

# GLASGOW SKI CLUB

## SKINEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the start of another ski season with the Glasgow Ski Club! Firstly we had better begin with the Committee for 2019-2020.

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

Well, that is it. Although any committee member will be willing to assist you with most matters concerning the Club.

### SCOTTISH SKIING

#### **Glencoe -**

The foundations for the new (well, new to Glencoe) 3 person chairlift have been poured with the hope that it might be ready for this season.

#### **Nevis Range**

The ski area is building a large permanent snow making facility on the slopes. capacity is to be 168m<sup>3</sup> per day (compared to the SnowFactory machines in other areas which churn out 50m<sup>3</sup> of snow per day).

No ticket prices yet but will be published as and when available.

#### **Snow Factor Skiing**

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER!!!!**

**As a result of our healthy financial position the Club is making available an unprecedented subsidy to members on the first ski practice event of the season!!**

**On *TUESDAY MORNING 24TH SEPTEMBER* FOR A 10.00AM start, the cost of two hours skiing will be £10 (yes - can you believe it!!! - ONLY £10!!).**

Names please to Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665.

#### **Subsidised ski lessons.**

As an introductory offer - yes, ANOTHER introductory offer! -

beginners who join the Club will get their first ski lesson at The Snow Factor indoor real snow ski slope subsidised by the Club. More details to follow.

## DAY EXCURSIONS

It is anticipated that ski trips to *Glencoe* will be organised but will be dependant upon weather and snow conditions. Keep your fingers crossed for a snowy winter.

### **Continental Ski Holiday.**

All members will, by now, have received an email all about 2020 holiday abroad.

### **Open Night**

The Ski Club's OPEN NIGHT for season 2019-20 will be held in the Bon Accord, North Street on Thursday 7th November. The Club's annual fees are due on this date.

## **SOCIAL**

The first social event is a little bit different!

A tour has been organised to the first whisky distillery in the city for 150 years. We are going to the Clydeside Distillery, Stobcross Street, in the old Pumping House, just beyond the SEC. This visit will be on Friday afternoon 20th September. Cost for the tour is £15pp and lasts about one hour (have a look at the distillery website for more info). Thereafter we are heading up to Balbir's Curry House - the Club's favourite Indian restaurant - for the first Monthly Meal Out. This has been booked for 6.00pm. We know that is a bit earlier than usual but it is a one-off.

The distillery visit is on a 'first come first served' basis and numbers are limited.

Please note that you can opt for the distillery visit only OR the curry only OR the two of them - it is up to you! The distillery visit starts at 4.00pm - best be there a little bit before hand so that you don't miss the beginning. Please let Roy Craig know if you are coming along on or preferably before Monday 9th. September. There is also a shop and cafe in the distillery.

If you would like to come to the distillery or curry house or both please contact Roy Craig on 0141 883 6665.

### **October's Monthly Meal Out**

is to Cote, French restaurant, West Nile Street (just up from St. Vincent Street) on Friday 25th at 7.30pm. Names to Alan Sellar if you wish to come along.

### **Christmas Get-together**

(advance notice - we know that it is only September but this gives you time to get your diary filled in).

This will be held in the Tabony residence, Milngavie on Saturday 7th December. More details in the next SkiNews.

### **Ski Quiz-**

Who, where and when was the first record of a person skiing in Scotland?

(answers next SkiNews)

## OBITUARIES

We were sad to learn that two of our past members have recently passed away.

They were Jenny Nicoll and Walter Neilson.

Nigel writes as follows:-

Jenny (Janet) Nicoll was an early member of the club joining the club in 1963. At that time the lift system had not been developed and you had to walk up in order to ski. She was my aunt. As the club developed she joined in the weekend trips to Carrbridge and the day trips to Glenshee. She joined in the local dances on a Saturday night at the Carrbridge Hotel with great enthusiasm.

Jenny passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 after suffering a very bad stroke.

Walter (Edward) Neilson was a founder member of the Glasgow Ski Club. I remember that on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1962 on the Scottish Ski Club bus Walter stood up and said 'I do not like the way the Scottish Ski Club are running these buses and I propose that we form a new ski club. All in favour say aye'. The following weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> January 1962 Walter and Sandy Jeffreys stood up again at the front of the bus and said that they would form a new ski club, to be called The Glasgow Ski Club and so we were born. As a young 15 year old I was not aware of the politics at that time. Walter and Sandy then became Chairman and Secretary and a constitution adopted. Over the next few years the club expanded under their leadership and at one point we had about 350 members. Initially there were day trips to Glenshee and as Cairngorm developed weekend trips to that area.

Walter managed to ski to his late years and came along to our anniversary dinners at the City Chambers and the Glynhill Hotel in Paisley.

Walter passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

There are now only two remaining founder members left. Sandy Jeffreys and myself.

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. See ya!

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