



GLASGOW SKI CLUB

SKINEWS

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Well, the snow arrived, the Lecht opened, the snow went away again. Never mind, it must be one of the earliest starts to a ski season for many a year, albeit for one day. Perhaps we are in for a cold(ish) winter with lots of snow. The Met Office seem to think along these lines - as quoted below

: “Several factors, including tropical rainfall, are known to drive UK and European winter conditions: following a strong [El Niño](#) last year, the tropics are now influenced by a weak La Niña and unusual rainfall conditions in the Indian Ocean.”

However, prospects for winter in the UK aren't governed solely by tropical rainfall, there are other influences too. For example, the [Quasi-Biennial Oscillation](#) (QBO) experienced an [unprecedented flip in February](#) and is now back to westerlies this year. And although it is not the main factor, the westerly phase of the QBO is associated with milder wetter winters. Finally, the winds high in the stratosphere, circling the Arctic – around what is known as the Polar Vortex – are disturbed and weak at the moment. Although these winds are many kilometres above the surface,

they can influence the strength and position of the jet stream, and this is helping to increase the risk of cold snaps in the UK.

Well, the Met Office can't make it any clearer than that.

Continental Skiing

The CoM is investigating various options for season 2017 - 2018. Details should be to hand next SkiNews.

Scottish Skiing -

It probably won't be until January / February when we anticipate the first of our Sunday ski days / half days will be organised. keep crossing fingers in the hope that lots of snow piles up at Glencoe.

The 'new' Rannoch Chair will be installed next summer.

SnowFactor.

With a complete change in pricing structure at SF, we have decided to change our approach to our ski practice nights. This may be an ongoing 'work in progress' until we get a formula which suits as many members as possible. With SF increase in price, the Club will have to increase

the amount we charge to members on these nights unfortunately. So.. the next ski practice night is Tuesday 29th. November. We intend to start skiing at 6.30pm until 7.15pm. We are then planning to have a meal break in BarVaria until 7.45/50pm. We will continue skiing until about 8.30pm or later. Apres-ski drinks will follow. We shall have to see how things transpire; these arrangements are not set in stone for all time. As has been stated - WIP. Cost to members will be £18 for 2 hours skiing. You do not miss out taking time out from skiing when in BarVaria. Names please to Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665.

SOCIAL

I know it is still November but the Christmas word has to be mentioned.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING



. This year's gathering will be held in the **Brown Residence, 1, Teawell Road, Newton Mearns on Saturday 10th. December; from about 7.30pm** onwards. Cost is only £15 and includes a buffet style meal and a welcome drink on arrival. Please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 for tickets. This event is always very popular so get your tickets asap and come along and join in the festive

spirit!. BYOB.

BURNS NIGHT

Last year we brought back our traditional Burns Night get together. It proved so successful that we will be repeating the event. There will be the usual haggis, neeps and tatties as supplied by A Bit of a Do catering with 'extras' to help to convey the Scottish theme on the night. This will be held in the Gow Residence, 75, Old Linsaybegg Road, Chryston. G69. on Saturday 21st. January 2017; from about 7.30pm onwards. If anyone can perform a "party piece" - e.g. play a musical instrument, recite a poem, tell a story (Scottish!), sing or anything else, that would be fantastic. Last year we had some first class violin playing and singing all of which added tremendously to the enjoyment of the evening. Please contact Jimmy walker on 0141 942 2462 for details or tickets. Cost is a miserly £10!

Next Monthly Meal Out is in February 2017. More details next SkiNews.

Remember - the Club meets every *Thursday night in the Bon Accord from about 9.00pm onwards.* It'll be great to see you!

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