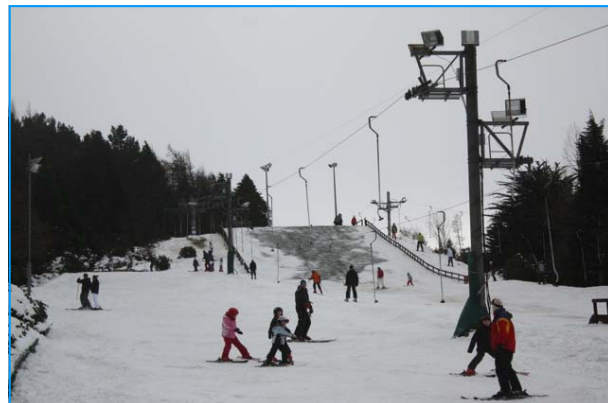




# *Piste Basher* club of Ireland

## **A Note from the President**

As you will see from the pictures the Ski Club was a hive of activity last week as we experienced 'alpine' conditions in Ireland..... the best snow since 1982. Dublin Airport is also a hive of activity these days as members continue to head off on holiday and as you will read below to various competitions world wide from Poland to Idaho and not forgetting the club organised trip to Zell am See in a week's time. Safe skiing/boarding and the very best to all members who are making the most of this excellent snow season.

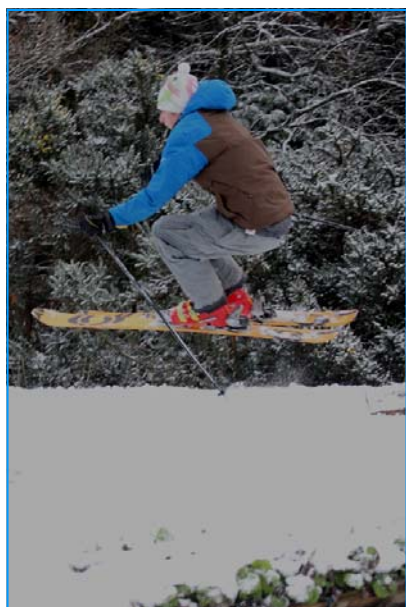


## **One-day Intermediate/Advanced Course**

A One-day Intermediate/Advanced Course has been scheduled for Saturday 21st February. The course will run from 10am - 5pm and is for those who are comfortable skiing from the top of the main slope and are interested in working on carving. If you would like to book a place on this course please call the office on 01 295 5658.

## **League Races**

The February League races will take place this Sunday morning (15th February). As always we are very keen to see new members participating. You don't need to be an expert to take part in the races - once you are able to ski from the bottom of the green matting on the main slope you can participate. The GS starts at 10am.



## **Bring a Group**

A special group rate of €20 per person is now available for groups (minimum 8 participants) on Monday or Friday evenings. This is a great opportunity to bring a group of your friends/work colleagues to the club at a reduced price. Classes are normally €45 each for non-members so these group classes are tremendous value. Email [info@skiclub.ie](mailto:info@skiclub.ie) for more information.

## **Intervarsity Championships 2009**

On Saturday 28th February the Intervarsity Championships will be taking place at the Ski Club hosted by UCD. There will be races on the main slope from 2pm onwards. As a result the main slope will not be available for practice during the afternoon and evening.

## **Special Olympics World Winter Games 2009**

The Special Olympics World Winter Games are currently taking place in Boise, Idaho and the Irish team have been achieving some excellent results. To see profiles of the team, results and much more go to <http://specialolympics.eircom.net/>

## Advanced Friday Night Clinic

The advanced Friday Night Clinic for good parallel skiers (e.g. can do 5 short radius turns on the green matting) who are looking to improve their personal skiing will resume on 20th February at 8pm. The clinic plans to cover topics such as carving, drills and exercises for bumps/mogul skiing, developing short radius turns, timing and rhythm and any other topics as agreed by the class. Friday nights tend to be quieter than other nights so often there is a freer slope to work with.



If you would like to book for this six-week clinic please call the office on 01 295 5658. The rate for a Season Ticket holder is €110 for the six weeks.

## SCI Race Squad Update

### Borrufa 2009

Congratulations to all who were part of the Irish team that competed at the Borrufa competition in Andorra that ran 24th Jan to 31st Jan. The team comprised four Children 1 and two Children 2 racers all of whom are current members of the SCI race squad. The team included: Maebh Byrne (CH1), Emer Pisarnik (CH1), Sean Murray (CH1), Stephen Power (CH1), Lauren O'Riordan (CH2) and Hubert Gallagher (CH2)

### World Championships 2009

The World Championships 2009 are in full swing out in Val d'Isere and coaches Brian Byrne & Shane O'Connor will be there to represent Ireland. Brian will compete in the Giant Slalom qualifier (12th Feb) and both Brian and Shane will compete in the Slalom qualifier (14th Feb). <http://valdisere2009.org>

### Winter European Youth Olympic Festival 2009.

The European Youth Olympics will be held in Poland from 14th Feb to 21st Feb. This competition is a very prestigious event sanctioned by the Olympic Council of Ireland and the four person Irish team will compete in the Giant Slalom and Slalom events. The team consists of Simon Lyons, Mathew Mitchell, Cillian Worrall and Lisa McShera. See [www.eyof.org](http://www.eyof.org) , [www.slask-beskidy.pl](http://www.slask-beskidy.pl) & [www.olympicsport.ie](http://www.olympicsport.ie) for more information.

Big commiserations to Orlagh Carroll who was initially selected for the EYOF team but unfortunately had to withdraw due to a knee injury.

### Topolino 2009

This is the second year Ireland will have a team to compete at Topolino which is the Childrens World Championships. This event will run from 14th to 21st Feb and previous winners include athletes the calibre of Austrian Benni Raich and Croatia Jannikca Kostelic. This year we will have a two person team competing in both Giant Slalom and Slalom. The team includes Hubert Gallagher and Lauren O'Riordan.



Good luck to all our athletes.

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