

Snowsport England



Annual Report 2006



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There are many words I could say that describe 2006 was interesting, disappointing, exciting, difficult . . .

The reality is that Snowsport England has made significant progress in many areas. This would not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, Key Committees, Board members and office staff.

As Chairman, with the Board members and the CEO, I am responsible for the business. This is part of the role that cannot really be described as exciting but is necessary.

From a business perspective work started in 2005 with the Key Committees and Head Office to provide budgets for the organisations activities and provided a level of financial management and control that the organisation did not have . This continued in 2006 with an expectation to move towards three year budgets in 2006 further developing the organisations commitment to long term planning. My personal thanks to all those involved in completing this.

The Chief Executive report details the areas of the projects that have been completed, or are in progress during 2006 so I will not repeat what is said in that report.

We are continuing to look at the use of technology to provide better communications with our membership, the new website which went live during 2006 is just the first stage.

Although the vote on Modernisation was rejected by our membership, the rejection was based on what was being presented. Overall there was a feeling that Snowsport England should look at some of the perceived benefits of the modernisation proposal with the other Home Nation Governing Bodies and ensure these are progressed.

What I can take pleasure from in 2006 is that we now have an organisation that is working for our membership, even with the very limited resources available to us. Unfortunately shortly before Christmas, Snowsport England was informed that our limited Exchequer funding for 2007 was not being continued, along with five other non priority sports. We are actively trying to persuade Sport England to resume this funding and applying for other grants to ensure sustainability of the 2007 projects. I am hopeful that we will recover some if not all of the funding, Snowsport England has shown that the funding it has received to date is used effectively.

I must make mention of Trish Chalk, Snowsport England Chief Executive Officer. I and the Board members are voluntary members to the organisation providing as much time as we can to help run the organisation. Trish is the public face of the organisation, without her efforts we would not be in the position we are in today.

Apart from developing strategic partnerships, the Child Welfare project, Head Office reorganisation etc. From limited TASS funding achieved in 2005 Trish was able to secure additional funding in 2006 for 25 athletes including Freestyle and Cross Country athletes for the first time.

In 2007 we will continue to develop the organisation, providing more membership benefits, this may not be exciting, it certainly will be difficult but interesting.

STEWART SMITH

FINANCIAL REPORT

Background to the financial year

Following the audit, the organisation has turned in a surplus of £3352 compared to a budgeted deficit of over £15,500.

The effect of this is that it has strengthened the 2005 closing reserves of just over £123,700 to £128,443 – a good position to be in for the start of 2007.

The disciplines that have driven the turnaround from the budgeted deficit are mainly Schools and Alpine Squad, although all except Freestyle have also made a positive contribution.

In summary, the financial statements reflect a well-run organisation that is in a strong position to face 2007 and beyond.

The presentation of the modernisation project to the membership, and the outcome means going forward the organisation has a clear understanding of its commitments and liabilities.

We continue to make significant improvements to financial controls and the budgetary processes in 2006 and special thanks go to the Key Committees and Ian for helping to make all this happen.

Our grant income continues to be under threat and as at the 31st December 2006 the Exchequer grant will not continue. We are going through a reapplication process in 2007, but in the interim this will affect the child welfare and club development projects.

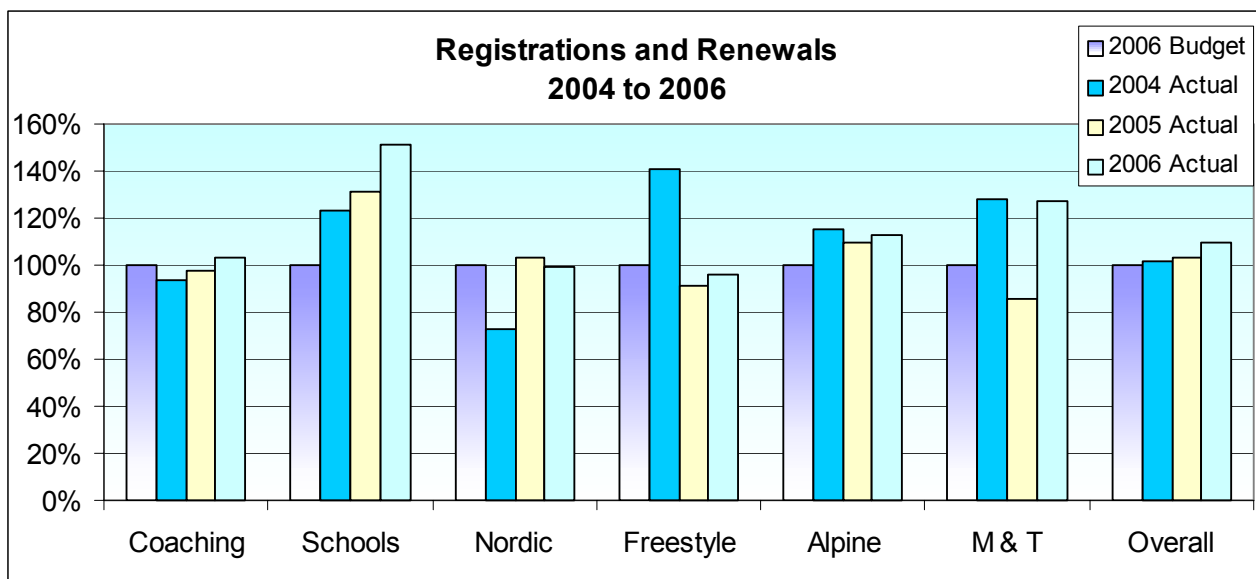
In 2006 the grant allocation was broken down into the following categories;

21% Modernisation project and club development
25% Website
54% Child Safeguarding and Welfare

As in earlier years the financial results are more favourable than anticipated and this in part is probably due to different areas being overly prudent in their forecasts as the year progresses, but in strict accounting terms, this is not an unacceptable approach.

The greatest area of improvement has been in Schools. This is due to the successful review and re-launch of the SCO course in 2005. The increase in fees has had a positive effect on the income. The marketing campaign to the Outdoor Education Panel, Tour Operators and the wider school community has improved Snowsport England's image and profile, and ensured the schools courses have become the industry standard

The chart below shows the monetary value of Registrations and Renewals expressed as a percentage of budget for 2004, 2005 and 2006.



Key Financial Points – 2006

Income and expenditure in the year ended December 2005 finished significantly better than the budgeted deficit of £15,500 with a strong rise in membership and activity. As an organisation overall, we have exceeded the income budget by nearly £77,000 and this represents and 19% increase. Which is 11% up on last years increase of 8%.

Most of the disciplines have closed the year showing a favourable variance to budget and this is to be applauded. It reflects the dedication and good work that the people involved put in.

Total balance sheet reserves at 31 December 2005 are £128,443 and represent an adequate financial base for the organisation going forward into 2007 where we will be required to earmark funds to continue to promote snow sports and extend modernisation.

