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Council backs SnOasis

Mid Suffolk District Council has approved the application to build a £350 million winter sports leisure resort near Ipswich in Suffolk.

The decision follows a five-year preparation period in which developer Onslow Suffolk Ltd has invested more than £12 million in exploring the viability, economic impact, landmark design and environmental acceptance of the project. The planning application will now be considered by the Government Office for East of England.

"Climbing Mount Everest is an ambition I am now unable to dream of, but SnOasis has been a challenge of very similar proportions," said Godfrey Spanner, Onslow Suffolk chief executive.

■ www.snoasis.co.uk

UK cross-country action steps up

Ian Ballentine reports on cross-country skiing opportunities around England

There's never been a better time to get into cross-country skiing. The last couple of years have seen the establishment of two new ski clubs, while other initiatives are making it far easier to get involved in this type of skiing, for recreation or sport.

The Midlands Nordic Ski Club has been set up, which is based at the Tamworth Snowdome. The Snowdome offers several cross-country ski sessions a week on real snow, and is the only such facility in the country.

It has attracted wide interest, with skiers from across the country coming along and even taking part in sprint races.

Another initiative is The Rollerski Co, which offers "rollerski" sessions in London's parks and in Windsor. They do several lessons and courses a week, and have been bringing this form of cross-country ski training to a whole new audience.

These initiatives have increased interest in the sport, and have been bringing new

members to the country's ski clubs. The London Region Nordic Ski Club this year celebrates its 25th anniversary, and introduces for the first time a five-race rollerski series.

Taking place throughout the summer, this series complements their rollerski courses and tours.

Another exciting development is the recent establishment of the Wessex Biathlon and Nordic Ski Club. This plans to be England's first civilian biathlon club, and comes hot on the heels of Scotland's successful Cairngorm Biathlon and Nordic Ski Club, which was set up last year.

Other clubs yet to announce their summer schedules include the ever-popular Manchester and Yorkshire Dales ski clubs, which will again be running rollerski tours and courses.

So, wherever you live in the UK, and whatever your interest in skiing – be it touring, racing or just improving your technique over the summer – there should be something to suit everyone.

WEBSITE hits

www.escnordic.org.uk	ESC nordic website
www.snowdome.co.uk	Tamworth Snowdome
www.rollerski.co.uk	Rollerski classes and courses in London, also race information
www.wessexbiathlon.org	Wessex Biathlon & Nordic Ski Club
www.londonnordic.org.uk	London Nordic Ski Club

All hail James, King of the BRITS

Top snowboarder James Thorne, was crowned King of the Orange Air Time at the Orange BRITS, held in Laax, Switzerland.

James jumped in from a total height of 19 metres – and beat off stiff competition from Nate Kern and Rob Taylor, who both landed their drop from a height of eight metres above the colossal nine metre quarterpipe, but both fell on nine metres.

Orange Air Time was a free-fall competition that witnessed British skiers and snowboarders jump from a crane on to a snow quarterpipe.

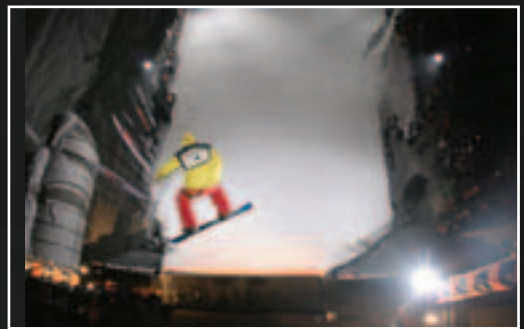
Eight of UK's top snow sports freestylers – six snowboarders and two skiers – were selected to jump from the platform suspended high above a free-standing snow quarterpipe (curved landing area).

Starting at the qualifying height of five metres above the quarterpipe, the competitors – including Jenny Jones, Scott McMorris, Gary Greenshields, Andy Bennet and Tyler Chorlton – jumped one by one, until all competitors bar James Thorne had either fallen or bowed out.

After landing his new European record, 24-year-old James said: "It's pretty scary when you are up there, and looking down, the coping seems very far away."

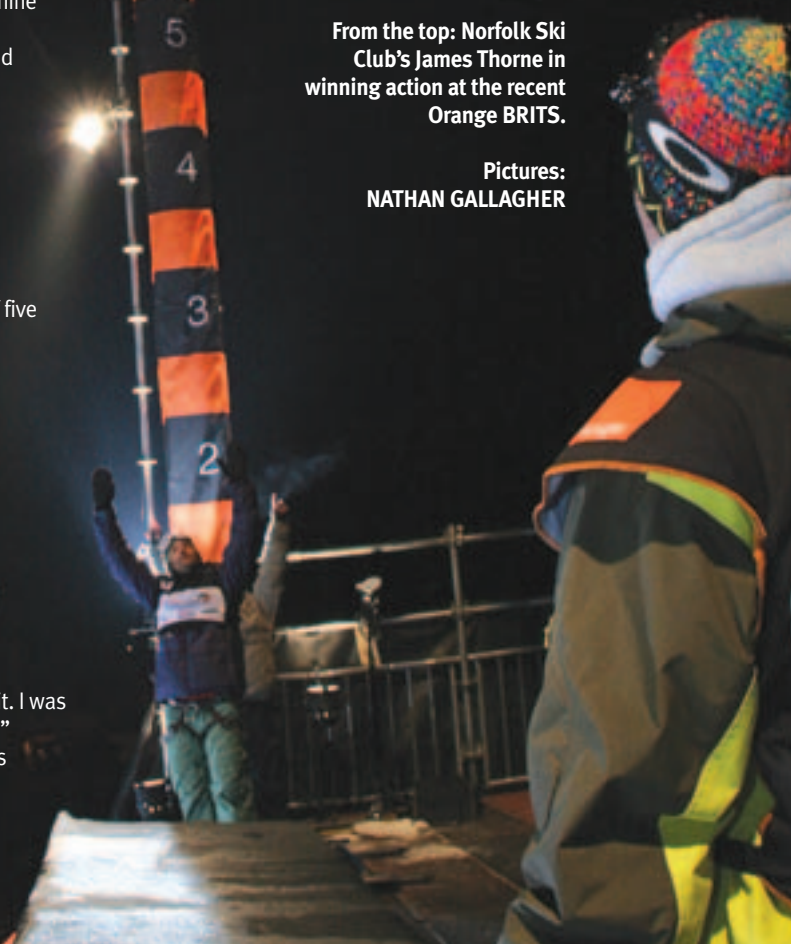
"Once you are there though, you just prepare and go for it. I was very stoked to land it. What a way to end the Orange BRITS!"

