



The Gordon Skiers

The North East of Scotland's Premier Ski Racing Club

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of our new and rebranded Bendy Pole newsletter! For those of you who are new to the club, this is not the first time

a Bendy Pole has been issued, and we are here to bring back all the gossip, information and other fun bits and pieces to you. The Bendy Pole is a collection of everything that goes on in the club, and we would love for you to get involved in any way at all, be it an article, equipment advertisement or anything you want people to know, get in touch and we'll see that it finds its place upon these pages. We will let you know up and coming events, race results and a general picture of club life as it happens. Like Gordon Skiers itself, the Bendy Pole is an open environment so everyone from committee members and coaches to people who are joining us for their first season can get involved, be you parent or child. Don't be shy, you can get in touch with either James or I via the email addresses above or feel free to approach us when you see us around the club. We hope to hear from you soon, and that you enjoy the paper, and mainly that everyone has a safe, fun and successful season! See you on the slopes!

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Blurb about Committee Members

This year, like all other years, we have an excellent committee with great experience in the sport of skiing.

The Committee would like to wish you all the very best and we all hope that you have a fun and enjoyable season.

Chairman– Dave Tilley

Due to work commitments, that tend to mess up social life and hobbies, I'm not always around the Club as much as I'd like!

Following my first family ski holiday in 2001 I joined the Club with my 2 daughters. Prior to the holiday I'd never skied and I was that stereotypical 'punter' – many say I still am! I like to help out where I can so it was no surprise to find myself on the Committee as the Race Convener after my first season.

In my time as Chairman I have watched our Club grow to what we are today, the membership is currently at record levels. We have an excellent Coaching Team, many of whom are well known and respected throughout the sport.

As a race club I'm very keen to see more of our youngster competing in races. Ski racing is what we train for and where our Club earns its pedigree, it's great fun and the kids love it .

If you have any question about anything ski related then please don't hesitate to contact myself, one of the committee or the coaches at any time – the Club is here to help and assist you as far as we're able and in doing so enable every young racer the opportunity to achieve their full potential in alpine ski racing.



Treasurer– Thomas Paxton -James (19) Paul (13)

Background– I have skied for many years and became involved with ski racing when my son James started 10 years ago doing the dry mat series in England where I helped run races –as a qualified race official . We moved North in 2005 and joined the Gordon Skiers in our first new season up here and since then I have tried to help out running races where possible. Two years ago I became a BASI 2 Instructor.

Role–To chase for payments throughout the season and control the money the club has. I will also try and help as much as possible with the races the club holds during the snow season.

Administrator–Margaret Brown-Jamie (15)Rachel(11)

Background-In 2005 we moved from Glasgow to Aberdeenshire. The move came with one condition, set by Jamie and Rachel-we had to join the cousins' ski race club. Over the last 6 years we have had a great time

being involved with Gordon Skiers...from making new friends, keeping fit in a fun way, going to races, and skiing abroad.

Role -This is my third year as Administrator, I send out forms and reminders regarding membership fees and training fees, and issuing memberships cards. I am also one of the contacts for the club, giving information to potential new members, and liaising with different organisations.



Training Convenor–Gary Whatford–Beth(10) Ben(6)

Background– I have skied right from a Child and now The vast majority of my skiing is done in the French Alpes where my friends are among the strongest instructors and coaches around, many of whom are BASI Trainers. Keeping up with them helps me to keep up with the latest teaching methods and gains in equipment development. My strengths have always been All Mountain skiing and Moguls and any chance to hike off in search of powder and ending the day in a rut-line is my idea of an ideal day.



Role I work closely with our Head Coach and other coaches to provide the best possible training for our members. I'm looking forward to working with the racers this season and stretching their comfort zones with plenty of variable, steep, off piste and high speed skiing .

Race Convenor– John Allan -Tabby (11), Amelia(10) , Phoebe(7)

Background- Chartered engineer and project manager, keen alpine skier but no racing background. Development coach with the club.

