



Newsletter October 2015

Dear Members,

As we all look forward with anticipation to a great ski season in Scotland and abroad, the 2015/16 season gets underway at the slope and here's a timely update on club activities. First and importantly, and sorry to bang on about it, to renew your membership you must go to <http://www.arbroathskiclub.co.uk/membership.php> to register and make payment. You will receive a membership number which you will require when you book lessons.

2015/16 Season Dates

NEW START DATES Block 2A Tuesday 03 November and **Block 2B** Thursday 05 November, 6 week blocks. Limited availability for the 7:00pm slots on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Book now.

Dates for 2016 blocks: will be advised in the next newsletter and on the website.

Lessons

Booking online for Blocks 2A and 2B now. Whether it's for the annual school ski trip, winter ski holiday or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, our excellent facilities and instruction will have you looking good in record time. Booking now for all levels – beginner to advanced. See Facebook and the club website <http://www.arbroathskiclub.co.uk/skiing.php> for updates. Any questions or problems regarding lessons, please contact Maggie at lessons@arbroathskiclub.co.uk Remember to renew your membership first because you can't book lessons without a membership number.

AGM Wednesday 28 October

The Club AGM will be held at the Saltire Centre, Arbroath on Wednesday 28 October at 7:30pm and all members are encouraged to attend. Hear about your club and our plans for the future which you can help to shape. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the running of the club so come along and get involved. As an inducement, as if you needed one, there will be a prize draw and a Block of Lessons is up for grabs.

Hoodies

The Club hoodies were very popular last season and we plan to run with them again in 2015/16. A great Christmas present! These are AWD hoodies and they are amongst the best around and great value at £19.00 or £22.50 with name on the back. This season's base colours are Orange Crush and Magenta and we plan to put in a bulk order mid November. Samples will be on display in the ski hut shortly. Deadline for ordering is Friday 20 November. Order forms will be emailed to all members shortly and they will also be available at the ski hut.

Payment can be made via bank transfer, details as follows: Account Number - 00119901, Sort Code - 80-12-35, Account name - Arbroath Ski Club. As payment reference, please insert your name plus 'Hoodies' and email to nic_thomson@hotmail.com Nic will confirm all payments. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to Nic's address on the order form.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 25 October - Club Cycle Run

We are planning an informal club cycle event for club members/families/friends on Sunday 25 October. It is really just a group of us going for a cycle but you are welcome to join us if you are a competent cyclist.

We are looking at two routes, 15miles and 30miles on quiet roads/tracks, which will be coordinated so we meet collectively for lunch. Timing, 10.30 - 14.30 will be maximum commitment and the routes will be advised. Look on it as good training for the new season so do join us if you can. If you are interested in participating, please email Mo at mo.douglas@outlook.com.

Christmas Fun Night Slope / Race **DATE TO BE ADVISED / SEE WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

Because Block 2A & 2B start date has been delayed, we are re-scheduling the fun race.

This is a fun night for all the family. Last year's was very well attended and was a great night. The main feature was a Fun Dual Slalom Race where skiers collect an item of clothing half way down the slope and put it on (whatever it is) whilst skiing through the gates. There will be hot drinks and eats and remember to come in seasonal fancy dress - there's a prize for the best, most outrageous outfit! Some pics from last year's event.....



Eileen Clark is the one to beat on the fancy dress!



Last year's happy revellers



Maggie looking angelic. Is that a hymn sheet?



Vin Chaud in evidence.....or hot chocolate?

02 April 2016 | Nevis Range Club Trip



We are planning a trip to Nevis Range which we ran last season with some success. We are looking to provide coach transport and this is a great opportunity, snow conditions and weather permitting, for members to savour the delights of this great ski area. It is a big ski area with a wide range of skiing which will appeal to all ability levels. We will split skiers into two groups intermediates and advanced. There are wide blue and red runs for beginners/intermediates and for the more advanced there are blacks and the back corries, always a challenge. Still at the planning stage we would like to hear from members who are interested by emailing info@arbroathskiclub.co.uk



The Back Corries at Nevis Range



Sunday 08 May 2016 – Braehead Slalom Race on Snow

After the success of last year's slalom race at Snow Factor we are planning to do it all again this year. Details will be posted on the website in due course. Members who wish to participate, please email info@arbroathskiclub.co.uk to note your interest. Please indicate numbers.



The May 2014 Team at Snowfactor

21 May 2016 – End of Season Slope Race | BBQ

The End of Season race event will be held prior to the BBQ on Saturday 21 May. We plan to run the event in the same format as last season and the race will be run over a slalom course after which we will have the BBQ and prize-giving. Fingers crossed for good weather. This is a very popular event and we look forward to amazing support from members.

Bad Weather Alerts

As we live in Scotland we're all accustomed to bad weather and it will come. Please remember to log onto the club website www.arbroathskiclub.co.uk / Facebook before you travel to Condor if there is any doubt about high winds, storms, etc. We will always post on the news section of the home page details of slope closures.

Membership

The membership year runs from 01 August until 31 July each year, and the skiing season from September until May. Membership fees for 2015/16 are:

- Adult: £15
- Junior (up to age 16yrs): £10
- Family: £35
- Non -skiing member: £3

There are 4 different types of membership – Adult, Non-skiing adult, Family and Junior. Please visit the membership page of the Club's website for information on how to join and the links to EntryCentral - <http://www.arbroathskiclub.co.uk/membership.php>

Membership Cards | a reminder (as ever)

All club members must present their membership card at the guardroom each time they visit the slope in order to gain access to Condor. No card – no entry onto the base.

On the first night of the new block, new members should plan to arrive at the guard room at 6.30 / 6.40pm and 7.30 / 7.40 for the 8.00pm session. A ski club member will also be on hand in the ski hut to assist new members and to answer any queries.

Arbroath Ski Club Contacts

For all enquiries regarding any aspect of the running of the Club, or services provided by the Club, please contact us in the first instance via email:

General enquiries

info@arbroathskiclub.co.uk

For all membership enquiries, please email:

membership@arbroathskiclub.co.uk

For queries on lessons or for recreational skiing, please email Maggie Lawrie:

lessons@arbroathskiclub.co.uk

Anything else, contact our Chairperson:

brian.cairns@avian.co.uk