It is crucial for Snowsport England to maintain its strong finances to assist in the promotion of snow sports towards being recognised as a priority in the UK. Without this strength, priority status will simply not happen.

Looking Forward

For the year to 31 December 2007 an income and expenditure deficit of just over £8,000 is forecast due to the removal of the grant, of course this is subject to change if our reapplication is successful and this is broadly comparable to 2006.

The table below shows the contributing elements to the overall deficit.

PERIOD	12	Memb and Tech £	Coaching £	Schools £	Nordic £	Freestyle £	Alpine £	Alpine Squad £	S'board £	Total £
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT		-13241	790	684	166	-810	-388	402	0	-8134

If we adhere to the projected deficit, our reserves at 31 December 2006 will close at about £121,394 and this is still acceptable, but ideally we should not continue this trend for 2008 onwards or our development capability will be eroded due to having a limited financial base.

In other words, a similar deficit in 2008 could easily be accommodated, but is not an ideal position.

Financial Strategy

The financial strategy elements presented in outline to the AGM in May 2005 still underpin the work in 2006. The four elements are:

Financial independence

SSE is already fairly independent financially as an organisation compared to other governing bodies and this attribute has been strengthened over the last year. The income mix we have is broadly:

Activities	69%
Registration and Renewals	22%
Grants	6%

There is a gradual shift from reliance on grant funding to activities to support the growth of the organisation.

Bid Expertise

We continue to seek more and different income sources that provide financial contribution towards us meeting our objectives will be a vital capability to develop from 2007 onwards, especially with grant income at zero.

Budgetary Process Improvements

The development of Ian has ensured going into 2007 that much more realistic budgeting and strong financial processes are in place and this gives us great advantage in that we have ability to manage the organisation more effectively.

Financial Base – Reserves

Over the next two years reserves at £100,000 + are acceptable but not optimal especially with the necessary investment rate required to change the organisation to achieve its objectives.

Infrastructure

The so-called “head office overhead” costs remain attracting negative comments and we have to steer culture and thinking away from this notion. The true analysis is that such costs represent the vital infrastructure that supports the organisation in achieving its objectives. A note of thanks

Without the significant commitment and enthusiasm from the people who give their time and commitment to Snowsport England on a voluntary basis, such great progress would be impossible to achieve.

The Board therefore wish to express their thanks to all those involved and look forward to working with them over the oncoming years to develop snow sports further.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

Snowsport England has enjoyed a successful 2006, the focus of the year was to build on the relationships, groundwork and knowledge developed in 2005 to raise the organisations profile and increase activity levels. Overall the year was very productive with an increase in activity by 19% and membership by 10%. Head Office practices continue to be reviewed, with the development of communications the priority for the year. It was pleasing one of the key projects in 2005 the SCO has provided successful results in 2006 with increased activity in the Schools Committee up by 75%.

Strategic Partnerships.

Sport England maintained the existing grant support which enabled the Child Protection Project, modernisation of the website and Club Development projects to continue. Unfortunately in December it was decided none of the funded non development/priority sports recognised by Sport England would

continue to receive Exchequer Funding, this has presented some 2007 budget challenges, however with the firm business footing the organisation has currently established, these changes can be managed. Snowsport England has worked with Sports UK on the UK action plan for Coaching. Snowsport England recognised the importance of the Coach Award Scheme and its development. How to progress with limited resources will always be a challenge, but it is hoped that by working with current partners, these resource gaps can be minimised. Sports Coach UK has developed audit resource tools for NGB's to map their current activities against considered best practice. The Coaching Committee have been assessing the areas of the Coach Award Scheme which need development in the next 5 years and have established a plan to work with SCUUK and other delivery agencies.

1 Year Work Plan

In 2005 Snowsport England launched a 1 year development plan to help address key issues facing the organisation.

The work plan ran until the middle of 2006 and the Board and Key Committees have work together to outline the key objectives and goals 2007 –2010.

Key achievements have been the continued implementation of the Child Protection Policy, further review of the financial reporting and the implementation of the new website giving a fresh new look to the organisation.

Head Office

Following the re-organisation of roles in 2005 the office has continued to develop its range of operations and quality of service to Members.

Through support from Sport England, Snowsport England has employed the services of a Child Protections adviser Dave Page. Dave has worked with the organisation towards the standards, NSPCC, child Protection in Sport unit, managing existing cases and advise on CRB matters.

At the end of 2005 June Hale decided to leave Snowsport England after 19 years of service. June has given exemplary service to the organisation. This has meant a new member of staff has joined the Head Office Team for 2007 Julie Copestick, and we are pleased that Ian Holloway has taken on a full time role with the organisation. Snowsport England is very fortunate with the quality of staff employed by the organisation, we have staff who have a broad range of skills which are required to work for an organisation with such diverse needs.

The Office has worked hard to increase the benefits and opportunities for members. We are pleased to have established new partnerships with Crystal, Rossignol, CO-OP, GBR Sports, Cotswolds and Ski Club of GB.

Key Projects – Child Protection

Child protection remained a major focus in 2006. The Child Protection Management Group has continued their fantastic work with the online learning system as a key achievement.

Snowsport England also prepared training for two Time to Listen Tutors who will begin training Child Welfare Officers in 2007.

The importance in providing information U18's about the expectations and responsibilities surrounding Child Safeguarding and Welfare has also been a focus for the group, which has led the development of information on the Website and the production of the Keeping Kids Safe Card.

The number of cases the organisation have faced, reduced this year, but the level of enquires and questions have remained positively high. The appointed Child Protection Advisor David Page has helped with responding to the many queries.

Sport England's funding has been vital in maintaining the child protection programme.

Key – Projects Clubmark

Developing the club development programme is a priority for Snowsport England working in partnership with Sport England and Syzygy Leisure, Snowsport England has drafted the outline programme for

Clubmark (Snowmark). The scheme has been developed following a consultation exercise with member clubs. Three clubs have started the process of becoming Snowmark clubs, the programme is due to be accredited by Sport England and rolled out to all clubs in 2007.

Key – Projects TASS

The TASS funding available to athletes has increased this year, Snowsport England has successfully extended the programme to all disciplines to include Freestyle and Cross Country, the first time athletes from these disciplines have received funding for over 10 years. 25 athletes received scholarships and 8 athletes received 2012 scholarships administered by Snowsport GB.

Key – Projects Modernisation

The modernisation proposals were voted on the membership in 2006. Following the Genesis consultation, and feedback from Federation member groups, several amendments were made to the proposals. Snowsport England held several consultation sessions with the membership, and concerns were raised about the structure and content in the document, especially surrounding the governance structure. The membership were fully supportive of the principles of modernisation, however the concerns that the current proposals would make the governance of the sport more complicated ultimately led to the rejection of the proposals. However there was a motion to continue the work between the Home Nations, and seek resolution on the areas of common ground. This work continues into 2007.

Website

It has been a short-term aim to review the organisations website and upgrade the current facility with information which can be monitored and reviewed by the office. The new website was launched this year bringing a fresh new look to the organisation, The site has focused on easy use, so members and prospective participants in the sport can easily find facilities, clubs, courses and general information about the sport.

