

NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD



September 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Futures Project: 7th September

Open Day: 28th September

Oatcake Jam: 12th October

AGM: 1st November

Freestyle Fridays:

13th & 27th of September

11th & 25th of October

8th & 22nd of November

6th & 20th of December

OPENING TIMES

Reopening

Monday 2nd of September



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

7-9pm

Sunday

Junior beginner lessons 9.30 - 10.30am

Junior Club 10.30-11.30 and 11.30-12.30

Lessons and recreational skiing 12.30 to 3.00 in September

12.30 to 4.30 October onwards

CLUB HOLIDAY 2025

HOTEL PETIT PALAIS IN CERVINIA,
ITALY- SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

2025 WITH CRYSTAL SKI

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

Due to a cancellation, we have some
adult places available.

**If you are interested please get in
touch ASAP**

Via email to:

nsscholidays@outlook.com

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Thank you to everyone who has given their time whilst we
have been closed.

All the skis have been serviced, the boots have been cleaned,
the kitchen and toilets have been deep cleaned.

On the slope all the water jet nozzles have been checked,
cleaned, leaks in the system repaired and the matting has
been refitted. A dedicated team of volunteers worked
tirelessly over many days working on this crucial element of
our slope.

The new pump is also in place and some much-needed
groundworks beneath the slope have been completed.

We have a fantastic new airbag kicker ready for freestyle
Fridays too!

Thanks to everyone involved we can all look forward to a
great season of skiing in Kidsgrove!

ERESSENTIAL

PARK & PIPE
TRAINING



PARK & PIPE
FUTURES
SESSIONS



INFO & BOOKING



KIDSGROVE

07/09 14:00 - 17:00

PARK & PIPE SESSION WITH TRAINING FROM
TYLER HARDING

£25 FOR 3 HOURS COACHING

INFO@SNOWSPORTENGLAND.ORG.UK

FUTURES SESSION:

If you have a youngster ready to make the leap to Freestyle, this is a great way to make a start! (also perfect for the more experienced riders looking for extra coaching). Booking is essential via the QR code above (please note this is run by Snowsport England not NSSC)

FREESTYLE FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

13.09.24

27.09.24- WITH AIR-BAG

11.10.24- PRE JAM

25.10.24

08.11.24- WITH AIR-BAG

22.11.24

06.12.24- WITH AIR-BAG

20.12.24

2025 DATES TBC

UPDATES:

We have a new air bag kicker ready to go, thanks to Tim for fabricating it for us!

The slope has been cleaned and the spray system has been serviced by a dedicated team of volunteers. Every jet has been removed, cleaned and replaced, leaks have been located and repaired and matting has been replaced. The new pump has been installed too, all of which should make for a fantastic season for us all.



THE OATCAKE JAM V10

Come and join us...

We want this year's jam to be bigger and better than ever.

Book your place now... all freestyle abilities welcome.

Prizes are available in multiple categories so don't miss your chance!

Oateakes will be served!

Volunteers Needed...

Can you spare a few hours to help at the Jam?

We need people to help set up the slope in the morning, be marshals, enrol participants, help in the kitchen and to move features around on the slope, and then help clear up at the end of the day

It's a great day with lots of action to watch with a cup of tea!



www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk

Timings:
9-10 Registration
10-12 Open Practice
13-15 Judging
16-17 Prize Giving

Entry Fees:
Advance £25
On the Day £30
50 Bib Numbers Available

Rules:
Helmets
long Sleeves
Gloves
are compulsory

Music Refreshments

JOATCAKE V10 Jam 2024

Kidsgrove Ski Centre - 12th Oct 24

Thank you to this year's oatcake Jam sponsor Oliver Refrigeration. Sponsorship enables us to increase the prize money for our 10th Jam, provide more items in the goody bag and generally improve the event. All money raised from entry fees and the cafe activities will go into the club finances because of this sponsorship.



Instructor News

Congratulations to Luke on completing his BASI level 3 alpine with ISIA (international ski instructors association) qualification. Well done Luke!

Congratulations to Grace who is off to university to study motorsport engineering. Grace will hopefully be back in the holidays to help out on the slopes. Good luck!

Open Day 2024



Our annual open day will be on the 28th of September.

Free 30 minute taster lessons will run between 10am and 3pm.

If you have friends or family who you think might like to try skiing for the first time please let them know.

Booking is essential and will be available from September the 2nd via phone on **01782784908**

⊕ INCIDENT REPORTING ⊕

Keep each other safe- Report any accidents or medical incidents

So that we can continue to keep each other safe and make improvements, we need to know about injuries and incidents that happen at the club.

We have a good history of recording injuries that originate on the slope and result in first aid, but we hear of other events taking place, which, if we knew more about, we might be able to prevent happening again.

To make this easier and get as much information as possible, we have revised our reporting form.

We ask that everyone fill it in if:

- **First aid has been rendered by anyone;**
- **First aid has been self-administered;**
- **The injury is deemed minor with no treatment needed; and**
- **Somebody has a personal medical incident on the slope or in the Club building.**

There can be an element of believing something is too minor to record or even embarrassment at how it happened. All reports will be reviewed to help see if there are any ways of allowing us to improve safety for everyone.