The Orange Air Time event took place in front of hundreds of spectators in the heart of Laax, and was one of the biggest attractions at this year's event.



From the top: Norfolk Ski Club's James Thorne in winning action at the recent Orange BRITS.

Pictures:
NATHAN GALLAGHER



TRAINING courses

CLUB INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES (2 DAYS)

30 Sept - 1st Oct - Ski Rossendale, Rawtenstall, Lancashire (01706 226457). This course will be held predominately outdoors and on skis, and will address:

- Safety considerations
- Basic principles of instructing
- Examples of instructional activities
- Examples of teaching methods.

Emphasis throughout the course will be the SAFE introduction of beginners to skiing on artificial slopes.

A COURSE WORKBOOK IS SUPPLIED TO EACH CANDIDATE ON THE FIRST DAY TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT PAPERS AND CRB FORMS.

ASSESSMENT FOR THE CLUB INSTRUCTOR AWARD (1 DAY)

A 1 day assessment for candidates completing Level 1 to become Club Instructors. The award is aimed at skiers who wish to introduce beginners to skiing at their local ski centre or within their local ski club.

ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE CRB CHECKED BY THE TIME THEY COMPLETE THEIR CI ASSESSMENT. IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CHECKED THEN THE CANDIDATE CANNOT HOLD THEIR CLUB INSTRUCTOR LICENCE UNTIL A CHECK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

ASSI TRAINING COURSES (2 DAYS)

7-8 Oct - Norfolk Ski Club, Trowse, Norfolk (01603 662781).

14-15 Oct - Ski Rossendale, Rawtenstall, Lancashire (01706 226457)

4-5 Nov - Gloucester Ski & Snowboard Centre (08702 400375). This course will take place predominately outdoors and will address:

- Revision of teaching methods
- Revision of safety factors
- Investigation of, and training in, the essential elements of skiing which link ploughing and parallel skiing
- This course also serves to refresh the Club Instructor Award for a period of 3 years and is a prerequisite for those wishing to complete the ASSI Award.

A COURSE WORKBOOK IS SUPPLIED TO EACH CANDIDATE ON THE FIRST DAY TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT PAPERS.

ASSI EXAMINATION (1 DAY EXAMINATION)

16 Sept - Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn Garden City, Herts (0121 501 2314)

7 Oct - Sunderland Ski Centre, Silksworth Sports Complex, Tyne & Wear (0121 501 2314)

8 Oct - Ski Rossendale, Rossendale, Lancs (0121 501 2314)

25 Nov - Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn Garden City, Herts (0121 501 2314).

This examination (Part II Assessment) will take place predominately outdoors on skis, where the appointed examiners will ask to see:

- Log book records (if your log book does not contain the current date stamp you will not be allowed to attend this course)
- Practical illustrations of personal skill showing understanding of the principles which underpin skilful skiing
- The candidate's ability to observe peers' performances and provide feedback which serves to improve their performances of the task which has been set by the examiners.

If any Ski Centres have enough instructors to go through to examination then the Ski Centre Manager or organiser needs to get in touch with Head Office for details.

CI and ASSI REFRESHER COURSES (1 DAY)

2 Sept - Kendal Ski Club. Please take your own lunch as there are no catering facilities here. Tea and coffee can be provided. (0121 501 2314)

3 Sept - Bromley Ski Centre, Orpington, Kent (0121 501 2314)

16 Sept - Southampton Ski Centre (0121 501 2314)

17 Sept - Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn Garden City, Herts (0121 501 2314)

1 Oct - Telford Ski Centre, Court Centre, Madeley (0121 501 2314)

7 Oct - Brentwood Ski and Snowboard Centre (0121 501 2314)

8 Oct - Sunderland Ski Centre, Silksworth Sports Complex (0121 501 2314)

29 Oct - Ski Rossendale, Rossendale, Lancs (0121 501 2314)

26 Nov - Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn Garden City, Herts (0121 501 2314). In order that Snowsport England's appointed staff can meet and appraise all

our Instructors and Coaches, all qualified persons are required to attend Refresher Courses. Instructors may attend these as often as they wish but must attend at least once every three years in order to RE-VALIDATE their qualification. These courses enable Instructors to clarify their own views and keep up to date with Snowsport England's current policies. All qualifications are valid for a period of 3 years.

ARTIFICIAL SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTOR COURSES (5 DAYS)

4-5 Nov / 10-12 Nov - Ski Rossendale, Rawtenstall, Lancashire (01706 226457) Contact: Peter Hinde.