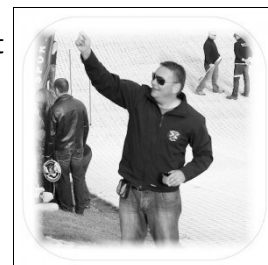


Role – Organise the annual race program and promote racing throughout the club. I am also here to encourage as many of the club members to participate in both snow and dry mat races as possible. Key objective is to ensure maximum participation in club racing events at the Lecht Bairns and the North East Open in January and for a strong presence of Gordon Skiers at all Scottish dry mat and snow races. I will be on the hunt for volunteers to help with the running of our two races in January.

We would like to say a big Thank You to Mel Allan who has given up lots of time over the last year to help organise and coordinate the new ski kit. It gives the club a true identity and the kits all look fabulous in the matching suits. We now have kit for all sorts of weather whether it be warm and sunny or cold and miserable. If you would like to enquire about any of the kit then please feel free to catch Mel at training or contact her at melevallan@hotmail.com Also our new club website is up and in full swing. If you have anything you want to share then please contact Colin (colin.calder@mac.com) and he will arrange for it to be posted for everyone to see. The website is used by the committee and coaches to give the members updates so please keep checking.

Social Convenor– Phil Amann - Louis (6)

Background- I first became introduced with the Gordon Skiers just by seeing the team training at the Lecht. I saw how talented everyone was and knew it was the club for my son to become involved with. Since joining the Club in Jan 2011, Louis has had brilliant snow and dry mat training. I have no racing background but I am very keen to support the club in all aspects I can in order to help the club succeed.



Role- To help organise any social events and try to attract sponsorship towards the club funds. (A list of fundraising events can be found on the back page)

Communications- Colin Calder- Laura (11), Emma (9), Sophie (6)

Background -Until last year I was a free-heel telemark skier, before being persuaded to procure some alpine kit for the first time this season - so feel free to share any tips with a heels-down novice! As well as skiing I like to take pictures, race and coach sea kayaks, and race swim-bike-run triathlons.



Role– I look after communications as well as the club's website - any ideas for articles, pictures, info, or anything related to Gordon Skiers are more than welcome, just let me know and we can get your stuff online!

Racer Liaison– James Paxton

Background- I have skied for 16 years now and raced for 8 years on the dry mat in England. I used to train with Hemel and did 20 races a year on all the dry mats around England. When we moved North I joined the club with my brother in our first winter season. I trained with Gordon Skiers for two seasons and then stopped. I left school in 2010 and went straight to work for The Digital Croft (our family run computer shop). In November 2010 I passed my BASI Level 1 Instructor and now help out with coaching in the club



Role– I am the main link between the racers/parents and the committee so anything you want brought up, good or bad then feel free to catch me and let me know. I am on the committee to give them a view point of a youngster and ex racer on how the club is doing/ what we need to do. You will most likely see me helping at the 2 Lecht races each season providing support where I can.

Louise Kochalski – Head Coach

Sport and exercise have always played a key part in our head coach, Louise's life. Having represented her local athletics club for several years, she always excelled at the 400m. However, for Louise, skiing was always her main focus point. She has been skiing since the age of 5, and began training and racing with Gordon Skiers when she was 8 years old, also the age she began competing. All her hard work built towards her representing Great Britain at the World University Games in Tarvisio Italy, when she was 20. She also has several years in the Scottish Alpine Ski Team under belt, and held the title for British Under 18 Downhill and Combined Champion in 2000. Louise is a level 3 alpine performance coach, as well as an artificial ski slope instructor meaning Gordon Skiers receive coaching of the highest levels throughout the whole season. As well as being a Gordon Skiers coach, Louise runs the Feel Fab Factor in Banchory.



