



# GLASGOW SKI NEWS

DECEMBER 2011

## XSCAPE SKI NIGHTS...



The Club's practice nights at Xscape continue in the usual pattern—on the last Thursday of each month. It is encouraging to see that these nights are well supported. It is a great facility right on our doorstep, providing fairly easy skiing which greatly helps in keeping 'the ski legs' ready for skiing on the slopes.

Please note that the December ski night will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Cost to Club members will be £11 for the hour's skiing.

**Xscape have put their price up to £14 per hour.**

## WEEKEND SKIING...

Just a reminder that we have a weekend skiing in Scotland proposed for the beginning of February. The club will be heading to the Cairngorms on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Full details in the forthcoming Ski News. Remember—if we can get 16 or more members (or guests for an additional

supplement), then we can organise a coach and take the stress out of driving for a whole weekend!

The Club is planning to go to Glencoe on a Sunday depending upon conditions. More details in subsequent Ski News.

We will also be going to the Spey Valley to ski on Cairngorm. The ski area has made some improvements for this season as they detail below.

“We have built a new ‘Hippo Fence’ on the M1, which we are trialling to see if it helps the tunnel mouth keep clearer of snow after heavy drifting; The new 12m crossing to the car park tow area, which will allow access for the piste machine, help with the bottleneck we used to get with customers, and to trial farming snow off the car park, up on to the lower slopes. For the winchcat we bought last year, we will probably have 20 new anchors across the hillside in various places. Lower slopes, Gun Barrel, Traverse, M1, White Lady, East Wall of the Lady, Aonach Bowl and No.1 Gully. These anchors will not only help grooming steeper runs, but also allow easier pushing of snow uphill.

The annual maintenance of the funicular and ski lifts is complete and I guess we will start hanging the bars and pomas when we get a bit of snow, which could be next week by all accounts. We still have to install the new motor for the

West Wall Poma, which we will need piste machine access for, but should only take a day or so. The annual insurance safety check of the ski lifts has also been completed, so we are ready to push the start buttons when we have sufficient snow. The new heated tunnel door is now in, and operational, so again we hope to have less problems with severe icing. The Groomer, Snow Plough and Snowmobile fleets, have all been overhauled and serviced and we were informed yesterday that we should get the Rolba 1200 (1200 tons an hour) snowblower back from the council (gearbox failed last season). We also have an option, if required of hiring in a Caterpillar quarry shovel fitted with a snow cutter to the front end. We are a bit behind with the normal snowfencing, due to the constant high winds and rain over the last couple of months, but the boys are hard at it, as we speak.

Along with Glencoe, we are awaiting delivery of a Techno Alpin snow cannon c/w portable pump, which we are getting on a free trial for the season.

Jim Cornfoot met up with the rep at a NASAA (North Atlantic Ski Areas Association) conference in Iceland earlier in the year. The chap came on site at the end of the summer to look at our site and advise us. A technician will also come over to help us set it up. We installed a water sump at the top of the Sheiling tow last season, so we hope to trial it there and near the pump house. Due to a lot of technical difficulties with the Sufag machine last year and were unable to trial it as much as we would have liked, so this season we intend to carry out a more detailed trial.

Hopefully both trials can generate some useful results.

A new extra ticket office is presently being built in level 3 of the Day Lodge where the Hire and Ski School office are located. This should help with the queue time and bottleneck at the Base Station. Customers requiring hire and/or ski school, go straight to the Day Lodge and customers requiring ski tickets only, will stay at the Base Station. A new hire computer system is also being commissioned, which again should cut down on queue times.

Both our electronic road signs have gone unserviceable and are not repairable, a new one has been ordered for Inverdrurie, however if there is a delay in getting it installed we will have a mobile one onsite, if needed for the start of the season. ” ”

## CONTINENTAL... CONTINENTAL...



There are only two places remaining for the club holiday to Les Arcs 2000 at Easter 2012. At £810 for hotel, full board, transfers AND lift pass, it must be ‘one of the steals of the season’!

If you are interested please call David Brand.

## SOCIAL... SOCIAL...

### *Monthly meals out.*

Many thanks to David Brand for organising the Club's November monthly meal out to Chinatown.

The next monthly meal will be in February. More details in the next Ski News.



### *Christmas 'Get Together'*

This year's Christmas 'Get Together' will take place in the President's residence (Nigel's bit), 1 Teawell Road, Newton Mearns, East Renfrewshire G77 6SN on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from about 7.30pm onwards. The cost will be a miserly **£13.00** per person for buffet meal and welcoming drink. The Club would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new members who wish to come and join us.

To help keep costs down please remember to bring your own refreshments.



### *Ski Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner*

Members are reminded of our very special Civic Reception and Anniversary Dinner which is being held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 at the City Chambers in Glasgow. Tickets are £30.00 each. If you have not already booked please complete the form previously sent to you and return it to Nigel as soon as possible. We are required to give final number to the Caterers by mid December. Further details from Nigel on 0141 639 5706.

Hope to see you all at the celebration.

### *Ceilidh*

As there will be no Burns Supper this year, a ceilidh is being planned for the end of the ski season (not too sure when that will be exactly – could even be June! However, we're not waiting that long. The end of season ceilidh is being held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April in Partick Burgh Hall.

Although ticket price is not finalised yet, it will include a buffet style snacks. The bar is provided by Glasgow City.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

If you have not already paid your membership fee please do so now as this will be your last circular sent to you. The membership fee is only £22.00. Please fill up the form previously sent to you and post it of to Alan Sellar now.

### *Thursday Nights*

The Club meets every Thursday night... excluding the Xscape nights of course... in the Bon Accord, North Street, Glasgow from about 9.00pm onwards.

See you all there!



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