

We have been able to contract two of the Coaches from Cardrona HPC to come to Auckland for two weeks starting Monday the 6th of June.

We are breaking the training into two opportunities.

These are Monday to Friday 7 am to 9 am for the two weeks and Weekends 7:00 to 9:00. These times are all outside normal Snow Planet opening times so we can have exclusive use of the slopes during this period. We will be strict on finish times so that the athletes will only miss one period

For the weekend training, it will only be for the middle weekend

We have also been able to organise to host the first North Island Interfield for 2011 at Snowplanet. This will be held on Saturday the 18th starting at 4:30.

The two coaches are.

Leighton Winsloe -Leighton (New Zealand Ski Team member for the last 3 years) is currently ranked No.1 for slalom in New Zealand. He has done 16 back to back winters racing and coaching, with his last northern hemisphere season coaching for World Ski Connection at FIS level. This season he will be working up Cardrona for the HPC coaching the junior F.I.S racers. Leighton has his NZSIA Level 1 Instructors Qualification. He is also a qualified pilot and working towards his commercial Pilots licence.

Leighton will continue with his ski racing in late 2011, after allowing his Knee to recover from injury.

Chris Mitchell – Cardrona K race Coach. Chris has his Alpine Performance Coach (APC) level one and an Alpine Freestyle Development qualification level one and two. He has skied on the national Scottish Ski Team spending the winter in Quebec along with training and racing in Europe. Since then he has spent his Northern Hemisphere winters with Adi Bernasconi and World Ski Connection in Switzerland. For the last three or so years, Chris also spent winters at Cardrona coaching with their Alpine Ski Team.