

Disability Snowsport UK

Winter 2011



WIN LONDON 2012 TICKETS!!!

Here at Disability Snowsport UK, we have **52** tickets for the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games!! We're opening up a prize draw to all our members to give you the chance to win tickets! All you need to do is send us an e-mail with your name and address on it, or a postcard with the same to:

Disability Snowsport UK
Glenmore Lodge Grounds
Glenmore
Aviemore
PH22 1QU

(terms and conditions apply, please see the latest news section of our website for full information)

admin@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk



All details **MUST** be with us by 4pm on Wednesday 7th December. Unfortunately after then they will not be included in the draw as we will be submitting them that afternoon at 5pm.

NB. Entries WILL NOT be accepted by phone.

NEWS FROM THE TEAM...

A great start for the 2011-12 Winter Season has been had by the British Disabled Ski Team, with Jade Etherington (and her guide Fi) winning two medals in the inaugural race at Landgraaf in the Netherlands. Jade and Fi brought home silver and a bronze medal in the two slalom races, narrowly missing out on top honours to the Russian visually impaired skier Frantseva. Also taking part in these races were fellow team members Mick Brennan (back from injury) and James Whitley.



In difficult conditions on a tight course, Mick and James did not complete their first race, but in the second slalom James had a credible finish placing 16th out of 24—not bad for the youngest skier in the field! In the Netherlands there was also opportunity for classification and James, Jade and Jack Titley all classified successfully!

These races in the Netherlands follow some fantastic early season training

at Hintertux where we had our development camps for youth and adult. These camps are always oversubscribed and we wish we could take more skiers. Good news though is that we are looking at running some more camps in February for those who want to pay for some more race training and get the chance to work with our new World Class coaching team of Sue Greenberg and Rip Priddy! For more details, please contact Dave Chugg via

davechugg@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk



ACCESS FOR ALL RACE LEAGUES 2012

Would you like to participate in fun race leagues organized by DSUK with able-bodies and adaptive skiers? Coming in spring 2012 in conjunction with Crystal Ski, we need all hands on deck with skiers, instructors and volunteers to bring everyone together for a fun-packed all inclusive race league day. For more information please contact :

Rachel@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk



MEMBERSHIP

At DSUK we want you to get the most out of your skiing by being part of our membership. You play a crucial role in the work we do and we want the membership to reflect that. We now have a dedicated Membership Officer to ensure you receive the opportunities and facility of a National Organisation, whilst the understanding of a local network.

All members should have received your new member pack to renew your membership. If you have not received this then you can find it on our website:

www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk/join-dsuk-today For further information, queries or feedback please contact the Membership Officer via: sophiewood@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk

LOVE TO SKI...

LOVE TO GIVE...

We really need your help, now more than ever. If you'd like to continue your support and join our monthly campaign from as little as £2.50 a month please contact us for a standing order form: sophiewood@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk

OVERSEAS ACTIVITY TRIPS...

It may not be too late for you to book onto an overseas activity week for this year!! There are still spaces available on some trips!! For further information and availability contact: admin@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We at Disability Snowsport UK, are always on the look out for talented, enthusiastic volunteers to help out at events, ski schools and in the DSUK offices. You can help out in many ways, so please take the time to visit our volunteering section on the website:

<http://www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk/events/volunteering-opportunities>

Or call the Cairngorm office on:

01479 861 272



FUNDRAISERS ACROSS THE GLOBE, WE SALUTE YOU...!



Back in August, Sarah Bennett, our fundraising coordinator made a trip from the Chillfactore of-
fice, to meet with Leicester Constabulary and accept their grand cheque of £600!!! They managed
to raise this amount by having a bake sale every Wednesday for the previous 6 months!! Detective
Sergeant Richard Wright has been a supporter of DSUK for many years and is an adaptive qualified instructor, volunteering out at the Tamworth
local group every month. It was his brainchild to set up “Cake Wednes-
days”, an easy way of fundraising for the charity by selling cakes! Along
with the helping hands of PC Sarah Hogan’s mum, baking all the cakes,
the cake sale has been a HUGE success!

Inspired by the success of “Cake Wednesdays”, our very own Lead In-
structor at Milton Keynes, Charlie Laine, set up “Cake Mondays” in Milton
Keynes. If you read our blog, you’ll have seen all the tasty looking de-
lights that the good people of SNO!zone MK have been baking! Since 5th
September when the cake bonanza began they’ve managed to raise a
whopping **£571.91!** Milton Keynes...we salute you and your cake eating
prowess!



