

THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER

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quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

Boss des Bosses Special



From left: Adam Honey(Mountain Leap), Gareth(Scott Dunn), Tom(Ski Higher), Ben(Ski Higher), Spaz, Gregg(Ski Higher), Jen(Ski Higher), Simon(Ski Higher), Ben(Momentum), Alan Bird, Erica, Ben

Boss des Bosses - a brief history

It all started back in 89/90 an argument began late one night in a bar in Val d'Isere as to which ski station had the best Skiers, Chamonix or Val d'Isere. Val brought their team to Chamonix and the first Boss des Bosses was held at the Grands Montets. The Val team was a monoboarder short (Yes monos rode bumps in those days) and the result was tied 9 all. The following week Chamonix set out for the away match and won the day 14-5 at the HOP course in Val, Of course this didn't settle the argument for once or all.

The following year they extended the challenge to 2 more resorts who hosted Bumps Competitions - Verbier (Mogul Mania) and Zermatt (The Trifty Bump Bash). The year after one more station was added Meribel, their Comp at the time was "The Shaker". So by bringing together the mogul skiers of Europe's top resorts the legend that is the BOSS DES BOSSES was born.

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4pm - 1am



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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.

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For those of you who have been living on Mars for the past couple of weeks Wednesday was the 19th edition of the Boss des Bosses, The seventh year which Courchevel has sent a coach load of racers and spectators.

In the past 6 years Courchevel's team has managed to end up with the trophy and, last year, the wooden spoon. This year, although our team was far stronger than in the past, weaker teams of Val Thorens (for the second year running) and newcomers Engleberg pulled out at the last minute meaning we were in line to claim 6th place.

This year the course had been moved to a different piste which required over 2 hours of maintenance to make it skiable on the day. This wasn't help by a piste basher which ran over the final kickers the night before.

When we finally got going it was clear that Chamonix and Zermatt's first runs showed that they were in a league of their own and would, barring a natural disaster, compete in the final together.

In our first match we took on the reigning champions of Zermatt and proceeded to be taken apart by them. Luckily a clean sweep was averted thanks to **Jennifer Claire** and **Adam Honey**. Jen scored a consolation point for extreme kilt wearing. Adam, who turned out to be a bit of a dark horse beat the Swiss ex-olympic mogul skier **Jorg Binner**. Without over-inflating Adam's ego it was actually Jorg's



Spaz pulls off a nice cossack

As always the competition is only half the day, the other half takes part in Chamonix town where the prize giving and celebrations take place. It is this playing field that the Courchevel supporters have few equals. Ending up at the Terrace bar where for the second year in a row Tom Banfield handed Zermatt the snowflake shaped trophy. More importantly **Jen(Ski Higher)** was awarded a t-shirt for "best dress", for freezing her arse off in her wee kilt.



Ben(momentum) shows off his style

experimental boots / bindings that lost him the win after they released half way down the course.

By the end the result was a disappointing 11-2. As the team licked their wounds they were already focusing on their next and more important race against arch-rivals Meribel.

It didn't start out well we slipped 0-2 down after both our telemarkers lost. **Gregg(Ski Higher)** pulled a sweet 540 off the kicker to claim our first point. After the snowboarder we were trailing 1-3. **Jen(Ski Higher)** won her second run pulling back the deficit to 2-3. The next skier down was **Erika(Magic)** who thanks to her superior style and in the crowds opinion won her race. Unfortunately the short sighted judges gave the point to Meribel making the score 2-4. **Adam(Mountain leap)** kept his 100% record and made the score 3-4.

Anyone who remembers last year will know former Picnics on the Piste **Ben** rather unceremoniously landed on his face while attempting a back flip. This year, in my opinion, he pulled off the trick of the entire competition as he stuck a perfect back flip and after a long deliberation by the judges was awarded the point making it 4-5. With victories for **Ben Brierly(Momentun)** and **Spaz** the final score was 6-7 to Meribel.



Erica(Magic) goes for a grab of the kicker



Jen(Ski higher) shows off her frilly knickers


A Final point

The enquirer wouldn't be the enquirer without one of my famous rants. This week I'm going to complain about the judging at the bdesb. Generally not the most competitive person I do get miffed when various decisions are made that are opposite to common sense. At the beginning of the race we were told how each run would be scored with the emphasis being on style (2 points) rather than overall speed (1 point) Air (1 point). Yet when one of our racers finished a close second, with better style and equal air and not awarded the win you can understand the feeling of being robbed. Had this decision been different we would have beaten Meribel and although we would have still finished last in our group due to the points difference against Zermatt we would have had the satisfaction of beating our 3 valley neighbours.