Along with the Chairman I would like to thank all the volunteers in the regions, Key Committees and of course the Board who have fully supported the large amount of work in 2006 and ultimately made it such a successful year.

TRISH CHALK

COACHING COMMITTEE

Writing a report to encompass a year's activity is a difficult task as so much has happened and continues to happen yet on the other hand there is the question of, 'What did the committee actually do?'

The year began by trying to define exactly what is the role of the coaching committee in that its composition is of representatives from each of the SSE disciplines, Schools and Youth, Freestyle, Alpine Racing, Nordic and now Alpine Skiing. The latter is represented by the Alpine Panel comprising the Alpine Senior Tutors and also chaired by the chair of coaching. It appears to be a meeting of minds, nodding approval or taking sharp intakes of breath.

Representatives from each of these committees/panels present to 'coaching' their plan of activities and report back after the various events. The success of each of the key committees is clearly shown in other parts of the annual report. The number of courses successfully run is testament to the amount of effort being given by members, long may it continue and grow. Areas of the sport are definitely growing shown by the increase in numbers for both Nordic and freestyle.

An area in which we are desperately in need of growth is that of tutors for higher level courses. Finding qualified people with appropriate experience is proving to be difficult although it is pleasing to see a number of people being invited to become new tutors this year. This is an area to which the coaching committee will need to continue to devote time. SSE does have a defined pathway for aspirant tutors to

follow which can be obtained from the office or by talking to key committee leaders. It is quite noticeable the age group into which the majority of tutors fall (freestyle being the exception); so who is going to take over the zimmers?

With various pieces of new legislation and procedures becoming operative within SSE an increasing amount of time is being spent dealing with course feedback, appeals against course results, conduct etc. Whilst this does take an inordinate amount of time it is important that the courses run in the name of SSE, irrespective of the outcome for the individual candidate, are seen to be of a high quality, professionally run and outcomes are seen to be fair and consistent. Appeals procedures are in place and every effort is made to follow these through but it does take time. This may suggest that courses have become tougher and the number of failures increased, this is not the case. There are more successful candidates but more time is being taken with those who initially were less successful.

For some years the coaching committee has been working to ensure that pathways within the coaching scheme are clear and unambiguous. Paperwork is being edited and re-written to make things clearer and avoid one document saying one thing and another something else. It is important that loopholes and unofficial shortcuts are recognised and measures put in place to ensure that everyone follows the same route. This has been a slow process and thanks must go to those people who have spent so much time wading through the piles of paper.

Another function of the coaching committee is to provide working groups to liaise and work with internal and external agencies on specific projects. At the present time a group is working on the review and possible revision of the Alpine Ski Course Leader programme. Ideally this review will be completed to enable any changes to be implemented into courses for the 2007-8. Part of this will be the re-write of the distance learning book, a major task on its own.

Another working group is liaising with our international partner, BASI, to ensure that we continue to work in partnership with them rather than in opposition to. Hopefully current talks will prove beneficial to each organisation and British skiers will be even better served.

It is always the case that organisations such as ours have a few hard working volunteers, a large number of practitioners (to avoid the word athletes) and an even larger number of critics. Criticism is fine as long as it is constructive and without agenda. Hopefully the coaching committee has responded to the constructive criticism and has either already or is in the process of addressing the criticisms. Time is a valuable commodity and it has been disappointing to see the poor attendance at many of the meetings. There have always been the 'stalwarts' and a special thanks must go to them for their support. If representatives cannot attend meetings for whatever reason it is always acceptable to send a substitute to represent their discipline.

It is suggested for next year that the Alpine Panel meet independently of the coaching committee as it seemed to have a disproportionate amount time discussing matters of little interest or relevance to other disciplines. This we hope will happen. It has also been suggested that the agenda be 'timed' to avoid meetings running on un-necessarily as representatives have travelled long distances to attend.

A sad note again this year was that the coaching conference did not take place again. It was organised and advertised but the very small take-up of places did not make it financially viable. A Conference will be organised for 2007 and will be part of the Coaches' Revalidation as in previous years. There has not been a conference for some years, let's make sure this one happens.

I opened by asking what the committee actually did, if the daily inflow of emails and phone calls on coaching related matters is any indication, it never stopped!

The success of the Coaching Committee is a reflection of its constituent parts but in particular the amount of work and effort put in by Trish Chalk and Jenny Wyatt should be recognised. Without them a lot of what has been achieved would not have happened, many thanks.

NIGEL MATTHEWS

ALPINE SKIING COMMITTEE

The Alpine Race Committee underwent a name change this year and is now known as the Alpine Skiing Committee, but the aims of this committee remain the same - to encourage participation in Alpine Ski-racing, to promote the development of excellence by English racers through competition and training, and its objectives of developing an appropriate squad structure, appropriate competition structure, a pool of experienced and trained officials, a pool of experienced and trained performance coaches and to have a stable financial base to support this framework. Those responsible for carrying out these duties on the Alpine Skiing Committee are a group of very professional and dedicated individuals. My grateful thanks and appreciation to you all, Peter, Ian, David P, Muriel, David M, Sandy, Gillian, Sally, Hedley & Steve for all your hard work, and in doing so, giving up so much of your free time.

English Alpine Championships

What a difference a year makes! After the regrettable cancellation of these championships in 2005, who would have envisaged such a successful championship in 2006, but thankfully, that's exactly what we had. I would like to say a very big thank you to all the racers, parents, coaches & club members, your support was greatly appreciated. A special thank you must also go to 'first time' Chief of Championships, David Pyle, for doing such a superb job in organising this prestigious Snowsport England event. I witnessed first hand, the hard work that goes into organising and running these championships and all the trials and tribulations that go with it! Well done David and the team – you deserve big pats on the backs! The Championships will once again be returning to Puy Saint Vincent in 2006 under the leadership of David Pyle and preparations are well underway at the time of writing. The organising team are all ready, the 'snow dances' are being carried out daily, I hope we can count on your support once again.

English Alpine Ski Team

The England team goes from strength to strength under the skilled leadership of Head Coach Tim Fawke. Our 2006 season Squad have increased membership of the Home Nation's Team with 3 females and 4 males in the Full Time Development Team and 9 females and 13 males selected into the Part time England Team.

With the European Youth Olympics Winter Festival taking place in February 2007, selection trials for this event were held in Norway in December 2006 and we were delighted that 6 out of the 8 places available to represent Great Britain at the festival, went to England Team athletes - testament indeed to the excellent coaching skills of Tim Fawke, and Assistant Team Coach Mike Barker – an assiduous partnership, well done!

The England Team camps in 2006/7 have been in in Saas Fee, Switzerland, Geilo, Dombas & Oslo, Norway, Tarnaby, Sweden, and various resorts in France.

A special mention and thanks must go to Gates **Ford** for once again sponsoring the England Team Minibus. Having this team bus has proved invaluable for Tim in his work with the Team and we are very grateful to Frank Gates of Gates of Harlow for the continuing support of this facility.

