

# MIDLAND SKI CLUB NEWS

JUNE 2015

## 50th Anniversary Dinner



106 members and partners wined, dined and danced the evening away with a continual hub-bub of chatter!!

This landmark event celebrated a milestone for our club not achieved by many others. Jeremy Eaton Chairman of Snowsport England was our guest speaker and congratulated us on being a very successful club and well respected by all in our sport. He presented a perpetual trophy to mark the event, and we can decide how it is awarded each year.

MSC chairman Bryan Thomas responded and said that congratulations were due to our members, as without them we would be nothing. In particular, it is those members who are volunteers, who give of their time to our committees, who coach, who act as officials, who organise holidays and socials, they are our lifeblood.

Attending were members who had supported the club

over most of these 50 years and the "chatter" was very much with old and new friends meeting, catching up on news and reminiscing, and seeing that the club is going from strength to strength. The club is changing as is life and society, and we are attracting younger members at an ever increasing rate, they are the future of our club.

Our home at Ackers is also changing as the extension and refurbishment takes place (at last) and we hope that we can, when completed by the end of the year, have a regular club night, say once a month, when we can organise a true social type evening. If this is supported by a cross section of members, we will not have to wait another 10 years to meet up!!

To those that who attended, thank you for coming and making the evening such a great success.



## Midland 50th Anniversary Club National

The Midland 50th Anniversary Club National was held on Sunday 21st June at Gloucester Ski Centre. We had just about the largest entry of any CN race so far this year, from 7-year-olds just starting to race, through the U16, U18 and U21 top racers, to the old racers who whilst no longer competitive just can't give up their regular racing fix.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped out organising the event and on the day - it would not have happened without you. Many thanks too to our sponsors - many shown below - for the fantastic trophies and prizes. And a final thanks to all the racers - you were awesome.



# CLUB HOLIDAY 2016: Courchevel - 27th Feb to 5th Mar 2016

The 2016 Club holiday s to the chic French resort of Courchevel 1850, staying at the Chalet Hotel Les Anemones. In response to several requests we are going a week earlier than usual. This Inghams chalet hotel is a short walk to the centre of the resort and just 30 metres from La Croisette with a good range of lifts up above 1850. You can ski back to the hotel. You can find details in the Inghams brochure or on their website.

Courchevel gives access to the three valleys ski area including Meribel, Val Thorens, and Les Menuires

We are flying from Birmingham to Chambéry. Flight times are provisionally:  
27 February ST3994 depart Birmingham at 1320 to arrive Chambéry at 16.15

05 March ST3995 depart Chambéry 11.30 to arrive Birmingham at 12.30

If you would like to fly from **another regional airport** please let me know as soon as you can. Belfast supplement is £59. Newcastle, Stanstead and Bristol supplements are the same as Birmingham £39.

If you would like to take the **train** please get in touch. There is no supplement for a standard seat without meals but standard premier including meals is an extra £100 upwards depending on when we book.

I have tried to keep costs down and this is one of the lower cost options for 2016. The base cost of the holiday is £775. A deposit of £150 per person is payable on booking, with the final balance will be due at the end of November

The cost of area lift passes is Adult £209 and Senior £199

But it looks as though those over 75 will get a free lift pass. These will be arranged in resort.

If you have not joined a club holiday before now please be reassured that we do all we can to make sure you are included, that you have a group to ski with and that you're not left alone wondering who to talk to. There's sometimes a drinks party before the evening meal, and generally as much après ski as you can cope with.

Please contact me for more information at [diana.horth@ntlworld.com](mailto:diana.horth@ntlworld.com) or 01889 800706 or 07806 777049.



*The holiday is sold under the terms and conditions of Hotelplan Ltd (Inghams) and full details can be found in their ski brochure 2015/16*

## CLUB HOLIDAY 2016 - BOOKING FORM

**To:** Diana Horth, 23 Lockside View, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1NJ

Please book me \_\_\_ place(s) on the club holiday to Courchevel from 27th Feb - 5th Mar 2016. I enclose a cheque payable to Midland Ski Club for £150 per person as a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit and I undertake to pay the balance at the end of November 2015.

I have a current (or will obtain) European Health Insurance Card - do check the expiry date. I have a full passport valid for the dates concerned.

Name(s) (as per passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport date of issue & date of expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing office \_\_\_\_\_

Country of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ski carriage? £35 yes/no \_\_\_\_\_ number of ski bags \_\_\_\_\_

Lift Pass Adult (£209) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (£199) \_\_\_\_\_

Ski Hire Excellence (£79) \_\_\_\_\_ Performance (£68) \_\_\_\_\_ Evolution (£57) \_\_\_\_\_ Economy (£44) \_\_\_\_\_

Helmet hire (£19) \_\_\_\_\_ Boots? *Please contact me for details*

Special Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to share with \_\_\_\_\_

# Annual General Meeting 2015

Thank you to the members who supported our AGM last month - one of the best attended for a few years.