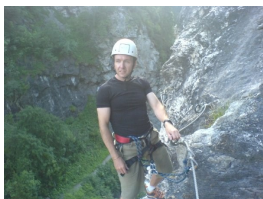
Gilbert Runcie

Gilbert is former head coach at Gordon skiers and an Alpine Level 3 ISIA instructor. His list of qualifications also includes being an Alpine Development Coach 2, and he holds a Level 3 in Mountain safety. Gordon is a valued coach within the club, and has been for many years, also doing some instructing for Aberdeen Snow Sports at Gathdee alongside his irreplaceable work for the club. Gilbert is a true natural at technical drills and is a delight to watch as he prances his way down the slope so effortlessly.



Gary Whatford

Gary began teaching skiing at 17, in Aviemore, working for a Glasgow ski company for 10 years. He then started on the BASI route in 2000 with his Foundation Instructor Course. Unfortunately Gary then ruptured his knee ligaments and had to delay his Grade III Technical course until the following March. He passed the Grade 3 in Aviemore, in March 2001. Hard to believe his wife Wilma was pregnant with Beth at the time, who is now racing for Gordon Skiers. The other BASI qualifications soon followed, until he achieved full ISIA. He thoroughly enjoyed doing his BASI training especially Off-Piste Mountain Survival, the Alpine Performance Coaching and the Technical courses. His involvement in Gordon Skiers is a great opportunity to pass on some of these skills and it's great to see the young skiers develop under the varied experience of the Gordon Skiers coaching team.



Ali Mathieson-Performance Coach

Ali began skiing age 6 at Bearsden Ski club, and soon after was ski racing. He joined Gordon skiers as a child – “yes my parents used to drive me to the Lecht from Glasgow every Sunday morning!!” competing in the British Championships as well as attending several Austrian ski camps. He found himself on the slopes with the likes of Doug Crawford, who now races in the world cup. As Ali carried on into the juniors racing sector, he became one of the founding members of the Scottish Juniors Alpine Development Group. He then made the Scottish team, training in Australia and all over Europe, all the while coping with a heavy school load of 5 Highers. After this he went full time into the British Development team and began life in Austria, his final year as a racer. Between finishing his racing career and studying Physiology at Aberdeen University Ali completed his Alpine performance coaching qualification alongside his BASI 3 qualification. (In the old system). During his Physiology degree he was Assistant coach for the Scottish Team, before moving over to work as assistant for the English National team where the role of running camps became his. Throughout this time Ali has worked with Gordon skiers and FAST, having just finished working for the English team to concentrate on his studies.



John Rennie.

John trained with the Aberdeen and Kandahar clubs as a child and things have developed from there. More recently he has got back into skiing again and has been going through the BASI system. He has also enjoyed the touring side of skiing as well as ski racing.

John's day job is running a farm near Kintore which he hope to pull himself away from this winter for some great days up the hill...! John has been with the club on and off over the last few seasons and is a credit to the club. He is our highest qualified instructor and only needs to complete his teaching qualification to obtain the full ISTD. John is also a well recognised instructor throughout the sport of skiing.



Carrie Will

Carrie is a graphics designer and has helped with the design of our ski kit and also the impressive flags the club has– all of which look fantastic. She is also a BASI Level 2 Instructor and last year passed her Alpine Coach Level 2 as well. Carrie has been a club coach for a few years now and still brings new initiatives to her teaching. Carrie works for Aberdeen Snowsports at Garthdee as well and a race training session during the week. She also enjoys biking and having a free ski as well as being with her kids and 'lovely man'.



Eilidh McLeod

Eilidh is an Advanced Performance Coach 1 and has been part of the Scottish Team since 2006. Eilidh began skiing at a very young age and has taken part in many events both in the UK and overseas, having joined the British Development team for 3 years full time, after her school day. She held the title of the under 18 British overall champion in 2007, also having represented Great Britain at the Youth Olympics and being Scottish Slalom and Giant Slalom champion for a few seasons.



Eilidh currently studies BSc Geography at Aberdeen University, and is recovering from a skiing accident, that unfortunately resulted in injuries to both of her legs and caused her retirement, however is taking baby steps towards skiing and hopefully racing in the future. Her sights are set on the World Student Games in 2013. As well as her degree, Eilidh plays for the university hockey team, is the ski captain of Aberdeen snow, and is on the sports union committee. Eilidh has always brought amazing race experience to the club and is proud to be representing both her university and BP next year as an Olympic torch bearer.

