

MIDLAND SKI CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2012

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND AWARDS: MSC DO IT AGAIN!

We have done it yet again! Fantastic results at this year's SnowSport England Awards presented at the NEC during the Birmingham Ski+Board Show:

Recreational Club of the Year 2012: Midland Ski Club

Volunteer of the Year 2012: Dave Lee

Young Volunteer of the Year 2012: Adam Lee

We were also runner-up in the Competitive Club Category and Carron Thorley was runner up Volunteer of the Year. Our continued success with these awards really reflects the club's continuing success and the dedication of volunteering members to offer to all of you the best possible skiing opportunities whether on holiday, racing, or recreational skiing.

Bryan Thomas

MSC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS



This year's **MSC Christmas Party** will be held at Land Rover Sports and Social Club, Billsmore Green, Solihull on **Friday 7th December** starting at 8pm. Early on in the evening we will be presenting this year's **MSC Awards** to members who have achieved much in this last year.

Following the awards, there will be a Christmas Buffet. Come along and get in the Christmas mood!

MIDLAND SKI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

The annual Midland Ski Club Championship race will take place at Ackers on Saturday 1st December. The race consists of 3 timed runs with the total time of the best of the first two plus the final run to count for medal positions. Medals will be awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd places in male and female in the following categories: U7, U10, U12, U14, U16, U19, U25, U35, U45, and 45+ (ages as per the day of the race),

The race is open to all, including non-members, but only members can win the perpetual trophies.

The cost of entry is £10 per racer, including ski and boot hire if required. Completed entry forms (overleaf) should be posted to the address on the form below by 5pm on Thursday 29th November together with a cheque for payment made payable to "Midland Ski Club". If an email address is included on the entry form, confirmation of receipt will be emailed to you. Entry may also be made by email to rachbilly18@hotmail.com and payment made

by direct bank transfer to Midland Ski Club at sort code 089299 a/c number 65362479,

making sure to state the name(s) of entrant(s). Or see Rachel at Ackers.

The provisional timetable on the day is as follows:

- 11.30 Registration (until 12.30)
- 12.00 Open practice
- 12.30 Course setting
- 12.45 Course inspection
- 13.00 Runs 1 & 2
- 14.00 Break, followed by Run 3
- 15.15 Prize giving

Diary

Tuesdays @ 6.00pm

Young Racer Development Coaching
Roger Crombleholme 01785 714073

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Thursdays @ 6.00pm

Young Racer Performance Coaching
Roger Crombleholme 01785 714073

Thursdays @ 7.30pm

Race Performance Training
Guy Hornsby 01564 779927

Fridays @ 6/6.30/7.30pm

Skier Improvement Coaching
Jane Lee 01905 345416

Fridays @ 7.30pm

Adult Recreational Coaching
Roger Crombleholme 01785 714073

28th Nov

Warren Miller's Flow State
Leamington Spa

1st Dec

MSC Club Championships
Rachel Bill, 07748 834123

7th Dec

MSC Christmas Party
Diana Horth, 01889 800706

30th Dec-5th Jan

Family Holiday Week, Ski Amade,
Austria
Kim Hancock, 01788 337280

13th-20th Jan

Training Week, Pila, Italy
John Arnold, 0121 357 1644



Easyfundraising the quick, easy and free way to help MSC raise funds to support you and your skiing! And with Christmas just around the corner there's no better time to start

It's really easy for every member who buys anything on-line to contribute to building up funds for MSC to use to support our activities with only a few clicks of the mouse button.

Easyfundraising is based near Birmingham and was founded by a lady from Sutton Coldfield

Easyfundraising.org.uk helps charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes to raise money when their supporters shop online. So far they have raised over £4million for causes throughout the UK.

It works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. It's as simple as that! In some cases you can also get your loyalty points AND raise money for MSC.

You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend.

If you would like to **support Midland Ski Club** here is a step by step guide.

If you haven't yet registered:

Go to Easyfundraising.org.uk using your web browser

1. Click on 'Support a good cause' or the 'I want to support a good cause' icon
2. In the "Choose a good cause" box type in "Midland Ski Club" and hit enter or click on "Find"
3. In the next window you will see a list of causes and MSC should be at the top now click on "Support" in the MSC window
4. Fill out the quick form to register your details.