Ski Centres can organise these courses therefore either contact your local Ski Centre to enquire if they are holding a course or check the Snowsport England website. All qualifications are valid for a period of 3 years.

ASSI COURSE - WEEKENDER (OVER 2 WEEKENDS PLUS 1 ASSESSMENT DAY)

An alternative to the present method of becoming an Artificial Slope Ski Instructor. Two consecutive weekend courses (plus one day assessment) which takes you straight to ASSI once 20 hours supervised instruction has been completed.

Ski Centres can organise these courses therefore either contact your local Ski Centre to enquire if they are holding a course. Alternatively phone Snowsport England (0121 501 2314) to see if they have any dates.

DISABILITIES AWARENESS COURSE

This course is open to all Club Instructors, Snr Club Instructors, ASSIs and Coaches who wish to be involved in teaching courses for skiers with disabilities. Call 0121 501 2314.

ARTIFICIAL SLOPE PERFORMANCE COACH AWARD (ASPC) - TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

This training and assessment course is open to aspiring Coaches who wish to coach club members in competitive skiing. The Artificial Slope Performance Coach qualification will authorise the holder to coach on artificial slopes within the UK according to the Coaches Protocol and Codes of Practice. It does not authorise the holder to teach beginners to ski. For full details please refer to the booklet "How Do I Become A Coach?"

Ski Centres can organise these courses therefore either contact your local Ski Centre to enquire if they are holding a course. Alternatively phone Snowsport England to see if they have any dates.

ASPC REVALIDATION COURSE

24 Sept - Telford Ski Centre (0121 501 2314)

Ski Centres can organise these courses therefore either contact your local Ski Centre to enquire if they are holding a course. Alternatively phone Snowsport England to see if they have any dates.

APC 1 - UPGRADE COURSE

0121 501 2314

These courses are for candidates who are registered as ASPCs or ASSIs who wish to become Racing Coaches. Further information will be available at a later date plus watch our website for new dates. If you are interested in the APC course please log your name with Snowsport England Head Office. There are only eight places available on each course so book early!

ALPINE DEVELOPMENT COURSE - 2 WEEKS ON SNOW

21 Oct-4 Nov - Hintertux, Austria with a pre-course update for ASSIs. For full details contact Jenny at Head Office (0121 501 2314).

For ASCs or APC Is wishing to qualify as Coaches within the Award Scheme as a Development Coach. (See booklet "How Do I Become A Coach" for full information.)

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND ANNUAL MEETING 2006

BOARD business

The 2006 AGM was held on 20 May at Halesowen.

Clive Newell decided to stand down as a board member due to work commitments. Clive has worked to improve the financial reporting of the organisation and to improve communication between the membership and the board. He is not leaving the organisation completely, and will remain as an adviser when necessary.

Maureen Wyatt was elected as the new Financial Director. Maureen has actively been involved with the London and South

East Region and is looking forward to the learning her new role and continuing the excellent work started by Clive.

Stewart Smith continues in his role as chairman, with **Barry Spouge, David Hart** and **Nigel Matthews**.

There was one vote taken at the AGM, that for the Coaches' Representative on Council, and **John Sheddon** was successful over **Peter Hinde**.

One award was made for services to Skiing, **Alan Jones**. Alan has worked in many sections of the organisation, he has

strived to improve the facilities available in the skiing community and update and ensure Snowsport England on the latest developments. Alan has been a long-standing active member in the North West.

Presentations were also made from the board to **Clive Newell** and **Andrew Jolly** (Company Secretary) who is leaving the company. **Clive Newell** and **Trish Chalk** gave presentations on the future of Snowsport England.

Financial Report - Clive Newell gave an overview of the 2005 accounts.

The Development Plan - Trish Chalk gave members a report on the achievements set out in last year's development plan. These presentations are available on the website.

The ordinary resolutions accepting the Report and Accounts, the Annual Report and the appointment of a new auditor were passed unanimously, along with the special resolutions for membership to amend the Articles.

There was no voting necessary for Key Committee leaders, so **Nigel Mathews, Adam Pinny, Gill Hall, Martin Carr** and **Gillian Gilyead** remain as unopposed leaders - Coaching, Nordic, Alpine, Freestyle and Schools respectively.

SPONSOR news

Thomson Ski and Snowboarding have agreed to provide eight training bursaries for the Children 1 & Children 2 age categories in the Snowsport England Grand Prix Series for the fifth year running, .

The bursaries will be awarded to the Grand Prix Series winners in each of the four years of Children's racing (male & female). For this

season the years will be 1994, 1993, 1992 and 1991. Children's results will be processed for each year of birth rather than for the age group and, as standard, and the best three results will count.

The bursaries will be for two weeks fully inclusive training at the British Ski Academy in Les Houches near Chamonix in France.

All racers, from the appropriate years of birth, competing in the Grand Prix series will be eligible for the bursaries regardless of which home nation governing body they are registered with.

■ For details of Thomson Ski and Snowboarding holidays visit www.thomsonski.co.uk or call 01235 824 400 for a brochure.

Snowsport England Photographic Competition

1st Prize £250 2nd Prize £150 3rd Prize £100

Snowsport England in conjunction with Integrated Handheld Solutions Limited is looking for **three** photographs that best illustrate the wide and varied range of activities of Snowsport England. Activities can include pictures from club days, race meetings, freestyle competitions to even a club night out.

