

MIDLAND SKI CLUB NEWS

THE MIDLANDS LEADING SNOWSPORTS CLUB

NOVEMBER 2005

40th Anniv. Memorabilia Evening

Do come along to Old Silhillians on Wednesday 16th. November when, as part of our 40th. celebrations, we are holding a Memorabilia Evening. There will be lots of photos and films of past holidays and Scottish Trips and we are trying to get any old articles from the past of skiing.

Has anyone got a pair of leather, double lace-up boots or wooden skis with cable bindings? Bring them along together with any old skiing artifacts (and I don't mean the Committee!) What about racing pants with padded knees or trousers with stirrups under the foot? Or anything else our younger members will find hilarious.

YES KIDS! This includes you.

Come along and see what the wrinklies had to go through to make MSC what it is today. Have a laugh at photos of them with hair! There should be some food.

It would be great to see lots of ex-members or people who don't usually make evening meetings. Please spread the word and make this the one time you do come.

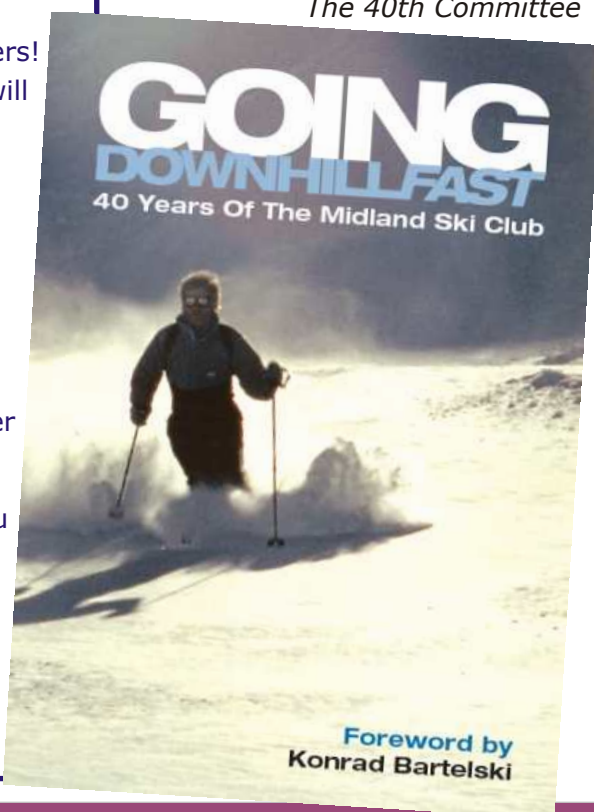
The 40th Committee

Going Downhill *Fast*

I am sure you are all enjoying reading our great new Brochure but we have to admit that the gremlins got to the article 40 Year Timeline. There are a few errors and omissions: for instance, the first Club Holiday was in 1975 not 1974 - it's engraved on the hearts of those who went, and there is no mention of the infamous Bormio Holiday in 1979 that's engraved on our livers!

But don't despair. You will soon get the full and unexpurgated Authorised Version of the History of Midland Ski Club. The GREAT BOOK has been written and is now at the publishers.

Included with this newsletter you should be getting an advert and order form, and we really need you to spread the word amongst all the people you know who have had any contact with the Club over the past 40 years. It will also solve the problem of what to buy your friends for Christmas.



Diary

Mondays @ 7/8pm

Adult Coaching
Alan Parkin 01902 751288

Tuesdays @ 6.30pm

Instructor Training - Roger
Crombleholme 01785 714073

Tuesdays @ 7.30/8pm

Race Coaching - Roger
Crombleholme 01785 714073

Fridays @ 6/6.30pm

Junior Coaching
Sarah Yeomans 0121 449 9198

Fridays @ 8/8.30pm

Adult Coaching - Roger
Crombleholme 01785 714073

16-Nov-05

40th Anniv. Memorabilia Evening
Old Silhillians, Solihull
Jeff Elmore 07958 967709

6-Dec-05

Warren Miller's "Higher Ground"
Apollo Cinema, Leamington Spa

21-Dec-05

MSC Christmas Party
Old Silhillians, Solihull
Jeff Elmore 07958 967709

8 to 15-Jan-06

Training Week, Sestriere, Italy
John Arnold, 0121 457 16444

4 to 11-Mar-06

Club Holiday, Saalback, Austria
Mike Thomas, 024 76 692792

7 to 16-Apr-06

Family Holiday, Davos,
Switzerland
Nigel Dawes, 0121 245 2594.

26-Apr-06

Annual General Meeting
Old Silhillians, Solihull
Jeff Elmore 07958 967709.

10 to 17-Jul-06

Summer Skiing, Hintertux,
Austria
Maureen Crombleholme, 01785
714073

World Cup Skiing on TV

Starting on 20th November 2005 Channel 4 will feature every Alpine World Cup leading up to the Olympics, coverage will continue after the Winter Games and will follow the World Cup right up to the Finals in Are, Sweden.

