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# New voting system – new Board

**A new method of voting for the election of Directors – allowing everyone over 18 a vote for the first time – produced the following results, announced at the annual general meeting in May:**

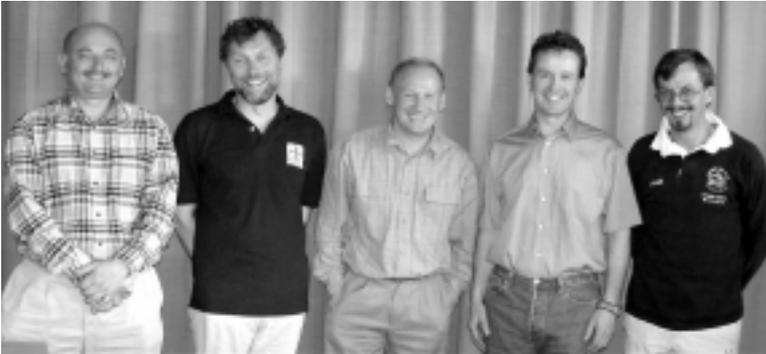
Alan Ashfield	436 (votes)
Esther Lawton	235
Andrew Lockerbie	388
Nigel Matthews	533
Clive Newall	757
Stewart Smith	690

As a result the new Board now consists of: Sandy Telling, Chair;

Graham Pickles, Treasurer; Alan Ashfield; Nigel Matthews; Clive Newall; and Stewart Smith.

Having gone to the trouble of introducing the new voting democracy, it was disappointing to note that of the 65 affiliated clubs only 18 voted; of the 104 schools and associate members only 9 voted; and of the 2253 members only 108 voted. And of the total available votes of 4368, the total cast was just 807.

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**Your Board: (from left) Graham Pickles, Sandy Telling, Alan Ashfield, Clive Newall and Stewart Smith (far right). Nigel Matthews is not pictured.**

## Full-time coach picked for Alpine Ski Team



Tim Fawke (above) has been appointed the full-time National Coach to the England Alpine Ski Team.

Enthusiastic and committed to the development of all our athletes, he brings to the Team a broad experience of racing and training.

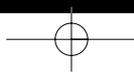
Tim, aged 28 and a former member of the British Children's Ski Team, is a graduate in Sports Science from Nottingham Trent University and has been a part-time assistant to Willie Taunton-Burnett with the England Team for the last three years.

He has raced in New Hampshire USA for a season and gained practical coaching experience in Europe with the Kandahar Club and the British Children's Team.

When he was very young, Tim's parents went to work in Norway and he was lucky enough to have spent five years of his early life training and competing there.

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**Forthcoming issue – Sept/Oct issue out September 2004, followed by issues in Nov/Dec 2004 and Jan/Feb 2005.**

To start the season read the **Chemmy Alcott** Interview – Chemmy tells us how she is preparing for the forthcoming FIS/Audi World Cup series and her build-up to the 2006 Olympics plus a bit about life in general.

Find out about the latest skis, boots and those little extra', plus news, features and interviews. **Hermann Maier**, the Herminator, is back after his winning comeback season and tells us about preparations to defend his title.

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### INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

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## Scottish slope bids for a top UK spot

The Ski Slope at Garthdee, Aberdeen, soon to be "Garthdee Sports and Alpine Adventure Park", is to be radically developed into one of the UK's leading snowsport centres. The development will take place on the existing site, laid dormant for the past eight years, under major new development plans by Aberdeen city council.

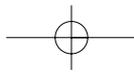
The nursery slope will provide teaching to up to 48 beginners, with a Snowflex system which will allow them to learn in safety and build the novices' confidence.

The main Snowflex slope of 3000m2 will provide the ultimate playground.

Although the final plans are not available yet, the

main Snowflex snowsports park is likely to consist of an elliptical end on pipe, moguls, launch platform, little air jump and what is planned to be the best big air in the UK, coupled with the longest landing area to date. Briton Engineering will carry out the work.

■ Kendal Ski Club is extend ing its Snowflex artificial surface ski slope facility with an extension to the existing area along with reshaping of the current terrain. Some 650m2 will be added around the top, the outside edge and the new counter slope at the bottom. The project will make the facility a rectangular shape and increase the slope capacity.



# Youngsters show how it's done in top competitions

Twelve-year-old Harry Brown recorded a career best in this year's Topolino races. The Chatel-based skier, representing the British Children's Ski Team, took 15th place in the giant slalom and then astounded the alpine teams by finishing 10th in the slalom.

Over 43 nations took part in what is billed as the Children's World Cup. Former winners such as Stefan Eberhater and Bennie Raich now grace the podium at senior world cup level.

"I was well pleased with my slalom result as I was aiming for a top ten position," said Harry. "But I think I could have gone quicker in the GS and will be looking to do better next year."

