



London & South East Regional Snowsports Association **L&SERSA NEWS** AUGUST 2006

The LSERSA committee hope you have all had a wonderful summer break enjoying the sunshine earlier in the summer. There are still a few races to go yet. During September we will hold our final regional race at Bromley on September 24th followed by the Tri-regional Event between LSERSA, ERSAs and SRSA teams on the 30th September at Brentwood. LSERSA has the opportunity to enter 8 teams so if you are interested in being part of one let us know. All names should go to Sally Woods. For details please look on the website www.lserversa.org.uk or ask one of our officials or committee members.




Many thanks to our sponsors who have supported us so well during the season. They have enabled us to expand the range of things going on during the Summer Race Series. A special thank you to SkiWorld who have some offers available to LSERSA members. Keep an eye out for more details.

New End of Season prizes for Groups 3, 4 and 5 from BARA

- 1st prize 60% reduction of fees subject to a 2 week booking at the academy
- 2nd prize 40% reduction in fees subject to a 2 week booking at the academy
- 3rd prize 20% reduction in fees subject to a 2 week booking at the academy

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November 12-18



National Ski & Snowboard Week

As Advertised on Channel Four "World Cup Skiing" with Nick Fellows. Starts: 8.00 am Sunday 12th November.

A major new campaign has been launched to encourage Brits onto the ski slopes and to 'Give Snow a Go' this winter. 'Give Snow a Go' is the theme of this year's National Ski & Snowboarding Week, to be held between 12th – 18th November. It is hoped this initiative will help to break down the taboos of winter sports and encourage more people to go skiing and snowboarding. All snowsports organisations are being asked to do something during the week to encourage people to get involved in both skiing and snowboarding. See www.nssw.co.uk for more details.

FITNESS COMPETITION

At each of the Regional races we will hold a "Superstar" Fitness Competition open to all racers. The winners to-date have included Natalia Harte, Nick Robinson, Marc Telling, Abigail Taylor, Emily Evans and William Sutherland. More prizes have still to be won and a trophy for the fittest male and female athletes will be presented at the end of the Summer Race Series.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our new coach, Oliver Robinson who has now completed his APC1. He was financially assisted by an LSERSA bursary. Jim Gibb, who also received a bursary, will be completing his APC1 in October. We wish him lots of luck. Marc Telling is doing his National Team placement to finish off his APC2 and hopes to organise his APC3 for next season. He has also completed his BASI III & II. He has organised to do his BASI I next season. Many of you will have been on the UK camps with our coaches. If you want to ski with Marc or Paul Telling this season on snow see below for details about BSA and BARA:

Coaches at the **British Ski Academy** will include Ross Green, Marc Telling, Justin Mesuit, Martin Jeffers, Andrea Marchand and Bori Hristlova. The Academy will be doing their pre-season training camp in Pitztal in October followed by the BARSC races and of course the British Ski Academy's own Interschool Ski Challenge in March. For more information see flyers in the race office.

The **British Alpine Racing Academy** in Radstadt will be open again for business this October. Paul Telling will be coaching there this season along with their new American Head coach Kevin Eccles. The full details of the BARA race camp for The BARSC Children & Junior (FIS) Championships are now posted to the web site. BARA have booked accommodation at the Hotel Carla, La Croisette, which is right in the centre of the resort. The 25 beds which have been booked will be offered on a first come basis. There is a discount available for bookings with a deposit, made before the 12th September 2006

SKI FOR CHARITY: Ski writer Patrick Thorne (who provides some articles for our newsletter and the Piste Magazine) and his 15-year-old son Sam will take to the indoor snow slopes of Glasgow, Scotland, in October to join others in a team effort for **Cancer Research UK**. Each participant will ski for an estimated four hours to clock up 8850m/29035 feet – the vertical height of Mount Everest.

Sam and Patrick previously dressed in gorilla suits in 2004 to raise funds for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund at a mass indoor gorilla ski at the Xscape Dome at Castleford, North Yorkshire. Last year they took part in a 24 hour ski marathon in Villars, Switzerland, having a fantastic time and raising funds for child cancer charities.

The event takes place on October 22nd. Sponsorship is welcome (no donation is too small...or too large). Please send cheques made payable to Cancer Research UK to Patrick Thorne, Broomfield, Kiltarlity, Inverness, IV4 7JH or donate online by credit card using PayPal to snowhunter@tiscali.co.uk

WHAT'S ON SOON in the SOUTH EAST

Other events happening soon around the area.

HEMEL (ALL ENGLAND CHAMPS)	September 2/3 rd
BROMLEY (LSERSA)	September 24 th
BRENTWOOD (TRI REGIONAL)	September 30 th

LSERSA have a new range of clothing specially printed with the logo on. For the summer races we have long sleeved T-shirts and some polo-shirts. In preparation for the winter there will also be available a line of Hoodies available. A few can be seen in the race office.

If you would like to place an order please see Sally Woods.

25th Anniversary

Skiworld will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary during the 2006/07 season. The new 06/07 brochure is now available and is our biggest and best yet! The brochure is packed with over 140 chalets and over 100 hotels and condominiums throughout France, USA and Canada. New for 06/07 are 23 new chalets and 4 new resorts; La Rosiere in France, Jasper & Tremblant in Canada and Mammoth in USA. To order your free copy please visit www.skiworld.ltd.uk or call 08702 41 67 23. Also, sign up to our Offers Alert Service via www.skiworld.ltd.uk to keep up to date with prices, promotions and competitions throughout the season.'

World's Biggest Artificial Ski Slope Development, in France, Gets Bigger

Since the initial announcement made back in January, Briton Engineering's project to redevelop the Nœux-les-Mines artificial ski slope project in northern France is to be expanded to increase the options for skiers and boarders at the top of the hill by providing enhanced "green run" opportunities.

This expansion was originally drawn up as the third phase of the project, and was due to be constructed in approximately two years time. However the local authority took a decision to maximise the projects potential and to make the most of the economies of scale by linking the different phases together.

The Nœux-les-Mines complex is believed to have one of the largest and longest artificial surface ski slopes in the world. The new terrain park features kickers, pipes and a mogul field. The installation is on target for completion in the near future www.snowflex.com

UK Snowsports Numbers Up 7%

Crystal, one of the UK's leading tour operators has published its annual Ski Industry Report confirming that Snowsports are definitely increasing in popularity!

The British snowsports market has just recorded one of its strongest periods of growth, with 7% more skiers and boarders taking a holiday abroad than last season.

According to the report 1.15 million ski & boarding holidays were bought in 2005/06 showing an increase of 40% more than in the mid-80s.

Check out the new Snowsport England Website at www.snowsportengland.org.uk

If you have any comments about the site, good or bad, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0121 501 2314