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Lochaber Section 2011

Training 2011

After last season's incredible conditions and weather I hope you have all bought your season tickets or taken advantage of the monthly payment scheme to reduce the shock to the bank in December and January!! If you have missed out on the deals this year then make sure that you are ready for next year.

Nevis Range has had to increase the cost of the training this season although it is still a very good deal when regular lessons are at least 50% more than the training programme. If there are more than 3 people from one family booking onto the training then there is a 10% discount to take advantage of as well. So if there are 2 children on the training then try and persuade your parents/guardians to join the adult training as well and get the discount AND some good training and fun!! The adult training has also been a bit short of participants over the last few seasons so it would be great to see some more people take part.

The club is also pleased to announce that it made a successful bid for an "Awards for All" grant this year and received £9,500 for a computer, a skier/snowboarder analysis programme, timing equipment and a printer. Once we have all the equipment in place it means that we should be able to video and have feedback on the mountain and be able to email you the video link so that you can see what is happening even when you are at home. It will make it much easier to understand where to make changes and to keep a track of your progress.

The club also now has one of the most advanced timing systems in Scotland so we will definitely be asked to help with timing for other events. If there are any computer or software boffins out there who can spend some weekends away from home and are interested in helping with the equipment then please contact Davie at Nevis Range on davie@nevisrange.co.uk. There will be plenty of training both on and off the hill and our first request for help is on the 31st October for the Scottish Indoor Championships.

Once again we will be trying to put as much information as possible out by email. When you complete your season ticket or training form please make sure there is an email address for us to contact you with. The website will be up and running too so make <http://snowsports.nevisrange.co.uk/> a favourite and click on the Ski Club tab for news and dates for your diary.

The Lochaber section AGM is on the 7th December and it would be good to see more people involved with the meeting. It is not very formal and is a great opportunity for you as club members to have your say as to what sort of things you would like to see from the club. This year there will be drinks and snacks available as well so make sure you come along and have a chat and if you have any ideas for the way the club is run please let the committee know.

We would like to have a complete review of the trophies at the beginning of the winter this year. The main club has kindly offered to help with providing some extra trophies to the categories which currently don't have one. If trophies could please be returned to Davie by the end of January then we can have a complete review of them, get repairs made and extra space for name plates put onto the full ones.

For all you budding racers, young and not so young, the plan is to have an "open gates" session on Saturday mornings which will be free to club members. Help will be required to help set things up in the morning. Watch the club notice board and the website for information closer to the time. There are also plans to make Sunday a gathering for the advanced skiers to hurl themselves into the back corries, hike to the Summit gully, and generally razz around the mountain!

CATERING: It is anticipated that Rick Hanson will once again be organising a band of volunteers to man the Ski Club Hut at lunch times, so please take a couple of seconds to indicate your availability on the Junior Training form, many hands make light work etc

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ski Club Sale Sat 20 Nov
Nevis Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm

Lochaber Section AGM Wed 7 Dec
Nevis Range 7.30pm

Start of Ski Club Training
15th/16th January