Race manager Dr Jenny Shute was delighted: "This was a fantastic result for Harry and the Children's Team and well deserved."

The British Children enjoyed a successful season with results to match the senior squad. Over 20 top thirty finishes and five top ten finishes in Czech Republic, Slovenia, Italy, Croatia and Abetone.

■ More info on Harry at [www.racerharry.com](http://www.racerharry.com) and on the Children's team [www.gbjuniorski.com](http://www.gbjuniorski.com)

**Commitment: Ed Drake, who has earned a place in the British Team after a great season's skiing.**



Ed Drake is the only athlete from a part-time programme to be selected on to the British Team after a great season. Ed will now be able to committ full time to skiing.

He has worked hard on his skiing and fitness, having joined the team at both October and Christmas camps. In January, he came out for races in Courcheval and Meribel, with a 2nd and 3rd place finishes, followed by selection to the World Junior Championships in Maribor in Slovenia.

As more than four athletes reached the selection criteria, they had to do a time trial to see who would qualify. Ed was the youngest athlete to go.

It was then on to the British Championships where Ed took part in all the events, excelling in his favourite discipline, slalom. He finished in 3rd place behind Alain and Noel Baxter.

He also retained the titles he won last year, Under 18 Slalom and Combined Champion.

Ed was also first Brit at the Scottish Slalom and then took part in the English Championships at Puy St Vincent, where he managed a clean sweep of all three events.

## New child protection policy launched

The first draft of the new Child Protection Policy and Implementation Procedures was launched at the AGM in May.

This is an important document, indicating Snowsport England's seriousness, along with all other sports, in promoting child welfare and combating child abuse.

It will be a condition of affiliation for 2005, that ALL clubs adopt this policy and have in place their own CRB-checked Child Welfare Officer. It is important that as much feedback is received as possible before the end of June 2004.

The document is now published on the website for consultation and comment back as soon as possible please to [info@snowsportengland.org.uk](mailto:info@snowsportengland.org.uk)

Alongside the launch of the document, a competition is being held for children to design its front cover. Please submit all entries by 19 July.

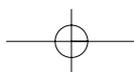
The document has been largely based on the comprehensive CPP version produced by the Rugby Football League.

Meanwhile, are in the process of setting up a Child Protection Policy

Group to ensure that Snowsport England implements its Child Protection Policy within the required timescales set by Sport England. We are now looking for volunteers who would be willing to take part on this committee for a medium term commitment.

We would like people with experience in Child Protection, such as social workers and police, but this is not a requirement.

■ Contact Andrew Jolly (tel 0121 501 2314 or email: [andrew@snowsportengland.org.uk](mailto:andrew@snowsportengland.org.uk)) as soon as possible.



## Presentations to two hard-working committee men

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Two presentations were made during the annual general meeting. The first was the fourth of the Annual Awards for Services to Skiing and was made to Gordon Cole for all the work for the Alpine Racing Committee.

The second award went to John Gledhill as he stood down as a director and the Leader of the Coaching Committee, for the work he has done on behalf of that Committee.

The members of Council elected Gillian Gilyead as Leader of the Schools and Youth Committee and David Hart as Leader of the Coaching Committee. They join Martin Carr, Gill Hall and Ralph White as unopposed Leaders of the Freestyle, Alpine Racing and Nordic Committees respectively.



Award: John Gledhill.

The AGM is actually that of English Ski Council Ltd, as Snowsport England is only its trading name. Thirty people, very similar to previous years, attended the meeting, though many of these carried proxies from other members.

The ordinary resolutions accepting the Report and Accounts, the Annual Report and the re-appointment of the Auditor were passed unanimously. The Special Resolution adopting the revised Memorandum and Article was also passed unanimously and are now operative.

# Excellent competition inspires big performances by athletes

The 8th English Alpine Championships were held once again during the Easter holidays in the superb French resort of Puy Saint Vincent. This is the second year in the resort and once again they excelled in providing an excellent race piste for all competitors.

In 2003 we ran our first FIS events for the juniors and seniors and had four foreign nations take part.

This year we had 14 foreign nations which made for an excellent competition (one of the French racers had until this year been a regular member of the senior French national team competing on the world cup circuit). The race penalties were again very good and our English racers excelled with a number obtaining good positions.

We have agreed (subject to contract) to return again to PSV for 2005 and our provisional programme is shown above.

The children's and minis races were also

very successful with more than 180 male & female children together with more than 75 minis participating in there respective races.

For 2005, in co-operation with PSV, we are looking to put together two teams of officials to enable us to run male & female races at the same time with a view to finishing all races at least by midday to provide the

racers with better piste conditions.