At the event, Hilary Cox and John Arnold retired from the committee. Both are long-standing members of the club and have also served on the committee for a very long time, giving unstinting service and advice. Both have decided to stand down so as to open the way for other members to step forward and help steer the club forwards.

Bryan, our chairman made presentations to both of them along with a very big thank you from all of us, we are deeply indebted to them for their service.

In the review of 2014/2015 the chairman gave thanks to all committee and RSG members, coaches, and volunteers without whom the club would not function. Ackers re-development is under way, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner was well attended and a great success and we continue to attract new members, mainly younger skiers, to fill the spaces left by those who no longer ski.

Reports were presented on financial, membership, coaching, racing, socials and last but not least our holidays which continue to be a great success. All areas of the club continue to be very active and well supported.

Our Snowmark re-accreditation has been renewed with many thanks to Gerry Elgy, who not only volunteered, but the put in hours of work to achieve a commendation for its smooth renewal.

Looking forward, Bryan Thomas was re-elected as chairman, as was Diana Horth as secretary and Bryan Arnott as treasurer. We welcome Gerry Elgy who takes over from Hilary Cox as membership secretary, with the other

committee members being Jeff Elmore, Rob Weeks, Roger Crombleholme, Catherine Frakenburg and Anne Ford, with Amie Middleton has been appointed as our social media officer.

This is to be Bryan's last year as chairman, but he is looking forward to leading the club through some key tasks this year such as the completion of the Ackers redevelopment, a review and update of the MSC Constitution, completing the SnowMark revalidation and improving our development plans for officials and coaches.

It was also suggested at the meeting that MSC may be eligible for the Queen's Award for Volunteers and this will also be investigated.

## SUMMER EVENING WALK KINGSBURY WATER PARK

I've a lovely walk along the Fazeley Canal and into the heart of Kingsbury Water Park where the water lilies should be at their best, and lots of bird life to be admired. This easy 4 mile walk starts at the Dog and Doublet pub car park at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th July. The pub is in Bodymoor Heath; to get there from the A4097, pass the main entrance to the Country Park, cross the M42, and the pub is tucked away along the first turning on the left. See [http://websites.uk-plc.net/The\\_Dog\\_and\\_Doublet\\_Inn/](http://websites.uk-plc.net/The_Dog_and_Doublet_Inn/). We will be back to the pub in time for a well earned pint, and the pub food there is excellent.

*Mike Thomas - 02476 692792*

## Coaching Fee Changes

It is now **four years** since MSC contracted with Ackers for the rental of slope for three evenings a week. This was a big financial commitment for the club which all at the time accepted came with a degree of risk. For members, this meant that by paying a fixed amount each month for which they can ski at Ackers on any of the three nights, including coaching on those sessions for which they are eligible.

Over half of regular skiers now use this arrangement which has meant we have been able to keep the price of this to members unchanged throughout this period. However increasing costs means that the price has now to be increased.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, coaching will be £40 per individual member per month**, paid in advance by standing order. For those who pay per session, then session prices remain at £15, except for Friday sessions which start up to 7pm which remain at £10.

For those paying monthly, please contact your bank and adjust your standing order.

## Gloucester Summer Race League

June 13th saw the second GSRL of this season and it poured with rain!

The MSC A team improved its overall ranking from 5th to 4th out of the 15 teams and we are now only 15 points behind our old rivals Western Counties. Gloucester A lead, with Avon U20 in 2nd place.

The three newcomers to the GSRL this month all acquitted themselves well: **Alex Chadwick** went home with a clean sweep of all 3 head-to-head wins, **Finley Moss** won 2 and his brother **William Moss** won 1.

Other good performances:

Scoring over 20 points:

Macaulay Clover 26 - our best scorer of the day

James Elgy 24 - despite not training while away at uni!

Matthew Treuge 24 - who actually finished the course

just once but pulled out a good time!

Lauren Treuge 22

Scoring 9 duals points:

Macaulay Clover, Alex Chadwick, Tabatha Sinclair

Best positions (am):

Matthew Treuge - 2nd U14

Macaulay Clover - 4th U14

James Elgy - 4th U40

Well done everybody. Full results from all GSRL races can be found at [midlandski.uk/raceresults](http://midlandski.uk/raceresults)

*Gerry.*

# Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting - in the Midlands!

We have an opportunity to book onto our own Ski Club tour of Buzzard's Valley Vineyard.

The cost of the evening is £15.00 per person, and includes:

- The tasting of 3 of the Buzzard's Valley range, including one sparkling wine
  - Talk and a tour of the vineyard, weather permitting; apparently the grapes are already developing well this season!
  - Tour of the winery
  - Slide show presentation of the wine making process
- Followed by one course in the Bistro. Choice of
- Beef Lasagne served with salad + garlic bread
  - Fish Pie topped with smoked cheddar mash, with fresh greens
  - 3 cheese Ploughman's with apple, chutney, celery + warm bread

Puddings can also be ordered on the night, but will be extra.

