



Jenny blasting the pristine Landgraaf slope, May 2016 (photo PH)

ASD has been having a very busy year. While August saw the ASD-SSCD training weekend hosted at Aldershot, there is a first-aid course planned for September and trips for the coming season are being planned for the winter 2016-17 season. Both the Deaf skier group and the Surrey Special Olympics have been very active and central to the growth of ASD. ASD is faced with a huge paper mountain to climb to conform to the exacting stipulations for Snowmark accreditation – spare a thought for Sarah Baldwin who has been carrying this particular load.

### Wednesday sessions

Additional evening sessions for two Wednesdays a month have been instigated by Jan to allow our increased influx of deaf skiers, as well as others with disabilities, to enjoy introductory and improver sessions working with a small team of instructors and volunteers. These sessions tend to be available according to demand. For further information contact Jan (see page 2).



Kart skier Chris Papworth and guide at the April 2016 session (photo CB)

### Puy Saint Vincent (PSV), 11-20 January 2017

This winter the “Friends of BSCD” trip, organised by Vivienne Avery, to Puy Saint Vincent (PSV) is to run from Wednesday 11th to Friday 20th January. This tried and tested annual fixture is not an ASD-organised trip but around half of those who attend are usually from ASD. Last year they were short of helpers. Ask Jan for more details and get booking right away.

### DATES AND TIMES

If you are on our email circulation list you will be sent a reminder at least a week before each session. Please reply to the email if you want to come along. Please make sure we have your current email address.

**Kitting up:** 9.45am, but if you need extra assistance please arrive by 9.30am

**Slope Hours:** 10.15am – 12.15pm

### MEMBERSHIP of ASD

We ask that all our skiers/boarders, SO skiers, volunteers and instructors join the club.

The **annual membership** needs to be renewed in **August**. The Membership **Form** is downloadable from our website (click link): [asdaldershot.org/index.php/about/membership](http://asdaldershot.org/index.php/about/membership)

The annual subscriptions for 2016-17 (September to August) are:

- Adult member: £18
- Junior member: (18 years or under): £10
- Family Membership: £23
- Associate Member\*: £5

(\*E.g. volunteers/instructors who are in full-time education)

### COSTS per session

Please note that for the sake of insurance EVERYONE, including helpers, must REGISTER before going on to the slope.

#### Members

- Skiers/boarders £4
- On-slope helpers free

#### Non-members

- Skiers/boarders £4 plus £1\*
- On-slope helpers £1\*

Non-members are welcome to come along to their first three sessions with us as temporary members before joining the club. This gives them the chance to see whether the sport is for them.

\* Temporary membership fee is £1 per session which covers slope insurance.

### Session dates for Autumn 2016-Winter 2017:

- 11 September
- 9 October followed by ASD Annual General Meeting
- 13 November
- 11 December followed by ASD Christmas Party
- 8 Jan 2017
- 12 Feb
- 12 Mar (to be confirmed)

### Other dates for your diary:

- 11-20 Jan 2017 Puy St Vincent (contact Jan for details)
- 11-18 March 2017 SSCD/ASD trip to La Plagne (contact [ian.chris68@brandjoe.com](mailto:ian.chris68@brandjoe.com))



ASD-SSCD course – instructors and helpers confront disabilities through first enactment, August 2016. (photo CB)

## La Plagne, 11-18 March 2017

A brand new ASD destination for 2017, La Plagne is being booked through Crystal Ski in conjunction with an Ian Edwards' Knothatch SSCD. La Plagne has been a regular destination for the Ian's group as well as a DSUK group from up north. The snow condition is predictably good. More information from Ian Edwards (see page 1).

## ASD-SSCD Training day

The ASD-SSCD training weekend held recently at Aldershot on 6 & 7 August was run by SSCD's Ian Edwards and team and organised by Paul Hulcoop. We had 14 attendees including a sizeable deaf contingency. As usual, the intense weekend proved to be a rewarding one and thankfully the weather held and at times proved too hot.

## Landgraaf Snowworld

The Landgraaf trip (7-8 May) was one of the best to date as all lifts and pistes were open including the 500m drag and the 6 seat chair. Of the 54 of us on the bus, for several it was the first time on snow and their time on plastic back home paid off. While others were coping with temperatures of 23°C back at home we were enjoying the superb conditions in the freezer at -6°C. There'll be another in 2017.

## A summer of BBQs

— Adrian Carey

We had a great Special Olympics session at Aldershot on 22nd May, despite the start gate failing at the first run but was soon replaced. At the mid-point we enjoyed a superb BBQ courtesy of the master BBQer

Derek O and his team. I have never seen so much BBQ equipment fitted into a car at the end of the session. Utterly TARDISesque.

Not content with the May demonstration of expertise, Derek and co produced another masterpiece at the summer BBQ following ASD's 10 July monthly session and even managed to banish the persistent drizzle making good use of the Salomon tent.

I was alone at the BBQ, my wife was back in Swansea trying to find the builders, although I did have Beth the Lurcher with me. But the Pavey family rescued me and the kids made a total fuss of Beth who showed a profound appreciation of Derek's burgers and sausages whilst having her belly rubbed. To be absolutely fair, I liked them too... a lot (the burgers and sausage... I didn't get my belly rubbed).

## Special Olympics

— Paul Hulcoop

As many of you will know as our skiers progress they move on to slope 1 for slalom race training and several continue and join The Surrey Special Olympic (SSO) team. In March the SSO ski team achieved spectacular results at the GB Nationals where 80 athletes from across the UK took part in the event which takes place every 4 years. The team of 10, all ASD members, returned with 20 medals (5 Gold, 9 Silver and 6 Bronze). This was a direct result of their training on the plastic slopes at Aldershot. To top it off Karen and Alex have been selected to represent GB at the World Special Olympic Games to be held in Schladming, Austria, in March 2017 with Pete a team coach. This all entails some serious fundraising between now and March.

## A big Thank You!

We have been fortunate to receive two wonderful donations over the past months. First, the club was donated a mobility scooter from Henry and Brenda Stock. We auctioned the scooter on eBay and made £205 which will be donated to the club's general funds. Second, the pupils of Barfield Preparatory School in Runfold, Farnham, held a charity day in order to help our young skiers, and raised £266.90. A big thank you to Henry and Brenda and to all the pupils and staff at Barfield School.

## Sad farewell

Ian's life partner and wife, **Chris Edwards** passed away on 19 April 2016 after years of debilitating illness which rarely stopped her in her support for disability snowsports. Many of us will remember her gentle persona gracing the check-in at our ASD sessions. She is missed but not forgotten.

**PAUL'S COLUMN:** BASI and courses at Aldershot, contact Paul Hulcoop, Training Officer: [p.hulcoop@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.hulcoop@ntlworld.com)

### DBS & Snowmark

All volunteers are encouraged to apply for DBS (**Disclosure and Barring Service**) certification. Ask me for more details.

### First Aid

A 2-day BASI-approved First Aid course aimed at instructors is to be held at Aldershot on **Thursday 8 & Friday 9, September**. The cost

is £120. Ask me for more details or book directly through the website: <http://worldclasstraining.co.uk/scheduled-courses/>

### Helper/Instructor Qualifications

In order to comply with Snowmark accreditation, all helpers and instructors are requested to submit details of their qualifications to ASD. For more information please contact Sarah Baldwin or myself.

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