As well as Tim and Mike, Muriel Ryding and Peter Heath also continue to play a very important part in the continuing success of the England Alpine Ski Team. We are very lucky to have the use of their skills, knowledge and expertise to oversee the management and finances of the Team – they work indefatigably for the good of the team. On behalf of the Team, thank you all.

Artificial Slope Races

- The Thomson Grand Prix Race Series delivered an excellent series of races at various slopes, and once again with Thomsons generous sponsorship of bursary prizes to the British Ski Academy for the children's age groups, it made the races well worth entering.
- The All England Championships at Hemel were well organised and well attended, with two days of great racing, proving just how popular and exciting dry slope racing can be – long may it continue!

Many thanks for the sponsorship received this year from **Thomson, Ski Bartletts, Racer Ready & Atomic** and of course to all the clubs who support and enhance the Grand Prix races and All England Championships – it is very much appreciated.

- Gloucester Ski Slope was host to the 'revived' Inter Regional race in 2006 – and it was so successful, we are planning another one in 2007, except the venue will be changed to Rossendale. Great to have Rossendale back on the circuit re-homologated– always a favourite slope of mine!
- We have continued to organise training courses for officials with many Level 1 courses taking place around the country in 2006. Unfortunately the Level 2 Course at Stoke Rochford was not as well attended as in previous years, but the course was well received by all attendees. We are looking for clubs who want to run level 1 courses in 2007, please contact ROTP if you are interested or would like further details on courses running in your area. The more trained officials we have, the higher the standard of races we will be able to deliver and it also helps to spread the load amongst the existing officials who thankfully volunteer their services so generously.
- On-line entry continued to be very successful, with the introduction of Club Nationals added to the system in 2006. We are very grateful to Stewart Smith for all the hard work he did in developing the system, it has proved to be a great facility, and not only for the English races, other Home Nations have got involved - Snowsport Wales were able to use it for their races and Snowsport GB are interested for the snow races. The development continues.....

And finally – It is interesting to note that the majority of our England Alpine Team members, and some in the GBR Team and GBR development team, all began their ski racing careers on the dry slopes. Without this 'grass root's' introduction to racing, many would never have gone on to enjoy the success they are experiencing today on snow - we must continue to encourage and support it.

GILL HALL

FREESTYLE REPORT

Moguls

Moguls has enjoyed a strong year of development. Following the 2006 Torino games, interest has never been stronger within the moguls skiing nations - particularly the Australians, French, Canadians and USA. It is a timely reminder that a country such as Australia which has a limited talent pool and a short winter season produced an Olympic Gold medal performance. This is an inspiring model for UK moguls skiing as their success has largely been based around a strong coaching and development programme.

This report summarises some of the important developments for freestyle skiing in the UK over the past year. This is across the spectrum from beginner to elite athlete mogul skier. The future is very promising for UK Moguls.

TASS funding

TASS funding was secured for England Moguls A Team member Ellie Koyander due to her strong competition results in 2006. These have been consistent and impressive .e.g. taking the title of French Junior Moguls Champion - a result unprecedented in British skiing. She also became Australian U14s Champion in the autumn of 2005 and has gone from strength to strength coming 5th in the Swiss National Championships and 24th at the Junior World Championships in Russia in February 06. It is hoped that she will 'trailblaze' a path for others to follow.



New facilities

In 2005 Snowsport England worked closely with Xscape at Castleford (now 'SnoZone!') to develop

the first real snow indoor moguls slope in the UK. The spring of 2006 saw the opening of a new 'SnoZone!' at Braehead in Glasgow and experiments and discussions are underway to push snow moguls in Scotland. Snowzone at Milton Keynes now push snow moguls and this has been a positive step forward with 3 facilities in the UK now generating training and development opportunities.

Castleford instructors have taken part in Moguls instructor training organised by SSE tutors and there are now moguls coaches 'on the ground'. Plans are underway to repeat this progress at Milton Keynes and possibly in Braehead in 2007. Interest from the public has been steadily growing and England Moguls Team training sessions have been run on a very successful basis again this year. A limited number of ski passes have been made available free of charge to the team. Snow pushing at Castleford SnoZone has become more sophisticated and what is unique to the way that the team trains is that the bumps are now pushed to a training specification to suit the skill development needs.



Unlike any other skiing discipline it is now possible to train all year round on a near full length competition run that is reshaped with different characteristics approximately every two weeks. This pioneering project has been a great success and in November Moguls ex-World Champion Eric Berthon (from France) held a masterclass in moguls at Xscape. Running alongside this event again this year was a one day 'introduction to moguls' course. This was aimed at confident advanced level skiers wanting to develop their moguls technique. This course at Xscape was similarly a great success and oversubscribed.

There are plans to run similar events in 2007 building on the successes of 2006. This will be a significant step forward with the creation of a total of three new real snow moguls pistes in the UK. This can only raise awareness and participation of moguls skiing.

This development will help build the base of young freestyle skiers taking up mogul skiing and put good technical coaches at grass roots level, building on what is already in place.

UK Development Strategy

In 2005 an outline plan was drawn up to further promote mogul development throughout the UK and establish 'centres of excellence' for moguls skiing. Snozone are leading the way with a regional centre based at Leeds, Glasgow and Milton Keynes. In the coming year it is intended to develop good links with these regional centres to increase the talent pool of Coaches and moguls athletes 'on the ground' and encourage the formation of regional development squads in 2007 /2008.

Squad Development

The Yorkshire Moguls Squad has been quite badly hit by the decision of Sheffield Ski Village to remove and recycle elsewhere its matting from the moguls piste. SSV is currently for sale and its future remains uncertain. The Squad has all but relocated its moguls training to Castleford. Although the costs of participation in training have been significantly higher than at Sheffield the squad continues to thrive. The squad also still train at Sheffield which remains the freestyle capital of the country with its water ramp, half pipe, fun park with big air kicker, cornice, rails. It is hoped that new regional squads at the three 'centres of excellence' will emerge in the next couple of years as facilities offer moguls training opportunities and these athletes will progress towards England Team Status.



The England Team spent a very successful snow based training week in La Clusaz, France before the 2006 competition season. Summer 2006 saw 6 members of the

team take part in one a 7 week training programme in the USA and significant progress was made working with USA coaches. Training also took place in Tignes France in October under the expert eye of Eric Berthon (and in summer for those who did not make the trip to the USA)

A fitness camp was run again at the Olympic training centre in Lofer at the end of the competition season. The dry land programme includes trick development on trampolines, water ramp sessions at Sheffield Ski Village, and then snow implementation at Xscape. There is as well as this a fitness development programme designed to produce strong and focussed athletes at the start of the next competition phase.

Two new members were added to the moguls team bringing the total to 8 athletes. It is anticipated however that in 2007 the team size will diminish principally due to 'natural wastage' and the financial and logistical challenges that the athletes face in getting out to international competition.