The competition is open to any Snowsport England member; this can be a club member, a performer or a coaching scheme member. Entries must be made electronically, emails sent to chair@snowsportengland.org.uk with details of who took the picture, brief details of the picture and your status as a Snowsport England member. Closing date for the competition is the 20 October 2006.

So make it snappy!

All entries will be placed on the Snowsport England website, a panel of judges will select the top 10 and these will be published in the Dec/Jan edition of The Piste with a voting form for members to vote for their top three choices.

Every voting form will be entered into a prize draw, the winner receiving FREE SSE registration for 2007!

Please note that photographs must be free of any copyrights. By entering photographs for the competition you are allowing Snowsport England to use these images for future use.

■ Any questions, email chair@snowsportengland.org.uk





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SKI team

Former England Team Athletes David Ryding and Peter Whelan have graduated from the Home Nations Development Team into the British Team. Both athletes had impressive seasons, culminating in wins at the British Championships in Meribel

Snowsport England is please to announce record numbers in the 2006-07 England Alpine Ski Team. Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected:

Home Nations Development Team

Girls

Joanna Ryding	1988 A Status
Tania Scilimati	1986 A Status
Louise Thomas	1988 A Status

Jenny Mashiter	1990 A Status
Francesca Simonds	1990 A Status
Harriet Steggles	1991 A Status
Elizabeth Francis-Venezia	1991 B Status
Elizabeth Palfrey	1991 B Status
Charlotte Evans	1991 C Status
Nicola Sole	1990 C Status

Boys

Thomas Baldwin	1990 A Status
Michael Colyer	1989 A Status
Craig Robinson	1987 A Status
Gregory Samuels	1988 A Status

Boys

Harry Brown	1991 A Status
Peter Bruton	1989 A Status
Jack Evans	1991 A Status

The following athletes will be given a trial with the Home Nations

Development Team:

Christopher John	1988 B Status
Samuel Wyer 1988	B Status (injured)

Jai Geyer	1990 A Status
Benn Hall	1990 A Status
Jake Richardson	1990 A Status
Nicholas Robinson	1991 A Status
Aaron Tipping	1990 A Status
Sam Wrench	1991 A Status
James Foster	1989 B Status
Christopher Griffiths	1990 B Status
Joe Odgen	1990 C Status
Piers Lomax	1989 C Status
Michael Thelwell	1991 ITT Status

Part-Time Team

Girls

Jayne Baggio	1991 A Status
Sega Fairweather	1990 A Status

Joe Odgen	1990 C Status
Piers Lomax	1989 C Status
Michael Thelwell	1991 ITT Status

ENGLAND ALPINE championship RESULTS

The 2006 England Alpine Ski Championships returned to Puy St Vincent in the Southern French Alps. The Championships were blessed with fantastic snow conditions which led to a superb race series. Contrary to the weather report which forecasted a major mid week storm only one race had to be rescheduled due to poor visibility. The races were well attended with over 140 competitors, from minis to FIS.

The Championship Committee would like to thank all volunteers and parents for their help at the event.

The venue for next year's championships will be announced shortly, following confirmation of the dates for the British Children's team from Snowsport GB. A number of resorts are being considered.

ENGLISH ALPINE JUNIOR/SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006 PUY ST VINCENT, FRANCE

CHAMPIONSHIP SLALOM

Junior 1 - Female	3 STEPHANIE OVENDEN SLP
	2 JENNY MASHITER K
	1 SEGA FAIRWEATHER DRA

Senior - Male	1 ALAN PICKES LIO
Masters - Female	1 JUDY REID XSC

Junior 1 - Male	3 PETER WHELAN SPR
	2 ALASTAIR MACFIE ASC
	1 PETER BRUTON SPR

Masters - Male	2 ROBERT SWINDELLS LIO
	1 COLIN TUCKER SLP

Junior 11 - Female	3 MICHELLE SOLE ASC
	2 SOPHIE READMAN ASC
	1 JOANNA RYDING K

1st Overall Female	SEGA FAIRWEATHER
1st Overall Male	DANIEL BERRY

ENGLISH SLALOM CHAMPION

Female	SEGA FAIRWEATHER
Male	DANIEL BERRY

Junior 11 - Male	3 JOHN CAMPBELL SSC
	2 ADAM GELLATLY K
	1 DANIEL BERRY

COACHING update

Artificial Slope Performance Coach

The Alpine Slope Performance Coach (ASPC) will be renamed the Artificial Slope Coach. Significant changes to content are that the course setting elements have been removed and more focus put on analysing performance. This follows feed-back from members and tutors. The changes will also aid those wanting to prepare for the Alpine Development Coach Course.

Alpine Development Coach Course

The ADC Course is now a 12 day course with a 2 day Assessment taking place in a mountain environment. There will be no UK snow dome based assessments.

The pre-requisites for the ADC course from 1 January 2007 will be the Alpine

Performance Coach Level 1 / Alpine Slope Coach.

There is an ADC course planned for 21 October – 4 November. ASSIs will be able to attend the course but will need to attend a pre-course update to receive pre-training and to ensure they are fully aware of the outcome standards and the requirements of the ADC course. Details will be enclosed in the course booking information.

ADC Reassessments

2006 ADC reassessments will take place on 2-3 November 2 in Hintertux. Please contact Head Office for booking details if you need to attend a reassessment. Only eight places are available on each course and interest has been registered for half of

the places.

Contact Jenny Wyatt in the SSE office. (0121 5012314).

Coach Award Scheme Conference

This year's Conference will be on September 23rd at Lillieshall. Full information will be sent to all members in the next two weeks.

