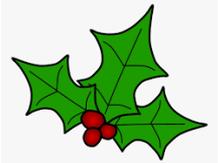


Newsletter November 2021 Seasons Greetings



**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

OPENING TIMES

Sundays:	9.15 to 12.30 12.30 to 4.30 pm	Juniors—Various Sessions Recreational skiing and lessons
Mon-Thurs:	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Recreational skiing and lessons
Fridays:	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Freestyle Fridays as arranged
Saturdays:	2.00 to 4.30 pm	Recreational skiing

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR
The club will close after business on
Thursday 23rd December
reopening on Tuesday 4th January



Ski Wear Bring and Buy

16th November to 1st December.

Sell unwanted ski items or grab a bargain



Clearly label sale items with price, name and telephone number (the club cannot accept responsibility for items left for sale). Money received will be kept at the club until collected. Unsold goods must be collected by **December 6th** or they will be donated to charity.



SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

JUNIOR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
10.30 SKI GAMES WITH SANTA
11.45 PARTY in the CLUBHOUSE

Numbers limited so sign up soon

As the club is run on a voluntary basis please will parents contribute by donating food items for the party such as: - Sandwiches, Crisps, Cakes, Sausage Rolls, Drinks, and Biscuits etc.

Please complete the contribution list by the kitchen.

Any offers of help are always greatly appreciated, especially on occasions like these. If anybody wishes to help out with the party, could you please leave your name with someone behind the kitchen counter.

FREESTYLE NEWS



Freestyle Sessions

Our popular Junior Club coaching sessions (free to members age 7 to 16) are on a Sunday morning:

9:30 am to 10:30 am
10:30 am to 11:30 am
11:30 am to 12:30am.

Helmets **MUST** be worn, back protectors and gum shields are recommended. Sessions should be booked in advance.



Open to ALL ages and ALL abilities. Skiers and boarders are welcome. (Subject to minimum requirements. Please ask if you are unsure).

These sessions are as popular as ever. Join us for a fun session with informal coaching available.

Dates for Freestyle Fridays

7pm to 9pm

Friday 12th November 2021

Friday 26th November 2021

Friday 10th December 2021

Friday 7th January 2022

Friday 21st January 2022

Friday 4th February 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 4th March 2022

Friday 18th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Friday 29th April 2022

Friday 13th May 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 10th June 2022

Friday 24th June 2022

REMEMBER...

Our Freestyle slope, with it's bespoke features, is **ALWAYS** open.

Airbag Sessions



Volunteers are needed to help set up, supervise and put away the airbag safely.

If you can help please speak to Gareth Bott or Diane Watts.

David Dick Freestyle Award

Awarded to Joe Fairlamb for showing perseverance, resilience and enthusiasm in Freestyle.



My name is Joe Fairlamb and I am 8 years old. My birthday is 6th December. I have been skiing at Kidsgrove for 3 years, having started in September 2018. I ski on average twice per week and I really enjoy freestyle and entering competitions like the Oatcake Jam and the K-jam. My favourite feature is the black pipe, I like to practice lots of tricks, especially doing tail grabs off the red jump. I am working towards perfecting a 180 switch and one day I hope to be able to do a 360.

Outside of skiing, I do lots of other sports, such as Swimming, Football, Karate and Running. I also like to play on my PC and Xbox One and my favourite games are FIFA 21, Fortnite, Forza and Steep.

I am really proud to win this award and I would like to thank all the people who help out at the ski club, especially Joel, Adam and Luke who have given lots of good advice and coaching to me over the last three years. Thank you for all the help and support!

Joe Fairlamb (age 8)

Ps. Can't wait to ski with friends in Italy over Christmas and New Year.

Saturday 16th October 2019

Oatcake Jam v 7.0



Having decided to take the plunge and set a date for the Oatcake Jam v7.0 we sat back and waited in anticipation to see if anyone would want to come in a post pandemic world.



We needn't have worried. We had forty entries, with more than half coming from Kidsgrove, a quarter from Kendal and another quarter coming from as far afield as Dorset and Scotland.

A big thank you to all the competitors and their supporters who made the effort to support us, bringing their enthusiasm in

bucket loads and making this one of our most successful events. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all!!

Our judges, Lucy Winnard, Jordan Buckley-Webb (Snowboard), Justin Taylor-Tipton and Andrew Norris (Skiing) also deserve a big thank you for their input on the day, they had a tough job on their hands.

Once again thanks to Chris, Diane, Gareth and Luke for organising the event. Many others also supported us on the day by donning high vis vests and acting as Marshals.



In addition we must not forget the lovely ladies in the kitchen, Brenda, June, Jo and Liz who did not disappoint in serving up our infamous Bacon Baps and Cheese Oatcakes, much to the delight of the locals and our guests.

Finally, our biggest thank you goes to the maintenance crew, especially Eric who went above and beyond.



If you would like to get involved in the future please contact Gareth or Diane at the club. See you next year.



Thank you

**to all our sponsors who supported
Oatcake Jam v7.0 2021**

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Ski With Ease

Ski School Morzine

Oatcake Jam v 7.0 2021 — Results

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their enthusiasm and encouragement they gave to each other. *denotes club member

Ski Male under 12

- 1st Deja Parker
- 2nd Jacob Welsh *
- 3rd George Wilson



Ski Female Under 12

- 1st Ella Hall
- 2nd Scarlet Lunt*
- 3rd Pollyanna Cartwright *



Ski Male under 16

- 1st Josh Wright
- 2nd William Norris
- 3rd Harvey Harrison*



Under 16 Female Ski

- 1st Amy Clayton
- 2nd Ella Taylor Tipton
- 3rd Ruby Painter *



Ski Male Open

- 1st Jay Hebblethwaite
- 2nd Tyler Stubbington
- 3rd Sam Pattinson



Snowboard Ooen

- 1st Jonny Cresswell
- 2nd Ben Haughton
- 3rd Connor Dixon
- 4th Mia Dixon



Snowbaord Under 12

- 1st Cameron Long (Speedy Boy) Sorry no photo
- 2nd Alfie Sewell

Junior Club News

Snowlife Awards

Thomas Aliza Gracie Megan Annabella
for getting your first Snowlife Award and joining Junior Club.



Grand Christmas Raffle — Just £1 a ticket

Drawn on Sunday 19th December.

All proceeds will go towards a defibrillator for the club



Pamper Hamper



Children's Hamper



Food and Goodies hamper



and many more prizes, these are just a few

Give someone a surprise

Gift vouchers are available for ski lessons and membership. Ask at the desk, they can also be sent by post or email



The volunteers - who they are and why they need your help



They are the nice people who give a friendly welcome when you arrive at Kidsgrove Ski Centre. They give the lessons because they want to teach people to be good skiers. They spend time training to be qualified and better instructors. They operate the boot room, fitting boots to skis as promptly as they can. They work in the kitchen providing drinks, sweets and, on Sunday mornings, hot snacks. They

hoover up inside the ski lodge and clean the toilets. They maintain the slope, continually improving the facility. They fix any breakdowns and look after the watering and electrical systems. They organise the club holiday. They organise other events for the benefit of members. They organise the finances that pay for it all. They do all the necessary jobs that provide the experience that members and visitors value so highly and tell their friends, relatives and neighbours about. They are the reason that most of our business comes by word-of-mouth recommendation because of our reputation. They are not paid a penny. They are not expensive. They are priceless.

They are, as you can see, very busy people. There are many ways you might want to help and they would welcome anyone who wants to join them. If you would like to join this merry band please talk to any of the volunteers at the Club or email volunteer.skicentre@gmail.com Thank you

STAY SAFE and ENJOY!

It is that time of year again! Whether we are shopping for new kit or hoping we can still get into our old one many of us are looking forward to our coming ski trips.

Just as important as having the correct clothing and equipment is the awareness of the mountain environment. If this is your first holiday even if you have been having lessons before you go, consider going into Ski School.

You will learn how to manage chair lifts and find your way around the resort, as well as extra skills to help you on the snow.

If you are skiing with your family or friends, decide on a meeting place on the mountain in case somebody gets separated from the group. Have contact numbers on your mobile phone for the people that you are skiing with, your holiday rep and your hotel, also your Insurance company. It is advisable for everyone to also carry this information in written form, together with your passport (or a photo copy).



When you have children with you, make sure that clear arrangements are made as to who is the responsible person if their parents are not present. Throughout the day it is important to keep them fed & hydrated with regular stops. Also, regularly check their fingers, toes, nose as they freeze up quicker on children and they are more likely to carry on without noticing.

Some do's and don'ts

Do—wear a helmet.

People buy protective cases for their laptops and mobile phones, so why shouldn't you protect the most important computer of all—your brain?



Do—be honest with yourself. If this is your first (or even second) ski holiday you don't need to do the most dangerous slope. You may end up putting yourself (and others) in harms way for the sake of bragging rights. If you are not ready to ski down a scary slope stay off it.

Do—practise correct slope etiquette. Remember the skier in front of you has right of way. If you are crossing

a path, turning or stopping it is your responsibility to move.

Do—wear layers. Your body's temperature will go up when you are skiing and drop when you are riding chais and gondolas. By layering up you can add and shed garments as needed.

Do—seek medical attention if you bang your head. A minor bang can have a major impact. Many serious head injuries have delayed effects, so it is very important that you play safe.

Don't—try jumps and tricks without precautions.

If you do feel it's time to speed up your run don't go headlong into ramps without wearing a helmet and getting expert advice about where to hit a ramp and at what speed.



Don't—mess around on the slopes. A great holiday on the slopes can rapidly go downhill if you don't respect the elements and take your safety seriously.

Don't—ski when tired, hung-over or worse—drunk.



You need your wits about you when skiing or boarding. Not only could you be a danger to yourself you could also be a danger to others. Getting injured whilst under the influence of alcohol, is not only extremely dangerous due to the altitude, but you also won't be covered by your insurance.

Don't—ski alone. Never head out onto the slopes alone - this especially applies to more experienced and advanced skiers, who are prone to taking bigger risks. It's always best to ski with a friend who can look out for you in case something goes wrong - this is just good common safety practice.

Don't—struggle when you fall. There will always be wipe outs when skiing and snowboarding. It's as much a part of the fun as it is part of learning. When you fall (and you will!) don't fight it. Struggling against the speed and trying to stop yourself from sliding will only increase the chances of injury - mostly to your knees, arms and shoulders. Just go with the forward motion, laugh at yourself and enjoy the ride!

If you have not yet been down to the slope this season we look forward to seeing you to wake your ski legs up.