■ For accommodation please call the PSV Office de Tourisme on 0033 4 92 235177 or FAX 0033 4 92 234648

For further details of the race series please call: Race Secretary Gillian Todd on 0191 548 7155, or Chief of Championships Gordon H Cole on 01372 273251.

Sun	27/3/05	FIS	Super G	Male & Female
Mon	28/3/05	FIS	Giant Slalom	Male & Female
Tues	29/3/05	FIS	Slalom	Male & Female
		Child	Super G	Male & Female
Wed	30/3/05	Child	Giant Slalom	Female
		Minis	Giant Slalom	Male & Female
Thurs	31/3/05	Child	Giant Slalom	Male
		Minis	Giant Slalom	Male & Female
Fri	1/4/05	Child	Slalom	Male & Female

## Sponsorship deal boosts gear savings for racers

The England dry-slope squad has forged a "sponsorship in association" deal with Scott USA, the maker of some of the most popular poles and race protection around.

The deal, which will be available to all members of the Snowsport England dry-slope squad, will allow racers substantial savings on race equipment. The squad, which is set to be selected from the results of the squad trial, held after this years ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS, will also be able to take advantage of offers from other 'associate sponsors' including Adidas and Futur-3.



More information on the squad trials will be available from both the Snowsport England website [www.snowsportengland.org.uk](http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk), and from [www.britski.org](http://www.britski.org).

With mainstream sponsors like this coming on board, and others keen to follow, it is hoped the opportunity will soon arise where members of the squad are able to prove just how good they are, without the risk of breaking the bank.

■ Check out our newest sponsor at [www.scottusa.com](http://www.scottusa.com)

## English Alpine Championships 2004 – English 1, 2, 3

	SLALOM		GIANT SLALOM		SUPER G	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
<b>Children 1</b>	1 PALFREY Elizabeth 2 FRANCIS-VENEZIA Elizabeth 3 ADAMS Katie	1 BRETON Jack 2 BROWN Harry 3 EVANS Jack	1 THOMAS-JACKSON Alessia 2 ROGERS Rachele 3 AYLING-BATE Sarah	1 KIRTON Thomas 2 WALSH Tom 3 WILLIAMS Jake	1 PALFREY Elizabeth 2 ADAMS Katie 3 LOMAX Imogen	1 BROWN Harry 2 BRETON Jack 3 EVANS Jack
<b>Children 2</b>	1 OVENDEN Stephanie 2 MASHITER Jenny 3 WRIGHT Hannah	1 COLYER Michael 2 BRUTON Peter 3 RICHARDSON Jake	1 PALFREY Elizabeth 2 ADAMS Katie 3 FRANCIS-VENEZIA Elizabeth	1 BROWN Harry 2 BRETON Jack 3 VELLACOTT Jack	1 OVENDEN Stephanie 2 FAIRWEATHER Sega 3 WRIGHT Hannah	1 BALDWIN Thomas 2 CHAN Christopher 3 BRUTON Peter
<b>Junior 1</b>	1 O'NEILL Rebecca 2 BRAY Helena 3 SOLE Michelle	1 GELLATLY Adam 2 ROBINSON Craig 3 DU PLESSIS Stephen	1 FAIRWEATHER Sega 2 OVENDEN Stephanie 3 SOLE Nicola	1 BALDWIN Thomas 2 RICHARDSON Jake 3 COLYER Michael	1 SOLE Michelle 2 BRAY Helena 3 WILMOT Mikaela	1 WYER Samuel 2 DU PLESSIS Stephen 3 HOWES Simon
<b>Junior 2</b>	1 SCILIMATI Tania 2 BARNES Jemima 3 PRINCE Shanna	1 DRAKE Edward 2 RYDING David 3 DU PLESSIS	1 BRAY Helena 2 SOLE Michelle 3 O'NEILL Rebecca	1 SAMUELS Gregory 2 HEAVERSEDGE Antony 3 DU PLESSIS Stephen	1 SCILIMATI Tania	1 DRAKE Edward 2 CHAN Olivier 3 RYDING David
<b>Senior</b>	1 ONDRUSZ Mary	1 MANLEY Sean 2 SIVENOV George 3 SWINDELLS Robert	1 SCILIMATI Tania 2 BARNES Jemima 3 EARL Katherine	1 DRAKE Edward 2 RYDING David 3 CHAN Olivier	1 SANSFIELD Emily	1 MANLEY Sean 2 SIVENOV George 3 TUCKER Colin
<b>Andrew</b>			1 SANSFIELD Emily 2 ONDRUSZ Mary	1 MANLEY Sean 2 SIVENOV George 3 TUCKER Colin		

### INbrief

#### Terence Kitcat

■ We are sad to have to report the death of Terence Kitcat, one of our earliest and oldest members, at the age of 95. He was active as an ASSI until about 10 years ago

#### Rob Lacy

■ Sadly, Rob Lacy has been killed in a motorcycle accident. Rob was a stalwart of biathlon and cross-country skiing, and had significant success in developing young skiers with Snowsport GB. He will be sorely missed in the Nordic skiing world.

