

GLASGOW SKI CLUB SKINEWS NOVEMBER 2019

Time marches on - the end of the meteorological autumn is at the end of the month. Then we are into winter. Already a dusting of snow has covered the mountains but it did not last too long. However, ice has had to be scraped from cars and de-icer has been bought. Keep your fingers crossed for much colder weather!

SCOTTISH SKIING

Not too much to report really. The 'new' chairlift at Glencoe will not be ready this winter.

However, according to the website, Glencoe will be offering skiing served by uplift from December 20th.

Cairngorm

A decision regarding the future of the Funicular Railway on Cairngorm should be made at the beginning of December.

On a more downbeat note, an article in The Herald reports that - "visitor numbers will be restricted to 1000 per day because of the Funicular not working. This could mean enthusiasts, including advanced ticket purchasers and season ticket holders, being turned away" (paraphrased). The full report is in The Herald on 6/11/20. We'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Who can remember the times when upwards of 40/45 ski club coaches were in the coach park in Coire Cas? How many skiers were on the hill on these days?

Unfortunately more up to date information about the ski slopes in Scotland will have to wait until Winterhighland's website is fully up and running.

Ski Practice days.

These are proving popular - great to get a good turn out during the day. The cost to members is - £15. (Non members of the Club - £21; seniors - £16). Remember that complete beginners who join the Club get a subsidised lesson at SnowFactor as part of their membership.

The Club meets at SnowFactor, Braehead, in the changing area from about 9.30am with skiing from about 10.00am for two hours. We sometimes take a short break for either a coffee or a snack in Barvaria - the German style Bier Keller. (Food and drinks are not included in the lift ticket price).

The next ski practice night will be on Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Even if you are not skiing, you are more than welcome to join us for coffee/cake/snack but especially for 'a good ol' natter!' Please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 if you are interested in the next ski practice.

Continental Holiday.

GSC 2020 Ski Holiday.

The holiday was first advertised in our last News Letter. 8 members have chosen to come along in March. Our hotel still has places available so if you wish to join us read on.

Holiday Details.

Tour Operator - Crystal Ski

Hotel Les Lans, Les Prodains in Avoriaz, Morzine, France

Dep: Sat 07 Mar 2020

7 nights Half board

Edinburgh—Geneva

Coach transfers included (2 hours 15 mins approx.)

Sample cost for 2 people

Basic cost £764 per person

Ski carriage £45

Area Lift Pass (6 days) £249

Extras discounts and offers

Buy 1 lift pass, get 1 half price -£124 (prorata -£62)

Price and availability info $764+45+249-62 = £996$

Total £2052 for 2 as shown by Crystal

If you add up the cost they do not agree (if you want an explanation phone Chrystal).

The final price is not available until the booking is made.

The deposit which is to be paid on booking is £175

The Club's Scottish Skiing.

The Club is committed to skiing at Glencoe, however more information will be communicated to members when the conditions are suitable for uplift skiing.

SOCIAL

Many thanks to Alan Sellar for organising a very enjoyable Monthly Meal Out last month to the French restaurant "Cote". The food was excellent!

The next social event is our annual

CHRISTMAS GATHERING!

The very popular night is being held this year in the Tabony Residence, Vivian Avenue, Milngavie, on Saturday the 7th. December; 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The ticket price of £20pp includes a welcome drink and a festive buffet meal. As this is always a very well attended event please book early with *John Douglas* at john.douglas@ntlworld.com to avoid disappointment. The Committee is very much looking forward to welcoming as many members as possible along to this really enjoyable night. Please note that it is a BYOB event.

BURNS SUPPER

Yes - it is time to start filling in next year's diaries and what better way to start the New Year with the Glasgow Ski Club's Burns Supper!

Again we are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs Gow for allowing us to hold our Burns Supper at their residence. The date is Saturday 25th January 2020 (when else!). The next SkiNews will have all the details about our Burns celebratory night! Jimmy Walker will be looking after the bookings for the supper. Again it is BYOB

Monthly Meal Out

The next Monthly Meal Out will be towards the end of February 2020.

Our Regular Thursday Night meetings.

Remember, the Club meets every Thursday night in the Bon Accord, North Street for a couple of drinks and a chat (really, about everything!). From about 9.00pm onwards. It'll be great to see you!

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