



GLASGOW SKI CLUB

SKINEWS

SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome to another ski season! September is now here and the usual mist and purple heather have returned to our hills - lets hope for a really good season of skiing ahead.

The committee of the Glasgow Ski Club has not changed however we will endeavour to bring you all the latest information and news about activities and the wider world of skiing to you over the winter period!

Some improvements have occurred in Scotland over the summer -

At Glenshee there is a new rope tow of some description to avoid the trachle between the top of Sunnyside chair and the Cluny Pomas.

CML are extending the West Wall Poma uphill so that it offloads at a new fixed return station (as opposed to the current floating bullwheel), this will be situated just on the uphill side of the track that leads into the Ptarmigan Bowl.

In Cairngorm Mountains' recent 'A Letter from our General Manager' email, Cairngorm have announced that they will be replacing all of the old style snow fencing with the new post and rail type over five years. Also, the

email mentions investing in snow making infrastructure.

The Lecht unveiled their 'Penguin Park' during the season just finished, this includes a number of features for kids learning, but also a rotary wheel for first timers and a new rope tow which can be ridden either side (better for boarders). So next year will be the first full year of these.

The Lecht is planning to install a covered magic carpet that will replace the Robin (and possibly Wren) handle tows, increasing the capacity and making it quicker / easier for learning.

At Glencoe they don't stand still! (1) the cafe is being extended - I understand new toilets being added and a new kitchen being built (see picture below -



Does this mean more pies?

(2) new fencing on Mugs alley and the Wall (also new fencing on plateau).

3) the 'new' three person chairlift has been delivered from Austria awaiting construction next summer.

Scottish Skiing -

As in previous years, we will be organising day trips to Glencoe (usually Sundays). These have proved to be popular in the past; so, if conditions permit, we will return to this very progressive thinking resort. As usual, we will be continuing with our ski practice nights at **SnowFactor** on Tuesday nights. At the AGM, it was suggested that we might try a reshuffle of skiing eating arrangements whereby we ski first and then eat. This will be trialed at our October practice night. An announcement has already been made of this change. Further information will be sent out to all members very soon. However, here is a list of dates for the ski nights -

27th September

25th October

29th November

20th December.

Please note that the cost of skiing for the hour is £13 which is subsidised by the club. The committee would like to see as many members as possible take advantage of this exclusive offer!!

Please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 if you wish to come along.

Pre ski meal in China Buffet King 7.00pm; ski from 9.00 -10.00pm

(from about 9.30pm onwards we get the slope very nearly to ourselves!!); apres ski drink afterwards (well it would be as it is apres ski!)

See as many of you there as possible.

Continental Ski Holidays

The bookings for Galtur have gone well. At the time of writing we have one single room left.

Quick summary:-

ALPENHOTEL TIROL

The tour operator is Crystal. The holiday will be ABTA bonded. Fly from Edinburgh to Innsbruck on Saturday 25th. February 2017 approx. 13:35 flight returning 4 March 18:10 arriving 19:35

The cost is in the range £916 depending final discount.

If you wish to come on this holiday you should book direct with Elaine at Burnside Travel 0141 647 5101 stating you are with Glasgow Ski Club. A deposit of £175 is required.

And now to 2018, yes 2018!!

The committee is looking well ahead at our 2018 holiday. Our thoughts at present are Zermatt, late February-early March. As you all know Zermatt is very expensive so we will be looking at prices well over £1000 for the week. Accommodation would be hotel or chalet, if chalet we would wish 100% occupancy by GSC. As a starting point we need some idea

of numbers. So, can those who may be interested sent me an email at GSCZermatt2018@gmail.com giving me the number of places you require, and choose one of the following options

1.) I am going if I am still skiing in 2018

2.) I am interested depending on holiday details

3.) Keep me on the mailing list

We would appreciate any comments by club members.

Continental Ski Convener

OPEN NIGHT..

The Club will be having the annual membership Open Night in the Bon Accord, North Street, Glasgow on Thursday Night 10th November from about 8.00pm onwards.

Come along not just to rejoin but catch up on any gossip with friends since the last Ski Club event. See you there.

SOCIAL.....

And now for something completely different!

The club does *not normally* organise a formal or even an informal event to start the ski season.

However, this year is an exception!!

A "GLASGOW SKI CLUB GATHERING" (originally the Ski Club Reunion Dinner) has been organised for the start of the season. The committee is hoping to attract as

many lapsed, ex; current and social members to a buffet style gathering for a social night in the Glynhill Hotel. We would especially welcome those members who have not been associated with the Club for sometime to come along. This will be in lieu of the Reunion Dinner which was planned for earlier on in the year.

Have a laugh, chat, reminisce about great days with the Club on the ski bus, skiing in deep powder on Cairgorm(!); perhaps a drink or two to help the memories flow.

Tickets are now available for this fantastic event from any committee member. The cost is only £25 However - numbers are strictly limited and therefore it will be on a first come first served basis. This event will be held in the Glynhill hotel on Saturday 29th October 2016 from about 7.30pm onwards. So.. get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Monthly Meals out..

The ever popular Monthly Meal out starts off with an Italian theme. **On Friday the 30th. September we are heading to Amorone, Nelson Mandela Place (just off Buchanan Street).** This is one of the best Italian restaurants in the city centre. As usual we will be starting at 7.30pm. Names - please on or before Monday 26th for a definite place to David Brand on 0141 884 8151.

In November we will be going to one of the Club's favourite - Balbir's Curry House, Church Street, Partick. Friday 25th November for this Monthly Meal.

Forthcoming attractions -
Christmas Get Together - Saturday
10th December.

Burns Celebration - Saturday 21st
January.

More details in 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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