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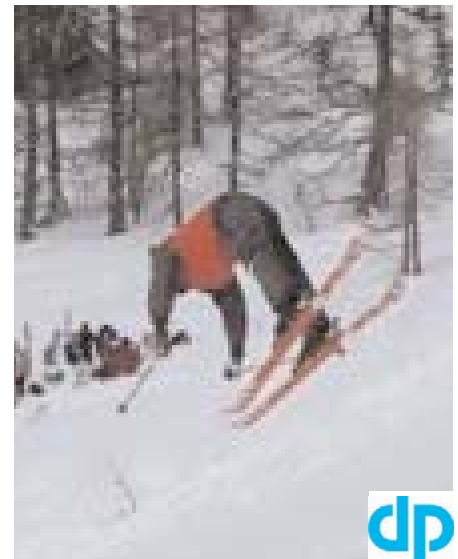


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Simon(Ski higher) tries out his new back protector

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Ben(Ski Higher) produces the jump of the competition.

"I drink too much. The last time I gave a urine sample it had an olive in it." Rodney Dangerfield

Season Events Calendars

Those of you who were expecting a relaxing first week of the season should think again. Almost every day of the week we have some event.

Wed 26th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico

Wed 16th April - End of Season Ball

Sat 19th April - Closing night Kalico

Sun 20th April - Closing night ISBA bar

Mon 21st April - Closing night JUMP

Sat 27th April - Season ends

Don't forget the

3 valley rally

26 March 2008

20 Euros per team

10.30 am outside Kalico (registration)

11 am start

5 checkpoints

4 team members

3 valleys

2 (real) women (atleast)

1 snowboarder (atleast)

and a shed load of skiing & booze
fancy dress



Gregg(Ski higher) pulls a sweet Indy 540

Season Quotes

"WHO is Tibet?"

Harri(Jump) proves you don't to be blonde to misunderstand the sign
"It's time to FREE TIBET"

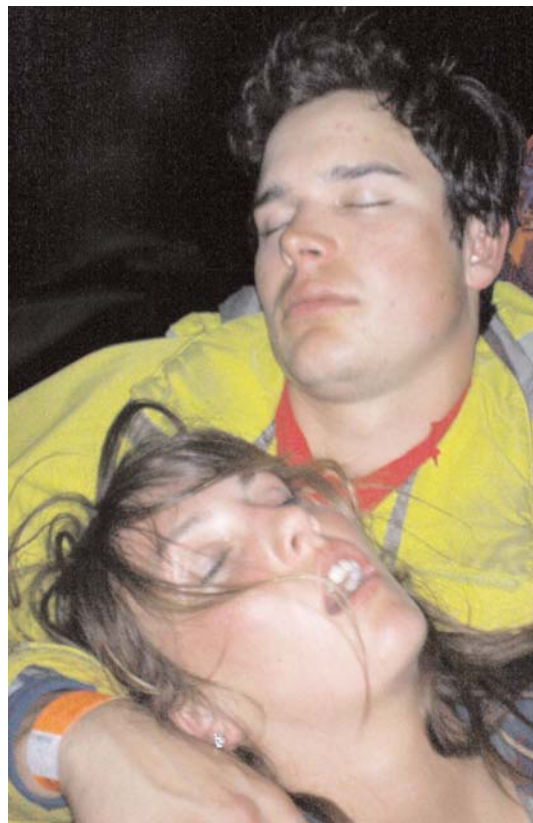
"I guess I will be left behind to polish helmets"

Kara(Ski higher) discuss her end of season plans.

Right to reply

If you disagree or feel 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.

And Finally



Tom(Ski Higher) and Georgie relax on the coach after a big day in Chamonix.

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Monday 24th Apres Ski
Livewire @ 4.30

Tuesday 25th
Live Wire @ 11.30

Wednesday 26th Apres Ski
Bring your Sisters @ 4.30

Thursday 27th
Live Wire @ 11.30

Apres ski Drinks ladder every day

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SKY SPORTS

Courchevel 3 Day Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 06 am 22 Mar 2008
Weather Summary: A heavy fall of snow, heaviest during Mon night. Temperatures will be well below freezing (max -6°C on Sat morning, min -17°C on Sun night). Wind will be generally light.
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