



# GLASGOW SKI NEWS

DECEMBER 2009

Um... well, the snow in October did NOT last and we have just had one of the wettest Novembers for many a long year.

I think that the beginning of December is to be back to more normal temperatures. Let's hope so.

The last weekend in November, you'd believe it, saw Cairngorm Mountain start the ski season on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. Both the Ptarmigan and Ciste T-bars were working. The webcam gave the impression that the Ciste Fairway was wide and looking good. Keep crossing those fingers!!

## SCOTTISH SKI NEWS... SCOTTISH SKI NEWS...

*Glencoe*

[www.glencoemountain.co.uk](http://www.glencoemountain.co.uk)



This west of Scotland will definitely open this winter for downhill skiing.

Not sure of the lift pass price, check out the website.

### *Cairngorm Mountain*

[www.cairngormmountain.co.uk](http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk)

The White Lady T-bar has been removed. This now provides a potential problem. The only lifts up to the top is either using the funicular or the M1 poma, which is notoriously unreliable.

The new managing director did concede that there may be a shortage of up lift on busy days. I think we kind of guessed this! The full area day ticket is now £30.

**However, there are discounts available: If you show your Club membership card when buy your ticket you get 10% off.**

Alternatively, there is a four day ticket on sale for £96 – £24 per day and can be used on any four days throughout the season.

Visit Scotland also has a discount ticket for five consecutive days skiing. Not sure of the price but it is on the website.

The Scottish resorts will try their best to be up to date with information about snow conditions and will use webcams to confirm what it is like 'on the ground' – literally. If you know of any other news affecting the other resorts please let the committee know.

We trust you all will have a fantastic skiing season.

## CONTINENTAL... CONTINENTAL...

Attention now turns to winter 2010-2011 (can you believe it??). However, at time of going to press there were no brochures out yet but when they are, we will begin to make decisions. Watch this space.



## XSCAPE SKIING...

The Thursday practice nights continue on the (usually) last Thursday of each month. The cost to members for the hour's skiing is only £10—this price being subsidised by the club.



It seems to be the case that after half past nine, the slope is very quiet and we get the snow nearly to ourselves.

It must be noted that because of the festive season, the December practice is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at the usual time. If you are interested please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665. A few members meet for a meal before skiing—usually in China Buffet King—at 7.00pm.

Ski price includes ski and boot hire. See you all there!!

## SOCIAL... SOCIAL...

Being December then it must be the Club's annual Christmas bash!! This year the venue is the Brown residence, Teawell Road, Newton Mearns on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> from about 7.30pm onwards. Cost is only £13 which includes a welcome glass of bubbly!!

Names to Nigel on 0141 639 5706.

## BURNS SUPPER... BURNS SUPPER...

The next social event on the calendar is the ever popular Ski Club Burns Supper. This will be held in **Clarkston Burgh Hall** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

As the supper will be served at 7.30pm it would be appreciated if you could please be seated by 7.25pm to receive the haggis to start the proceedings.

As always, there will be the usual ceilidh after the meal.

As usual, demand usually outstrips the number of tickets available, so—don't delay, get your tickets as soon as possible. You don't want to miss a tremendous night for only £16!! Tickets available from any committee member.

**Please bring your own drink requirements.**

Glassware will be provided by the club.



## *Monthly Meal*

The next monthly meal out is to **Balbir's**, 7 Church Street. This is one of the best curry shops in the city and must not be missed (especially if you like a curry). This meal out night will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Names to David Brand.

## **MEMBERSHIP...**

Enclosed with this circular is another membership form. If you have not yet re-joined please fill up the form and return it to Winnie now. If you do not this will be your last circular that you will receive.

## *Discount*

Being a member of the GSC, you are entitled to discounts at several outlets, organisations and services in Scotland. A full list is available on the SNSC website. Remember your Club membership card when buying the goodies!!

## *MOUNTAIN WAREHOUSE*

They have offered members 20% discount on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009. If you are interested in going please contact Nigel for further details.

## *WHISTLER*

Over on the other side Whistler has had their heaviest November snowfall since their records began. A mammoth 560cm fell which is four times their normal November average. Just a pity that some of it did not fall in Scotland. Over in the Alps the Western Alps have had one of their warmest Novembers with very little snow falling. Some fell, but only high up. On Monday this week saw a change with snow falling over all the Alps down to 1400m. The weather pattern is still not settled for winter conditions with some rain forecast for the lower slopes.

## *Olympic Spotting!*

By the time the next Ski News hits your doorstep the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games will be round the corner—that's if the ed. gets it out in time.

Apart from all the ski bums who will sit down in front of the telly taking it all in; the snow, the jumps, the pikes, the rolls, the bobs, the skeletons (ouch!) the luge etc.,etc., bear a thought for those who will be telly name spotting.

Glasgow Ski Club has no bragging rights over its skiers—well have we ever had a skier even daring to say they were at that level (say it again Sam!)—we can boast of having a member at the W.O.G. in an official capacity.

Cast your minds back four years and the GSN told you of Nigel's little bro. who just happened to make it onto the officiating list for that age old sport that won our Nation a gold medal as far back as Chamonix in 1928—curling. How many of you were amongst the 7.25 million viewers sitting up at 02:00 when Rhona Martin won the gold in Salt Lake City (Ogden.)

Leslie advises it's going to be pretty difficult to hide away this time round as currently there are 37 television cameras covering the curling discipline. With only four sheets of curling ice in the stadium that currently stands at 9.25 cameras per sheet. No hiding place—you got to believe it.

So now you can go spotting with all you mates and when 'Stonemad' (Leslie's *nom de plume* in the world of curling) appears before you on the silver screen, you can boast to your friends "there's someone I know."



# GLASGOW SKI CLUB 2010

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