There is also a Vineyard shop with plenty of specialist chocolates, whiskies, vinegars, and many other goodies on sale.

Arrival is 6.45 for 7pm start until 10pm.

Tour Minimum is 20 people (max 50), and a discount will apply if we can get over 30 people!

Buzzards Valley is at 37 Shirrall Drive, Drayton Bassett, Tamworth, Staffs. B78 3EQ . This is easy to access from major routes as it is just off the A453, close to the M42, A5, and A38.

The date is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Final bookings with food choices, and payments will have to be 28 days prior to the event, so I need swift replies on this please.

Please email me your numbers for the evening, and food choices (with any special dietary requirements), deadline for a definite confirmation by 30 June, I can then confirm the booking with the vineyard and then I'll know if we can get the discount.

Any questions, contact me on [cfrankenburg@hotmail.com](mailto:cfrankenburg@hotmail.com) or phone on 0121 681 3611 and leave a message.

**Please send** cheques made to the Midland Ski Club for £15 per person to: Catherine Frankenburg, 6 Tamworth Rd, Sutton Coldfield B75 6DG.

**Or email your details** to [cfrankenburg@hotmail.com](mailto:cfrankenburg@hotmail.com) and direct transfer to the Midland Ski Club account at Sort Code 08-92-99; a/c no: 65362479, Reference: Vineyard.

I look forward to seeing you!

*Catherine Frankenburg*



## Training Week Update

The 2016 training week to Pila, Italy, is selling well. We've managed to secure a few extra places but expect these to sell out soon. So if you know anyone who wants to come but has not yet booked, tell them to get in touch soon if they don't want to be disappointed!

Full details in April's newsletter, or call Bryan Arnott on 07578 428864 or [bryanarnott@gmail.com](mailto:bryanarnott@gmail.com)



## For sale

Atomic Redster SL 130cm (see pic, left). Offers. Sharon Guy, 07790 429634.



## England & GB Squad

Congratulations to MSC racer Ollie Weeks who has just been confirmed as a member of the SnowSport England and SnowSport GB under-16 alpine race squad for 2015-2016.



# HIGH ALTITUDE WEEKEND 2-4 OCTOBER 2015

This year we have booked Hartington Hall YHA for our weekend of walking and dining. Log fires and oak panelling all make this 17th century manor house perfect for weekend breaks in Derbyshire. The hostel is in a lovely, unspoilt area.

There will be arranged and led walks on Saturday and Sunday for those that wish but this is a fantastic area for cycling, walking and sightseeing if you want to do your own thing. So don't feel you have to join the walks.

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/hartington-hall>

Address: Hall Bank, Hartington, Buxton Derbyshire SK17 0AT

This year rather than self cater the communal meal on Saturday we propose to dine in at the YHA.

If this does not appeal you will be able to use the self catering kitchen but you would eat apart from the group.

On Friday members can either self cater, eat in the YHA restaurant (counted as half board) or at a local pub.

There are a few options for you to consider when booking your place but we have to give approximately 3 months notice if we wish to go half board and dine in. This means a cut off date of end June. Deposits of £25 per person on booking with the final balance due 1 August.

Book using the form below or online at [midlandski.uk/ebooking](http://midlandski.uk/ebooking)

## Diary

**Tuesdays @ 6.00pm**

Young Racer Development Coaching

**Tuesdays @ 7.30pm**

Race Development Coaching

**Thursdays @ 6.00pm**

Young Racer Performance Coaching

**Thursdays @ 7.30pm**

Race Performance Training

**Fridays @ 6/6.30/7.30pm**

Skier Improvement Coaching

**Fridays @ 7.30pm**

Adult Recreational Coaching

*For all coaching contact:*

Roger Crombleholme 07736 821147

Guy Hornsby 07768 253515

**15th July: Summer Walk, Kingsbury**

Meet at Dog & Doublet, Bodymoor Heath

Mike Thomas - 024 692 792.

**18th July: Gloucester Summer Race League**

Also 8th Aug, 19th Sep and 17th Oct

Gerry Elgy - 07476 078895

**5th Aug: Vineyard Tour & Tasting**

Buzzards Valley, Nr. Tamworth

Catherine Frankenburg - 0121 681 3611

**2nd-4th Oct: High Altitude Training Weekend**

Hartington, Peak District

Diana Horth - 01889 800706

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## HIGH ALTITUDE WEEKEND 2nd-4th October

**To:** Diana Horth 23 Lockside View, Rugeley WS15 1NJ

Please reserve places as below for the High Altitude Training Weekend.

	Fri 2nd	Sat 3rd	Total
Bed only - £23			
Bed & Breakfast - £24.50			
Half Board - £32.50			
		Total Due	

I enclose a deposit cheque for £25 per person payable to *Midland Ski Club*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Or book online at [midlandski.uk/ebooking](http://midlandski.uk/ebooking)

You can pay by cheque as above or make a direct transfer to the Midland Ski Club account at sort code 08-92-99 a/c 65362479 reference HATW2015 and advise me that you have made the transfer.