




Newsletter December 2012



CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES	
SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER	CLOSING AT 3.30
24th, 25th, 26th DECEMBER	CLOSED
27th, 29th & 30th DECEMBER	OPEN
31st DECEMBER, and 1st JANUARY	CLOSED
As normal from Wednesday 2nd January	



Are you the lucky holder of the following raffle tickets bought during the Open Day on October 14th?
Numbers 553, 703, 751 and 572.
 Whilst they are not worth millions, prizes await you at the ski club. Any prizes not collected by December 31st will be put towards a future raffle.
Please check your tickets!



ARE THEY YOURS?



There are two pairs of ski boots which have been left at the ski club for a very long time. In spite of our best efforts we have been unable to trace their owners. Please check your cupboards. Are you missing your ski boots? If they are not claimed by 31st December they will be disposed of.



ARE YOU STILL LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT PRESENT

Buy now before the price goes up!

The cost of ski lessons is going up on January 1st. If you buy vouchers now you will save £s£s£s **The new prices for non members will be-**

Adults £45 for 3 x 1.5 hour lessons. 1 off £20

Children £30 for 4 x 1 hour or 3 x 1.5 hours. 1 off £10

Students £30 for 3 x 1.5 hours 1 off £10

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.

Can you Help? 12 - 19 January 2013

During the week of the ski club holiday many of our regular volunteers will be away. Instructors, boot room staff and kitchen staff will be experiencing the real thing (after all that is what learning to ski is for). If you can spare a little time during that week to fill in some of the spaces usually filled by the regular volunteers please have a word at the ski desk or the kitchen.

Off on a holiday? Staying Safe on the slopes - Advice from Snowsport England

New research, according to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has found that a third of people risk serious injury on their first winter sports holiday because they are not sufficiently fit enough when they hit the slopes. To help holidaymakers stay safe on the slopes, the FCO and the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) have teamed up to produce a [Winter Sports Checklist](#). ABTA has also produced a leaflet - '[How to have a safe and healthy holiday in the snow](#)'.



Insurance

ABTA research also found that a third of winter sports holidaymakers do not take out travel insurance that includes specific winter sports cover. This, combined with people not physically preparing, suggests that a significant number of holidaymakers risk sky high medical bills if they injure themselves on the slopes.

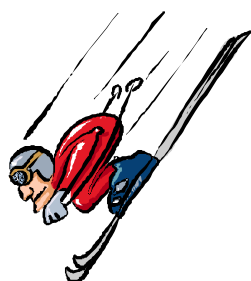
"We strongly advise anyone going on a winter sports holiday to ensure their travel insurance policy covers them for all winter sports activities," said Lynda St Cooke of the FCO. "We see many cases where British nationals have ended up with massive debts at the end of their holiday because their policy didn't cover them for what they were doing."

"It's important to have an up to date European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as well as comprehensive travel insurance and to read the small print,"

There are also links on the club website to insurance companies offering discounts to club members www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk

A further article about insurance from The Telegraph on Saturday 8th November

Ski helmets made mandatory by travel insurer



A leading travel insurance company is refusing to offer cover for skiers who do not wear a helmet on the slopes.

Essential Travel, which claims to be the first British firm to adopt such a policy, said customers who have an accident proven to have been skiing without head protection face having their policy invalidated.

The move is part of an ongoing safety campaign by the insurer, "Use your Head", which was launched in 2010 following the death of Natasha Richardson a year earlier.

The actress died after sustaining a head injury during a skiing lesson at the Mont Tremblant resort in Canada. She was not wearing a helmet when she fell, and her death prompted a debate about ski safety, with some observers calling for head protection to become mandatory.

According to a recent survey by Essential Travel, around 77 per cent of British skiers now claim to wear a helmet on the slopes, up from 62 per cent in 2010.

Whilst it is true that a helmet does not reduce all sports injury, it seriously reduces the risk of potentially fatal injuries," said Stuart Bensusan of Essential Travel. "That alone warrants making wearing helmets compulsory, and we choose to completely support safety conscious skiers by rewarding them with reduced premiums and bonus discounts."

A spokesman for the company admitted that while it may not always be able to prove whether or not a customer had been wearing a helmet, it would examine medical records and doctors' notes for clues. The Use Your Head campaign has the backing of the charity Headway, and several tour operators, including Ellis Brigham and Neilson, with several offering discounts on holidays if they book insurance through Essential Travel.

It is thought that other insurers may now follow suit by adopting similar policies.

Skiing on the box

Details from Snowsport England

"We want to keep you updated on the latest TV coverage. Firstly BBC's Ski Sunday will return on the 13th of Jan 2013 for a seven week run, the races covered on [this](#) site include:

St Anton Women's DH
Wengen Men's DH
Kitzbuhel Men's DH
Moscow Night Race Men's + Women's
Schladming World Championships Men's DH
Schladming World Championships Men's GS
Meribel Women's DH



Graham Bell and the team are planning features with Jamie Nicholl and James Woods, as well as a vintage ski race in St Anton, and tackling the Cresta Run with Amy Williams. Ed has also travelled to Alaska to look at the making of a big mountain powder film.

Also why not check out [Freesports](#) on Channel 4. The latest episode, at the time of going to press, features highlights from Freeze 2012. Freeze is the UK's biggest après ski party. Set your alarms early though as this generally starts at 7.25 a.m. on Saturday morning. Alternatively to catch past episodes go to [Channel 4's on demand service](#)

Also [Eurosport](#) offers a wide variety of coverage to include events and competitions for Alpine, Ski jumping, Cross-country, Nordic and [Snowboarding](#)"

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