

# work hard play hard



For most people, October means Halloween, the leaves turning orange, red and yellow, and wrapping up in cosy coats to brave the early Christmas shopping. For snowsports fans however, October means something completely different.

It's the month of mayhem that is widely seen as the official start of the winter season, and leaves turning yellow couldn't be further from our minds – it's all about the white stuff for us. Not only was there another smashingly successful Metro Ski and Snowboard Show and another awesome London Ride, but we also saw some of the biggest names competing at London's Battersea power station as the World Cup Big Air event, aptly named Freeze, came to town. With the footage screened on Channel 4, it was a big snowy welcome sign to the UK. Viewers across the land sat up and thought, "Hmm... snowsports – now that looks like fun."

As if this wasn't enough for all us frozen white stuff fans, Natives Towers also hosted the best party of the season. The

Workers Party 2008 once again took the Saturday night crown as it rocked the last and biggest night of the Metro Show. It was a new era for our annual party – each year we try to top trump ourselves with more prizes and more party than before, and every year for the last decade we've succeeded. 2008 was no exception and our new venue, Imperial College's student union nightclub dBs was such a smash hit success that as *Tribe #6* goes to press we're booked in again for next year. We wanted to recreate that student party vibe of amazingly cheap drinks, a buzzing atmosphere and tons of sweaty bodies gyrating on the dance floor, and we did. The Workers Party took us right back to our hedonistic glory days when we were young, free and seriously in debt.

Mullit, our alpine favourites and the four guys we love to love, played a rocking set to the packed dance floor, interrupted only by the dulcet tones of Natives' own Emma Morris and Ed from Mullit, shouting out the prize draw winners. The lucky lads and lasses were



# RESORTS MAY OPEN FOR WINTER IN DECEMBER BUT FOR UK SNOWSPORTS FANS THE MONTH TO KICK OFF THE SEASON IS OCTOBER, WITH EVENTS APLENTY ALL OVER. EMMA MORRIS WAS ON THE FRONT LINE, REPORTING FROM THE CENTRE OF THE SHENANIGANS, THE NATIVES WORKERS PARTY

treated to some truly amazing prizes, kindly donated to us by our generous sponsors. These included pairs of skis from Faction, Freeride.fr and Liberty, holidays from Ice Break and 20 Days, goodie bags from the Ski Club of Great Britain, clothing from Greeneye (including a jacket from its new outerwear range), a jacket from new clothing brand Faiise, places on Warren Smith's Ski Academy and British Freeski Camps, hats from Chaos, gloves from Swany, sunglasses from Ryders, vouchers from Snow+Rock and Putney Chiropractic, a pair of tickets for the Altitude Festival 09, bags from Profeet, T-shirts from *Dark Summer*, Alpine transfers from Ben's Bus, lanyards from Crystal and board games from Schuss. Phew!

Natives resident DJ Mitch "Mad Hair" Mitchell transported us through the disco eras of the last 50 years with some of the best hits from the decades of dance, including the only way to bust a grove at a party – the *Baywatch* theme tune! Thank

god we had Extreme Energy drinks on hand to give us the strength to rave on into the early hours.

A special shout out goes to one particular partygoer – Ben Payne. He came along to our Jobs Fair during the day with his mate, was so impressed with what he saw he snapped up a couple of Workers Party tickets, was one of the first through the door so got a free Show Love Tour T-shirt and a can of Extreme Energy drink, then to top it all his mate won the first prize draw of the evening. What a grand day out, as Wallace would say to Gromit.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to our headline sponsor Crystal Holidays, who is sponsoring the Show Love Tour and the Crystal Holidays Skier/Boarder X in Val d'Isère, Extreme Drinks, the guys and girls at Imperial College and dBs, who worked so hard all night keeping us all refreshed and safe, our dedicated boys on the bus Simon and Darren, and to all our sponsors who kindly donated over £3000 of raffle prizes. All the profits from the Workers Party went to the British

