

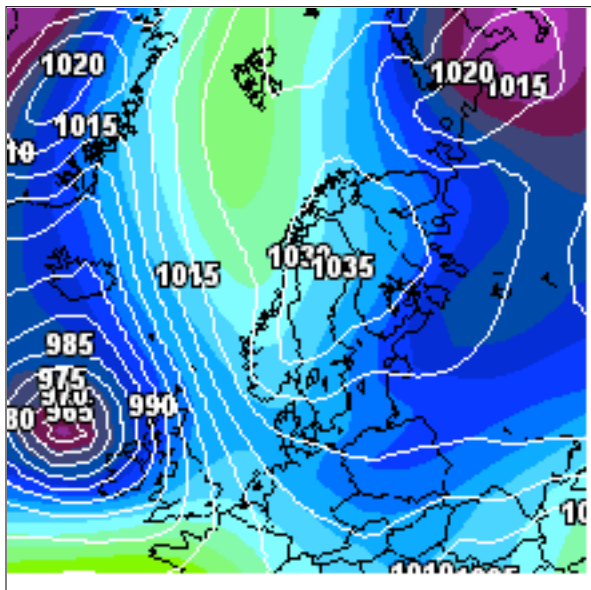


GLASGOW SKI CLUB

JANUARY 2012

The Committee of Management of the Ski Club wish all our members and friends a very happy, prosperous and snowy New Year.

So far the season has got off to a fairly slow start with some good skiing to be had just before Christmas. Several members and friends made their way to Glencoe for a fine afternoon's skiing. Since then the weather has got itself into a freeze/thaw cycle (with more thaw than freeze). However some snow may be on its way for w/b 16/1/12. The chart below has been interpreted as



showing snow over Scotland for 17th. January. This “blog” was taken from WinterHighland website. Anyway - keep your fingers crossed for lots more cold and snowy weather. Come along on a Thursday night to the Bon Accord to find out what's happening at the weekend.

Scottish Skiing

Well, as has been said, several members did have a great afternoon at Glencoe - the snow was very good AND we skied to car park level!! Many more half days are planned throughout the season. The weekend for the beginning of February is for the Cairngorms, staying in Kingussie - cost for hotel will be about £60 for 2 nights b/b and Saturday night dinner; lift pass £31.50 (-10% ski club discount) + petrol. The club may be able to subsidise petrol costs of members taking their car. If you are interested please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 or any committee member.

Continental Skiing -

At the time of 'going to press' there are still two places left on the Club holiday to **Les Arcs in the French Alps**. Time is getting on, so if you are interested please contact David Brand on 0141 884 8151 ASAP. At the moment Les Arcs has got tonnes of snow - the report and pictures tell all!!



Last snowed

08 Jan 2012 Fresh snow **4cm**

Last 7 days **89cm**

Depths:

Upper piste depth **300cm**

Lower piste depth **140cm**

Snow conditions:

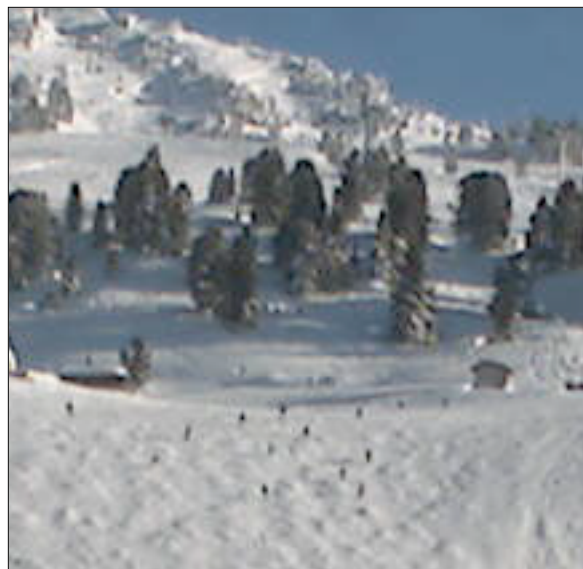
Piste quality **Excellent**

Resort runs **Excellent**

Off piste snow **Tracked**

Lifts:

Lifts open **48 out of 51**



XScape

As most members will realise by now. Snozone! in Xscape has been sold to the company that manages the biggest Ice Climb Wall at Kinlochleven in Argyll. Admittedly the ski slope was looking a bit tatty recently and needed some investment in it. Well, so far 25 new Poma hangers have been ordered; changes have been made to the Ice Bar (couldn't get much worse!!); and being built is an ice wall. Many more changes are promised by the management (hopefully the prices will not rise!). Anyway - our next ski night is **Thursday 26th. January**. Usual arrangements.

SOCIAL

The BIG event is the 50th. Birthday celebrations being held in the Glasgow City Chambers on Saturday 21st. January. There has been an overwhelming response to this event. It

will be great to see so many friends again, some after quite a few years!!

Monthly Meals

- the next monthly meal out is to PAPARINO'S Italian Restaurant, 227, Byres Road on Friday 24 February at 7.30pm.

The March Monthly meal is to a venue we have never been to before. On Friday March 23rd we are going to Oran Mor at the top of Byres Road for some of the best Scottish Food in the West End. At the usual time of 7.30pm. Please contact David Brand to book your place at these ever popular 'meal out' nights!!

CEILIDH

As there will be no Burns Supper this year, a ceilidh is being planned for the end

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of the ski season (not sure when that be exactly - could even be June!!

However,

we're not waiting that long! The end of season ceilidh is being held on Saturday 21st. 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.

World Snow day.

This FIS instigated day will be held at Glencoe with a series of events.

As part of world celebrations, the Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) is working with snow sports bodies across the globe, including Ski Scotland, to raise the profile of all things snow, on Sunday 22 January 2012. See below for activities and events planned at Glencoe Mountain Resort (weather and snow conditions permitting).

Free sledging available from 10am at the top of the access chair.

Whitedot Freeride (skis) and Baltic Bitch (snowboards) onsite all day outside the plateau cafe demonstrating the very latest kit.

At 11am you can learn how to build an igloo (top of the access chair).

At 12.30am at the top of the access chair you can enter the snowman building competition - judging will take place at 2pm. Lots of prizes.

Free race training sessions organised by Glencoe Ski Club and Glencoe Mountain are available for juniors (aged 8 - under 18), will last for 2 hours and run throughout the day. To book, call 01855 851226 or email Glencoe Mountain. All abilities welcome.

Back Country Access distributor Davy Gunn will be on hand from 10am to give practical tips on avalanche avoidance, companion rescue and much more at the Glencoe Mountain Anatom/BCA Beacon Training Park.

For more information email crankitupgear@aol.co.uk or call 07746 860023

Remember - The Ski Club meets every Thursday night in the Bon Accord, North Street, Glasgow from about 9.00pm onwards. Catch up with gossip,



latest news and find out what's happening ski or walking wise. See you all there!!

Skiing Statistics -

Most people ski between 40 - 70 per cent better in their mind's than they actually do on the slopes

The stranger you gave advice to in the bus will turn out the next day to be twice as good as you are.

Your lift pass will cost 150% more than what you thought it would.

Pleasures of Skiing -

Wearing 'Après Ski Boots - A less acute sensation than wearing ski boots but memorable nevertheless. As with ski boots there is the pleasure of clumping along like an astronaut. There is the added delight of giving your feet a

sweat bath. Most Apres Ski Boots are synthetic and are especially squelchy in warm hotels.

Getting a Bash on the Head. -

Usually happens when someone in front of you carrying skis over their shoulder suddenly swings round to ask a question.

Have a great ski!!



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