

Testimonials

Published in Fall-Line Skiing magazine:

"...We can't even begin to hit the depth of info gleaned from our morning with Jon.....What makes this so enlightening is that Jon will happily coach anyone through the tuning process...

...As a half-day which goes a long way to making anyone feel like a proper skier, this is up there with on-hill coaching..."

Letters:

Graham Nayler

"Thanks very much for the bits & the service!. Seems to work pretty damn well - way better than my previous (more expensive!) stuff."

Ski Club of Great Britain member's forum:

Ben Howe

"Have just done Jon Costers Ski tuning course at his workshop in Nottingham, I can thoroughly recommend it."

Email testimonials:

Steve Gwilliam

"I never dropped you an e-mail to thank you for the excellent tuning session you did for me back in January. It has absolutely saved me a fortune over the past 3 holidays alone and given me the skills to keep the skis on tune during the week with minimal effort."

George Buchanan

"Thank you very much for yesterday, thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, my head is still buzzing from everything that you passed on to me. Having done the course I know realise how much information is on your site. Your patience and skill in passing on your knowledge were superb.....Thank you very much."

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BGA

"Just a quick post to tell those snowHeads who haven't partaken of the Spyderjon ski tuning experience that they should definitely give it a go. Very informative and enjoyable morning, skis looking better than ever and looking forward to playing about with them next season now that I have a clear idea of what I'm doing. And a fine bacon sandwich to boot! "

Achilles

"spyderjon is the best ski technician I have ever come across. Real anorak (in the nicest way) when it comes to the care of skis - and meticulous in what he does. Problem is that you feel guilty if you haven't looked after your skis as advised whilst they have been in your care. Seriously, he's highly recommended."

veeeight

"spyderjon, Nice terminolgy section!"

Fenland Skier

"Absolutely, a day well spent indeed. Before I went I was expecting ski maintainence to be a black art and not something I'd trust myself to do but after having Spyderjon spend so much time showing us how to do it not only have I changed my mind but I've also bought some kit to let me do it myself. Big thanks to Jon for showing us the ropes and to Debs for the refreshments and Skye for the warm welcome."

Charlatanefc

"Went round to Spyderjon's today with NickC and Fenland Skier, for what I thought was gonna be a thorough service on my skis. Not only were my ski's expertly serviced by hand, we had a lesson on how to do it for ourselves, making it easy even for an empty-head like me! Ended up buying a few bits and pieces, to do my own edges etc... while I'm away. So..... thanks to Jon for the excellent service and advice, and to his better half for looking after us with cups of tea and bacon butties! Highly recommended, thanks Jon!"

Hairy Boy

"Didn't want to start an unnecessary new thread but wanted to make a quick post recommending Spyderjon for ski servicing and tools. Jon supplied me with a wax iron/wax/brushes about a month ago and yesterday I visited him to get a 2degree side angle setup on 2 pairs of skis. Yesterday I also picked up the tools to maintain a good edge myself now Jon's set them up correctly. Jon's willingness to give advice/help and his enthusiasm are unbeatable and I'd recommend anyone considering waxing/tuning their own skis to get in touch with him. Thanks again for your time yesterday Spyderjon and please thank Debs for the coffee and cake."

Kramer

"Big thanks to Spyderjon for doing an excellent job of sorting out my missions after I'd done a good job of breaking them in in Whistler. Once again a huge recommendation."

uktrialmonster

"Another big thanks to Spyderjon for helping me start out on home tuning. I had a very interesting, educational and, most importantly, a fun morning of tuition and came away with all the kit and basic knowledge required to look after my new skis. Highly recommended for anyone looking to service their own skis. Seeing it all done first hand makes a huge difference to reading and even watching videos."

