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Members Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



A HUGE shout out from all at Aberdeen Snowsports club and centre to Grant Donald and Finlay Bremnar who have been selected for the Scottish freeski team and the GB Freestyle Snowboarding team respectively. Both boys have been competing for some time now and have a haul of medals between them so this is well deserved recognition. Well done lads!

Also, well done to Mal Judd, who at the Snowsports Scotland AGM was awarded the "ski personality of the year award". Mal was nominated by club chairman, Neil Cameron and Bill Gray in recognition of all the support he has given the centre, club and Scottish Snowsports generally. Nice one Mal.



Team Aberdeen invades Glasgow

It was a double header a few weekends back with Aberdeen Snowsports Club Race and Freestyle Teams both heading south to take on the competition away from their home turf. First up the racers headed to Snozone for the Scottish Indoor Champs. The Aberdeen Team braved the early start and were ready and eager at the 8.30am bib collection. Five of the clubs racers took part; Alistair Hall, Alexander Geekie, Tommy Cockburn, Andrew MacDonald and Adam Hall. The race was a slalom with 2 courses which was good experience for our guys and interesting to see other racers their age. Andrew and Adam both had spectacular recoveries in their final runs as they negotiated the well rutted course but no other near misses fortunately. For the first race of the season for Team Aberdeen it went well. For full results, see <http://www.britski.org/11scotindoorres.pdf>. Next day it was the turn of the Freestylers who headed to Bella for the latest in the Lowlander series. With Aberdeen entering a staggering 15 riders, the guys weren't intimidated by the locals and went straight into a confident display of their skills in this the rail leg of the series. For Andrew Budge, Duncan Trilk, Fraser Jack, Fraser Morrison, Jay Waters and Ali Rodgers, this was their first comp away from home ground but were soon showing the local Glasgow riders what they had to offer. The kids ski category was hotly contested with Fin Jacobs grabbing the gold for Aberdeen, and Rory Cameron picked up 4th. Grant Donald took 2nd in the Open Ski category while over at the Kids snowboarding, Fin Bremner showed why he has been selected for the GB Freestyle Team by picking up 1st. A final big shout out to Fraser Jack who took the prize for most stylish trick with a lovely switch tail press. For full lowlander results, see the links below. Well done to everyone that was competing over the weekend. See overleaf for the write up for Own it!

<http://www.snowsportsScotland.org/uploaded/GLASGOW%20LOWLANDER%202011%20-%20SKI.pdf>

<http://www.snowsportsScotland.org/uploaded/GLASGOW%20LOWLANDER%202011%20-%20BOARD.pdf>



Season Pass Fundraisers



Well it's official. Twelve all area passes dropped through the letter box last week for Rowan, Rory, Lewis, Emma, Keilan, Findlay, Ellie, Fraser, Angus, Finlay and Duncan. These guys have been hard at it since April selling tea and coffee, flipping burgers, packing shopping bags, participating in a sponsored ski and even organising a competition, so the passes are well deserved! They can't wait for the snow and a choice of any of Scotland's Mountains. A big thanks also to local company AGR Petroleum who gave them a substantial donation towards their fundraising. Last month we invited junior members to get on board for next year. So if you want to start raising money for your own pass for Winter 2012/13, then get in touch with Neil Cameron at neil@ncameron01.plus.com as soon as possible. We hope to start fundraising from January 2012.

Snow X

That's right folks, the Scottish ski & snowboard cross is gonna be back again next year! The date is set for Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th of March 2012 and will be returning to Glenshee.

Going on previous years, it's set to be a action packed weekend, full of high thrills and spills and adrenaline fuelled racing. It's still the only event of it's kind in the UK and takes a massive amount of organising, from the competitors and course set up, to the corporate sponsors and media coverage. We are building our event team now, so if you want to get in involved in any way, e-mail jen@aberdeensnowsports.com for information. It's set to be a better! We also want to build on our previous two years of success and can offer many sponsorship opportunities for businesses in the area, from sponsoring competitor bibs, to features on the course. If you can help with sponsorship or know anyone who can please contact Neil Cameron at neil@ncameron01.plus.com for more information.

Lowlander – Own It!

On Saturday October 22nd, Aberdeen Snowsports Centre hosted the first Snowsport Scotland freestyle competition of this winter season, Own It! Own It! Is now part of the Lowlander/Highlander series with points going towards the Scottish and UK freestyle standings, and it has to be said, team Aberdeen were dominating! The day, which was hosted by the club, providing the riders with burgers to keep the energy up and the spectators with hot drinks to keep the blood flowing on the cold autumn day. The day saw all the riders pulling out the stops with a good display of both aerial and jib tricks. However, the local kids were showing the way and controlled the podium with Fin Jacobs and Zarek Samdani taking gold in the kids division for skiing and snowboarding respectively. In saying that, Vailla Cherman from Edinburgh and Matt Corry from Glasgow readdressed the balance in the snowboarding competitions by placing gold in the women's and youth categories respectively. The men's snowboarding category was a hotly fought competition, but in the end it was local boy Kris Bell that secured the open snowboard title in a tight battle with Jamie Trinder from the Cairngorm Snowsports club. The other gold medals went to Hannah Milne for the ski female category, Cameron Wood for ski youth and Grant Donald for the ski open. As is traditional at Aberdeen a rail jam completes the competitive day with combined winners of the Lowlander and the Rail Jam being awarded the prestigious (and very large) "Own It" trophy! This year Grant Donald took the honours for freestyle skiing and Jamie Trinder did enough to take the snowboard title by slaying the rails. The Lowlander Aberdeen and "Own It" has quickly become a firm fixture on the freestyle calendar, mostly due to the range of young Scottish ski and snowboard talent and level of competition it attracts. Dave Rutledge, Competitions, Events and Volunteering Coordinator for Snowsport Scotland, says: " The Aberdeen Lowlander and "Own It" competition has fast become a place for Scotland's up and coming elite athletes to showcase what they have got on the dry slopes. There is no doubt that we will see many of these names featuring in the upcoming Scottish Dry Slope Freestyle Championships and the Scottish "Edinburgh" Freestyle Invitational both in December, and I am sure that many are names to look out for as professional stars of the future." Encouraging words for the future of the competition! Well done to everyone who took part and huge thanks to everyone who helped out with the competition in every capacity.



Upcoming events

17/12/11 Scottish "Edinburgh" Freestyle Invitational

17/12/11 Scottish Snowsports Festival in Edinburgh

17/12/11 Scottish Nordic Cross - Super Sprint in Edinburgh

Sainsbury bag pack

The club secured the opportunity to raise funds by bag packing at Sainsbury's, Garthdee on Saturday 26 November 2011 from 10am. This was a fantastic opportunity to raise some money which will be reinvested in to the Garthdee Site. Big thanks to everyone that helped out, we managed to raise a total of £279.30. This money will be used towards the hut project which is under way now.

As I'm sure you are all aware, here at the centre we've been playing with sheds again!! The plan is for the small cabin, that was previously at the base of the Alpine, and now next

to the feature store, to be used for storage for the Snowsports club. In it's place, the large hut will be moved from the bottom of the tubing slope. This hut will have a complete re-vamp to become the on-site "club hut". This is to provide a more comfortable and warmer space for members and parents to hang out and socialise during these cold winter months. It will also provide a better view point of the slopes and improved food and beverage offerings. So big thanks to everyone involved in this project, from the fundraising to the move itself. I'm sure you will all agree that it's been worth the hard graft!

Hut move