



GLASGOW SKI NEWS

MARCH 2009

It is with sadness that we have heard the passing away of Iona Shearer suddenly on Saturday 28th February at the Southern General Hospital. Iona joined the Glasgow Ski Club in 1965 and was a very active member. She was President, Treasurer and General Committee member for many years. For her services to the Club Iona was made an Honorary Life Member. She met Andy and they were married in 1969. They had a daughter, Pamela, in 1975. Nigel remembers that Iona was a very lively young lady, full of life. Under her period in office the 'cheese and wine' evenings were memorable—before drink drive laws changed. Iona went on the Club holidays, with the holiday to Soll being very 'lively'.

Our thoughts are with Andy and Pamela at this sad time.

So far, according to one of the managers at Cairngorm on Saturday morning 7th March, it has been the best ski season for 15 years. This winter the snow arrived, melted, arrived again, melted and has arrived again. Not too consistent but we have had more snow than for many a long year.

The first weekend up north to the Spey Valley saw some tremendous conditions with enough snow to ski to Loch Morlich if you wanted! Anyway, several members spent a very enjoyable time skiing for two days (yes, I did say TWO consecutive days), notching up 17 runs all over the mountain. We even ventured into Coire an-t Sneachda for some off piste skiing. When was the last time you could do that? What was really surprising was that, even with very good weather—sunshine most of the Saturday and some on the Sunday—there were NO ski club buses on either day. There used to be up to 40

coaches on both days. Changed days. If you present your GSC membership card you'll get 10% off a day ticket.

SCOTTISH SKIING...

The next proposed ski weekend is to the Cairngorms on the weekend March 20th–22nd; staying in the Kingussie area. If you are interested please contact Roy Craig. I am not too sure how long the snow will last but if it does not get too warm we could be skiing in Scotland into April. We will see.

On the continent it has also been the best snow for many years which augers well for the Club's Easter holiday. Several members have been away over the season to various resorts—Val Thorens, La Rosier, Val D'Isere. The committee hopes you all had a great time but from all reports it looks as if the weather was not as sunny as you would have liked it to be.

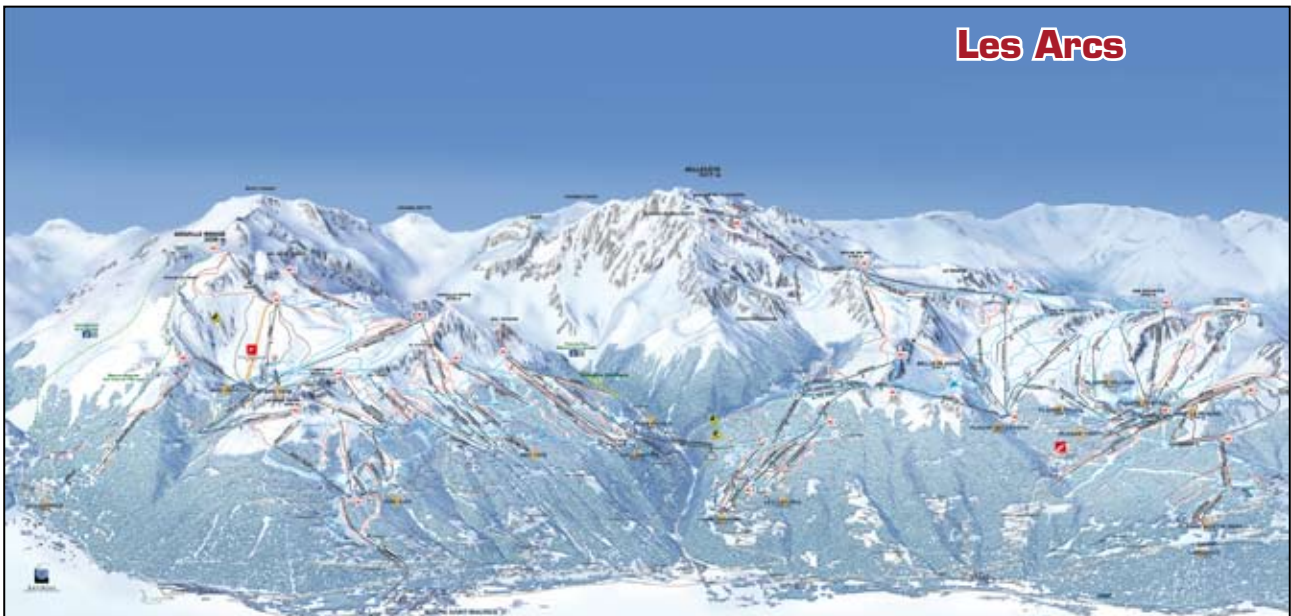
CONTINENTAL...

There are now only about three weeks before the Club sets off to the French Alps. The snow report from Les Arcs suggests that the snow level is well in excess of the average for this time of year. Let us hope it stays that way.

EASTER 2010...

For the Club to get the accommodation we want at the best price, we have to book as far ahead as possible. It is hardly believable but we have had to book for next Easter!

The Club is going to a fabulous resort in Switzerland. Zermatt is the chosen resort. It is one of the world's top resorts with enough skiing easily to keep all types happy from beginners to the expert. The Club has been there many times in the past so we know the area very well. We are staying in a town centre hotel—the Atlanta. This is a very well run hotel, clean, good food, bar and very handy for all amenities. So far there is a waiting list but do not let that put you off—there is more than a year still to go and things can



change and often do. So, let Nigel Brown know you're interested.

SOCIAL...

MONTHLY MEAL OUT...

Several members enjoyed the very best of Chinese cuisine at the end of February when the Club went to the Loon Fung. A delicious Chinese buffet was provided which was washed down with some Chinese drinks. Many thanks go to David Brand for the organisation. The next Monthly Meal is at the end of March.

The March Monthly Meal is to one of the very best curry houses in the western end of the city centre. We are going to **The Ashoka Curry Shop**, Elderslie Street, on Friday 27th March from 7.30pm

If you wish to come along please get in touch with David Brand.

SKIING XSCAPE...

Our monthly practice nights continue as normal. The next night is Thursday 26th March, skiing 9.00pm–10.00pm. Also as usual we will be eating at 7.00pm in the China Buffet King which overlooks the slope. Cost is only £15 to members.

Contact Roy Craig before midnight on Tuesday 24th March.

It should be noted that as bookings are corporate bookings then if you say you are coming, a lift pass ticket is pre printed for you which has to be paid by the person who books even if you do not turn up. Sorry, but the Club cannot be liable for any 'no-shows'.

See you all there!!

ORIENTEERING...

An orienteering afternoon has been arranged by Jimmy Walker for a Sunday in April/May. This will be in Mugdock Country Park, Milngavie. This very enjoyable sport has gained great popularity recently because of the (obvious) health benefits and the need for relatively little equipment. GPSs will not be allowed—that is cheating!! Date and times will be in the next Ski News.

WINE TASTING...

Once again the annual Wine Tasting evening comes around. This will be held on Saturday 20th June from about 7.30pm.

As usual, it will be held at Mary Child's wine tasting hostelry, 31 Springfield Park Road, in Burnside. Cost is a 'miserly' £10 for plonk and food. Contact Nigel Brown on 0141 639 5706 if you wish to come along. This is always a very popular night so book your place ASAP. The first time we organised a wine tasting evening, it was the Monday before some of us realised where we were!



REMEMBER...

The Club meets in the Bon Accord, North Street, Thursdays throughout the year, from about 9.00pm onwards. See you there!





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