■ Thanks to Zermatt's new Furgg-sattel six-seat chairlift on the glacier it is now once again possible to ski 365 days a year on the world's highest summer ski area. On the 10th of July a "Season Opening Party" is planned in the Gravity Park. A number of other major events are planned through the summer. Visit the Zermatt website at: [www.zermatt.ch](http://www.zermatt.ch)

# Book now for Tim's coaching clinics

by National Coach **Tim Fawke**

Now that I am employed full time by Snowsport England, there is the opportunity for me to go to clubs and run a race clinic. The idea behind this is that the club athletes get a chance to see and meet me and hopefully encourage them to aim to get on the England Team. It is also a chance for me to meet the various club coaches and explain what we are looking for in young athletes.

The coaching session can be run as the club would like or I can run the session. I did one last year for Sharks Ski Club that went like this:

■ Introductory session in club house: This would be a quick introduction and an explanation of how the session will work.

■ On slope work shop: Ideally this

would be done in small groups and go through some drills and explaining the fundamental skills that need to be worked on. At the end of the session bring everyone back together and finish with some gates.

■ Debriefing session in the club house: Go over the main areas that need to be worked on to get a strong foundation of racing skills and brief amount on fitness. Then a question and answer session.

If any clubs are interested in a session, like the one described above or one specially designed for their needs, then they can either contact the Snowsport England office or email me at [timsfawke1@aol.com](mailto:timsfawke1@aol.com). and we can discuss the details. I look forward to coming to the various clubs around the country.



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**by Neil McQuoid,**  
Racer Ready magazine

Wycombe, the longest dry slope in England, hosted the May Dry Slope Races and the majority of the top dry slope racers from across the country were there.

Honours went to promising Sheffield Sharks youngster Antony Heaversedge, who held on from his close friend Craig Ruddick. Michael Hatcher from Cardiff finished 0.30 seconds behind Heaversedge in third.

In the women's race, the top ranked woman in the country, Shanna Prince was being watched by Britain's top female racer on the International scene – Chemmy Alcott. Prince demonstrated how good she is on the first run but coming onto the final pitch she made a mistake.



**Well done: Chemmy Alcott (left) presents prizes to Segal Fairweather and Anthony Heaversedge.**

# Thrills and spills on big dry slope

The spoils went to 14-year-old Segal Fairweather from the Arrows club.

In the minis race there were victories for Emily Evans and Zak Jesse. Local coach Sally Bartlett

won the Senior age category.

In the afternoon the duel slalom event saw victory for the Welsh Team ahead of two strong England Teams.

## INbrief

■ The ESC Skiers' Foundation Trust Fund was set up in 1998 by the then Board and has continued ever since, albeit rather quietly, mainly due to limited amounts of money!

However, the funds have built up within Snowsport England's (ESC's) accounts over the last few years, and allocated to a 'hardship fund', have now been paid to the Trust fund and will be available to support suitable applications.

The Trust Fund Deed provides that the funds be used to help a range of beneficiaries.

An application form will be published on the website [www.snowsportengland.org](http://www.snowsportengland.org) and applications are invited with a closing date of **31 August 2004**. All applicants will receive response from the Trustees by 16 October 2004.

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### INbrief

■ Race results and tips on ski techniques are now available online thanks to a newsletter produced by the Nordic Committee of Snowsport England.

The newsletter, Pole Position, is being produced monthly during the winter and is designed to keep UK cross-country skiers in touch with the racing world.

It includes race reports and results, gear reviews, developments in skiing technique, as well as forthcoming roller-skiing events planned by Snowsport England.

The intention is not just to provide information for current racers, but to encourage those who have never raced before to make the first step and enter one of Europe's all-comers amateur races, some of which have up to 14,000 participants.

The newsletter can be found at: [www.escnordic.org.uk](http://www.escnordic.org.uk)

# Training grants for youngsters



For the third year running, Thomson Ski and Snowboarding is to provide eight training bursaries for the Children 1 and Children 2 age categories in the Snowsport England Grand Prix Series.

The bursaries will be awarded to the Grand Prix Series winners in each of the four years of Children's racing (male and female). So, for this season the years will be 1993, 1992, 1991 and 1990. Children's results will be processed for each

year of birth rather than for the age group and, as standard, the best three results will count.

The bursaries will be for two weeks' fully inclusive training at the British Ski Academy in Les Houches near Chamonix in France. There is no cash alternative.

All racers, from the appropriate years of birth, competing in the Grand Prix series will be eligible for the bursaries regardless of which home nation governing body they are registered with.

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