

## **Ski Performance Course for Mountaineers; Sponsored place in memory of Chris Walker**

*"This last 2 weeks I have been over in Chamonix skiing. It has simply been 'the bees knees' and is now my new favourite thing! For our first week we spent our mornings on a ski course run by [Alison Culshaw](#). This is my second time on the course and I will no doubt be back again next year. The course is off-piste skiing and aimed at people who are just getting in to the off piste, to those who think they already can! It was superb with a very steep learning curve, conditions were good and a great time was had by all."*

*Chris Walker 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009*

Chris Walker's life was tragically cut short when he was killed in an avalanche in Glen Coe in February 2010. Chris was a personal friend of mine and also a regular client to BASS Chamonix. He had aspirations to become a Mountain Guide but he knew at some point he was going to have to get to grips with skiing if this was going to come true. It quickly became clear that learning to ski was not just about the guide's scheme – he had discovered a new sport which he undertook with the upmost passion and enthusiasm. Each year BASS are to offer a free place on the Ski Performance Course of Mountaineers to ensure his passion for skiing is still felt on these courses and to assist individuals with similar aspirations to Chris.

The main criteria for selection are as follows:-

- a) you are a keen mountaineer/climber with some ski experience. Your main focus is skiing off-piste and ski touring.
- b) You intend to benefit as a result of increased knowledge and ski ability so that you can enhance your own personal ski experiences.
- c) This will be the first course like this you have undertaken – you have had little input into your ski technique before from a ski instructor.

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### **Personal Details**

Name;

Address;

Telephone;

Email;

Date of Birth;

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The course dates for 2010/11 are –

- 6th – 10th December (with the 8th as a rest day)
- 13th – 17th December (with 15th as a rest day)
- 19th - 23rd December (with 21st as a rest day)
- 10th - 14th January (with 12th as a rest day)
- 14th to 18th March (with 16th as a rest day)

Please state your preferred week;

**Please provide a brief description of your mountaineering and ski experience. Include number of weeks on skis and any ski touring experience.**

**How do you perceive that this course will help you?**

**What are your skiing aspirations?**

*The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010*

*Please return via email to [alison@basschamonix.com](mailto:alison@basschamonix.com) or by post to Alison Culshaw, 14 Hollybank Crescent, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 5TX*

*The successful applicant will be decided by Chris' parents and will be informed by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.*

*If you wish to secure your place regardless of whether in are successful in obtaining the sponsored place then please make a payment of £170 to [shone@basschamonix.com](mailto:shone@basschamonix.com)*