



London & South East
Regional Ski Association
L&SERSA NEWS
JUNE 2003

The next L&SERSA Regional races will be held on:

27th July at Wycombe Summit

(Helmets are compulsory for all racers)

other races will be held on:

31st August at Chatham

21st September at Aldershot

including the end of series Presentation and **FREE** BBQ
(but buy your own drinks!!)

Apart from individual racing in the morning there is also a Team Dual Slalom Event run in the afternoon, which is always great fun.

Remember to support the RAFFLE - All money raised goes directly back to skiing by supporting the L&SERSA Bursary and Grant Schemes.

NEXT RACE AT CHATHAM

June 15th Kent Schools Ski Championships

******* All spectators Welcome *******

THOMSON GRAND PRIX SERIES

The first race of the series was held at Rossendale on Sunday 25th May.

L&SERSA was represented by a small group of skiers who came away with an impressive list of awards.

Joe Ogden and Daniel Curtis achieved first in their age groups Ch2 and Ch1, respectively. Ben Wheeler came 3rd in the Junior 1's, whilst Charlotte Evans was pipped at the post and came a close 4th place in CH1.

For those who are interested in furthering their careers in skiing. Wycombe Summit will be running some courses:

Mountain First Aid Course 7/8 June
Artificial Slope Snowboard Instructor Course (ASBI) 9-13 June
ESC Club Instructor/ASSI Refresher Course 22 June
Artificial Ski Slope instructors Course (SNSC) 23-27 June

PHONE 01494 474711 for details

CLUB NATIONAL WYCOMBE-Saturday May 3rd 2003

The first ESC Club national of the season was held at Wycombe Summit on Saturday 3rd May. Andy Lockerbie and his staff had prepared the slopes, enabling the organizing committee with the assistance of parents from many regions to put on a fantastic day's racing. Nearly 200 racers arrived to compete, over 30 minis, nearly 60 females and just over 100 males. These skiers, aged from 6 to 60 years old, represented some of the best skiers in England, Scotland and Wales. Also amongst them was a Mongolian skier having his first attempt at skiing on an artificial slope in the UK. Chagnaad with his friends plus the presence of Belgium skiers who joined the spectators during the day gave the race a very definite International feel. As you walked around the balcony at Wycombe Summit the spirit of skiing could be heard in voices of several tongues, unrecognizable to most British skiers. With 200 racers eager to compete, the race started at about 10am. The first run was completed 90 minutes later. For a slope the length of Wycombe that was a remarkable feat. Praying for the weather to hold, the second run followed immediately after the first. Again the organizers and athletes surpassed themselves achieving what had seemed impossible earlier that morning, 2 runs down the slope in just over 3hrs. After a break of about an hour the 3rd run started. This time the skiers were organized according to their best time from the previous two runs, Mini girls first then boys followed by females then the males in reverse time order. Slowest skiers first. This produced some exciting skiing, which was videoed by many spectators, parents and coaches, watching.

In the mini girls race Alessia Thomas-Jackson came 1st, Emily Evans 2nd and Rachelle Rogers 3rd; a clean sweep for skiers from L&SERSA. **All that talent will need nurturing and supporting - "these are our stars of tomorrow"**. In the mini boys Thomas Walsh came 1st, Jake Williams 2nd and Ashley Hill 3rd.

In the female race 1st place went to Shanna Prince, 2nd to Gemma Harris and 3rd Position to Joanna Ryding.

In the men's` race there were four contenders for 1st place. Favourite Georgie Hunt, then any one out of Scott Bryson, Ed Drake and Marc Telling. Each run had produced a different result at 2nd and 3rd position, but the final run saw Georgie Hunt through to 1st place with Marc Telling in 2nd and only 200th of a second behind, Scott Bryson in third.

The Chief of Calcs, the starter and the Commentator, Charlie Jerret, who kept us amused all day (a long day), did a wonderful job. Thanks also must go to the Chief of Race, Piet Van Kempen, who pulled the whole team together to provide us with a day's racing we all enjoyed.

ESC AGM - RESOLUTIONS PASSED

New Name for ESC : A resolution was proposed and passed enabling the ESC to adopt the trading name of SNOWSPORT ENGLAND as soon as is practical.

New Democratic Voting Structure: Another resolution was proposed and passed which will give individuals a chance to vote at the AGM. Without going into detail this will mean that at next year's AGM all members over the age of 18 will be entitled to attend and vote. This includes individual members and National Coaching Scheme members. Clubs will be given an increased per capita vote to compensate. Hopefully, by enfranchising all the members of ESC, without eroding the essential base of the Clubs, more people will be encouraged to attend the AGM and participate in making key decisions.

Some Telling Observations: After the AGM, Sandy Telling, the new Chair, said "Deciding to have a new name and a new voting structure, which enables more people and organisations to have a say in how snowsports are organised, can only be a good thing for the future of our sport."

There is still a lot of work to be done if we are to ensure that the improvements put in place by Graham and the board over the last three years are to be maintained and the new organisation is to become self sustaining."



ESC AGM - ELECTIONS 2003

Further details of all reports will be found on the ESC website www.englishski.org.

The Annual General Meeting of the English Ski Council was held at Xscape in Milton Keynes on Saturday 17th May 2003, attended by at least 30 members representing clubs and organisations from all over England

A presentation of a clock was made to Peter Heath for his extraordinary services to skiing. Useful for timing calcs!!!!

Congratulations and Well done. Keep up the good work. **Long live www.britski.org !!!!!**

There followed election of Officers and Directors. Graham Beck decided at the last minute to stand down and so the other candidate nominated for the position of Chair, Sandy Telling, (L&SERSA) accepted the post. The position of Treasurer was unopposed and 3 of the Directors had agreed to stand for re-election, one other Director, Chris Bowes, had resigned and there was one new nomination, Stewart Smith (currently co-Chair of Sharks Ski Club in Sheffield).

The following were elected

Chair:	Sandy Telling
Treasurer:	Graham Pickles
Directors:	Alan Ashfield John Gledhill Nigel Matthews Stewart Smith

The Board presented Graham Beck with a crystal decanter in recognition of all the work he has put in as Chairman and Director. He was also elected Honorary President and is currently busy organising the indoor snow events at Xscape venues for August, October and November.

Contact your regional officers for details

Leaders of Key committees for 2003/04 and the ESC Council are:

Alpine Racing Committee:	Paul Hothersall
Coaching Committee:	John Gledhill
Freestyle Key Committee:	Martin Carr
Nordic Key Committee:	Ralph White
Schools & Youth Committee:	Amy Taylor
Coaches' Representative:	John Shedden
National Coaching Scheme:	David Hart