Moguls Competitions

In the early part of 2006 two of the England team athletes (Andrew Longley and Ellie Koyander) travelled to Krasnoe Ozero, Russia to take part in the FIS Junior World Championships. The British Moguls Championships were held at Lenggries in Germany and the number of athletes participating grew significantly from the previous year. The member of the young England Moguls Team were just not quite old enough to obtain FIS licences and take part in FIS races (other than the JWC) but took part in other snow competitions during the season. This was a significant development for the athletes.



The British Artificial Slope Moguls Championships were held at SnoZone Castleford and this was a tremendous success with nearly 30 competitors taking part. A number of dry slope moguls competitions ran throughout the Country aimed at promoting younger skiers to develop their moguls racing skills.

The Future

A lot of interest is being shown in moguls skiing as it is an Olympic discipline which other small nations (comparable to the UK) have had great success in. Freestyle skiing is the biggest growing sector of all wintersports and the talent pool is potentially huge. With continued quality coaching and participation at all levels there is every possibility that we will produce a good number of World Class athletes in the very near future. For the first time it is possible to train all of the performance elements and put together a comprehensive package. There is a clear pathway for athletes who come into the sport to develop into elite athletes.

Any slopes, coaches or athletes, interested in taking part or finding out more about mogul skiing and development should make contact by e-mail to pk@freestylesnowsports.co.uk .

Aerials

Introduction & Background

Aerials has made progress this year on all fronts from training opportunities and training programmes to increased members of the training squad . There has also be increased numbers of sponsors for the Aerials and the first competition results.

The set back from having to close the ramp at Sheffield was overcome and opened up new training possibilities with the Swiss national team and enabled the top four team members to progress to a high enough level to compete both on the water ramp and on snow. Although due to unfortunate injuries only one team member competed on snow it has been a good achievement and marked the return of British Aerials.

Support for us from all other nations has been positive and amazing and will continue and develop as we progress.

We started the season with 7 members training and through the season we have lost two and gained 2 - so currently running at 7, with 3 on the try out list for the summer. The ages range from 15 to 26 years olds; the majority are girls. All are gymnasts or trampolinists or divers to various levels and so far only two of them have had to be taught to ski. Sarah Ainsworth had a really good start to the season and changed to the Swiss training programme. She competed on the water ramp in the World Masters and then progressed to training for compete on snow. She has qualified both her single and first double jumps for training on snow and would have competed in the Europa Cups this season if not for her accident. She is in rehab and has made excellent progress; currently back in training trampoline, skiing and road running and gym. Her targets are to be fit to start water ramp training in the spring and to be back on programme jumping doubles on snow next season. As part of her recovery programme for trampoline she will compete in the grade 1 in the coming months after concentrating on skiing until the end of the snow season.

Siobhan Murphy has made a promising start to this season but due to initial lack of funding had limited training on the Swiss programme. She has improved considerably in her skiing as she had to be taught to ski in March last year. Lack of water ramp training led to no qualifications to take single jumps to snow this time. As she is in her final degree year at uni and the early deadlines for work she had to balance skiing and education. Her targets for next year are to be ahead of her degree work for the middle of the water ramp training in July and to qualify two single jumps for taking to compete on snow next season. In trampoline training she will continue to compete at grade 2.

China Green has had difficulty this year in balancing the problems of education and sport, after a promising start she had not completed enough water ramp training to compete on snow. She no doubt has talent and will be encouraged to gain confidence to balance both issues. She will concentrate more on trampoline training rather than floor gymnastics this year. Her targets are to switch the emphasis in her training and increase stamina and to be ready to start water ramp training in July - to qualify two single jumps to compete on snow.

Emma Brome has progressed both in skiing and trampoline training this season and has now moved with her job down south, which interrupted her training schedule. She was not able to change to the Swiss programme due to work commitments and this meant that she was not able to progress further this year. Her targets are to negotiate time with work to allow her to train this summer on the water ramp and along with progressing her trampoline to aim to qualify at least one single jump to take to snow training.

Tom Cox had a difficult year and retired from sports due to personal problems. The door has been left open for him to return to Aerials if he feels that he can.

Harry Gillam had a very good season both in training (completing the full training programme) and competing; he qualified two single jumps for competition and has done his first doubles on the water ramp. He competed at his first Europa Cup with good quality jumps and would have been at the Junior World Championships except for an accident in training the week before the competition. He will be in rehab now for the next 5 months but he will aim to be back in training at the end of the water ramp training this summer. If he is fit he will then progress to qualify 2 doubles on the water ramp. He has progressed well at trampoline training and was to compete at grade 2 in April; this will now be deferred till then end of the year.

Sam Newman quit he chose Rugby as his first sport

New Members we have two new members currently in training in gymnastics and trampoline - one is a former British Junior Diving champion. Both are boys age 20

Education - most members are about to go on exam leave to cover GCSE, A levels and Degrees.

Sponsors

We have currently three main sponsors for the team - Planet Knox, Eye Level Optical, White Rock & Elan have now supplied some skis for the water ramp training. We will be looking to expand our sponsorship and help members get personal sponsors for the next season as well. Two members of the team also have personal sponsors. We are due to meet with Chillfactore for help with indoor training at the new indoor ski slope at Manchester.

Competitions

One member this year competed at Europa Cup level.

Funding

The main input of funding this year has been from having 4 members of the team on TASS funding; the aim next season will be to try to obtain more funding from other sources other than TASS and to have more members in competitions to enable other funding to become available.

Fitness and nutrition

We have had new coaches join us this year to give both personal training and team training and will continue on a programme combining both of these items. Cross training in fitness will continue with the Swiss and our fitness coach will continue working along side the Swiss coaches. All aerials members will have a down time month during April when they will not train aerials but they will continue to train in other sports - football, netball, martial arts, tennis. The new Aerials training programme will start in May and individual programmes will allow for exam leave.

Development

The aims for next season will be local support - to help get better support for the team individuals locally in relation to balancing education, sport & training. To also help with negotiating time for training with various work commitments that individuals have. To set a min amount of training commitment for each individual in relation to targets and training programmes. Expand training into cross training with the British Divers and to share their new gymnastic training facilities.

Implement a new indoor ski training programme - for technical skiing in relation to aerials. We have invitations to train with the CZE and the BLR at their new facilities and we will be programming these into our training schedule. We will also be looking at training trips in conjunction with the Swiss to Canada and the USA for snow training - this is dependent on funding for both nations juniors

Recruitment

Put in place a programme that will allow talent ID days in relation to gymnastics and diving to attract people from feeder sports. To work closer with this in relation to the feeder sports development programmes and our contacts. To organise a series of display days to promote Aerials at key events and places.

Coaching and Judging

We will continue to encourage new coaches into the sport from Gymnastics and diving to support the recruitment from the feeder sports and look at individual support / training programmes that will help them to progress - we have one coach in this progression from this year. Promote development of aerials coaches for our team from other nations athletes that are now retiring and are interested in helping to build a new team - there are two such people who are interested in working with us under the guidance and along side the Swiss coaches. We are promoting cross training / exchanging training coaches with the Swiss - we will be providing specialist coaches to them in return for them providing specialist coaches to us in a different area or for training for our coaches.