To register, the only information you need to provide is First Name, Last Name, e-mail address, Password. At this stage you can opt out of e-mails from Easyfundraising if you wish to do so. You can also check the privacy policy if you have any concerns on this.

Once registered, you will be sent a brief e-mail saying that your account is ready to use, what your good cause is and your e-mail address.

You can now start raising funds for MSC whenever you make purchases on-line!

- 1) Search for what you are looking for as you normally

would using Google or other search engines and find the best priced site. Make a note of the retailer.

- 2) Next, open up another webpage and go to the Easyfundraising website (you can save this in your favourites)
- 3) Sign in using your e-mail address and password
- 4) Find the retailer or product you want to shop with by typing the name you have just noted in the search box.
- 5) Click "Find" to visit the retailer. If it's listed then great, you can raise funds for MSC with a click! Then shop as you normally would.
- 6) Your donation will be shown in your easyfundraising account within 30 days.

Progress so far

MSC currently has 24 registered supporters and they have raised **£262**. You can see progress of the donations and your contribution on the Easyfundraising website.

The MSC Committee are planning to use some of these funds to subsidise a Ski Binding Course on 2nd December. The more money we raise the more we can support Club activities across all; areas of the Club. And it's so easy - there's no form filling or grant applications to submit, it's all just donated by the participating retailers and organisations. There are lots of trusted, big name retailers and brands that donate, so you are sure to find ones that you use.

So join up today and start helping MSC with just a couple of clicks of the mouse!

Any concerns? It is a simple and secure way of raising funds. Your e-mail won't be passed on to other parties. No one (other than the retailer you purchased the item through) can see what you have purchased. The administrator of the cause you support can see a list of retailers that have been visited in order to raise funds for the cause, but they cannot see which of the supporters visited the site or what was purchased.

For more information please look at these links:-

How it works: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

Frequently asked questions:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/frequently-asked-questions/>

Midland Ski Club Championship Race - Entry Form

Send to: Rachel Bill, Flat 2, 3 Margaret Road, Harborne, West Midlands B17 0EU.

Name _____ Year of birth _____

Sex: **M / F** Category: **U7 / U10 / U12 / U14 / U16 / U19 / U26 / H35 / U45 / 45+**

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Acceptance of entry to this race will be deemed to relieve sponsors, organisers, Midland Ski Club, its officers, members, voluntary helpers and all others associated with the race of any liability for injury, loss or damage incurred by or caused by any entrant to any other party whomsoever.

I have read the above paragraph and enclose the entry fee of £10 per racer (cheques payable to Midland Ski Club) / have paid by direct bank transfer (*delete as applicable*).

Signed _____ Dated _____

(By parent/guardian if under 18)

Print name _____

BIG SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE ADVENTURE#3: CHILE

13th-27th August 2013

Firstly, my apologies for the protracted finalisation of this itinerary. We wanted so much to give you a dual country itinerary, but Argentina has just proven too expensive, so we've decided on a **3 centre trip to Chile** and by going on the 13th August, the costs are reduced even more as our guide's travel costs can be shared with another group who will follow us out there for a ski mountaineering trip and Tuesday flights are currently the cheapest. We have tried our best to get the costs down as much as we possibly can. **This is a holiday of a lifetime** and costs will only go up more in future years, so I hope you'll take this opportunity to ski Chile in 2013.

Ours is an MSC exclusive multi-centre holiday to Chile covering 3 areas (5 resorts). Our flights go from **Birmingham** via Air France to Santiago.

Very cold dry conditions and the high altitude of South American resorts produce a lot of good powder snow, usually in August. There'll be some overland travel with beautiful scenery, so cameras are a must!

Please note that this is a **high altitude holiday, with skiing from 3800m**, so the fitter you are, the less breathless you will be and you will enjoy the trip even more.