The 16 part Sunday morning series featuring the best of World Cup downhill action will also feature for the first time in ski racing history one hour specials on Christmas Day and New Years Day. A total of 39 programmes equalling 62 hours of coverage will be broadcast on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings and will cover the Alpine Skiing, Nordic, Freestyle and Snowboard World Cup circuits.

Skiing on 4 is presented by Wolverhampton born Nick Fellows, who used to race for Telford. Nick will be joined by special guests including Konrad Bartelski, Ken Read, Martin Bell, Mark Giradelli, Franz Klammer and more. The first show is at 8am on Sunday 20th November and will cover the racing at Sölden, Austria.

For more information go to <http://www.hothouse-productions.com>

Ski Ste Foy

Nick Smith, owner of Chalet Col Du Mont, has 6 places available for a week in St Foy at the end of November. Ste Foy is only 20 mins drive from Tignes (which is already open for the season). Nick has obtained flights from East Midlands to Geneva on EasyJet for £40 - but these prices are unlikely to last long. Ring Nick on 01543 483021 or 07967 016673 for full detail.s

Small Ads

Kids ski boots size 4.5: Salomon Performa T4, red, 4 clip VGC £35 ono
Contact Robert Cawte 0121 745 3882
Can bring to Ackers

Ladies Volkl Energy 320 Gamma Skis with original bindings. Length 163cm. 4 weeks on snow. Good condition. £70 call 0121 352 0052.

Wanted asap Reasonably priced/condition/fairly fashionable clothing/snowboots/accessories wanted for family going ski-ing/snowboarding for the first time. (Ski/Board equipment not required as hired as part of holiday package) All female, 2 x size 10, 1 x size 12 and one aged 10 1/2 years.

Phone Lynn on 01527 872355, mobile 07880 501551 or email: lynn@ired.co.uk

NEW Starting Ramp

Those with long memories may remember building the MSC starting ramp. The ramp suffered from a number of problems, not least that it wasn't a permanent installation yet was so heavy that it rarely got used.

Following negotiations with the Ackers, we're please to announce the NEW ramp. This is permanently sited at the top of the slope, and was build under the expertise of Phil Deller with the help of many other members.

Thanks to all involved during the ramp building day held on the 5th November. For those who didn't make it to the Lockwoods Cup race on the 11th, the pictures below will give you some indication of the work involved.



Ski With Max

Max organises for the Brits every winter weeks and long weekends in the Italian Alps of Gressoney, Champoluc and Alagna.

There are a few spaces available for a long weekend 2nd-5th March 2006 and for the week 9th-16th March 2006. April is fairly free and there are a few spaces for half term in February.

The cost for the long weekend is 625 euro (4 people sharing 2 rooms), or for the week 795 euro (4 people sharing 2 rooms)

The price includes: 7(4) days accommodation Half board in a two star hotel (Hotel Stadel), 6(4) days ski pass, 1 night in "refuge Guglielmina" with dinner at 3000m (a must!), Off Piste and ski tour guiding during your stay, transfers from and to Turin Airport and lots of fun!!!

In addition Max has a chalet apartment in Les Carroz d'Arraches, France for self catering breaks which sleeps 6/8 overlooks the slopes and is only 50 mins from Geneva airport.

Max can offer advice on cheap flights, pre book lessons and ski hire and has considerable local knowledge, having lived in Gressoney for over 20 years.

Check the website www.skiwithmax.com or call Max, our new Club member, on 01926 316318.

www.austriasport.co.uk

Privately owned Ski apartment
(Sleeps 6) - Zell am See

Tel 0845 120 9896

Discount for MSC members



MSC Holiday Update

The Training Week to Sestriere in January is now full, but some places are still available on the other forthcoming season's MSC Holidays. But don't leave it too late - or you'll be disappointed... Booking forms are overleaf.

TRAINING WEEK SESTRIERE, ITALY 8-15TH JANUARY 2006

Thanks to everyone who paid up so promptly and the Holiday is now fully booked. There will be 54 of us enconced in the Hotel Sciatori on January 8th I can smell that pasta now! Also I am delighted to say that all our usual Coaches have agreed to try once again to improve our skiing and I'm sure they will succeed.

I will be writing to you all nearer the time with details of flight times, the Groups etc. but please give me a ring on 0121 751 1644 if you need to know anything before then.

CLUB HOLIDAY SAALBACH, AUSTRIA 4-11TH MARCH 2006

Many members have requested that we return to Austria for the Club Holiday, and in Saalbach we have a fine resort with traditional alpine charm and lively après-ski life in addition to many miles of skiing to cater for all abilities. The lift system, and free bus service link to Hinterglemm, and the runs also extend to Lego-Land, sorry Leogang, for a long easy day's cruising. On the last MSC holiday to Saalbach we were finding and sking fresh snow all week, but just in case, all the main runs have artificial snow making kit.