Competitions

Next season we should have good prospects with two members competing doubles and a minimum of two others competing singles (this is without an allowance for any of the promising new comers progressing to competition level). We will aim to compete at both Europa Cup level and Junior World Cup next season. Next season we will have the opportunity to hold British Aerials Championships in Switzerland at one of the Europa Cup events (as they do with their own competition). We can also look to hold a water ramp competition in conjunction with other nations at the end of the summer in Switzerland - this is part of the proposed competition discussions with the Swiss.

Funding

We will be looking at retaining our TASS funding and expanding into other areas of funding if possible - there are new smaller pots of funding becoming available locally for athletes which we will tap into we will aim to establish a route to obtain BOA funding which we can implement and achieve. We will work to promote Aerials to gain support for this and make more people aware of our programme and aims. To work on all the contacts we have gained this year and consolidate our support by presenting a managed programme and committed training team.

Promotion

It is our intention to look further into the invitation to do a documentary with ITV this would start in the summer covering our training through to Competitions on snow.

MARTIN CARR

NORDIC KEY COMMITTEE

The 2006-2007 winter season has been disappointing so far, with many resorts either without snow altogether or having very little of it, several important races have been cancelled and, as a consequence, the plans of many SSE Nordic club members have been disrupted. The earlier summer roller skiing season, however, proved very successful with increased participation in most events, more participation in events in Scotland, and a recognised improvement in the technical ability of many English cross-country skiers.

Two meetings of the NKC, under the chairmanship of Adam Pinney, took place this last year and this frequency of meetings is likely to prove sufficient in the future. Arranging roller ski events and the two on-snow events requires meetings in the Spring and the Autumn, and other NKC matters can fit into these two meetings. This year, the Robert Hovey trophy was presented jointly to Nicola Leeman and Grahame Aspinall, in recognition of their outstanding work over many years organising our biggest roller ski event in Lancaster at the end of September. Nicola and Grahame have, thankfully, offered to continue for at least one more year.

The Kvitavtn on-snow event in April 2006 continues to be as popular as ever, and is one of the main focuses of the Nordic year. It provides top quality coaching and the opportunity for skiing late in the season and is the main event for qualifying and revalidated coaching staff on snow (although some on-snow qualifications can now be revalidated at roller ski events). However, this event (and the other on-snow event held in November and roller ski events) relies heavily on the availability of three or four top qualified SSE coaches (tutors). The NKC would like to increase this number of tutors (not only in terms of technical competence but also in terms of 'name' within the sport), to reduce the dependence on our existing tutors.

A further coaching assessment course took place in Bristol during the Autumn and, under the guidance of Tutor Eric Woolley, all participants on the course passed, which may prove important for the implementation of the SSE's development programme. 8 new Coaching Scheme personnel qualified in 2006, taking the total number of coaching staff beyond 50 for the first time ever.

The Tamworth Snowdome, with its 300 metre long indoor on-snow cross-country circuit, continued to prove popular (especially once they found how to cut classic skiing tracks), with several events taking place there over the year. It is regrettable, though, that this facility was closed throughout the late Autumn and Winter season, when it could be expected to be increasingly in demand.

The roller ski season, which started in earnest in April with a club race event in London, followed by two further race events, also in London, in May and June, then weekend training/race weekends in Durham in July and again in September, a further weekend training/race event in London in August and in Lancaster in September, proved as popular as ever. Five of these events formed part of the British Roller Ski Series, the September event in Durham being the British Championship. In total, about 150 people took part in at least one of the Series races, 30 of them being juniors (although most of the juniors are currently based in Scotland). This represents a very high proportional level of participation. The race season ended with a four-hour roller ski race in London in October, although participation in this event was down on last year in what is a very demanding race. When club events are added (and these are widely publicised through the www.ssenordic.org.uk events calendar, there are Nordic events now taking place on most weekends of the year.

An early-season on-snow training week in Finland in November reached its entry capacity some months before it took place, with a few people on the 'reserve' list being disappointed. A decision was taken, early on, to limit the number of participants per coach to 7 (to provide maximum coaching benefit), and many people taking part, who had also taken part in earlier, similar events, rated this trip the best ever (a report on this event appeared in Piste magazine). It has to be recognised, however, that this event could only get bigger by attracting another seven participants.

The Nordic Key Committee continues to discuss its new Development Plan put forward by its Development Officer, Iain Ballentine. The Plan has yet to come much into operation, however, partially because it is not easy to find coaches willing to devote sufficient time to it over the necessary period and partially because it has proved difficult to find schools (or other organisations) willing to introduce roller skiing. The Industry Day (intended to 'sell' SSE to holiday companies (with a possibility of free publicity e.g. in brochures) and *vice-versa*), originally scheduled for 2006, had to be postponed but will, it is hoped, take place in May 2007.

Two significant funding successes happened in 2006. The Manchester Club received an Awards for All grant of £4500 which will be used to purchase skating roller skis and related equipment, and Fiona Crossley secured, through sponsorship by Waymark and Bartlett, a set of race bibs.

The following dates have been agreed for SSE national events in 2007:

Kvitavtn, Norway, 7th-15th April,
Hetton Lyons, Durham roller ski weekend and British Series race, 30th June-1st July,
Hayes, London roller ski weekend and British Series race, 4th-5th August,
Hetton Lyons, Durham ski weekend and British Series race, 1st-2nd September,
Lancaster roller ski weekend, 29th-30th September,
Early-season on-snow training week (possibly Finland), mid-November.

Three on-snow events in the last season were 'recognised' by SSE, meaning that an SSE coach was present in an informal capacity, allowing other skiers attending the same events to benefit from some informal coaching or other advice, as appropriate. These events were the Jizerska Padesatka in the Czech Republic (8th-15th January 2007 – cancelled), the Konig Ludwig Lauf, German (4th February 2007) and the Engadine Ski Marathon in Switzerland (11th March 2007). The purpose of 'recognising' events is to try to make them more attractive to Nordic skiers by the presence of the coach. To date they have proved successful, but the concept should be extended to other events.

At the beginning of 2006, SSE Nordic had budgeted to make an overall loss of about £1300 in 2006. In fact, this loss was just under £1440, meaning that the carry forward to 2007 was £4500. Currently, the prediction for 2007 is a net surplus (after Service Charges) of about £340, although the entry fees for some events may need to be raised by between £5 and £10 per person to produce this. Higher costs at some of the roller ski circuits used is also likely to be a challenge.

Finally, England achieved a significant sporting success when two athletes: Fiona Hughes and Simon Spencer (both SSE club members) were selected for the European Youth Olympics in Spain.

