

# THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER

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quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

## And so it begins



**Erica & Meeche(private chalets) celebrate 30 something**

The more observant of you might have noticed that Courchevel more resembles a building site than a posh ski resort. The small hole on your left as you entered town is the result of their handy work. This used to contain the **Skiworld's Aurberg** hotel, **Gringos** bar, The petrol station, the "tasteful" residence Sno. All of which, for better or worse, have either been wiped from the map or have been re-located.

As usual with French builders they spent most of the summer leisurely going about their business. Only in October, with the December deadline looming, did they switch into top gear and in a frenzy of poured concrete and fitted windows and roofs.



In case you didn't know France has now joined England in banning smoking in public places. Coming into law in January 2008 but effective immediately there is no smoking in any of the bars. The resulting smog free atmosphere is a breath of fresh air. No longer will I smell like an ashtray the morning after.

Anyone found breaking the ban will be fined 75 euros for individuals and 150 euros for the premises where the offence occurred.

However smokers, although you have been banished to the icy cold wastes in order to get satisfy your cravings you can still purchase cigarettes from most of the bars.

### A note from the editor

Well here we all are. Sharing a small space on the side of a mountain for the next five months, while metaphorically digging ourselves out of the occasional snow drift. A select few of us have a nasty case of déjà vu (personally this is my 11th season) but for the majority it is our first time.

So what can you expect from the weekly rag? This first edition is only an introduction to some of the bar staff, what's happened over the summer in and a warning that you are now at hazard of making an appearance in the coming months.

Generally it will tell you whats going on in resort, a bit of gossip thats going around, my general rants, cinema information, weather reports, some quizzes when you are stuck in on transfer day.

If you make an appearance in the paper, know this. It's nothing personal. It was probably one of your co-workers who told me the story, I don't hate you and by next week everyone will have forgotten those dizzy heights of fame you reached and be concentrating on this weeks star.

Just hope that your parents don't know how to use the internet enough to find the enquirer website and search for drunken photos of their "innocent" young offspring.

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**THIS WEEK**  
**5 for 5**  
**5 shots of flavoured vodka for 5**

**Saturday 8th**  
**Resort opening black bag party**  
**Free shot to anyone wearing a binbag**

### THE SURGEON GENERAL WARNS

Doing ski seasons can be highly addictive, can seriously damage your sanity, result in a general lack of sleep, makes your arse bigger, increase the chances of getting a blow job in the skidoo hut outside Kalico and waking up next to a complete stranger.

## TJ's Bar, Courchevel 1850

TJ's is an enigma; no one quite knows where the bar originally came from but since the dawn of time the respective nectar's of the grape and the grain have flowed from its bosom. It is widely believed that British explorers discovered the bar when they took shelter in the building many decades ago. All we know is that a higher being drew some of the best bar staff known to man to this spiritual place in order to carry on a time honoured tradition. So as many have done before us we shall harness the supernatural powers of TJ's and provide it to you in beverage form.

[Check out our Facebook Group now](#)



### 5 shots for 5

Any 5 shots of our flavored vodka for 5 euros

### ....Bargain

TJ's does one of the cheapest pints in town.

### Sky Sports-

We have Sky Sports and Setanta, so come to us for your sporting needs



Name: James Spencer  
Age: 14 years younger than the editor  
Lives: Beyond his means  
Star Sign: I'm not religious  
Skier/ Boarder: Boarder  
Seasons: 1  
Likes: Drinkies with Pinkies

Dislikes: People who use unnecessary hypons  
Scared of: The Mel Gibson classic file Signs  
Summer Job: Odd Job's brighter cousin  
Beer or Wine: Beer  
Coffee or Tea: Coffee without the faff  
Red or White: Red  
Coke or Pepsi: Coke out of a can or a glass bottle, never ever out of a plastic bottle. Sick  
Crisps or Chocolate: Drink at TJ's  
Do Mention: Anna's passion for all things anal.  
Don't Mention: Faliraki (and all tattoos related to)  
Catchphrase: Girls dig the curls  
Thoughts about co- workers: Generally acceptable but could do with sorting out their potty mouths.