Fallliner (Dickie Fincher, Publisher of Fall Line magazine):

"Ah, now I can speak with true knowledge having just spent a morning with Spyderjon, who is a man who knows his shizzle. Totally enjoyable, absorbing and astonishingly fast when Jon is doing it. And that's despite putting in about six more stages than any other ski tech I've watched. It's one of the most satisfying things I've done in skiing for a while and will make the season go on all the way through the summer. And that's just filling the holes in my touring rig.....A hand tune is a thing of wonder for sure and the finish was immaculate."

rob@rar

"For anyone who uses a diamond stone to keep their edges in good shape I can recommend Jon's cutting fluid (Easicut) for lubricating your stone. I thought it was much better than water as it allows the stone to glide freely over the edge of the ski."

PaulS

"Spyderjon, thanks for the DVD, it was an excellent reminder."

NickC

"I had a tuning lesson today with Spyderjon, and brought some kit. I can also recommend the time and effort as Jon gives very clear instructions and tells you what kit you need. He does not try and sell any of it, He lets you decide how much to spend and gives good tips on how to save money. I now have the dilemma that I got some new toys to play with but cannot try them on my expertly edged and waxed skis as I don't want to screw them up. I will just have to wait until Jan.....Thanks a lot to Jon & Debs for an interesting morning plus the coffee and bacon bap."

Flying Mushroom

"Spyderjon, Thanks for a great day at your tuning bench yesterday Jon!

I'd like to echo all that AxsMan has said above - you really cant better learning from someone directly and I now feel confident that, with a little practice on an old (and now defunct) pair of ski's, I'll soon be competent at hand tuning and finishing my own skis. I didn't think it would be so enjoyable and therapeutic too! For anyone considering a trip to Nottingham to visit Jon, can I say 'Go for It!' ... What a great guy and I learnt so much! Please thank Deb for all the coffees (and the Bacon Buttie at lunchtime) and I hope to catch up soon (with a further order of goodies for my new tuning kitbox)."

AxsMan

"Just got back from a morning spent with Spyderjon, learning how to edge and wax my skis. Now there are four pairs plus two snowboards in the family I thought it was time to invest in the kit and save hassle and cost of taking them into a shop. Jon is not just a professional, he's an enthusiast and talking to him has made me wish I'd got into DIY tuning years ago. His video is very useful as is his how-to guide, but you can't beat learning from the horses mouth (so to speak). We had a great morning, and I now feel confidently able to tune my edges (and base if necessary), do a hot wax scrape and apply wax as required. We worked on my Rossi B2's so I got a 'free' tune out the deal as well as the instruction. Thanks Jon, for your generosity both with your time and the coffee and bikkies! And thanks too to Deb for supplying the latter. Hope Sky (the young Rottweiler) calms down soon for your kitchen's sake (Actually she was a big slobbery love puppy, and gorgeous with it!). If anyone is even considering doing their own tuning speak to Jon and learn the right way from scratch. If you don't want to do it yourself then don't trust your prize possessions to the machines, get them to Jon for a hand crafted finish, You'll be glad you did."

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"New to diy waxing, speak to Spyderon. I did and he sorted me out with some great gear (no hard sell) and lots of free advice. Just done my 1st wax on my new ski's and because of the advice I'd had it was a doddle. 3 hot scrapes then a 4th which I left to cool before scraping - done with SKS hot scrape wax. Brass brushed between applications. Final wax with Polar X wax - scraped off before it cooled too hard (goes rock hard when cold). Good brass brushing from tip to tail. Finished off with a clean paint brush. A job well done. The DVD and Jon's tuning guide used together make the process virtually idiot proof and I've got a real sense of satisfaction from doing it myself."

Philip Stanton

"Jon gave me an excellent lesson and it's well worth the trip and time if anyone is thinking of doing their own maintenance."

Kramer

"I have to say it was a pleasure to sit with Jon jabbering on about skiing whilst getting to watch a craftsman at work. The amount of care and attention that Jon puts into tuning make him cheap at twice the price if you ask me. Plus you get tea and biscuits as well! Overall, a huge recommendation for Jon's Ski Tuning."