ADAM PINNEY

SCHOOLS AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Administration of the revised Snowsport Course Organiser Course and Tutor Training began after the AGM of 2006. The course has proved very popular with a large increase in participants. A refresher day for Tutors was held in June. In September the inaugural Training Day course for prospective Tutors was held and was very successful. Most of those who attended had considerable experience in this field and were accepted as potential Tutors. One has since been mentored through the process of becoming an accredited SCO Course Tutor. The annual Tutor refresher day should be held in June 2007.

The review of the Alpine Ski Course Leader Award scheme has been passed to the Coaching Committee; this is logical as there is a high technical content especially with relation to suitable Tutors. The educational aspects of the course will be maintained and members of the Schools & Youth Committee will be on the review panel.

The sub-committee working on examination syllabus content has had a frustrating year as the examination boards are unwilling or unable to provide any data and in general are not positive about any SSE input to syllabuses.

It has also been frustrating for those working on a plan for snow sports to be part of the Junior Sports Leader Award. The plans drawn up would be related to young people helping others on dry ski slopes; a proposal by a school for an award for young people as assistant leaders on snow will be examined in conjunction with the ASCL Review.

Snowsport England is now an access organisation for The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There have been some delays but it is hoped that very soon it will be possible to communicate the many possibilities of the D of E scheme to SSE clubs, with information as to how they can help their members to use snow sports for award credits.

I would like to thank all members of the Schools & Youth Committee for their support and input during the year and wish committee members a successful future.

GILLIAN GILYHEAD

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES**2006****EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

<i>ALPINE RACES</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>	<i>COMPETITORS</i>
Grand Prix	45	640
Club National	10	1626
All England Championships	1	229*
English Alpine Ski Championships	1	321
Race Officials Course		

* Excludes 30 minis & 96 Inter Regional Club Event

FREESTYLE (see report for figures)

<i>NORDIC TRAINING</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>	<i>PARTICIPANTS</i>
Kitavtn on Snow	1	25
Roller Ski Weekend	4	80
Finland On Snow Course	1	14

<i>NORDIC RACES</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>	<i>COMPETITORS</i>
Roller Ski	4	117

COACHING SCHEME COURSES 2006

DATE	VENUE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Alpine Development Course (2 weeks on snow)		
21 st Oct to 4 th Nov	Hintertux	9
APC Level 1 Course		
16 th – 21 st April	Tignes	8
10 th – 15 th July	Les Deux Alpes	8
ASPC 5 Day Course		
	NONE	
ASPC Revalidation		
24 th September	Telford Ski Centre	CANCELLED
ASSI One Week Course		
10 th to 15 th July	Sandown Ski Centre	9
ASSI Examinations (Part 2 Assessments)		
6 th May	Hemel Ski Centre	CANCELLED
17 th June	Gloucester Ski Centre	7
16 th September	Gosling Ski Centre	CANCELLED
7 th October	Sunderland Ski Centre	CANCELLED
8 th October	Ski Rossendale	8
4 th November	Stoke Ski Centre	CANCELLED
5 th November	Stoke Ski Centre	11
25 th November	Gosling Ski Centre	12
10 th December	Norfolk Ski Centre	12
ASSI Training Courses		
6 th & 7 th May	Tamworth Snowdome	8
20 th & 21 st May	Ski Rossendale	11
20 th & 21 st May	Kendal Ski Club	9
20 th & 21 st May	Castleford	3
12 th & 13 th August	Gosling Ski Centre	8
19 th & 20 th August	Bowles Outdoor Centre	6
16 th & 17 th September	Christchurch Ski Centre	11
7 th & 8 th October	Norfolk Ski Centre	9
14 th & 15 th October	Ski Rossendale	4
27 th & 28 th October	Stoke Ski Centre	4
4 th & 5 th November	Gloucester Ski Centre	11
18 th & 19 th November	Snowtrax	7
2 nd & 3 rd December	Sheffield Ski Village	7
9 th & 10 th December	Sheffield Ski Village	7

CI Assessments

February/March	Sheffield Ski Village	3
28 th May	Sheffield Ski Village	8
2 nd July	Norfolk Ski Club	8
16 th July	Folkestone Ski Centre	3
16 th July	Suffolk Ski Centre	4
4 th October	Ipswich	2
8 th October	Folkestone	2
14 th – 25 th November	Sheffield Ski Village	7
4 th November	Brentwood Park Ski Centre	4

CI and ASSI Refresher Courses

23 rd April	Torquay Alpine Ski Centre	4
7 th May	Hemel Ski Centre	8
14 th May	Kendal Ski Club	8
17 th June	Kendal Ski Club	6
18 th June	Ski Rossendale	9
18 th June	Gloucester Ski Centre	8
12 th August	Norfolk Ski Club	12
2 nd September	Kendal Ski Club	9
3 rd September	Bromley Ski Centre	12
9 th September	Pendle Ski Club	6
16 th September	Southampton Ski Centre	7
17 th September	Gosling Ski Centre	7
1 st October	Telford Ski Centre	7
7 th October	Brentwood Park Ski Centre	12
8 th October	Sunderland Ski Centre	CANCELLED
29 th October	Ski Rossendale	CANCELLED
26 th November	Gosling Ski Centre	8

CI and ASSI Tutor Day

(for Coaches who wish to become CI Tutors and for CI Tutors who wish to become ASSI Tutors)

NONE

Club Instructor Training Courses

24 th January	Torquay Alpine Ski Slope	2
4 th & 11 th February	Sheffield Ski Village	10
18 th & 19 th March	Tamworth Snowdome	6
6 th and 7 th April	Stoke Ski Centre	2
15 th & 16 th April	Bowles Outdoor Centre	3
22 nd – 29 th April	Christchurch Ski Centre	12
23 rd & 24 th April	Sheffield Ski Village	9
29 th & 30 th April	Stoke Ski Centre	12
6 th & 7 th May	Ski Rossendale	9
6 th & 7 th May	Avon Ski Centre	11
15 th & 16 th May	Warmwell Ski Centre	5
20 th & 21 st May	Castleford (for Lions Ski Club)	9

3d & 4 th June	Norfolk Ski Club	12
10 th & 11 th June	Tamworth Snowdome	5
1 st & 2 nd July	North Staffs Ski Club	8
1 st & 2 nd July	The Ackers	4
15 th & 16 th July	Ski Rossendale	11
15 th & 16 th July	Bromley Ski Centre	7
15 th & 16 th July	Southampton Ski Centre	10
22 nd & 23 rd July	Folkestone Ski Centre	6
2 nd & 3 rd September	Alpine Snowsports Centre	7
9 th & 10 th September	Brentwood Park Ski Centre	4
16 th & 17 th September	Pendle Ski Club	10
16 th & 17 th September	Bromley Ski Centre	5
23 rd & 24 th September	Gloucester Ski Centre	13
30 th Sept & 1 st October	Ski Rossendale	8
7 th & 8 th October	Hemel Ski Centre	10
14 th & 15 th October	Sheffield Ski Village	7
28 th & 29 th October	Suffolk Ski Centre	9
11 th & 12 th November	Tamworth Snowdome	9
22 nd & 23 rd November	Kendal Ski Club	8
Coaching Conference		CANCELLED
Coaches Revalidation (1 day)		
24 th September	Telford Ski Centre	CANCELLED
Course Setters Course		
2 nd September	Gloucester Ski Centre	8
3 rd September	Ski Rossendale	CANCELLED
16 th September	Hemel Ski Centre	CANCELLED
Disability Awareness Course		
25 th June	Stoke Ski Centre	6
Ski Binding Seminars (run in conjunction with Salomon)		
6 th September	Milton Keynes	10
14 th September	Castleford	CANCELLED
Snowboard Instructors Course		
22 nd to 26 th May	Warmwell Ski Centre	4
21 st -29 th October & 4 th November	Bromley Ski Centre	CANCELLED
16 th to 24 th September	Norfolk Ski Centre	11
22 nd to 24 th Sept & 29 th /30 th Sept & 1 st October	Torquay Alpine Ski Centre	6
4 th & 5 th November		
10 th /11 th & 12 th November	Ski Rossendale	10