Name: Matt Ward  
Age: 26  
Lives: TJ's  
Star Sign: Aries  
Skier/ Boarder: Boarder  
Seasons: 07/08  
Likes: Girls (pretty ones)

Dislikes: Drunken idiots  
Scared of: Breaking bones  
Summer Job: Bar  
Beer or Wine: Wine with beer (make you feel q.....?)  
Coffee or Tea: Coffee  
Red or White: Red  
Coke or Pepsi: Pepsi  
Crisps or Chocolate: Chocolate starfish  
Do Mention: I am single and available everyday (girls)  
Don't Mention: My age  
Catchphrase: Willing and able  
Thoughts about co- workers: All good



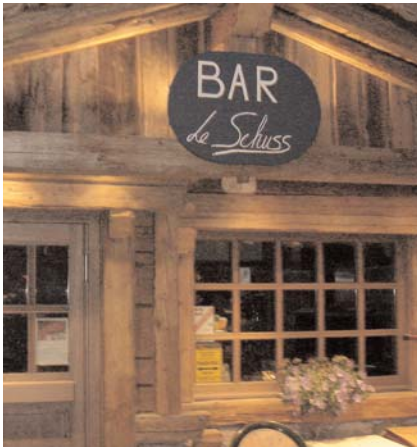
Name: Anna "Lazy Brittney"  
Job: Barmaid  
Age: 24  
Lives: Chabichou  
Star Sign: Taurus  
Skier/ Boarder: Boarder! reckon  
Seasons: maybe one

Likes: Long sleeps, cider fun - oh and fun!  
Dislikes: Listing what I don't like  
Scared of: Sleeping in all day  
Summer Job: Make-out bandit  
Beer or Wine: Cider  
Coffee or Tea: Cider  
Red or White: Cider  
Coke or Pepsi: Cider  
Crisps or Chocolate: Cider  
Do Mention: James believes "Bum sex is fun sex"  
Don't Mention: That I agree (oops)  
Catchphrase: "Yummers"  
Thoughts about co- workers: When I'm alone, in bed.



Name: Sam (Il-sung)  
Job: Barstaffd  
Age: 22  
Lives: in a yurt  
Star Sign: Aquarius  
Skier/ Boarder: Sledging  
Seasons: Autumn

Likes: Cheese  
Dislikes: Hyperbole - it makes me so cross my ears bleed  
Scared of: Bananas  
Summer Job: Bear Trapper  
Beer or Wine: Custard  
Coffee or Tea: Toffee  
Red or White: White  
Coke or Pepsi: Cherryade  
Crisps or Chocolate: Whethers originals  
Do Mention: My North Korean heritage  
Don't Mention: South Korea  
Catchphrase: Death to the American oppressors  
Thoughts about co- workers: Imperialist scum.



This Summer



Last Season

### The King is dead long live the King's next door neighbour

For many years the bar of choice in Courchevel 1650 was the **Signal bar**. The bar that introduced Mutzig old strong lager to many (once) innocent seasonnaires. Until a few years ago, when it was refurbished as part of the new Hotel Sienza. Now it caters for their hotel guests more than impoverished workers.

The new **Schuss bar** looks like to take over it's crown. Only finished this summer, situated next door, below Ski Total's Chalet hotel Cascades the bar has the right balance between alpine barn (reclaimed timber beams) and light friendly reasonably priced bar. With a large screen tv and wifi access it caters for both drinkers and surfers.

At the other end of town another bar has lost it's spark. After a season successfully run by Aussie the bar formerly known as the **New Space bar / Moriond Lounge** it will be under new management (and called the **Funky Fox**) this year and will definitely not be the same.

### Courchevel bar news

This sees a major reshuffle in the English watering holes of 1850. At the end of last winter **Gringos** was destroyed as part of the major Padisha redevelopment. The latest casualty is bar **L'Equipe** which won't be opening for the 2007-08 season.

After many (unfounded) complaints by their elderly neighbours to the police last season the running of one of the few English bars/restaurants has been made nearly impossible. This is a great shame as, despite only being open for 3 seasons, the L'equipe became very popular with clients for everything from morning coffees, free internet access, tasty lunches and an excellent dinner menu. It will be missed. At present the space is vacant.

Of course the other bars are now taking up the slack.

**Kalico** is now offering most of the features of L'Equipe.

**TJ's** has been remodelled with a new bar and new surroundings making a much nicer place to be.

The **Isba's bar** is also a great place for a sneaky cocktail served by master mixologist Mik.

### Ask Alex.

As a fountain of useless knowledge and someone who spends far too much time on the internet I will attempt to answer those niggling questions that trouble us everyday.

While it was raining / snowing yesterday I was asked if it was ok to put up an umbrella. This got me thinking about the etiquette of umbrellas in a ski resort. The general consensus was NO! An umbrella is no substitute for a woolly hat. But comes with the following provisos.

Raining - maybe if heavy, snowing - no, women with hair straightening issues - yes, men - definitely not.