TIM NUTTALL: FUNDRAISING EXTRAORDINAIRE

Tim Nuttall has been involved in raising funds for national chari-
ties for the last 10 years. During this time he has helped The
Guide Dogs, Marie Curie, MS Society, Cheetah Experience, and
DSUK. Here’s what Tim has to say about his amazing fundraising efforts, Tim, you’re a legend!



*My fundraising activities have been quite wide and varied! I’ve been white water rafting, taken part
in various cycling events, run 10k distances, finished the Great North Run (3 times!!), been sky-
diving, helped look after Big Cats in South Africa, taken part in a Santa Run, and given a presenta-
tion on Adaptive Skiing to a Ladies Fellowship group.*

*More recently, I’ve passed me BASI Level1 Adaptive Ski Instructor Course and travelled with dis-
abled ski charities on skiing holidays. I’ve been involved with DSUK for the last 6 years.*

*I enjoy being out on the mountain either skiing or snowboarding (average at both!) but love to get
out onto the slopes and give it my best. When I first got involved with the Gloucester group, I was
amazed at the range of equipment that was used to enable people with a variety of illnesses and
disabilities to get up a drag lift and down a slope. I soon learnt the term “Adaptive” means what
can work for one skier might not do with the next, and that something may need adapting...*

*I love to help with disabled ski groups and see what a difference it can and does make to people’s
lives. Even going skiing once a month can give people so much to look forward to—the freedom
and enjoyment that the skier’s get from the sessions is usually obvious by the size of the smiles
on their faces and their eagerness to come back and do it again... If Tim has inspired you to take
on your own fundraising challenge please contact fundraising@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk*

EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS

DAREDEVIL SKYDIVE WITH THE RED DEVILS: If the sound of jumping out of a plane from **13,000ft** strapped to a Red Devil whets your whistle, we are now taking bookings for our exclusive skydive event at Netheravon on 7th and 8th May 2012. To claim your place call our fundraising team!



NATIONAL SKIATHON: DSUK's annual National Skiathon event will be back for its 4th year and this time we will be celebrating 2012 with an Olympic theme! Take part at a slope near you Tuesday 15th MAY 2012!!

5 PEAKS SKIING CHALLENGE: The 5 Peaks Challenge is back, and looking set to sell out this year! If you would like to ski/board all 5 Scottish Peaks in *one* day and raise money for DSUK then get in touch ASAP... This event is on 15th March!!!

Contact the Fundraising Team via:
fundraising@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk
Or 0161 749 2298



SCOTTISH SNOWSPORTS FESTIVAL

The Scottish Snowsport Festival, run by Snowsport Scotland, is on the 17th December 2011 in and around the Ross Band Stand in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. The event will feature the Scottish Freestyle International and a new event for this year, the Nordic Cross—Super Sprint!

The festival kicks off from midday on the 17th, and you'll be able to watch Scotland's elite athletes on both skis and snowboards, battle it out for a combined prize fund of over £1000!!

With DJ's and winter sports exhibitors on sight and with the Edinburgh Christmas Celebrations next door including the German Market and Ice Rink, a vibrant atmosphere and fun day out is assured for both athletes and spectators.

DSUK will be at the event showing our support for Scottish Snowsports! Please come along and show your support for what the UK has to offer the world of snowsports and also pop along to see us at the DSUK stand!!

Visit: www.facebook.com/ScottishSnowsportsFestival



THANK YOU...

The new Local Group based at the John Nike Leisure Bracknell Dry Slope is developing from strength to strength, meeting monthly on a Sunday morning. They're named the DSUK Snowhounds (www.snowhounds.org.uk) and have been running since July. They currently have around 10 skiers and 15 helpers including support from DSUK Aldershot group. A BIG thank you to everyone at Aldershot for their support, providing equipment, and Instruction to help the group develop. Support is still needed with Adaptive Instruction and help on the slope. If you're local to the area and can help please contact slope organiser Steve Bamford on:

stevebamford@yahoo.co.uk or call

07801 393 769. John Nike Leisure Bracknell Dry Slope have been fantastic in support and DSUK Snowhounds would like to acknowledge their support and say a HUGE thank you!!

MEMBER BENEFITS: Don't forget, as a member of DSUK you are entitled to a variety of amazing benefits!! Contact Sophie for details!!