

Newsletter August 2017



NORTH STAFFS



CLUB LTD

OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7 till 9pm

Sunday, Juniors beginner lessons 9.30 - 10.30
Junior Club 10.30—12.00
Lessons and recreational skiing 12 noon to 3.30pm in **September**,
from **October** 12 noon to 5pm

Saturday afternoon sessions starting 21st October 2pm till 5pm

Note - Slope closed on Monday 23rd October for the AGM at the club house all welcome to attend - 7.30 start.

Coming up

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER



Encourage your friends and family to
GET ACTIVE and RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

FREE HALF HOUR TASTER SKI LESSONS

10am - 3pm

A good way for them to find out about skiing and have a go if they want to! Support your ski club by telling all your friends and family about this event. Sessions bookable in advance. Just ring the ski club to book.

[Refreshments available](#)



North Staffs Ski Club Annual General Meeting Monday 23rd October 2017

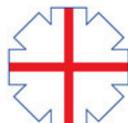
See enclosed information.

The slope will be closed on this night to allow volunteers to attend. A draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 2nd October 2017 and at the meeting.

IV Oatcake Jam Saturday 11th November 2017

Please remember to make a date in your diary for our own Jam in November. All freestylers are Welcome to enter, club members and non members. Look out for entry details in the clubhouse, on Facebook and Instagram. It's great just to watch too.

If you are able to offer any help, either on the day for an hour or two, or by providing sponsorship we would love to hear from you.



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FREESTYLE NEWS



Regional Park and Pipe Talent Sessions Next one at Kidsgrove Saturday 23rd September

Snowsport England are holding 3 Park and Pipe Talent Sessions for skiers and snowboarders at the club. Sessions are open for anyone with an interest in freestyle skiing and snowboarding - whether you're hitting the features for the first time or you've done back-to-back seasons in Austria! The only minimum requirement is that you can link your turns and control your speed. Cost is £25 per session.

These sessions are aimed at skiers & snowboarders of all abilities looking to progress their freestyle riding. We'll have coaches at all the sessions helping you dial in the tricks you want to learn - whether it's your first boardslide or a corked 9.

Sessions are run by experienced ski and snowboard coaches. Go to ski-kidsgrove.co.uk freestyle page and follow the link. Or use the direct link below:

<https://snowsportengland.typeform.com/to/HGASgq>



Freestyle Fridays

Looking forward to the Autumn the club are now the proud owners of an airbag, initially to be used on Freestyle Fridays. There is to be a staff training day on **Saturday 9th September** (time to be confirmed), if you would like to be involved with setting up and operating the airbag you are welcome to attend as the more qualified operators we have, the more we can use it.

Freestyle Fridays will resume on a fortnightly cycle at **7pm on Friday 15th September**. Skiers and snowboarders of all ages, novices as well as the more experienced, are welcome to join this informal session (members are free, day membership rates apply to non members). Avoid the mid week lift queues, share tips, enjoy the music and get practising for the **4th Annual Outcake Jam on Saturday 11th November**. Look out for more details at the club and on Facebook.



Congratulations to Lauren Finney on following in the footsteps of Cameron and Luke in becoming the third member of the club to become a Level 1 Freestyle Coach. If you want some freestyle tips look out for them in their distinctive orange jackets.



Special thanks to two non-members of the club, mum Szilvi and Chloe Brackner (student at Alsager High School) for their hard work designing and painting some of the boxed sides of the features on the freestyle slope. Check out the great finished product when you are next down at the club.



Unfinished side.

★ ★ Junior Club ★ ★

Many Congratulations to Junior club members Joel and Asha who after a long season of dedication and determination, have gained their Snow life level 8 award.



This is the highest snow life award level that any of our junior members have ever achieved and it is not easy. To gain this award the recipient must demonstrate a very high skill level which includes both regular alpine and freestyle based elements. We are very proud of their accomplishment, they are a credit to themselves, the club and the whole of the Sunday development team. Special thanks go to, Sunday team member and coach Cameron Stewart, for his efforts, which has produced two outstanding young skiers. Cameron is planning to spend this coming season in resort and we wish him well in his adventure.

Between 25 and 40 juniors attend the sessions each Sunday morning.



Congratulations go out to all of our junior members who have worked so hard this season and achieved so much, we are proud of you all and hope to see you again in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the Sunday Junior Development Team staff both on and off the slope, for their hard work and commitment this past season.

Thanks to the many volunteers, willing ... and at times not so willing in helping guide the smaller people up our tow path. Thanks also to the parents and guardians who sit or stand frozen and drenched at the bottom of the slope.

It has been a great season and I am already counting the days until the next one starts.

Rob Finney

Between September 2016 to June 2017

**CAN YOU
BELIEVE
IT?**

1379 over 8s and adults attended beginner lessons

484 under 8's attended beginner lessons

175 attended Beginner Freestyle lessons

299 people had Improver lessons

40 special clinic lessons (carving and bumps) were held

There were 250 group lessons—scouts, beavers, cubs, cadets. Schools

Between 25 and 40 Juniors attended Junior Development Club each Sunday morning



We had a Scrumptious Schussing Strawberry Soiree



The final Freestyle Friday of the season saw members: new and old, freestylers, skiers, snowboarders and non skiers, gathering at the clubhouse for a final schuuussssss before we closed for the summer. There was even a little subversive tobogganing by our youngest members.

Music, food and great company was enjoyed by all. It was good to see our regular volunteers being supported and having time to chat and share stories with newer members of the club. New recruits were even encouraged to give their support over the summer in our maintenance programme.

Thank you to all those who helped on the evening and to those who joined in to make it a great success. We hope you all enjoyed it.

<http://www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk/index.html>

“There are plenty of links to ski related information on the Links page of our web site. In particular you can access the following magazines on-line:

- Skier and Snowboarder at <http://www.skierandsnowboarder.com/>
- In the Snow at <http://www.inthesnow.com/>
- Fall-line at <http://www.fall-line.co.uk/>

Be adventurous and explore



Many thanks to all those who gave their time over July and August to - Clean the boots - service skis - paint the fence - weed - moving and shifting - strimming - shelter making - lift maintenance - newsletter posting - building cleaning - matt lifting - carpet scraping - etc. etc. etc

Check out our facebook page [Kidsgrove Ski Centre](#) for photos of the workers in action



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD
MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2017



7.30 p.m. Venue - The Ski Club

The ski slope will be closed on this evening to allow volunteers to attend.

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.**

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 at the ski club to be received no less than 21 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

The remainder of the committee consists of: Terry Boulton, Gerald Loton, Eric Hartley, Paul Knapper, Ian Shakespeare, Tony Williams, Cameron Stewart, Diane Watts, Gareth Bott.

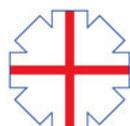
A **Committee Member** will be expected to commit his / her time to the club for at least **two hours a week** on one of the days we are open. The committee meets once every 2 months between September and July, committee members are expected to attend **at least 5 out of the 6** scheduled meetings.

We hereby nominate as a Committee Member of North Staffs Ski Club Ltd.

Proposed by
Seconded by
Date

Note: Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must all be **full members** of the club (not associate members).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 2nd October 2017



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