Topics include:

- 'Preparing for a life in Snowsport developing early stage practice'
- High Performance Coaching, update on the latest information and the pathways through the British Teams
- Modernisation
- Child Protection Training
- Discipline Specific Sessions
- Open Forum

Alpine Tutors' Day - 24 September

The Coaching Committee are organising a day for all Alpine tutors to get together and review current courses, receive information about the BASI exemption for English ASSIs, and suggest updates and changes to any paperwork. This day will be at Telford Ski centre starting at 10am. Full details will be sent direct to tutors.

CHILD protection

Andrew Jolly has left the role as Child Protection Officer for Snowsport England, and taking his place is David Page.

David has a wealth of experience in child safeguarding, working for many years as an officer with the Metropolitan

Police. David has been involved in sport in a variety of guises and outside of work, is involved with the management of rugby.

■ If you have any queries about Child Safeguarding or Criminal Records Bureau checks please contact 0775707364 / crb@snowsportengland.org.uk / childprotection@snowsportengland.org.uk

CHAMPIONSHIP GIANT SLALOM

Junior 1 - **Female**

- 3 EILIDH MCLEOD BSA
- 2 FRANCESCA SIMONDS BSA
- 1 NORTON EMMA SSC

Junior 1 - **Male**

- 3 ADAM PIPER CSC
- 2 AARON TIPPING BSA
- 1 PETER WHELAN SPR

Junior 11 - **Female**

- 3 MICHELLE SOLE ASC
- 2 KATHERINE SMART SSC
- 1 SOPHIE READMAN ASC

Junior 11 - **Male**

- 3 JOHN CAMPBELL SSC
- 2 JAS BRUCE SSC
- 1 DANIEL BERRY

Senior - **Male**

- 2 TRISTAN LAMB BRO
- 1 ALAN PICKLES LIO

Masters - **Female**

- 1 JUDY REID XSC

Masters - **Male**

- 2 ROBERT SWINDELLS LIO
- 1 COLIN TUCKER SLP

1 st Overall **Female**

- SOPHIE READMAN
- 1 st Overall **Male**
- DANIEL BERRY

ENGLISH GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION

Female

- FRANCESCA SIMONDS
- DANIEL BERRY

CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER G

Junior 1 - **Female**

- 3 MICHELLE BOWMAN BSC
- 2 ELEANOR DALTON SLP
- 1 SEGA FAIRWEATHER DRA

Junior 1 - **Male**

- 3 ALASTAIR MACFIE ASC
- 2 PETER BRUTON SPR
- 1 ADAM PIPER CSC

Junior 11 - **Female**

- 3 KATHERINE SMART SSC
- 2 MICHELLE SOLE ASC
- 1 JOANNA RYDING K

Junior 11 - **Male**

- 3 COLIN ARMSTRONG SC
- 2 JASON CONSTANDUROS K
- 1 JAS BRUCE SSC

Senior - **Male**

- 2 WILLIAM LUNN K
- 1 TRISTAN LAMB BRO

Masters - **Male**

- 1 COLIN TUCKER SLP

1 st Overall **Female**

- SEGA FAIRWEATHER
- 1 st Overall **Male**
- JAS BRUCE

ENGLISH SUPER G CHAMPION

Female

- SEGA FAIRWEATHER
- Male**
- PETER BRUTON

CHAMPIONSHIP SLALOM

Children 1 - **Female**

- 3 JENI THOMAS DRA/CAR
- 2 CHARLOTTE JESSE WYC/BSA
- 1 ALEX TILLEY GDN/SSC

Children 1 - **Male**

- 3 ASHLEY HILL BSA/BSA
- 2 CALLUM BROWN
- 1 THOMAS KIRTON JNA/BSA

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CLUB offer

Snowsport England in partnership with Crystal Holidays can offer fantastic deals for groups wishing to travel to top European resorts.

The packages are open to all affiliated clubs and their members.

All group bookings are fully inclusive:

- Flights (conditions apply)
- Transfers
- Full board staying at a club hotel. All club hotels are situated close to the slopes to maximise your time in resort.

Booking could not be simpler; all details can be found in the brochure, please quote Snowsport England when you make contact.

■ The 2006 All England Championships are being held at Hemel Ski Centre on 2-3 September. Entries can be taken on line at www.snowsportengland.org.uk

ENGLAND ALPINE championship RESULTS

Children 11 - **Female**
 3 ELIZABETH PALFREY VIK/BSA
 2 DANIELLE POLLEY MUC/BSA
 1 HARRIET STEGGLES BGR/BGR

Children 11 - **Male**
 3 ANDREW WATSON DRA/CAR
 2 JAMES FILSELL BSA/SSC
 1 JACK EVANS K/BSA

1 st Overall **Female**
 HARRIET STEGGLES
 1 st Overall **Male**
 JACK EVANS

ENGLISH SLALOM CHAMPION

Female
 HARRIET STEGGLES
Male
 JACK EVANS

CHAMPIONSHIP GIANT SLALOM

Children 1 - **Female**
 3 ALEX TILLEY GDN/SSC
 2 ABBIE MACEY XSC
 1 EMILY EVANS BGR/K

Children 1 - **Male**
 3 DANIEL M EVANS RAV/RAV
 2 THOMAS KIRTON JNA/BSA
 1 CALLUM BROWN

Children 11 - **Female**
 3 ELIZABETH PALFREY VIK/BSA
 2 AMANDA RENNIE ASC/SSC
 1 HARRIET STEGGLES BGR/BGR

Children 11 - **Male**
 3 JO MORRISON GDN/SSC
 2 DONALD MACINTYRE CSC
 1 NICHOLAS ROBINSON WYC/BSA

1 st Overall **Female**
 HARRIET STEGGLES
 1 st Overall **Male**
 NICHOLAS ROBINSON