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### Injury of the week

With the lifts opening today our first casualty this winter received his injury in a bar. Nothing unusual, until you hear that the imbibing of alcohol played no part. In a selfless act of beer tap maintenance **Jamie(Skiworld)** slipped causing a wire to cut into his finger. Despite what looks like a re-attached digit it was never separated from the other four. Unfortunately due to complications with an over enthusiastic use of photoshop and as you can see from the colour of the photo the wound went sepi.



"Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah!"

**"Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end; then stop."** Lewis Carroll's King of Hearts

## Season Events Calendar

For those of you who are wondering what there is to do to fill the monotony of the next 5 months (apart from skiing and drinking) that is known as a winter season here is a brief list of stuff that is going on. Every couple of weeks TJ's has a theme night, starting with Back to School night on the 18th .December And so there is no excuse for those seasonnaires whose day-off falls on a Thursday (**Scott Dunn, Mark Warner, Supertravel**) the theme night alternate between Tuesday and Wednesday nights meaning there is excuse for not taking part..

Other great events include Seasonnaire Ballon Ballai wich is like ice hockey without skates, a broom instead of a stick and a kids football instead of a puk, the 3 valley rally which are best described as a fancy dress scavenger hunt over the 3 valleys. Reinging champs from Ski Higher narrowly beat the Jump bar last year and are waiting to be dethroned.....

The Boss des Bosses in Chamonix is a great day out in another resort. The Derby du Roc Merlet is an amazing 5 minute Chinese downhill from the highest point in 1650 down to the resort.

Here is a preliminary list of events through out the season

Sat 8th Dec - Kalico opens

Sat 8th Dec - Lifts open

**Tues 18th Dec - Back to School night, TJ's**

Wed 20th Dec - Natives show love tour, Kailco, 1850

Wed 2nd Jan - Natives show love tour, Ski Lodge, La Tania

Wed 9th Jan - Hoes Biatches Blingers night

Tues 22nd Jan - Seasonnaire Ballon Ballai, icerink 1850

Wed 23rd Jan - Natives Workers Challenge Meribel

Tues 5th Feb - Superhero night

Wed 20th Feb - 70s / 80s night

Wed 19th March - Boss des Bosses, Chamonix

Wed 26th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico

Tues 1st April - Beach party night

Wed 9th April - End of Season Ball

Sat 20th April - Season ends



and finally... something for the ladies.

## Le Kalico. More than just a nightclub.

In the past, for most English seasonnaires, visiting Kalico has meant waiting to be kicked out of the Jump at 1am. This season hopefully this will change. With the absence of L'Equipe, Kalico is the only place to offer free high speed wireless broadband throughout the day\*. Opening from 9am every morning serving lunch, dinner, late night takeaway snacks, apres ski and music until 4am it's definately somewhere that deserves closer attention in the daytime.

### Pre-Season Quotes

"Who is this person called Mark Warner?"

**Anna(TJ's) peruses last years Enquirers**

"I may have small breasts but I have a large chalet"

**Erika(private chalet)**

### Right to reply

If you disagree or fell you have been wronged by anything that is written on this sheet I offer you the right to reply. As long as its not obscene or overly offensive I will print it word for word.



**I  
WANT YOU!**  
to dish the dirt

One of the major criticisms, One of the MANY major criticisms I get about this paper is that of all the Courchevel villages it only covers 1850 and sometimes 1650. The explanation for this is simple. I live in and drink around the bars of 1850 and so I hear what goes on in 1850. That's were you come in. If you have any stories, gossip, photos, suggestions etc. I want to hear from you.

**As an added incentive the best article submitted every week will receive a case of beer.**

I am usually in one of the 1850 bars every evening. Alternatively for those of you who are more technically minded you can email be directly on [info@courchevelenquirer.com](mailto:info@courchevelenquirer.com)

The Courchevel Enquirer comes out every Saturday. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Confidentiality assured! honestly!!**



**Grand SOIREE d'OUVERTURE  
au Kalico**

**le Samedi 8 December 2007**

**Grand opening night of Kalico  
Saturday 8th December 2007**

**Lets get walloped!**

The only place in 1850 to offer  
free high speed wireless board-



Courchevel Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 12 am 08 Dec.  
Summary: A heavy fall of snow, heaviest during Sun night  
Temperatures will be below freezing (max -1°C on Sat night, min -8°C on Mon night)  
Wind will be generally light  
Courtesy of [www.snow-forecast.com](http://www.snow-forecast.com)

**"We all come from different places, and we will all go in separate directions. But where we meet is the most important part"** unknown source