

## **BASI SUPPORTS BRITAIN'S NO 1 SKIER**

The British Association of Snowsport Instructors (BASI), will be lending its support to Britain's Men's Alpine Champion skier Ed Drake, at a special fund raising event in his honour on 7<sup>th</sup> October. The event, also supported by ski holiday company Scott Dunn will take place at the new Snow Centre at Hemel Hempstead with the aim of raising funds to put towards Ed's training and participation for next winter's Olympic Games in Vancouver in February 2010.



The event will consist of a series of ski clinics delivered by BASI's Dave Renouf, Andrew Lockerbie, Andi McCann, Gareth Roberts and Pete Silver Gillespie for press, corporate sponsors and invited guests followed by a pro-celebrity race on the slope organised by BASI trainers. Travel company Scott Dunn is sponsoring the evening's activities and promoting the event with the sale of raffle tickets and proceeds going towards Ed's bid for Olympic glory in Vancouver.

Ed (23) from Kingston-upon-Thames coaches part-time at the recently opened indoor snow facility at Hemel, the venue for the BASI AGM and jamboree event which takes place a few days later over the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of October.

Originally formed as BAPSI in 1962, changing its name to BASI in 1964, the association currently has over 5,000 members who are actively involved in delivering instruction to recreational ski and snowboard enthusiasts at snowsport centres and dry ski slopes in the UK as well as at ski resorts in 24 countries world-wide.



For further information on BASI please visit [www.basi.org.uk](http://www.basi.org.uk)

For further information on Ed Drake please visit [www.edwarddrake.co.uk](http://www.edwarddrake.co.uk)

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