Itinerary:

Day 1-2 -- Overnight flight, land early morning and drive to Chillan
Days 3-4 -- Ski Chillan two full days.
Day 5 -- Transfer to Los Andes
Days 6-7 -- Ski at Portillo, two full days.
Day 8 -- Day in Santiago, city tour & vineyard tour.
Day 9 -- Transfer to Farellones and ski (full day skiing).
Days 10-12 -- Three full days skiing based at Farellones.
Day 13 -- Last full day skiing and early evening transfer to Santiago.
Day 14 -- Morning coffee in Santiago. Fly home from Santiago in the afternoon.
Day 15 -- Land UK, probably late afternoon/early evening

Basic Price is £1925 per person for 6 or 7 people, dropping to £1725 for 8 or more people. (for 4 it would be £2050 each if the 4 people still wanted to go). PLUS flight costs of £900 - £1000 Birmingham to Santiago
We have also agreed a later date of the end of February for the £500 non-refundable deposit to guarantee a place.

Final payment will be required no later than 31st May 2013.

The following are included in the cost of this trip:

- ANDES leader & all leaders costs
- All transfers in Chile
- All accommodation - 3 nights Santiago, 3 nights Chillan, 2 nights Los Andes (for Portillo), 4 nights Farellones. All including breakfasts.
- Evening meals at Farellones (4 nights)
- Santiago City Tour & Vineyard Tour

We will take an emergency fund with us to support anyone in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

EXCLUDED:

- **Insurance:** evidence that you have insurance is necessary at the time of your final payment. Ensure repatriation is included.
- **Ski carriage** 200 euros total. 1 pair of skis, 1 pair of poles & 1 pair of boots totaling no more than 23kg total. Couples / people sharing can avoid this charge with some clever packing and clothing limits. Contact Maureen for details.
- **Ski passes** (estimated at £30 - £40 per day for under 60's)
- **8 evening meals** (Santiago, Chillan & Los

Andes), **lunches** (inexpensive & good quality even on the mountains) and **drinks**, plus general spending money for gifts, etc.

- **Ski, boot and board hire** (we recommend you take your own or hire in the UK).

Links to resort information:

Andes Travel : <http://www.andes.org.uk/>

Chillan Piste map: <http://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/Chillan/pistemap>

Portillo Piste Map:

<http://www.chileanski.com/eng/portillo/trail-map.htm>

Hotel Possada de Farellones (details of ski area available from this site): <http://www.farellones.cl/> This is a very chilled hotel with excellent service you get your warm boots delivered into the hall every morning and taken away every evening. We usually take slippers and curl up on the squidgy cushions before and after dinner! Also there is a **HOT TUB** to relax in after skiing, so bring your swimwear.

For a booking form or for any queries should be made to: Maureen Crombleholme on 01785 714073, 07710 511388, or preferably by email to maureen@ims-lifebalance.com

Warren Miller's Flow State

28th Nov 8.00pm Leamington Spa

The ONLY local midlands screening of this winter's Warren Miller film Flow Stats is for one night only at the Apollo Cinema in Leamington Spa on 28th November starting at 8.00pm

The Warren Miller film tour shows are so much more than a regular visit to the cinema, they're a party and an experience not to be missed. It is the best kick start to the new winter season and at every show ticket holders also receive goodie bags and have the chance to win exciting prizes in the interval prize draw.

Tickets are on sale now and they are selling fast. Last year was a sell-out and some people couldn't get in on the night, so make sure you don't miss out by getting your tickets now at www.warrenmiller.co.uk where you will also find tour information, trailers, photos and much more.

Some key film highlights:

Olympic gold medallist Ted Ligety takes on Alaska's mighty Chugach
Jackie Paaso explores the Norwegian Arctic on the Svalbard archipelago
Chris Anthony makes Warren Miller history skiing on 70-year-old, 10th Mountain Division ski equipment.
Chris Davenport & Darren Rahlves ski San Juan, Colorado

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Members are reminded that **all** memberships expire each year on 1st October, and as such **renewals are now overdue**. You'll have received a renewal form in the post. Please check the form, correct as necessary and return without delay. Alternatively you can renew online at www.midlandski.org.uk/renewal.