
GLASGOW SKI CLUB SKINEWS OCTOBER 2018

Well, nights fair drawin' in! Please note the image below of mwis forecast for the Cairngorms.

Hail and snow showers

Brief hail and above 700 snow showers, mainly Cairngorms and Deeside, where the showers may be frequent.

Only flurries west of A9 and southern summits Cairngorms NP.

- is this the start to a great winter of fantastic skiing in Scotland? Let us all hope so.

The Club has not yet fixed any dates for our visits to Glencoe - we are waiting for the snow to arrive. However, Glencoe has said (well, Andy Meldrum the owner has said!) that the plans are to have lift served skiing on snow from about the first of December. Really looking forward to skiing in December. Even in good winters in the past - when we had

snow (i.e. when the Drumochter snow gates used to be closed) it was quite rare to be able to ski in December. Keep fingers crossed.

Other developments :-

Glencoe

Some new snow-fencing has been added in around the mountain near the access road as well. The new access road will also serve a new green ski run down to the valley and Andy seemed very excited about this and discussed possible plans to add some snowmaking to the route.

Nevis Range

The majority of work concerns snow fencing. I would estimate NR are installing around 6-7 km of new snow fencing this year and repairing another 500700m. They are continuing with the style of big posts and alternately placed boards. The old posts from the last snow fencing are being left in or replaced to act as bracing for the new posts/fence. The scale of this work is just incredible. There are thousands and thousands of boards being installed and hundreds of posts and the team are moving at quite a rate, with a crew of 3 installing the new posts and a crew of 4 nailing the boards in place.

It is quite a few years since the Club skied at Nevis Range, if any member ventures up there could they send in a report to any committee member and we'll include it in a SkiNews. Hopefully this may encourage some other members to give the area a try.

SnowFactor.

The second ski practice night will be held on Tuesday night 30th October at the usual times. If skiers could try as best they can to meet in the changing area as close to 6.30pm then that would be much appreciated. Maybe we could start skiing shortly after 6.30pm!

Just as a reminder - price for skiing is **£15 TO MEMBERS. Non members must pay the normal rate charged by SnowFactor.**

Names to Roy Craig – 0141 883 6665 before Monday 29th. It is hoped that a good turn out by members for the second practice night. Remember - the Club is subsidising members to go skiing!!

Next dates are :-

Tuesday 27th November

Tuesday 18th December (note - not on the 25th!!)

CONTINENTAL SKI HOLIDAY.

The Club is going to the Three Valleys ski area this year. We are staying in the Val Chaviere in Val Thorens from the 9th March for one week on a half board basis; flying from Glasgow to Chambery. The cost is approx £1300 pp including lift pass, free ski carriage, and all transfers, all in twin rooms..

At this point in time we have one place available for a female in a shared twin. If any ski club member is interested please contact any committee asap. A £175 deposit is required.

SOCIAL

The first Monthly Meal Out which is the October one is to one of the best curry houses in the city. We are going to **Balbir's in Church Street, near Dumbarton Road end on Friday 19th October: 7.30pm.** Please book with Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665 on or before Monday 15th October. Sorry but a place cannot be guaranteed after the 15th.

In November we are heading back to an old favourite - **China Town** Chinese restaurant, New City Road. The Club has been visiting this eatery for many years because we noticed that a great many Chinese people eat there - always a good sign! *Friday the 16th November is the date. From 7.30pm. Please contact John Douglas at john.douglas@ntlworld.com on or before Monday 12th. to book.*

The next social event is the Club's **Christmas Gathering** (I hope that hasn't got you all suddenly panicking!!) This very popular event will be held in the Brown residence, 1, Teawell Road, Newton Mearns on Saturday the 8th of December. From about 7.00pm onwards. Prices are not to hand atm but will be announced asap.

Burns Celebrations

This will be held near the end of January in the Gow residence - date, details and cost to be confirmed in the next SkiNews.

MEMBERSHIP OPEN NIGHT.

This will be held in the Bon Accord, North Street, Glasgow on Thursday 8th November from about 8.00pm onwards. All members should take the opportunity to pay their 2018 - 2019 fees on the night as well as catching up with any gossip, scandal etc...

WEEKLY MEET

Just a reminder that the Club meets Thursday nights in the Bon Accord from about 9.00pm onwards for a chat and a refreshment. It'll be great to see you along some evening!

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