

THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER

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quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

Hello Nurse



Eve & Sarah (Scott Dunn)

resort with their fingers in their ears looking down at their feet instead of taking in their surroundings? Don't you get bored doing the same thing night after night? If people don't support such events then venues like Kalico won't bother in the future.

Which takes me neatly onto the theme nights. Last Wednesday, after two weeks of solidly gathering support and spreading the word, only the lovely **Eve and Sarah** from Scott Dunn bothered to dress up. Even free toffee vodka wasn't enough to lure people into action. Now considering the time and effort put into publicising such things and the fact I don't benefit in anyway even if it's a success it makes me question why I should even bother in the future. Answers on a post-card please.

An Apology

I would like to apologise for the article in last weeks enquirer which made certain statements about the state of Tangerine ski in Le Praz. They were inaccurate and with hindsight shouldn't have been printed. I apologise for any distress that was caused.

A note from the editor

It makes me wonder when I see the relative inactivity of seasonnaires around resort. Most of the time I hear from you that Courchevel doesn't have any good après ski. Generally I agree and compared to the Rond Point in Meribel Courchevel has nothing similar. What really annoys me is when places around Courchevel attempt to provide cheap drinks and live bands nobody bothers to take advantage of them. On Monday the Kalico had 4play, one of the best bands in the alps, playing. Only 20 people where there to hear them. On Wednesday they hosted the brilliant Bring your Sisters band. Again apart from some Jump staff, old school seasonnaires and a few Crystal nannies the place was deserted.

"But we didn't know about it" I hear you exclaim. Now as well as the back page of the enquirer (I know no one actually reads the enquirer they just look at the photos) there have been many posters around town, emails have sent to managers around resort, website has been revamped and still people claim a lack of awareness. Is everyone walking around

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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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Blessed are the cheese makers. The 10 rules of Savoyard cuisine

If you are just on holiday or a seasoned -aire there are a couple of unspoken rules when you visit a Savoyard restaurant.

1. *What to eat* - Of your two food groups you have only one choice; Pierre chaud (that's a hot stone for you out of towners) AND a Raclette and maybe an side order of cheese fondue. Thats right, meat AND cheese it's that simple! All the other stuff on the menu is just there to fill up the space. You can eat pasta or steak anytime but you really get the choice to eat your way through a half wheel of cheese while cooking your own meat and dipping it in the fondue and covering it in more cheese. It's death by fromage in a good way. But don't worry about the cholesterol it's a little known fact that Génépi destroys the bad stuff instantly.

2. *Have a good group* - This almost deserves it's own article but here are the basic rules. The minimum size of the group is 6 although the actual number of people who turn up must exceed this. Seating around the table should be best described as "snug". Especially when all the equipment and accoutrements arrive at the table. If the table sits 6 comfortably then 8 people should be seated. People who enjoy personal space and don't like rubbing elbows with their neighbours should go elsewhere.

3. *Women know your place!*. Women are only allowed under certain circumstances. If they leave any trace of their femininity at home and join in with boys then that is ok. Certain spoken words like "salad" and "diet" are completely out of the question. Spectators sipping a glass of wine are only allowed in even more special circumstances (eg. if girl is hot).

4. *Topic of conversation* - Keep it simple. You are only allowed to talk about the food in front of you and as the night progresses, filth. Women should be able to converse on both levels without blushes.

5. *Make sure you're hungry*. No eating for at least 6 hours before the meal. In order to complete part 8 you need an empty stomach.

6. *Drink the local red* or (judgement call) rosé. I know it sounds like an old wives tale but unless you want to explode from a cheese overdose stick to the Vin de Savoie.

7. *Endurance* - Allow at least 3 hours for this gastronomic marathon. Chew your food and allow your cheese baby to properly gestate.

8. *Finish all your food*. That means the crispy burnt rind on a raclette too. Remember when you were young and you weren't allowed down from the table until you had finished all your greens. Well it's along the same lines.

9. *Génépi*. Consider this digestif your new dessert course. As real dessert is out of the question because you've already ODeD on dairy products. After your meal it's customary to have a few shots (neh bottles) of the local firewater. Depending on how local it is, it's recommended not to expose to a naked flame.

10. *and finally* - Split the bill evenly - no discussion - and leave a good tip.

For the best Savoyard meal in Courchevel you could do a lot worse than go to the Refuge in 1850



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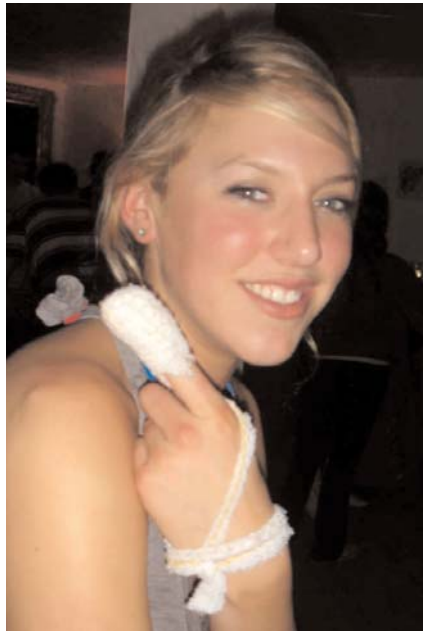
Mrs Gregory "Aha, what's so special about the cheesemakers?"

Gregory: "Well, obviously it's not meant to be taken literally; it refers to any manufacturers of dairy products." Life of Brian

Will it blend?

Fans of YouTube will probably have come across the Will it Blend series of videos where a blender manufacturer sees if a certain object will completely blend. Items such as Ipods, glowsticks, magnets, marbles, coke & chicken and video cameras (to name just a few) have all been reduced to powder.

In a similar vien(sic) dozy blonde **Eliza (Powder white)** is back in the news again by sticking her fingers in places she really shouldn't and I'm not talking about Jonnie's arse. After last weeks injury caused by shutting her finger in a car door Eliza decided to up the ante. On Tuesday while looking after the owners of Power white she decided (for whatever brainless reason) to insert her left hand fore finger into a live blender with obvious bloody results. Before being rushed down the mountain for stitches and medical attention she gave her kitchen area an interesting arterial Jackson Pollock look. What some people will do to get some time off work.



Nice women shame about the vodka.

Late Wednesday night in Kalico saw some very nice ladies running a promotion for Russian standard vodka. When it came to tasting their wares it was another story. Magicians call it misdirection. