

# NEWSLETTER

## June 2008

### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

#### Wednesday nights from 7pm

During the closed period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 1st September there are lots of jobs which need doing. You don't have to have specific skills as there are many uncomplicated jobs which need just a willing pair of hands. At the same time there are jobs which do need specific skills where your expertise would be valued. The more people the better then we can all enjoy the summer and have a club which runs smoothly next season. Have a look at the list below, there must be something you can help with for a couple of hours.

#### Jobs to be done

Washing boots and skis • Hedge cutting • Grass strimming • Weed killing  
Removal of old fencing • Anti vandal painting • Fence painting  
Tow maintenance needing electricians and engineers

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Slope reopens Monday 1st September**

**AGM - Monday 20th October 2008**

Further details in the August newsletter.

### Orienteering - Sunday 17th August

Try something new, bring all the family.

Come and join in the fun with the

Potteries Orienteering Club on

Sunday 17th August at Festival Park.

Registration: 10.00 am to 11.30 am.

Cost: Adults £3. Juniors, Students £1.50



Orienteering involves following a course on a special map supplied.

\* All ages can take part. Beginners can compete in pairs / groups

\* Courses can be completed competitively or just for fun.

\* Normally there are 3 or 4 courses

Easy (suitable for children) - up to 2.5 km

Moderate - (suitable for experienced children & adult beginners) - up to 3.5 km

Short & long hard - (suitable for experienced adults) - from 3.5 to 5 km

\*Typically adults would take between 1 to 2 hours to complete a course depending on the course chosen & assuming they are walking.

\*You need outdoor clothing, stout shoes / trainers.

\* No experience whatever is required; you will get training at the event to start you off.

The event will be signposted close to the area (a white triangle above a red triangle)

From A500 / A53 intersection at Etruria, follow A53 towards City Centre / Hanley. Take 1st. exit at roundabout under flyover onto Festival Park & 3rd. exit at next roundabout. Park on Morrison's Supermarket car park at the end of this road. Event assembly is near left hand corner of the car park.

**If you are interested please put your name on the list at the ski club or leave a message at the ski club 01782 784904 before 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

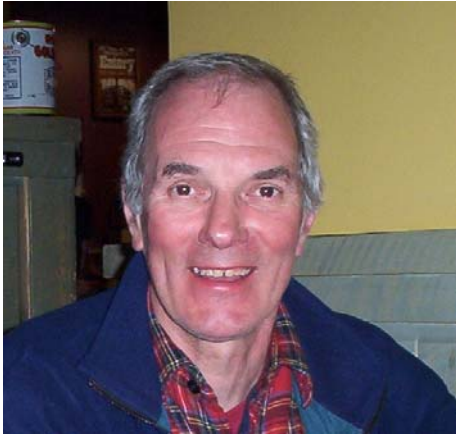


**NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD**

## Albert Pover, ASSI, died suddenly on 30th April.

1941—2008

### Albert was such a special person in so many ways.



He was absolutely dedicated to his family and, after caring for his wife, Christine, he brought up his two young daughters to be the fine women, wives and mothers that they are today.

Sport always played a major part in his life. Football, badminton, road running (including several marathons) and some cycling all kept him fit.

Although work was not a major priority in his life he wanted to do a top quality job in keeping with his skills and often had to make himself unpopular to achieve his standards. This determination and commitment to doing things properly ran through his life.

When the girls were in their teens he decided that they should all learn to ski and that began his long involvement with the ski club. He not only went on to become a senior instructor but also a key member of the maintenance team where his skills, ingenuity and high standards made a great contribution.

There was a time when some people must have wondered whether he lived at the slope because he was there so often. As well as opening up on Mondays and Thursdays he played a significant part in the Sunday morning Junior Club and the lessons for schools in the afternoons.

He went on several holidays each year and brightened the lives of those who accompanied him. Whether to the D-Day celebrations, Australia, weekends away in Britain or on ski holidays there are many who will remember incidents or comments that just typified him.

In the last couple of years he had become so much more relaxed and settled with Linda.

No one I've spoken to can believe what has happened but all have fond memories.

Albert: a man who gave so much of himself in so many ways whether as husband, father, partner, skilled fitter, ski instructor or friend.

Albert Pover, a gentleman.

Now, all "get forward" and celebrate his life.

John Daines

## Kids Club News   Snow Life Awards Presentation   Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June



North Staffs Ski Club held the first ever Snowlife Awards presentation this Sunday, where the kids were presented with a certificate and official Snowlife badge.

This was to recognise all their hard work and achievements to date.

Around 40 of the 47 kids who attended the assessment were present and it was nice to reward them for their hard work. Everyone has commented on how they have seen their children progress this year. (watch out on the snow, Mum and Dad, it won't be long before they will be leaving you behind)

A big thank you to all the parents who continue to bring their children down to the slope each Sunday and stand there come rain or shine, watching as they get left behind by their children.

From September we will run further assessment days, but these will consist of smaller groups and probably just one level at a time. Assessing 47 kids of various abilities on one day, is no easy task.

We have a lot of young potential in the club and look forward to pushing that as far as we can next season. Hope you all have a good summer and we will see you again in September.

Simon , Phil and Mick



### 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



# 2009 North Staffs Ski Club holiday to Le Corbier.

We are pleased to announce that next years ski club holiday will be to the French Alpine resort of Le Corbier. Our weeks holiday will depart on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2009, return on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and will involve flights from Manchester to Turin. Half board accommodation.

## The Resort



Le Corbier started life as one of those medium sized 3rd generation resorts with 75kms of good skiing. Now though the pass includes La Toussuire, St Sorlin d'Arves and St Colomban, and is one of the biggest ski areas in the World at a whopping 310kms!

The snow record is excellent. The village is at 1550m, the top station is at 2600m, there's plenty of snow cannons and it mostly faces the right way. The main thing about any purpose-built resort is the quality of the skiing and none of these three areas disappoint. No-one could describe Le Corbier as an eye-ful of classic chocolate box charm. No doubt Le Corbusier had something else in mind. It's uncompromising, and stark, and enjoys an arrestingly dramatic setting. It's also practical and convenient and works really well. Vehicles park outside the traffic-free village which curves around the foot of the mountain so that the nursery slopes run right up to the wooden terrace. It's easy to use, well equipped and noticeably friendly. Most of the shops and cafés in the piste-front gallery have been run by the same families since the resort opened.

### Village Facts

The warm and friendly atmosphere belies the stark modernity of the resort. There is something organised every week, like tournaments, races and shows. It's convenient, compact and traffic free. Everything is organised within the arcade fronting the slopes. The village is fairly quiet, but friendly and there's "one of everything".

## The slopes

The Le Corbier part has exceptional learning slopes, and early intermediates have plenty of easy blues on good snow. Keen intermediates can enjoy enormous runs giving dramatic views and an enjoyable sense of journey. Advanced skiers revel in the huge mileage.

La Toussuire is slightly more challenging, and there's about 50kms of great skiing here in an enormous bowl. The route back is deliberately kept easy but beginners can take the chair lift if they wish and there's a bus service.

There's plenty of skiing immediately available to satisfy all standards but the lift pass includes picturesque St Sorlin d'Arves and St Colomban making a total of 310kms. The skiing is fabulous here. It's more varied and challenging, and is highly rated by advanced and expert skiers.

## The Hotel

The Hotel Le Mont Corbier is a modern, practical and smart building with excellent public facilities. The décor is high quality throughout with lots of traditional beams, panels and carved wooden ornaments. The owner is a first class carpenter who built virtually everything with meticulous care. The terracotta tiles and pleasant pastel wall coverings give a modern, clean but warm feel.

The restaurant has fantastic views offering generous buffet **breakfast, afternoon tea and 6 three course dinners.**

There's a good bar (no smoking and smoking areas) that was refurbished last season and made triple the size!



It's three star, beautifully furnished, and there's lots of space. The front of the hotel has amazing views overlooking a wide valley. The slopes and lifts are all at the rear. It's only 40 yards to a beginners drag and you can ski back to the doorstep. It could not be more convenient. Everything in the village is a short stroll away and the convenience factor also extends to the airport transfer. From Turin, you can be through the Fréjus tunnel, up the hill and walk in through the front door in 2 hours.

There are doors straight out to a large, south-facing sun terrace with heater lamps. The fitness area has a sauna (small charge). The ski room with individually numbered lockers exits straight on to the snow.

The bedrooms are wood panelled, softly lit, and the furniture is good quality. All bedrooms have balcony, bathroom (bath with shower, wash basin, hairdryer) and separate WC. Both doubles and twins are available as well as some interconnecting family rooms.

## Holiday costs

Adult £499

Child £374 (aged 2 – 11 if sharing with an adult)

Deposit £120 per person

### Extras

Lift Pass £80

Ski Hire Adult - £36 Child - £32

Boot hire Adult - £16 Child - £14

Ski Lessons £76

# **Holiday request form** **Le Corbier - 25<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009**

As I'm sure you can appreciate, finding suitable accommodation that can accommodate a large group of people is far from easy and our 2009 holiday was no exception. Due to the success of this year's holiday, we are expecting a great deal of interest in Le Corbier.

Please note places can only be given on a first come first served basis i.e. a booking request form must be completed and handed into the club together with your deposit before you can be registered (Booking request forms below)

If you would like to join us on our 2009 club member's holiday, please complete the attached holiday request form and return it to the club as soon as possible either, post it – postal address shown below) or drop it in to the club on a Wednesday evening – please mark it for Terry's attention. Deposits will be required as soon as possible to secure a place.

Prices:

Adult (over 11 years) = £499  
Child (aged between 2 and 11) = £ 374 (must be sharing with at least two adults – if not, full adult price is applicable)

Should you require any further information, you can leave a message for Terry Boulton at the ski club on 01782 784908 or call into the club and see us on Sundays or on a Wednesday evening.

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## **Holiday Request Form**

I ..... wish to join the next ski club holiday to Le Corbier on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 09. There will be ..... adults (over 11years old) and .....child/children and we would prefer our room to sleep.....people

Home address: (full postal address and post code required please)

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Signed .....

Please list all the names of those travelling, (including their dates of births.)

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I understand that returning this form does not guarantee our booking until a non-refundable deposit of £120 per person is received.

Contact numbers (these are extremely important, they will only be used by club members organising the holiday and will not be passed on to anyone else)

Day.....

Evening.....

Email address.....

Please make all cheques payable to "Equity Ski" and send to  
Terry Boulton, Alma House, The Hill, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1FG