ENGLISH GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION

Female
 HARRIET STEGGLES
Male
 NICHOLAS ROBINSON

CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER G

Children 1 - **Female**
 3 ALEX TILLEY GDN/SSC
 2 EMILY EVANS BGR/K
 1 ALESSIA THOMAS-JACKSON WYC/SC
 Children 1 - **Male**
 3 ROY STEUDLE BSA/XSC
 2 MATTHEW THOMPSON XSC/K
 1 THOMAS KIRTON JNA/BSA

Children 11 - **Female**
 3 ELIZABETH FRANCIS-VENEZIA DHO
 2 CHRISTY MACKINNON SSC
 1 DANIELLE POLLEY MUC/BSA

Children 11 - **Male**
 3 DONALD MACINTYRE CSC
 2 JACK EVANS K/BSA
 1 JAMES FILSELL BSA/SSC

1 st Overall **Female**
 DANIELLE POLLEY
 1 st Overall **Male**
 JAMES FILSELL

ENGLISH SUPER G CHAMPION

Female
 ELIZABETH FRANCIS-VENEZIA
Male
 JACK EVANS

CHAMPIONSHIP GIANT SLALOM

Female
 3 CHELCIE BIRD XSC/XSC
 2 FLORA PEEL GLO/BSA
 1 MELANIE RICHARDS BSA
Male
 3 LAWRENCE BUCHWISER DHO/DHO
 2 ROBERT POTH HEM/BSA
 1 PAUL HENDERSON ASC/SSC

ENGLISH GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION

Female
 RICHARDS MELANIE
Male
 ROBERT POTH

GIANT SLALOM 1

Female
 3 LAUREN HOLDWORTH SLP/SLP
 2 FLORA PEEL GLO/BSA
 1 MELANIE RICHARDS BSA
Male
 3 JAMES PETRIE SPR/SPR
 2 DANIEL POTH HEM/BSA
 1 BRODIE GODDARD-JONES SLP/SLP

New show for snow fans

A new show for British skiers and snowboarders will launch this autumn at Excel, London. Global Snow Shows, the company behind the British Ski + Board Shows at the NEC in Birmingham and the G-Mex Centre in Manchester, will launch the brand new three-day show at Excel in London from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 October 2006.

The British Ski + Board Shows will also run at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October, and at the NEC in Birmingham from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 November.

All three shows will be attended by tour operators and representatives with information on hundreds of resorts from Europe and North America.

When you've found your holiday destination, you'll be able to get kitted out with the latest clothing and equipment from some of the UK's best outdoor sports retailers.

■ Call 01580 860 589 or visit www.globalsnowshows.co.uk

The Orange AIM Series, the UK's Snowboard and Freeski Championship circuit, celebrates its fifth birthday this year, and all events are free for spectators. Series dates for 2006 are:

- **28 July** Xscape, Castleford: British Rail Jam session, plus Product Testing (Evening Session)
 - **5 August** Xscape, Breahead, Glasgow: British Indoor Slopestyle Championships
 - **19 August** Xscape, Milton Keynes: British Indoor Boarder/ Skiercross Championships, plus Slopestyle
 - **2 - 3 September** Bracknell Ski Centre: British Artificial Slopestyle Championships, plus Big Air
 - **16 - 17 September** Rossendale Ski Centre: British Artificial Boardercross / Skiercross Championships, plus Big Air
 - **30 September - 1 October** Dorset Snowsport Centre in Warmwell: British Artificial Big Air Championships, plus Quarterpipe
- Check out www.orangeaimseries.com

dmg world media is set to provide an interactive kick-start to the winter sports season with the Ski & Snowboard Show at the Grand Hall Olympia from 18-22 October. The all-new Quarter pipe will be taking over prime position in the Grand Hall – a new feature where the world's top skiers and boarders will be dropped 20ft from Olympia's balcony into the pipe to perform gravity defying tricks and turns. Amateur photographers are welcome!

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TJ's a Junior record-breaker

Teenager TJ Baldwin has again proved himself the best in Britain, at the same time as re-writing the record books. The Norfolk boy returned triumphant from Meribel in France this spring after winning all three titles in the Junior 1 age group (U17) at the British Junior Championships.

This is only the third time that the clean sweep has been achieved, the last time being in 1996. It is also the first time ever that anyone has won all three titles at the Children's Championships (as TJ did in 2005) and gone on to win all three titles at the Junior Championships the following year.

The races were held on the 1992 Olympic piste over three days during the Easter holidays, and saw TJ take on 80 competitors in his favourite event, the Super G. A much larger field of 118 competitors from 10 other nations gathered the following day for the Giant Slalom. The final day of racing saw conditions warm up dramatically for the slalom. With TJ starting at No 31, he had to use all of his strength and determination to complete the course and lead at the end of the first run. He also scored 75 FIS points which was his best slalom result of the season and one of the best ever scored by a first year British Junior.

Commenting on his performances, Malcolm Erskine, BSA head coach and director said: "TJ is one of the best male skiers of this age that Great Britain has ever had, the FIS points speak for themselves. TJ is the best speed skier (Super G & Downhill) I have ever seen at such a young age, he is way ahead of Finlay Mickel at this stage. He can get to the very top!"