Ask for a form in the boot room.

BEGINNER LESSON PRICES

Block of four one and a half hour lessons:

ADULT

£68

(extra lesson £17)

JUNIOR OR STUDENT

£48

(extra lesson £12)

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S BEGINNER LESSONS

(AGE 6-8 YEARS)

Block of six one hour lessons

£48

(extra lessons £8)

THE LIFT

A reminder on how to use the lift effectively and safely whilst minimising the risk of damage.

By Paul G



There's no coming down without a lift to the top first! (Unless you enjoy walking up steep inclines in hard plastic boots) A quick guide to our lift system, getting the most out of using it, keeping it functioning correctly, getting along with other users on the slope and what to do when it goes wrong.

At the bottom:

Let's start with correct use, stand with your ski's or board aligned up the slope in a position that allows you to see the pomma (the seat and pole of the lift) coming around the wheel and guide rail, keep slightly to one side so that the pomma passes to your bodies left side (Skiers) or whichever side is your toe side (boarders), or if you are a small child, stand on the foot shaped images on the red carpet in the middle of the guide rail directly under the cable wheel, look at the pomma as it straightens up and comes towards you, be prepared to rotate it into the correct position, now firmly grab with both hands, pull down firmly and place between your legs (if you're carrying poles, place under your right armpit and grab with your free hand and rotate/ pull down and between your legs).

On the lift:

Now relax and let the pomma pull you up the slope, make corrections to your skis if one starts to wander off (this is probably because you have one ski on an edge and it's started to carve, try pivoting your knee in/out to correct the action.)

Don't fool around on the lift, jumping on the lift can cause the cable to drop past the jockey wheels by the towers, dragging a leg off the side can cause you to lose balance, fall and then the lift has to stop while you shuffle off the side with a red face! Never cross the moving lift. You should only get on at the bottom station using the correct entrance.

Exiting the lift:

Wait until you have your boots on the flat section before you release the pomma, if you're travelling to the halfway point, if you are continuing to the top, please ensure you release the pomma as soon as you are on the flat section at the top.

Best practice for adults or taller youngsters, when you release the pomma keep a hold of it and give it a helping hand to return if it feels like it's a little slow and release slowly if it feels really fast to return (you should be able to judge how it will react when you pulled on it at the bottom of the lift.)

Staying on longer than you need to causes our lift pommats to bend, this is because the top starts to travel around the top cable wheel while the pole is still extended, bent pommats are slow to return and cause stoppages and unnecessary repairs (that means less enjoyment for all and less money to go back into the club to improve facilities and replace aged equipment)

If you experience a slow or sticking pomma, please alert a volunteer, they can then place a warning label around the base of the pomma by the seat to alert others, then report the problem to a volunteer (Labels are kept in the lift control box or lift/pump house)

If you happen to see somebody fall over on the lift shout out to alert other riders/ instructors/ volunteers so that the lift can be stopped quickly, if you are at the bottom by the lift control box, open the door and press the small red button that is above the green button, please avoid pressing the large red/ yellow emergency stop button at the top of the control panel – this is for emergencies only, we would prefer to use small red button in most instances.

If you are unlucky enough to fall over on the lift, first of all, be aware that the pommas continue to swing back and forth, keep your head down until you can grab a hold of it and stop it swinging, shout up to alert others that you have fallen so the lift can be stopped. Now quickly slide yourself out of the white carpeted area to the green carpeted area, (be aware of pomma's descending) the lift might not have been stopped and the next rider might be coming up (panicking) and run straight over you all fall as well. If you can stand up and put on your skis and get hold of the pomma. If that's not possible release your skis/ board. If it's safe to do so walk to the top, bottom or middle.

Finally, etiquette:

1st rule in life – Be Kind to others!!

We're skiers and boarders because we all have a shared passion, and that is having fun and enjoying ourselves either alone or with others, on the slope you'll make new (great) friends that hopefully you'll spend decades meeting up with or seeing each week and giving a nod or saying a hello, so let's all be thoughtful when using the lift. Filter in from both sides of the lift queue, there will probably be less riders queuing from the freestyle side and they will feel awkward that they are joining the queue near to the front if there is a long queue on the main slope side, be kind, make eye contact and invite them in front of you. If you are joining the queue from the freestyle side, don't force your way into the queue if there is a group of you together, be respectful that you will need to filter in every other rider from the main slope side (they have probably been there a long time, especially if there are beginner lessons on) again make eye contact with each other to get an understanding, If somebody invites you in front of them, give thanks (it'll make their day).

All riders, if you see an instructor waiting to get on the lift please offer to let them on, there could be a group of people in lessons waiting for them at the top of the slope!

MEMBERSHIP

CARDS

Please make sure you bring your membership cards to show at the boot room and ensure you sign in on the sheet in reception every time you attend.

PRICES

We are happy to announce that we are freezing our membership prices for the 24/25 season.