Kenny Morton

Kenny started skiing when he was 3 and grew up skiing in Scotland. Kenny did his first races when he was 12 and left school when he turned 17 to join the British development team program. Kenny progressed through the team structure until by 2010 he was racing downhill on the Europa cup circuit and ranked inside the top 200 in the world. After an injury in 2010 he decided not to continue racing and spent the 2010/11 season working full time as a J3 (Children 2) coach with the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team in California. Kenny is now qualified as a BASI level 2 instructor and a BASI alpine level 2 coach. He is currently studying for a Masters of Engineering at Aberdeen University and working towards attaining his ISIA stamp. Kenny brings a lot of good experience to the club and we hope it reflects on the children



Gordon Skiers Hit Braehead , Glasgow

On Friday 18th November 17 Gordon Skiers and their parents headed down to the snow dome at Braehead, Glasgow for the Scottish Indoor Ski Championships. Most of the children joined us for an hour on the slope as a warm up session for the race the next day. Unfortunately slope spaces was restricted due the freestyle session which happens every Friday night– having said that it may have done the kids good to get the playing out the way before the race. Some folk then peeled off and did their own thing that evening but about 25 Gordon Skiers descended on Pizza Express and enjoyed a very pleasant Pizza and a good chat.

Race day- Saturday morning saw an early start (8.30am bib collection), all the kids were ready all kitted up for Ali and James who were providing race support for the day. Two courses were set before anyone arrived but there was time for a free-ski and the kids to focus on what they had to do. Course inspection opened and the racers were shown the way down by the two coaches– Males were skiing one course and Bairns and Ladies skied the other course. Ryan Pye (one of our youngest competitors) had pole position as number 1 down the course. All our racers put down solid confident performances which showed in their times. The courses were then stripped and reset– during resetting the course team managed to hit one of the pipes that makes up the refrigerator system under the snow. The SNOTeam tried to repair it quickly but time was getting tight so it was decided that everyone would ski the one course for the second run. Start order was changed from the first run which confused some of the children but everyone made their start place. Once again everyone put down strong performances and dealt well with the tricky icy conditions. Andrew Simpson who was 4th from last did exceptionally well having to ski a rutted icy course after 150 skiers before him.

Results

Sophie Presslie—6th Bairns 1
Amelia Allan – 6th Bairns 2
Emma Calder– 8th Bairns 2
Phoebe Allan– 9th Bairns 1
Sophie Calder– 10th Bairns 1
Ryan Pye—7th Bairns 1
Neil Simpson– 17th Bairns 2
Harry Pflieger—11th Bairns 1

Ella Still—6th Children 2
Amber Garvie– 8th Children 2
Rachel Brown – 8th Children 1
Tabitha Allan—9th Children 1
Jessica Presslie– 10th Children 1
Paul Paxton— 11th Children 2
Andrew Simspon –18th Children 1



FAST CAMP FIRST TIMERS

Focussed Alpine Scottish Training (FAST) was established a few years ago to bring under one organisation the training camps run by individual clubs. Snowsport Scotland <http://www.snowsportscotland.org/> as the country's national skiing body oversees the camps. The camps are open to any child of CH1 or CH2 who is a member of a Scottish club. They are either **residential** where the whole camp stays in a hotel and everything is organised by FAST, or **on-hill only** where parents organise everything apart from the ski training.

This year Gordon Skiers were delighted to have 4 skiers going for their first time to the October camp in Tignes to stay residential. Great excitement was building up for Keiran, Tabitha, Jess and Rachel who are all the same age(11) and have been training together for the past few years. Rachel had to pull out due to breaking her arm 2 weeks before. When the Children stay residential for the first time, it's a real eye opener for them. They have to become responsible for themselves, their kit and equipment usually for the first time ever. Time keeping is important, as is a maturity to respond to instruction. High standards are expected from them and they have to cope with probably never staying away from home for this amount of time before. Keiran was there for 1 week, Tabby and Jess stayed for 2.