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La Plagne	Tourgonne	19s Dec 06	£349						
Tignes	Courling	17s Jan 07	£499	17s Mar 07	£499	29s Mar 07	£449		
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Tignes	Chalet Glacier	19s Dec 06	£329						
Flaine	Le Tissein	19s Dec 06	£349						
Remed	Morgan	17s Jan 07	£299	29s Jan 07	£299	17s Mar 07	£299	29s Mar 07	£449
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TRAINING courses

REVALIDATION FOR TUTORS AND COACHES

24 Sept - Telford Ski Centre (0121 501 2314)

Coaches Refresher (non-tutor)

22 Oct - Gosling Ski Centre, Welwyn Garden City (0121 501 2314)

Tutors Refresher

COURSE SETTERS COURSE – LEVEL 1

2 Sept - Gloucester Ski Centre (0121 501 2314)

16 Sept - Hemel Ski Centre (0121 501 2314)

This is a 1 day course and is designed to provide participants with the basic principles of setting up a slalom course on an artificial slope.

Candidates must be registered with Snowsport England as Club Instructor or above. There are no revalidation or assessment requirements.

SKI BINDING SEMINARS

6 Sept - Milton Keynes (0121 501 2314)

14 Sept - Castleford (0121 501 2314).

Seminars will begin at 6.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. A certificate of attendance will be sent by the organisers. There will also be a ski test for those wishing to attend after the seminars at Milton Keynes and Castleford. There is a tick box on the booking form.

COACHING SCHEME CONFERENCE

23 Sept - Lillehall Sports Centre

Details will follow as soon as possible.

Snowsport England make every effort to ensure the above centralised courses take place. However, from time to time we may have to make adjustments to this and course participants will be notified as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on our website for any updates on courses www.snowsportengland.org.uk



COURSE information

ASFSPC (Aerials) Course Structure ASFSPC (Aerials) Course Notes

A 1 day course. However, you must have done the ramp supervisors course. You will also need to have completed a 2 day first aid qualification.

ASFSPC (Acro) Course

A 2 day course. You will need a 2 day first aid qualification.

ASFSPC (Moguls) Course Moguls Resource Pack

A 2 day course. However you must either be a BASI 2 or higher/ASSI/ASL (or do the skilful skiing course) and have a 2 day first aid qualification to do it.

SCO courses

Course Date	Organisers and Venue	Contact Name and Number
16 Sept	Everdon Field Studies Centre, Daventry	Tony Kidd 01327 361384)
24 Sept	Ski Astons, Broomhall, Worcs	Julia Sheldon 01905 829200)
Tutor Training Day		
24 Sept	Abbots Hill School, Hemel Hempstead, Herts	Jenny 0121 501 2314
30 Sept	Stonehenge Ski Club, Amesbury, Wiltshire	Mike Busby 01980 676675
15 Oct	Light Hall School, Shirley, Solihull, W Midlands	Mirek Kalewski 07803 604690
16 Nov	Perlethorpe Environmental Education Unit, Perlethorpe, Newart, Notts, NG22 9EQ	Clare Faye/Viv Howard 0115 9535056
18 Nov	Neilson Active Holidays, Brighton Marina	Ailsa Workman 01273 666143
23 Nov	West Sussex CC – Horsham Professional Centre, Horsham	Martin Tomlinson 01243 777210
9 / 16 / 30 Dec		
6 / 13 / 27 Jan 2007		
3 / 10 / 17 / 24 Feb		
17 / 24 / 31 March		
7 / 14 April	Interski – Pila, La Thuille or Courmayeur	Trisha Scott / Karen Szczerbiuk 01623 456333

ASCL courses

9 / 16 / 30 Dec		
6 / 13 / 27 Jan 2007		
3 / 10 / 17 / 24 Feb		
17 / 24 / 31 March		
7 / 14 April	Interski – Pila, La Thuille or Courmayeur	Trisha Scott / Karen Szczerbiuk 01623 456333
6-13 January 2007		
2-7 April	Hourmont Total Ski, Austria	Hannah Willis 01273 220777
Revalidation		
9 Sept	Telford Ski Centre	Jenny 0121 501 2314

NORDIC courses

2-3 Sept	Hetton Lyons Ski Weekend & British Series Race, Durham	Adam Pinney (as above)	
16-17 Sept	Nordic Downhill Course, venue to be finalised	Ralph White	01772 654319 johnsy@grimsar.fsnet.co.uk graspinall@netscape.net
30 Sept - 1 Oct	Lancaster Roller Ski Weekend	Graham Aspinall	
Mid Nov	Early season On-Snow Training Week (poss Bruksvallarna, Sweden)	Fiona Crossley	01274 562998 fcross@waitrose.com

Skilful Skiing

A 2 day course for use with ASFSPC (Moguls)

ASFSPC Revalidation Course (Coaches)

ASFSPC (Tutors) Revalidation Course

A 1 day course that allows ASFSPC Coaches to be revalidated.

Water Ramp Supervisors Course

A 1 day course. You will need a 2 day first aid qualification.

Dry Ramp Supervisors Course

A 1 day course. You will need a 2 day first aid qualification.

Recreational Moguls Course

A 1 day course. You will need a first aid qualification.

Freestyle Awareness Course

A 1 day course.

Judges Course/Revalidation

A 1 day course is available that covers Acro, Aerials, Moguls and New School. This will also act as revalidation for existing judges. To become a judge you will need also need to assist at 3 relevant comps either before, during or after this course. If you want to progress to judge at a higher level (FIS) then you need to

complete each of the 3 judging areas, attend a FIS judges course (usually held in Europe in Autumn), followed by a judges assist course the following March.