We're staying in Hotel Riegler, close to the centre of the resort, and handy for the main Gondola lift, and bus stop for Hinterglemm. All rooms are en-suite, and there's a bar, lounge, sauna, and a modern ski room with heated boot holders. We're using scheduled flights from Birmingham to Munich; there's no ski carriage charge provided individual baggage allowance does not exceed 20kgs. For full details see the 2005/6 Equity brochure. The price of £625 is for half board accommodation, and includes a full area lift pass

For further information and bookings, please contact Mike Thomas on 02476 692792

FAMILY HOLIDAY DAVOS, SWITZERLAND 7-16TH APRIL 2006

Following on from our success of the last two years a new venue has been chosen for 2006. We will be visiting Davos staying in the Youth Palace.

Davos offers 300km of pistes up to 2800m with the majority over 2000m. The format of the holiday will be 6 full days of training and one free skiing day. The accommodation is half board and all en-suite, travelling by coach with pick up on the evening of 7th April and return to Birmingham on Easter Sunday 16th April.

Prices including training and lift pass are: 4 share £550 each, 3 share £580, 2 share £650, child discounts £40 (15-17), £90 (13-14), £130 (6-12), £190 (under 6). Insurance is not included as many people have annual policies, but it is a requirement that a policy is in force to cover your booking.

For further information and bookings, please contact Nigel Dawes on 0121 445 2594.

SUMMER SKIING HINTERTUX, AUSTRIA 10-17TH JUNE 2006

Flights, transfers, ½ board at a luxurious hotel with lots of facilities (including sauna, steam rooms, table tennis, etc), 6 x 5 hour ski performance improvement coaching sessions and optional afternoon activities.

Non-skiers / boarders are more than welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful valley and all it can offer, especially for walkers and cyclists. A reduced rate is applied for those not skiing or boarding.

This is a FUN trip for everyone in a very friendly group and each year we get a healthy mix of people who have been before and new comers. It is also an ideal mix for those who want to improve their skiing, but find a full day of coaching too much. We finish at approx 13:00 hrs and have the afternoon to do as we wish. You don't have to join in any of the afternoon activities if you don't want to. Chilling out is also an afternoon activity!

For further information and bookings, please contact Maureen Crombleholme on 01785 714073.

Free Cake in Meribel

If you are going to be in Meribel this season and fancy a piece of carrot cake after skiing you will be sure of a warm welcome at Silver Ski's Chalet Allyson where our own Jane Fairey is going to spend the season as a Chalet Girl. I am certain lots of us have dreamed of spending the whole season in the Alps but Jane has actually taken the plunge and done it. Good luck, Jane. Please let MSC News have regular updates on snow conditions and how the season is going.

Jane also has a pair of Salomon Pilot Scream Skis 170cm. for sale. Give her a ring on 07773046329 before she goes off on her adventure on 6th December.

MSC Achievement Awards

Those of you who were at the Annual Christmas party last year will remember what a great success the Achievement awards were.

This year we will be running the awards again, but this time we want you as Club members to nominate people for the awards. We are looking for nominations to recognise the efforts and achievements of people from across the whole of the Club, both skiers and non-skiers, racers and non-racers. Nominations can be made for virtually anything, for example - most improved skier, best Coach, step improvement in performance, etc.

You can also nominate people who may have done a lot of charity work, have helped and contributed to organising Club activities, or have made a significant improvement or impact for the Club over the years. All nominations will be considered, but you will need to say who you are nominating and why.

Any nominations must be received by the end of November so that we can sort everything out in time to present the awards at the Christmas party. If you have any questions, or need further information, contact Jeff Elmore (Chairman) on 07958 967709 or email jeffski@blueyonder.co.uk, any committee member or any of the coaches.

Martin Bell Evening

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to this popular evening. Martin made a great presentation covering many aspects of skiing, and questions were many and wide-ranging. The raffle raised £125 for charity.



MSC Chairman Jeff Elmore thanking Martin for his talk.

Warren Miller Competition Winners

The winners of the Warren Miller Competition were Dan Yeomans, who won a weekender bag, and Sophia and Nick Phelps who won tickets to see *Higher Ground* in Leamington on 6th December.

CLUB HOLIDAY SAALBACH 4-11 MAR 2006

To: Mike Thomas 71 Cannon Hill Road Coventry CV4 7BT

Please reserve places on the Saalbach holiday. I enclose a non refundable deposit of £95 per person, payable to Midland Ski Club

Name as per passport.....Name as per passport.....

Name known as..... Name known as.....

Address.....

Phone number..... Email address.....

Special diet requirements.....

Please indicate if you require ski and boot hire at £33 [] []

I accept the terms and conditions detailed in the Equity Ski Brochure

Signed..... Date.....

FAMILY HOLIDAY, DAVOS - 7-16 APRIL 2006

To: Nigel Dawes, 5 Private Way, Birmingham B45 8UD

Please reserve _____ adult and _____ child places on the Family Holiday. I enclose a deposit of £65 per person as a non refundable deposit payable to Midland Ski Club .

Name/s (as per passport):

Phone: Email:

Address:

Signed Date

HINTERTUX SUMMER 2006

To: Maureen Crombleholme, 7 St. Modwena Way, Penkridge, Staffs. ST19 5ST or email: Maureen@ims-lifebalance.com

Name:

Email address or home address:

I am interested in receiving details of the Hintertux 2006 summer trip.