We managed to pin Tabby and Jess down for 5 minutes to answer some questions:

So, first time at residential fast camp, were you nervous about going? Was there anything you were worried about?

TABS - I wasn't really worried, I was really looking forward to it.

Jess - I was nervous that I would be very slow at running and that everyone else would be better skiers than me

How was the journey there, did you manage your entire luggage? Would you have packed anything differently?

TABS - The journey was great! It was really fun going on the aeroplane without my parents. If I had had a choice I wouldn't have packed half the things I did.

Jess - I enjoyed the experience traveling on my own without my parents. We didn't have to carry our luggage for long. I packed the right amount of clothes so need to pack any more or less.

Can you tell me a little bit about the accommodation; did you share rooms with anyone?

TABS - I shared a room with Jess and Hannah the 1st week and just Jess on the 2nd as Hannah went home. The rooms were nice but keeping them tidy was a challenge.

Jess - Yes we shared rooms, it were rooms of 2-6. The rooms could of been bigger for the amount of stuff we had. The beds were comfortable and the bathrooms were big enough

What was it like in Tignes, was the weather good? How were the snow conditions?

TABS - The weather was variable, there was one day that was so cold, my thumb went numb. The snow was really icy the first week, but better the second.

Jess - Tignes is beautiful, the weather was ok but there were some days the weather was beautiful. The first week the snow condition was very icy.

Who were your Coaches? Did you like them?

TABS - Calum Henderson, Emma Norton and Ronnie Naysmith. Emma was the girls coach as there was only 8 of us. I really liked the coaches, they were good fun!

Jess - They were great coaches, very encouraging I learnt a lot.

What time was bedtime?

TABS/Jess - Bed time was at 9 if you were Children 1 and 9.30 if Children 2.

Was the training harder or easier than you expected?

TABS - It was about the same as Gordon Skiers but the fitness was a bit harder.

Jess - The fitness was definitely harder but I got used to it after a week.

Did you forget any important equipment?

TABS - YES! Dad had packed my wax kit because he knows about that stuff and he forgot to include a scraper AND a file. I also brought my sisters poles, so they were a bit small.

Jess - No I found I was very organised.

Did you manage to keep your clothes and boots dry or were you just stinky for a couple of weeks?

TABS - Kinda....

Jess - We had a radiator and a window so we could air our things and if you were there for two weeks you could get stuff washed.

Did you learn how to look after your ski's. Any tip's you can pass on?

TABS - Yes, I am better at it that I was before. A tip is when you are waxing, don't leave your iron on your Ski's and don't put it down either. Remember to turn it off!

Jess - Yes we learnt how to do our skis - I could pass on some tips but only some.

What was the most useful thing you learnt while you were there?

TABS - IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT!

(It's actually true, I kept telling myself this and it worked at Braehead)

Jess - You need to be disciplined and then you can succeed.

How did you get on with the fitness sessions, I heard you had to get up early in the morning!

TABS - Yeh, they were ok. Kinda hard but really fun, especially when you went out running with Emma.

Jess- We did have to get up early but I got used to it.

Were there any punishments if you didn't do something right?

TABS - Yes, press ups. I had a 120 in total, because I left my bag at the top of the slope-twice!

Jess- Definitely punishments- Press ups. I got total of 40 overall but we were doing them for fitness and I have definitely improved.

Did you improve? If yes, how, If no, why not?

TABS/Jess - YES! My skiing has improved tons. Maybe I can finally win some races! My fitness also improved too and the way I sharpen my ski's.

What was the funniest thing that happened?

TABS - Someone pulled a moony in the hot tub, it was hilarious!

Jess- I cant tell you what the funniest thing was- 'what goes on camp stays on camp'

Did the time go quickly?

