

# MIDLAND SKI CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 2009

## SNOWMARK - Success!

We're very pleased to announce that Midland Ski Club is now a Snowmark Accredited Club - only the third club in the country to gain this recognition.

Numerous people have worked very hard in achieving this over the past few years, but special recognition must go to our Snowmark Coordinator Karen Conde.

Snowmark is the snowsports version of Clubmark, the national cross-sports quality accreditation scheme for clubs. It is built around a set of core criteria which ensure that accredited clubs operate to a set of consistent, accepted and adopted operating standards.

Sport England recognises and values the commitment made by sports clubs to develop high quality, welcoming environments for participants.



## Diary

### **Mondays @ 7.30pm**

Adult Coaching  
Bryan Arnott 01827 893243  
**Restarts 12th October**

### **Tuesdays @ 6.30pm**

Instructor Training - Roger  
Crombleholme 01785 714073

### **Tuesdays @ 7.30pm**

Race Coaching - Roger  
Crombleholme 01785 714073

### **Thursdays @ 6/7.30pm**

Advanced Race Training - Roger  
Crombleholme 01785 714073

### **Fridays @ 6/6.30/7pm**

Junior Coaching  
Jane Lee 01905 345416

### **10th October**

Introduction to Nordic, Draycott  
Water

Anne Ford - 07958 721310

### **14th October**

New Season Social, Old Sils  
Diana Horth - 01889 800706

### **17th October**

Gloucester Summer Race League  
Jane Lee - 01905 345416

### **23rd-25th October**

High Altitude Training Weekend -  
Mike Thomas 02476 692792

### **31st Oct - 2nd Nov**

Birmingham Ski Show

### **6th November**

Lockwoods Cup, Ackers

### **29th November**

MSC Fun Race, Ackers

## NEW SEASON SOCIAL - 14th OCTOBER

The darker nights are now drawing in, and so minds turn to the forthcoming winter season. So come along to the on Old Silhillian's club, Warwick Road, Solihull, on 14th October to a evening to welcome in the 2009-10 winter season.

Talk to everyone about your plans for this winter, or get ideas if you haven't already decided. Bring along your photos/videos from last year and we'll put them up on the big screen for all to see. You could even bring along any new gear you want to show off!

See you at the Old Silhillians Club, just off M42 J5 towards Knowle around 8pm.

## INTRODUCTION TO ROLLER SKI

On Saturday 10th October we'll be running an "Introduction to Nordic Skiing" session at Draycott Water, just south of Rugby. Come along to try your hand at roller skiing - the 'summer' version of cross-country skiing.

Starting around 10am, you'll be introduced to Roller skis and try them out on the lakeside's perimeter path (don't worry, you don't have to ski all the way around!). The session will finish around 12.30,

Please ring Anne Ford on 07958 721310 to confirm you are coming. Bring helmets and gloves. Bikes and roller blades and also welcome - it's a really nice place for a morning out.

## BIRMINGHAM SKI SHOW - FREE TICKETS!

We are pleased to announce that once again we have been offered FREE VIP TICKETS to the British Ski and Board Show, on at the NEC from 30th October to 1st November. The tickets include fast-track entry and access to the club lounge, where complimentary refreshments will be available and films being shown.

To get your tickets, get in touch with Jeff Elmore, 07958 967709 [jeffski@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jeffski@blueyonder.co.uk) and give him your details.



# GLOUCESTER SUMMER RACE LEAGUE

Race 5 saw a very hard working day at Gloucester.

With many skiers missing we were challenged seriously and didn't quite succeed, coming 4th on the day, taking us down to 2nd overall. Gloucester scored 176 points in the morning and 70 in the afternoon, while we managed 145 and 63 - a massive difference of 38 points over the day.

The afternoon was better than the morning, pulling back 9 points against both Western Counties and Slalom Plus after being comprehensively outclassed by both in the morning. We have to work seriously hard now just to keep 2nd place in October, Western Counties are only 7 points behind, we can still win in October, but it needs a full team and some really effective skiing.

There were some really good improvements this month, best improver was Nathan, followed by Chloe, John, James S, Jordan, James C, Sarah, Liam, Sam D, Peter, Tom and Adam B.

## Top 30 skiers:

Adam B(1), Alasdair(8), Dominic(19), Sam S (21), James E (24), Sophia (31)

## 20+ points:

Adam B(27), John (22), James E, Dave , Dominic (21), Ed, Sam S, Alasdair, Rob (20)

## 9 afternoon points:

Rob, Sarah, Jack R, Tom

There was some great teamwork on Saturday, thanks to Sam L, Duncan, Jordan, Jack, James E who all won ice creams. Well done especially to Alasdair, now with a well plastered thumb from a fall the previous day, yet only x-rayed only after another great race on Sunday at the ESSKIA first round. It was impressive to see 18 MSC skiers representing their schools.

There was a silver lining ? the weather was hot all weekend, not a drop of mud in sight, a welcome change after a few disgusting September races in the past, particularly 2006 and 2007.

Detailed results are on the website.

*Jane Lee*

# Get Well Soon!

Many sympathies to the Deller family after the car accident they were in in France recently.

Phil - still in hospital and likely to be there for some months yet whilst he mends - says he is determined to be back skiing on snow by Easter and looks forward to racing again next summer.

Get well soon!

# MSC BROCHURE

Articles are still needed from all parts of the club for the 2009-10 Brochure, which is now being produced. Please please send articles, photos, snippets, etc to Rob Weeks at the address at the bottom of the front page. If you don't send that article in, we can't include it!

# LOCKWOODS CUP 2009

The MSC's Lockwoods Cup will be held on Friday 6th November from 6 to 9.30pm. All members are welcome, either to race or just to watch. Entries on the night. Barbecue will be available.

Any profit on the night will be matched from club funds and donated to Dave Ryding's Winter Olympics bid.