

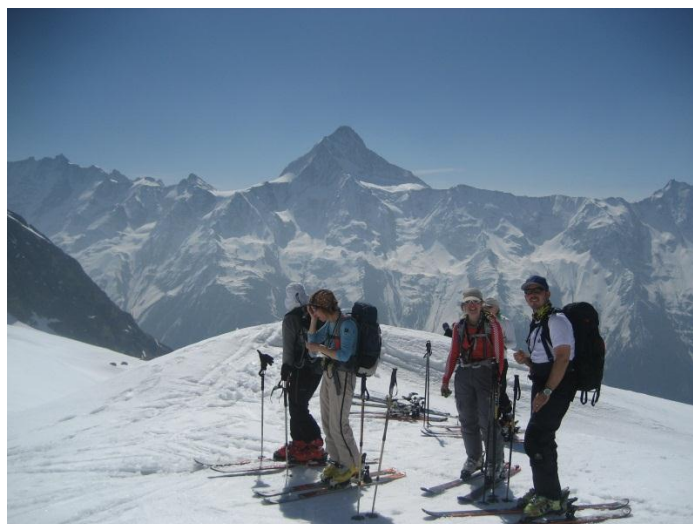
## The LMC 2011 Search for Snow Tour



Given that the Alps had such poor snow conditions over the winter of 2011 the club's annual ski tour faced real problems this year in finding a suitable place to tour. Richard did us proud by searching out some good accommodation on the Simplon Pass with snow almost on the door step, day touring and reasonably achievable peaks nearby.

Eleven members turned up and enjoyed good introductory touring along with the traditionally excellent LMC social gathering. The hostel located on the summit of the pass at 2005m is easily accessible by car or by a combination of plane/train/bus as proven by Richard. Local summits are the Galehorn 2778m, Schilthorn 2823m, Wyssbodenhorn 2833m with the local prize being the Breithorn at 3438m. Weather conditions were favourable and we managed to tour each day although some repeat ascents were made with daily ski carrying necessary as the snow was fast receding due to high temperatures. (24 degC in the valley on the day we left!).

Thanks go to Bernard's guide pal Steve who tipped us off about the good snow conditions to be found at Kippel above Lochenstal where we all enjoyed an excellent day. Also to the hostel warden and his brother for the super accommodation, their time for the ascent of the Breithorn being slightly faster than ours and to Richard for organising yet another successful LMC ski tour trip.



Dave Sudell