TABS - Not really. 2 weeks seemed more like 3

Jess- Yes it did -like they say' time goes fast when you're having fun'

Did you make new friends?

TABS -Yes, I met a lot of people and some I knew already. It was one of the really nice things about it.

Jess- I definitely made new friends with the other Scottish skiers

Do you think you texted your parents enough to tell them what you were doing?!!!

TABS - Um.....well, not exactly.

Jess- I think I texted them enough for the length of time I was away- parents think otherwise

Would you go again?

TABS -YES-DEFINETELY!

Jess- Yes I would go again-I loved the experience

And here is your opportunity to say a big Thank-you to the person who paid for you to go, and make it a good one, if you would ever like to go again!

TABS -Thank-you Mum and Dad! I love you x

Jess- That's what they are meant to do !!



Gordon Skiers Wow New Zealand

Alex Tilley (18) travelled to New Zealand with several members of the GB Alpine Ski Team, including fellow Gordon Skier Jo Morrison (19) to train and compete in the New Zealand National Championships and the Australia New Zealand Cup. Based at Wanaka on the South Island, Alex and Jo found themselves training on the same hill as several Olympic medal winners and World Cup stars from the ski racing world that included the likes of Lyndsey Vonn, Maria Reisch and Ted Ligerty.

Alex managed to rise to the occasion laying down several career bests that all helped to underline her Olympic potential. Alex's main goal in skiing is to reach World Cup level, a slightly higher standard than the Olympics.

Despite winning the Giant Slalom at the end of season British Alpine Championships, France and being crowned the GB Junior Champ for 2010/11 it was, overall, a disappointing season. Alex was continually frustrated by a failure to bring the exciting progress she'd made in all disciplines in training into the races themselves. Those few races that she did finish well in were not rewarded by scoring good FIS Points that determine national team selection and entry to major championships including the Olympics.

Alex took last season's disappointment on-board and made a step change in her approach. During the summer she worked hard in the gym with the assistance of her personal trainer Scott Brady and Louise Kochalski of the FeelFab Factor in Banchory. All her hard work was rewarded in New Zealand with a return to form.

The Australia New Zealand Cup at Coronet Peak comprised of a Giant Slalom (GS) and a Slalom. Alex finished a respectable 24th in a tough field of athletes, several of which were already competing at World Cup level. Finishing 11 positions higher than her start position Alex was rewarded by scoring 38 FIS Points. Unfortunately, this was not to be repeated in the Slalom when she skied out on the 1st run, but it didn't dampen a great start to the campaign. Alex finished in 5th position the following day in the Super G scoring 75 FIS Points and posted another event career best.



In the New Zealand National Championships comprising of a SG, GS and a Slalom, Alex failed to finish in the Slalom, but did dip below 50 Points in the GS. She podiumed in 3rd place in the SG, but did not manage to improve on the 75 Points scored in the last SG.

The last set of races at Mount Hutt featured the biggest programme and concluded the Australia New Zealand Cup. There were 2 SGs, 2 Super Combined (a Super G combined with a Slalom run) and a Slalom. Unfortunately, the GS was cancelled due to a storm. Alex performed well with her first finish in a Super Combined and scoring 60 Points in a SG which was another career best to top that set a few days earlier. However, without any doubt the result that topped all others was her 3rd in the Slalom. Alex had only finished 1 Slalom race in the last 12 months. . With the pressure on Alex put down 2 solid runs to score 32 Points and podium. It was undoubtedly the pinnacle of rounded off what was a very successful campaign.

Alex is currently ranked overall 3rd in the GB in Slalom, GS & SG. Her first Super Combined result moved her into 4th place. It's all still very much work in progress as she focuses on improving her technique and being more consistent. If she accomplishes this then the race results will take care of themselves and she will start to close the gap on GB number 1 and World Cup skier Chemmy Alcott.



A Big Thank-You to the Jo Walters Trust

At the beginning of the year we were contacted by a member of the Jo Walters Trust, who encouraged us to apply for one of their grants, as Jo had been a keen skier and came from Alford. The aim of the trust is to commemorate the life of Jo Walters by giving grants to causes that she would have approved of.

