



# London & South East Regional Ski Association **L&SERSA NEWS**

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## THE 7<sup>th</sup> ENGLISH ALPINE SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April at Puy St. Vincent, France

Great performances were to be seen on the slopes of Puy St Vincent from LSERSA skiers of all ages. These included **Ed Drake** who won the Overall Junior title, following on from his success at the British Junior Champs and **Peter Whelan** who became overall winner of the Children 2 title. Gold medals in the Junior/Senior Super G were won by both **Rebecca O'Neill** and **Ed Drake**, with the Bronze Medal in the Men's event going to **James Bennett**. The Junior/Senior Giant Slalom saw **Ed Drake** again on the podium taking the Silver Medal. He followed this with another Silver Medal in the Junior/Senior Slalom which confirmed his position as overall Junior Champion, and the Bronze Medal went to **Marc Telling**.

In the Childrens Super G it was skiers from Sandown Park who filled the podium in the Children 2 category Boy's race with **Peter Whelan** first, **Peter Bruton** second and **Christopher John** third. Very well done to all of you. The Minis Giant Slalom had LSERSA skiers fill the podium again in the Girls race with **Alessia Thomas-Jackson** first, **Natalia Harte** second and **Emily Evans** third. In the Boy's race **Luke Laidlaw** came second. Looks like we have some very promising young racers for the future. The first place overall in the Childrens Slalom went to **Peter Whelan** with **Frankie Clough** taking the Silver in the Children 1 category. **Peter Whelan** was again on the podium in the Children Giant Slalom with a well deserved second place in Children 2 category, with **Christopher John** third. **Frankie Clough** took the Gold in the Children 1 category with **Jack Evans** picking up the Bronze Medal.

In the Minis Giant Slalom Championship the Gold Medal went to **Alessia Thomas-Jackson**.

**Congratulations to the above and all those other LSERSA skiers who also did well in the Championships.**

The Dry Slope Racing season is here and judging by the calendar there are lots of events to choose from. Plenty of races have been arranged starting next weekend with the Wycombe International (formerly the World Champs). A team from Mongolia has registered - anyone speak Mongolian!!!! There are the **L&SERSA**, **SRSA** and **ERSA** regional races which are good fun and a great introduction for new skiers to competitive skiing. Then there is the ESC calendar including the All England Championships (Sunderland), The British Artificial Championships (Llandudno), The Welsh Championships (Pontypool), the Scottish Champs (Edinburgh) and the Irish Championships (Dublin) for those of you who like to travel!!! As well as the Club Nationals and Grand Prix series there will, of course, be the usual Celtic Cup series and the Inter-Regional races. Look out for a new series of races to be held on the indoor artificial snow facilities at Milton Keynes after the success of the Jubilee slalom last year. For details about these and other races contact your local club or region (01483-827972/01634-362174) or try any of the websites - [www.lsersa.org](http://www.lsersa.org) [www.britski.org](http://www.britski.org) [www.ukskiersresource.co.uk](http://www.ukskiersresource.co.uk)

**GOOD LUCK** to everyone who takes part in any of the races and remember

**\*\*\* THIS IS A FUN SPORT SO ENJOY IT \*\*\***

## Safety Helmets

Ensure you are safe. The wearing of helmets is now compulsory for all skiers when training or racing at many dry ski slopes, including Wycombe Summit, Chatham, Hemel and Rossendale. The wearing of a suitable helmet will be compulsory for all racers in the LSERSA Summer Race Series.

Bartletts of Hillingdon is giving a 10% discount on helmets for all L&SERSA racers. The approximate price (without discount) is FROM £37.50 for children and £45.00 for adults.

Captain's Cabin at Chatham is giving a 10% discount on helmets for Kent Schools racers.

## The British Junior & Childrens Championships

6<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April at Pitztal, Austria

Some excellent racing from LSERSA skiers in these championships with **Katrina Head** comfortably winning the overall title of British Junior Champion and **Helena Bray** retaining her title of British Girls Champion.

In the **Slalom** the Silver Medal went to **Katrina Head**. In the Men's event **Ed Drake** took the Gold medal for the Junior 1 category. The **Giant Slalom** saw **Katrina Head** claiming the top step of the podium finishing first overall. She repeated this in the **Super G** when she also took the Gold Medal. The Men's event saw **Jamie Miles** pick up the Silver Medal and **Ed Drake** claiming the Silver Medal for the Junior 1 category.

In the **Childrens Super G**, last year's winner, **Helena Bray**, retained her title. **Greg Samuels** came second in the Boys event where **Frankie Clough** came second in the Children 1 category beating **Aaron Tipping** into third place by three hundredths of a second.

In the **Childrens Giant Slalom**, the top step of the podium was again claimed by **Helena Bray**. In the Boys event **Aaron Tipping** came fourth and picked up the Children 1 category Gold Medal.

In the **Childrens Slalom** the Bronze Medal went to **Helena Bray** and **Fern Barker** took the Gold Medal for the Children 1 category. In the Boys race **Peter Whelan** came third in Children 2 just behind **Aaron Tipping** who was third overall and first in the Children 1 category. Yet again!!!!

In the **BARSC organised races for Minis** third place in the **Super G** Girls and Boys events went to **Alessia Thomas-Jackson** and **Luke Laidlaw**. In the **Giant Slalom** third place in the Girls event went to **Abbi Gibbs** while **Luke Laidlaw** claimed the Gold Medal in the Boys event.

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## Instructor Courses

Artificial Slope Performance Coach Award (ASPC)  
5 days between 12<sup>th</sup> May - 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Cost: £250

Artificial Slope Snowboard Instructor Course  
5 days between 9<sup>th</sup> June - 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Cost: £250

Artificial Slope Ski Instructor Course  
5 days between 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Cost: £250

Organised by Wycombe Summit.  
Phone 01494 474711 for more details.

## MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

The next LSERSA Regional races will be held on

1<sup>st</sup> JUNE at BRENTWOOD PARK  
27<sup>th</sup> JULY at WYCOMBE SUMMIT  
31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST at CHATHAM SKI CENTRE  
21<sup>st</sup> SEPT at ALDERSHOT SKI CENTRE

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