
GLASGOW SKI CLUB

SKINEWS SEPTEMBER 2017

A very warm welcome to the new ski season of 2017 to 2018 with the Glasgow Ski Club. We start off by announcing that after about 50 years, the club membership voted at the AGM to withdraw from the SSS (formally the SNSC), the governing body for skiing in Scotland. This has already been acknowledged by the Board of SSS and they are sad and wonder what they are not doing if they cannot keep a participation club within the organisation. Hence a reduction of our membership fees of £7.

Anyway - here is the COMMITTEE for this forthcoming season :-

President	Roy Craig
Vice president	Alan Sellar
Secretary	Ellen Maxwell
Treasurer	David Brand
Membership	Jimmy Walker
Continental	John Douglas
General Committee	Nigel Brown Sheila Beck

News from the Scottish Slopes.

Cairngorm.

All traces of the West Wall and Coire ne Ciste chair lifts have been removed. Although these chairlifts had not operated for sometime various people thought that they could have been refurbished. We will

now never know. More worryingly is the removal of snow fencing in Coire na Ciste and in the neighbouring coire. Although there is still the West wall poma, there now appears to be little interest in that side of the ski area by Natural retreats.

There may be the possibility of HIE funding a snow making factory for Cairngorm.

Glencoe.

The go ahead has been given for the new 3-person chair to mbe built. It was thought that it would be ready for this season but because of problems outwith Glencoe, it will be ready for 2018-2019.

There is a 'crowdfunding' project on the go to try to raise the money to buy a snow making factory. Andy Meldrum had the technicians from Techno Alpine (the makers) visit Glencoe and from this meeting the decision was taken to buy the machine. In round figures is cost £460,000 - with the Scottish Government providing 75% of the money as a grant. Only £135000 to find by themselves. As a result of this request by Glencoe for assistance financially, the Committee decided to send £100 to help with this venture. This is the same machine as mentioned above for Cairngorm.

SCOTTISH SKIING.

Well, last season was very poor, hardly any snow. We know of one person who skis Cairngorm and he only managed 36 days skiing - about half his usual amount.

Anyway - the Club still proposes to organise day/half day skiing at Glencoe at the weekend as well as during the week depending on conditions. More information as the season progresses. Just keep your fingers crossed for lots of snow.

Ski Practice nights commence in October at SnowFactor at Braehead. These nights will follow the previous season's pattern which has proved to be popular with the skiing membership.

These will be held on the last Tuesday of the month (except December).

This means we begin our nights on - Tuesday 31st October.

As in the past we start skiing at 6.30pm until about 7.30pm.

We then head to the Barvaria German Beer Stube for a meal. We don't lose slope time as we get our lift passes stamped to make sure we get the full 2hrs skiing.

After the meal we head out again and ski until about 9.30pm.

It is always possible to finish off the evening with apres ski drinks.

The club charges £18 for the ski slope time. This is subsidised by the club and does not reflect the true cost of skiing paid for by non Club members.

To book please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 before we head off to SnowFactor.

CONTINENTAL SKIING.

At the moment the Club holiday to St. Anton is fully booked.

However, we are looking at season 2018 -19 destination. No decision has been made, so if

you wish to make suggestion of which resort the Club could go to, contact any committee member. We will be making a decision in the not too distant future.



MEMBERSHIP NIGHT.

The Club will hold the annual membership night in the Bon Accord, North Street, Glasgow on Thursday 9th November. From

about 8.00pm onwards. It would be great to see as many members as possible come along and catch up with what everybody has been doing over the summer. Remember membership in now ONLY £15!!

SOCIAL

The first social event of the new season is a Monthly meal Out. We start off with ever very popular curry night at **Balbir's, Church Street, Glasgow.** This is one of



then best curry houses you can get where we get attention from Balbir himself. One not to miss! We will be going there on

Friday 13 September at 8.00pm. Names please to **Roy Craig** before **Monday night 2nd. September.** **Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665**

A change for November. Our annual Wine Tasting evening will now take place on Saturday 18th November in the President's



Residence; 8.
Oldhall Road,
Oldhall Paisley.
PA1 3HN -from
7.00pm onwards.

There will be the usual eight wines to taste - four white and red. There will also be a snack type buffet available throughout the evening. Valuable prizes for the winner and runner up of our competition. All this for only £12.

If you are coming along to this annual event please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

I know it is only SEPTEMBER! However all that is to be said is - further details in the next SkiNews.

Remember -

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