We were delighted to be informed that our application was successful and we had been awarded £2,000 that we have put towards buying all our coaches their fabulous new kit.

Well, the kit has arrived and the investment has been worth it. Everything fits and they look cracking, along with all the families who have invested in children's kit, we are looking like the best dressed club out there! It goes a long way to a strong club identity, and keeping us warm on the slopes, so we give a hearty 'Thank-you' to the Jo Walters Trust.

The Jo Walters Trust is keen to fund Aberdeenshire projects. There were two grants available for 2011: one of an environmental nature and one of a sporting nature. Check out their website for more info for 2012 grants www.jowalterstrust.org.uk or email info@jowalterstrust.org.uk If you have a locally run project you feel would benefit from support from the Jo Walters Trust in either of these areas then you fit their criteria Applications can be from an individual or an organisation but should be with the general purpose of personal development through helping others.

They believe that the money will be best spent if an element of it has been raised by the organisation or individual themselves. To that end, we will donate twice the amount you or your organisation has raised, up to a maximum of £2,000.



The Following Article is Copied from the Jo Walters Website

"The [Gordon Skiers](#) are a local alpine ski race club who are dedicated to introducing local youngsters to the sport and helping them reach their full potential. They came to the JWT asking for help to fund replacement ski gear for both coaches and trainees alike. These team colours are so important in providing the club with their identity as a whole and giving the club members a sense of pride and belonging. The number of kits available had diminished and several were well beyond the point of no-return, with items missing and falling to pieces. Jo spent such happy times in her youth wiping unsuspecting skiers out on the dry ski slope in Alford and supporting our local ski club is something she would be behind all the way."

Fact about the club

The Gordon Skiers currently has several racers who are members of the GB and Scotland Teams. To date we've helped to nurture one Olympian: Roger Cruickshank who competed in Turin 2006 Olympics. A not so well known fact is that the Gordon Skiers is the only GB Club to have had 3 members of the GB Senior Team at one time: Roger, Jan and Dougie Crawford.

Current fundraising Initiatives

- 1) The all important bag packing to help raise funds. Current plan is for Marks and Spencer Westhill Saturday 7th Jan and other events at other stores planned for early 2012.
- 3) Looking to raise club image in the public eye and attempting to get television coverage to highlight the activity of the club at the Alford dry slope.
- 4) Currently working on an application for a financial grant with Snowsport Scotland. This will buy much needed race equipment for the club.
- 5) Working on an upgrade of equipment (seats and tables) for the club hut at the Lecht and also arranging for new numbered bibs to be issued (with sponsorship logos) ahead of the 2012 races.

Competition– Easy Version

Below are 10 jumbled up words to do with skiing and ski racing.

If you think you can crack them then please email answers to me by 15th December.

Winner will be drawn from a hat of correct Responses and prize presented at Xmas meal.

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CMNAIRGRO
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ELFREYTES
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Dates for Dairy

Sunday 18th December– Christmas Lunch at Muggarthaugh Hotel, December 12.30 (menu will be on website shortly)

Sunday 8th January– Snow training at the Lecht Starts

21st/22nd January– Lecht Bairns Race, Lecht (Day TBC)

28th & 29th January– North East Champs, Lecht

Wanted section

A set of tiny skis + boots + helmet to suit a 4 year old.

If you can help with the above please let James know

If you are looking to buy or sell any items then please let us know and we will have them added to this section for the next edition

Competition– Hard Version

Below are 10 jumbled up Winter Olympic locations since they started and ski racing.

If you think you can crack them then please email answers to me by 15th December. We require both the name and the year they were the hosts (if they have hosted twice then one year is sufficient) Winner will be drawn from a hat of correct responses.

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*WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPURTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
MORE IMPORTANTLY WE HOPE THAT SOME OF YOU GET SOME GOOD SKIING OVER THE HOLIDAYS.*