

Thomson continues to support British ski racing

The 'Thomson Grand Prix Series' Bursary Scheme on English dry ski slopes has once again run very successfully during spring and summer 2006. It culminated in the prizegiving on Saturday, 2nd September in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Over one hundred skiers took part in the Bursary Scheme and the winners, four girls and four boys aged between 11 and 14 years, attended the event to receive their prizes. They had impressed an audience of parents, friends and representatives from Snowsport England and other governing bodies during the series of races at Norfolk, Hemel, Pontypool, Pendle and Stoke dry ski slopes.



Pictured are the winners from this year's event: Emily Evans from Chatham and Natalia Harte from Barham, Kent; Nia Jenkins from Surlingham in Norfolk; Alessia Thomas-Jackson from Haverhill in Suffolk; Daniel Evans from Sunderland; Gerard Flahive from St Albans in Herts; James Gibb from West Well near Ashford and James Grant from Berkhamsted in Herts.

The Thomson Bursary Scheme, funded by Thomson Ski, helps young ski racers to take part in ski race training on real snow at the British Ski Academy in Les Houches near Chamonix in France, lasting two weeks during the winter season 2006/7.

Gill Hall, Chairman of the Alpine Skiing Committee, Snowsport England said: "The bursaries on offer to the British Ski Academy, Thomson so kindly sponsor, are a fantastic prize for the children to aim for. They also give children who may never have been out on snow the opportunity to experience what skiing on the 'real' stuff is like. Spending time at the British Ski Academy is also not just about skiing, it is a fantastic life experience for the children. We are extremely grateful to Thomson for giving the winners this opportunity."

Marion Telsnig, Thomson Ski, who attended the event and presented the youngsters with their certificates said: "I am amazed by the standard of skiing that young people on dry ski slopes in England can produce. Within this scheme, each year the quality of skiing continues to improve and I congratulate all who took part. Thomson is delighted to be involved again with the Bursary Scheme."

Snowsport England

Snowsport England is the governing body of the sport for English skiers. It is recognised and directly grand-aided by Sport England and has responsibilities for fostering, promoting and developing the interest of English skiers and all aspects of their sports. Membership is open to organisations with a commitment to skiing, as well as individuals.

For more information on Snowsport England www.snowsportengland.org.uk

British Ski Academy – Race Champ for Future Champions

The British Ski Academy is the premier winter training centre for young British ski racers. The majority of current British junior and children's ski team members have benefited from the ski academy programme.

For more information on the British Ski Academy see www.britskiacad.org.uk

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