Tutor Revalidation (1 day)

22 nd October	Gosling Ski Centre	14
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Tutors Day (1 day)

24 th September	Telford Ski Centre	16
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SCO Courses

Date	Venue	No. of Participants
5th January	The Martineau Centre, B'ham	11
5th January	Duke of York R.M. School	8
8th January	Amberley Ridge, Stroud	1
14th January	Potteric Carr, Doncaster	24
28th January	Mount Murray Hotel, I.O.M.	16
4th February	Gloucester Ski Centre	14
5th February	Light Hall School	7
8th February	Borden Grammar School	4
10th February	Aireville School, Skipton	6
21st - 23 rd February	Horndean Technology College	3
25th February	Bore Place, Sevenoaks	15
1st & 2 nd March	Feltham Community College	12
4th March	Rufus Centre, Flitwick	11
29th April	Alleyn's School, Dulwich	10
11th & 12 th June	The Chase Golf Club	16
12th July	MacMilan Acadamy, M'boro	7
16th September	Everdon Field Studies Centre	8
24th September	Bishop Perowne C.E. College	15
30th Sept & 1 st Oct	Cardiff Ski Centre	5
30th September	The Stonehenge School	15
15th October	Light Hall School, Solihull	13
30th October	Norfolk Ski Club	9
14/15 Oct & 4/5 Nov	Calshot Activities Centre	16
4th November	Suffolk Ski Centre	13
11th November	Canterbury High School	14
13th November	Professional Excellence Centre	8
15th November	Clifton Rd Outdoor Education Centre	18
16th November	Perelthorpe Environmental Edu Cntr.	16
18th November	West Hatch High School	22
18th November	Marchants Hill Centre	16
18th November	Brighton Marina	19
23rd November	Mid-Sussex Area Professional Cntr.	16
24th November	Denbies Vineyard	12
24th November	Lancashire College	30
25th November	Putteridge High School	6
25th November	The Polish Centre	12
27th November	Skidby Windmill, Cottingham	11
29th November	St. Felix School, Southwold	6
29th November	Education Centre, Walthamstow	17
1st December	Brixham College	7
2nd December	Danbury Outdoor Centre	6
9th December	Pila, Italy with Interski	5
9th December	Formby High School	10
10th & 16 th December	Potteric Carr Nature Reserve	14
16th December	Rufus Centre, Flitwick	9
17th - 19th December	Club Hotel Hermitage, Alpe d'Huez	15

ASCL Courses

Date of course	Venue	Course Organiser	No of participants
30th Dec 2005 - 5 th Jan	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8
14th - 20th January	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8
4th - 11th February	Pila, Italy	I.A. & B. Fenton Outdoor Pursuits	2
11th - 17th February	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8
19th - 24th February	Courmayer, Italy	Interski	7
19th - 24th February	Morzine	Snowsport Wales	5
4th - 10th February	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8
25th - 31st March	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8
3rd - 8th April	Cormayer, Italy	Interski	8
8th - 14th April	Zillertal Valley, Austria	Hourmont	8
8th - 14th April	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	7
9th - 14th April	Zillertal Valley, Austria	Hourmont	8
9th - 14th April	Zillertal Valley, Austria	Hourmont	8
9th - 14th April	Jungfrau Region, Switzerland	Skiing Europe	8
15th - 21st April	Courmayer, Italy	Interski	8
9th - 14th December	Pila, Italy	Interski	8
15th - 23rd December	Saas Fee, Switzerland	Pel Ski	8
16th - 22nd December	Arosa, Switzerland	Andy Stewart	9
16th - 23rd December	Aosta Valley, Pila, Italy	Interski	8

MEMBERS 2006

	NUMBER	MEMBERSHIP
Clubs	74	18099
Schools & Educational Establishment	133	1330
Slopes	16	
Trade & Other	1	
COACHING SCHEME MEMBERS		
Alpine Performers		915
Freestyle Performers		112
Nordic Performers		12
Candidate Club Instructors		319
Club Instructors		413
Senior Club Instructors		39
ASSIs		356
Coaches		78
Officials – Alpine		103
Officials - Freestyle		17
Officials – Nordic		7
Freestyle Instructors		24
Nordic Instructors		45
SCO/ASCL		425
Individual Members		8

The Coaching Scheme figures represents the people registered in **EACH** category - e.g. people who are registered as a Performer and an Instructor are counted twice.

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN (CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS) 2006

	SRSA	SWSA	WMSA	LSERSA	ERSA	NESA	EMSA	NWSF	YSF	NISC	MISC/ TRADE	NON REGIONAL	ESSKIA	TOTAL
CLUBS	9	5	6	15	9	7	2	13	5	0	0	3		74
SCHOOLS/ EDUCATION													133	133
HANDICAPPED SKIING CLUBS														0
OTHER (SLOPES/ TRADE & OTHER	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	2		16
NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPRESENTED IN CLUBS	466	834	1620	1676	4762	1221	83	3668	670	0		3009	1330*	19429

* based upon an average of 10 per school

Sponsors and Supporters

Snowsport England would like to thank the following companies, organisations and individuals who have supported our work in 2006, by providing sponsorship in cash or kind or by supporting or running our activities.

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Eric Berthon (Freestyle)	Scott (Alpine)
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CHS Hourmont (Child Protection)	Sheffield Sharks Ski Club (Freestyle & Nordic)
Five Seasons (Alpine Squad)	Sheffield Ski Village (Freestyle & Nordic)
Gales of Harlow (Alpine Squad)	Ski Bartlett (Alpine Team and Slope Races)
Gloucester Ski Centre	Ski Out of Blue (Alpine Team)
Gosling Ski Centre	David Spiers (Freestyle)
Helly Hanson (Freestyle)	Sport England
High Sierra (Alpine)	Swix (Alpine)
Hotel Saaserhoff	Tamworth Snowdome (Snowsport England)
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Nevada (Alpine Squad)	
Hemel Ski Club (All England Artificial Champs)	

Alpine Ski Pool:
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