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Standby for Winter 2011

With winter just down the road this newsletter is to let you all know what's in the pipeline for the 2011 season.

Volkswagen Blackonwhite Ski Camps

Our camps will be held at Coronet Peak on the following dates:

9 -12 July (4 day camp)

14 - 16 July (refresher camp)

18 - 21 August 2011 (4 day camp)

Star Coach for 2011 camps - Chris Knight

Chris is a Kiwi from Christchurch and is now a world class coach to Julia Mancuso (USA Ski Team and multiple Olympic medallist - Gold GS Torino 2006, 2 x Silver Vancouver 2010).

All bookings made before end of May will receive an early booking discount of \$100 per person per camp.

Donations made to The Snowvision Foundation for a camp receive a tax deductible receipt. (Camp details will follow soon).

Ski Traveller FIS Alpine Ski World Cup TV

You will be able to watch and brush up on your skiing technique with the 2010/11 Ski Traveller FIS Alpine Ski World Cup series that is going to air on 25th May on SKY Sport.

Finally - Canterbury

As many of you know I grew up in Canterbury, all my family are there and I spent my younger days plying the slopes and fine tuning my skiing there. This disaster in Christchurch is affecting all New Zealanders

and I have found it heartbreaking to watch the destruction of my home town.

If you want to help the region (other than donating to the various agencies) take a few days there this winter to have a ski or board. Here's a few personal tips on some of Canterbury's best kept secrets:

Mt Hutt - world class ski area, long runs with some of the best skiing in NZ. I have skied at Mt Hutt since it opened in 1972 and I love skiing here.

www.nzski.com/mountain.jsp?site=mthutt

Porters - is a short drive from the family farm, (near Springfield), where I grew up and is the closest ski area to Christchurch. It also has one of the steepest and longest vertical drops (620m) in the country - Big Mama - a favourite. www.skiporters.co.nz

Pioneering Enthusiast Club skiing:

This area of the southern alps was where the early days of the sport thrived and the current sport owes much to the pioneers who built these fields. I grew up skiing at all of the fields listed below.

The common traits about skiing in this area are a spectacular drive, access roads that put you up close and personal with native New Zealand bush and mountains, the most incredible scenery, crowd free slopes, amazing off piste skiing/riding and most importantly experience life as it used to be.

Craigieburn - rated one of the top 10 places to ski before you die by Time Magazine. Many famous skiers including legend, Glen

Plake, call it one of their favourites. Back in the day (1960s) the Swiss ski team trained and raced here. www.craigieburn.co.nz

Broken River - very long season - often the last to close in the Southern Hemisphere, amazing club spirit, great off piste.

www.brokenriver.co.nz

Mt Cheesman - this is where I learnt to ski and when the Swiss ski team trained and raced here in the 1960's, I was taken to ski with them. It's a cross over experience with T bars and ski-in ski-out.

www.mtcheesman.co.nz

Temple Basin - some incredible big mountain skiing and definitely worth the hike and the beautiful drive through Arthurs Pass. www.templebasin.co.nz

Mt Olympus - Mid mountain lodge gives you true ski in ski out with hot tub to boot, remote but located in some of NZ's most spectacular scenery. You can take in ice skating in at Lake Ida at the bottom of the ski area road. www.mtolympus.co.nz

To ski the Canterbury Club fields go to: www.chillout.co.nz - 11 Mountains - 1 pass.

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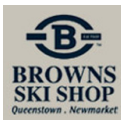
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