TD Course

A 2 day course. You will also need to assist at various competitions to become a TD.

■ For more details please visit www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk for course dates, booking and more detailed information.

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Masters ignore drama in Gelsenkirchen



While the rest of the nation settled down to watch England take on Portugal in the World Cup, another group of athletes proved Bill Shankly wrong. There are more important things than football – Masters skiing!

With the thermometer hitting 28 deg C it was time to hit the slope. Bare flesh was covered up, boots were clipped and hands were pushed reluctantly into warm gloves.

After a couple of runs to familiarise ourselves with the slope, our coaches, Tom and Tris, set about improving our basic skiing skills. Working on timing, aim and accuracy, the first hour sped by quickly. With good feedback and exercises that made it easy for us to monitor our own performance, we all looked like we'd improved.

After a quick break for much needed water, we were ready for the next set of challenges. Again there was no escape from the eagle eyes of the coaches and each run we were asked to refine certain aspects of our skiing

As the stalemate in Germany hadn't been broken, the drama of penalties ensued – but that didn't matter to us. We were here to ski and we weren't going to be distracted. While football fans headed home that night downbeat, we all left Aldershot on top of the world.

All of us would like to thank Mary Ondrusz for putting together a fantastic training sessions, Tom Ondrusz and Tris Lamb for their enthusiasm and Margot Wells for putting fun into fitness.

MASTERS results

	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Best
Masters Group C, Ladies over 30						
Bev Anderson	9.91	10.34	10.56	DNF		9.91
Fran Georgel	11.51	11.73				11.51
Alessandra Zwerger	13.54	13.96	13.11	13.06	12.94	12.94
Emma Colahan	14.42	14.06	14.12			14.06
Alison Ward	15.77	17.29	DSQ	18.66		15.77
Masters Group A, Men 30-54						
Richard Brown	9.58	9.14	9.09	9.12		9.09
Jonathan Walters	10.37	10.31	9.77			9.77
Brian Davies	10.23	10.37	9.94			9.94
Chris Anderson	DSQ	9.97	10.66	10.09		9.97
Andy Dobel	10.30	10.19				10.19
Graham Naylor	10.90	10.48	10.56	10.34		10.34
Roger Haire	11.04	10.72	10.53			10.53
Duncan Nash	11.08	10.86				10.86
David Groves	11.43	DSQ	10.96	DSQ	DSQ	10.96
Paul Bowling	11.29	11.80	11.24	11.40		11.24
Stephen Booth	19.65	18.53	17.58	18.15		17.58
Pace Setter						
Tristan Lamb	8.50	8.41				8.41

Top award for Race Team

The Norfolk Ski Club Race Team have been awarded the Peter Softley Team Shield 2006 by the Norwich Sports Council.

John Williams, the NSC race coach, attended a ceremony at City Hall to accept the award. NSC won the Team Shield for being the number one team in the region for the last five years – well done to all the racers!

The council chamber, where the awards were presented, was full of people involved in sport in the region. There was a wide range of sports represented including martial arts, synchronised swimming, football and athletics. Other awards were made to competitors, officials and helpers for their contributions towards sport.

It was striking how broad an age range the recipients of the awards covered, with young children all the way up to people in their 80s. The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Michael Banham, presented the awards.



Winning ways: John Williams, NSC Race Team Coach (right), receives the award from the Lord Mayor of Norwich.

Why Amy just loves Tuesdays at Bromley ...

Racing Freestyler **Amy Bryant** reports from Bromley Ski Centre

I am a racer and freestyle skier, and every Tuesday night I ski at Bromley Ski Centre, where some ramps and a variety of different rails are placed out on the slope. The evening is for snowboarders and skiers and is great fun. There are two great coaches, Simon and Catherine, who have helped to improve my skiing.

Mogul training takes place in the first hour with ramps and rails dominating the second hour. I enjoy doing 360s and 180s off the smaller ramp. There are rails suitable for all abilities with a small yellow pipe when you first begin, the rainbow rail and up-down rail are for as you progress.

Sessions are for a wide range of ages. Tuesdays have a good friendly atmosphere with everyone getting on well.

Bromley Ski Centre is definitely the place to be on a Tuesday night as there are some great skiers plus great coaching. Skiing is just great fun!

How Sam made the England Team

Sam Wrench, a 15-year-old age from Bromley, Kent, starting ski racing in 1999, after his first family skiing holiday. He started to race on the dry slope circuit and gradually moved on to the snow. Last season, Sam completed his goal of attending the Children's Olympics.

For Sam the 2005-06 skiing season came to an incredible end. Not only did he finish the season with seven podium finishes in five different resorts around Europe – including Norway which saw Sam leave the country with 1st place – he was also selected for the England Alpine Ski Team at 'A' status.

Over the summer, Sam will train on the Swiss glacier, Saas Fee, with the England team. His goals for next season are to get his FIS points below 100 and win medals at the major championships. But, for the short period while he is back at home, which rarely happens, he is concentrating on keeping fit and focusing on the work he has ahead of him this summer.

The winter will be busy for Sam, as he will be racing almost every weekend in

All action: British Ski Academy members in training at Chamonix.



over 20 resorts around Europe.

During the ski season, Sam bases himself in Chamonix, France at the British Ski Academy where he skis in the morning and schools in the afternoon.

Along with equipment and flights, Sam has to pay about £13,000 a season – with no government funding – and the need to gain sponsorship is crucial.

■ For more information, contact Sam either via press@samwrench.com or phone +44 (01) 796 797 5540.

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