

## A Note from the President

Welcome to the October issue of the **Piste Basher**. Winter is on it's way and the Ski Club of Ireland Instructors had their annual weekend refresher course in early September, so at this stage all of our teams are in place and we are up and running for the season.

The Team Leaders for the season are:

Monday Evening- Tom Ryan  
 Tuesday Evening - Dermot Delahunt  
 Tuesday Snowboard - Alan Hamilton  
 Wednesday Eve - Brendan Roche  
 Thursday Evening - Andrew Semple  
 Thursday Snowboard - Nick Smith  
 Friday Evening - Declan Reidy  
 Saturday Morning - Marta Val Escudero  
 Saturday Afternoon - Antony Levingston  
 Sunday Morning - Roisin Farrell  
 Sunday Afternoon - Adrienne Parkes  
 Sunday Snowboard - Fintan Keatinge



Our aim this year is to make skiing and snowboarding fun for all ages. We will be developing our children's performance and race courses right from Kindergarten to adult. Our instructors will not only make the lessons fun but will really improve your skiing. With the global political, economic & climate upheaval, look on the bright side: snow capped mountains, fresh powder, moguls, whatever your dreams for this winter may be it could start at Kiltarnan this month. So why not tap into your 'dark side' and pay us a visit over the Halloween break or even beforehand.

Please read on to see what's happening and what events are being planned and don't forget to enter our quiz.

*Rosemary Mayrhuber*

## Expert Advice



On 21st September we had a great morning where you could ask the experts to assess your skiing technique and provide tips and hints. The Sunday morning team will run another "Ask the Expert Session" on Sunday morning 19th October from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm.

This is a free assessment session for members and season ticket holders from advanced beginner standard to expert skier. Refreshments will be available after the session. Numbers may be limited therefore it is advisable to email your interest to [sci@skiclub.ie](mailto:sci@skiclub.ie).

## Swap Places

Are you thinking of trading your skis for a snowboard or your board for skis or just have a go! Each year we hear members saying 'I must try boarding' or 'I must try skiing', well this is the time of year to do it while the slopes are less busy. Just contact the office and they can arrange the ski or snowboard class for you. Special offer rates will apply before end of November.



## Snow Ball 2008



Tickets for the 2008 Snowball will be going on sale very soon from the Ski Club office only. After the massive success of the 2007 event, we are advising everyone to buy tickets early as we're predicating a sell out! We will have special prizes for those who come on the night including ski/board gear, luggage, holiday vouchers plus plenty more!

More details about the ball will be announced shortly so keep an eye on the notice boards in the club and the website. Don't miss out, be sure to get your tickets early!

## Irish Times Article

The Ski Club was recently featured in an Irish Times article. For those of you who missed the print version go to <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/travel/2008/0920/1221835119486.html> to see the digital edition.

## Irish Open Championships & Racing Update

The 2008 Irish Open Championship Ski Races will take place in the Ski Club this weekend. As a result there will be no practice available until around 4pm on Sunday.

103 entrants with racers from all over the UK including most of the top 10 racers from this season will be competing. There's a slalom race running on Saturday and Sunday and also a team dual slalom event on Saturday. Racing starts at 10 am both days. The Ski Club will have over 30 members (children, junior, senior and master) competing in the championships. This is the most we have ever had. Spectators are most welcome. We would like to wish all those competing the very best of luck and we extend a warm SCI welcome to our visitors from the UK.

In other racing news -

- Members of the race squad competed at the Scottish and Welsh Championships where we took home 1<sup>st</sup> in Senior male, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior female, 2 x 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior 2 female, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior 2 male, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior 1 male, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior 1 male, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Children 2 male categories
- Upcoming races include Irish Dry Slope Champs (4/5 Oct) and European Indoor Snowdome Champs (11/12 Oct)
- Winter plans are well under way with 3 confirmed camps: Children training camp 1 in Tignes, 26/10 - 2/11, European Youth Olympic training camp 1 in Norway, 19/11 - 2/12, Children training camp 2 in Austria, 28/12 - 4/1
- Shane McShera has started fulltime training with European FIS squad on scholarship

## Halloween Lessons

A special course of daytime classes for Adults and Children (over 7 years) has been arranged for the week of the Halloween midterm break. The course will run from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 3pm. The course will consist of 4 separate classes Beginners Adult; Beginners children; Intermediate Adults and Intermediate Children.

For details of the rate or to make a booking, please contact the SCI Office

Kindergarten starts  
on 11th and 12th  
of October.  
There are still a few  
places available.  
Call the office to book



## One Day Intermediate/Advanced Course

Intensive One-day Beginner Courses are scheduled most Saturdays this season. We are also pleased to also announce a special One-day Intermediate/Advanced standard course on Saturday 1st November 2008. If you can comfortably ski off the top of the main slope and want to get into carving then this is the course for you. The course will run from 10 am to approx. 5pm.

The rate for the course is €120 for non members, €90 for members and €60 for Season Ticket Holders. If you would like to book in please call the office on 01 295 5658.

## Special Discount from Sunway Holidays

Sunway holidays are offering a €100 discount to Ski Club of Ireland members on their Ski & Snowboard holiday. Go to <http://www.skiclub.ie/documents/SunwayOffers.doc> for information.



## Quiz



*Win Win Win..* Enter the quiz in this issue of *Piste Basher*. Congratulations to Cameron Cunniam who won the prize of four lessons in our last edition. This time we have 6 bottles of wine (3 red and 3 white) to give away.

**Q: Coming from the M50, which exit should you take to get to Kiltiernan?  
Is it 5, 15, or 12?**

Please send your answer via email to [sci@skiclub.ie](mailto:sci@skiclub.ie) before Monday 13th October.

The first League  
Races of the  
Season will be held  
on Sunday 12th  
October at 10.30 am

In the next issue of *Piste Basher* look out for info on this season's ski club holidays, members discounts and the Snow Ball.

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