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# GLASGOW SKI CLUB

## SKINEWS january

### 2019

A very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all our members.

A rather non-snowy New Year greeted us a week or so back, fingers are still crossed that plenty of snow will fall in the not too distant future and give us all some great skiing. Therefore, at the moment, the Club is putting on hold excursions to Glencoe until the season gets fully under way.

### **Scottish Skiing.**

The forecast indications are that things will start to shift and while we are going to go through several bumps on the temperature roller coaster on the way it does look as if winter is finally thinking of paying us a visit with some areas of the Highlands predicted to see 50cm of snow by late next week.

So for now we remain in the situation that the Lecht has their beginner Magic Carpets open and Glencoe has sledging by the Plateau Cafe. Progress is being made with the bigger the snow factory unit at CairnGorm and a limited number of tickets for the beginner area are now available to the public, but need to be reserved in advance.

### **Cairngorm**

The rather sick funicular railway is NOT going to run this winter. The latest report - of which snippets have been released - suggests that more work has to be done to the final report is published. The delay being down to bad weather stopping the engineers inspecting the whole set up. At least they were making snow on New Year's day using their new SnowFactories. This was starting to cover the lower part of Car Park T-bar area. The area of machine made snow at the base of CairnGorm will be served by a rope tow for the dedicated novice slope and the Carpark T-bar for snowplough turners.

The WWP and Coire na Ciste tows will not be opening until they are fixed and passed useable by the HSE.

### **LECHT**

With a nice flat area between the two 'magic carpets' the ski area was able to produce snow from their Snow Factory to cover a big area for beginners to ski on, served by the two "carpets"

### **Glencoe -**

Unfortunately the geography of the area is different from the Lecht. Glencoe did produce snow early on to service the Coire Pollach tow but the ground is wet and peaty with lots of streams and

large hollows which meant that a much larger area needed to be covered to create a loop. This was about 500m of snow to ensure skiers could ski down and then go up the poma tow. During December it was mild and wet (it is the West of Scotland remember) and the snow disappeared. The management said that as time goes on they are learning a lot about the best course of action. Keep fingers crossed!

### **SnowFactor Ski practice nights -**

The next Ski Practice night will be in the SnowFactor on Tuesday 20th January from 6.30pm. After that the normal arrangements and times as previous nights. Please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 if you are coming along. Just a small reminder that you need to observe and comply with the skiing rules of SnowFactor. Cost to members is £14, non members will have to pay full price.

### **SOCIAL**

A fantastic night was enjoyed by Ski Club members at our usual Christmas gathering. Many thanks must go to Nigel and Eileen Brown for hosting the Club's "Christmas Do". A real success.

Next up is the Club's **Burns Supper Celebration.**

Only the choicest turnips and potatoes (neeps and tatties) are being selected and over the next few days, sharp shooters will be venturing out on to the hills and mountains to bag for us the plumpest, juiciest haggis. Top class musical entertainment will be provided as well as a Burns quiz with valuable prizes on offer. The venue is at the Gow Residence, 75 Old Linseybeg Road, Chryston G69 9HB. All this for only £12 per person!! If you are coming to this ever popular event please contact Sheila Beck at '[sheila.drumlin@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.drumlin@gmail.com)'. The Committee hope that as many members (and guests) can come along to this event as possible.

The next Monthly Meal Out is to the very long established La Lanterna at the bottom of Hope Street, Glasgow on Friday 1st March, from 7.30pm. This restaurant is one of the best Italian eateries in the city centre and has been at this site for over forty years - so they must be doing something right! If you wish to come to this event please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665.

Remember -

The Club meets every Thursday in the Bon Accord, North Street; from about 9.00pm onwards for a drink and a chat. It'll be great to see you.

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