a 10% discount for all Club Members in time for Xmas, Also a sale of G-Force high performance snowboards at cost price (junior from £70, adult from £90) and a Chance to see the all-new Xcentrik cult skiers t-shirts. See [www.skiorion.com](http://www.skiorion.com) or contact Graham Ryland, 07710 062066 for further details

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## WORLD CUP SKIING ON 4

New Series of World Cup Skiing on Channel 4

World Cup Skiing, Snowboard, Freestyle and Nordics are back on Channel 4 this coming season with its longest series to date. Presented by former British ski team racer Nick Fellows, the new series will once again focus on the Alpine Ski World Cup tour for twenty, one-hour Sunday morning programmes. The series also includes Alpine World Cup Highlights on Monday, Nordic on Tuesday and a two hour Snowboard and Freestyle programme on Friday nights. Altogether providing a total of 110 hours of winter sports coverage.

Starting in November and running until 6th April 2008 the series special guest list reads like the who's who of skiing. Kristina Koznick, our reporter and former World No.2 will be joined by Martin Bell, Ken Read, Franz Klammer, Bruno Kernren, Kjetil Aamodt and more. Fellow's explained "we plan to cover more women's races than any other season to date as I predict Chemmy Alcott will become the "Lewis Hamilton" of winter sport. Our production team is quite possibly the most experienced and confident in the UK and the result will be dynamic, informative winter sport all season long"

Join the Channel 4 ski team on Sundays at 8 am. All programmes will be repeated an hour later on Channel 4 + 1. See the club web-site for weekly details as the season gets under way.

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**Mums and Dads don't forget— SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER  
**KIDS' CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SKI FROM 9.30 TO 10.30**  
**PARTY FROM 10.30****



**See the notice on the board for further information**

**NORTH STAFFS  
SKI CLUB LTD**



### Selection of clothes and equipment.

Every year ski equipment gets more practical and clothes get more attractive. (as promoted in 1970 in an advert for Lillywhites) but don't forget with your North Staffs Ski Club Membership card you can get discounts at High Peak Leisure and Mountain Fever in Hanley.

### Snow Slider's Dictionary

**Skiing:** Uncertain locomotion on two thin boards conducted at the most frigid time of the year with object of going downhill so that you can come up again.

**Bones:** The fact that there are 206 bones in the adult human body may alarm novice skiers, but it is worth noting that according to medical records two of them, the stapes of the left and right inner ear, have never been broken in a skiing accident.

### REMINDER

Membership Cards must be shown when asking for skis and boots. At busy times members showing their cards will be dealt with first.

### SKI SKILLS—Fundamental skills of ski technique:

When changing direction you need to use the following skills:

To stay in BALANCE

To use SKI EDGES

To TURN the skis

To apply changes of weight PRESSURE,

"The principle is that every skier when making any change of direction irrespective of ability must apply these three skills to their skis without losing balance". (Ski Technique & Instruction Manual. Book 2)

### TRAVEL INSURANCE ADVICE

A recent survey showed that the average person carries several hundred pounds worth of personal belongings with them at any one time. In the normal course of things this would include cash and clothes, but also high tech gear such as mobile phones, blue tooth equipment, iPods and digital cameras. So what value do you think your winter sports equipment might add to this?

Choosing travel insurance which will provide you with the necessary level of cover while away on a winter sports holiday can be confusing, as the small print can often hide the most important information about how comprehensive the cover actually is.

As a guide though, when considering travel insurance ask yourself

- Is ski cover included as standard?
- If so, for how many days is cover provided?
- And for how many days per holiday?
- Are medical expenses and repatriation covered?
- Will all family members be covered including independent travel?
- Are longer trips catered for?
- Can the policy be tailored to my individual needs?
- Is skiing off piste covered, and if so what is the policy definition of off piste?
- Is the claims service fast and effective?
- Are UK holidays and business travel included as standard?

An annual travel policy will cover you for all your trips made during the year of the policy. It's important to talk to a professional insurance advisor about all of your insurance needs. That way you'll always be sure that you have the best combination of cover and value. Advice provided by JSW Insurance Services Ltd contact number 01782 661323 if you need further information.

### ARE YOU STILL LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT PRESENT?



Why not encourage your friends and family to do something physical.

We have a range of gift vouchers available for both Christmas and birthday presents at no extra cost. There are examples on the notice board which can be altered to fit any occasion. The gift vouchers can be for a course of lessons or a membership if required. Just ask at the ski desk.

**Congratulations!**

to Katie Knapper, Simon Jones and Paul Knapper on becoming ASSIs. All these achievements reflect a vast amount of commitment and hard work over a long time.



### ATTENTION ALL MG ROVER OWNERS

We have now become MG Rover Parts Wholesalers and thus have access to more than 177,000 MGR parts including most old and veteran vehicles.

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

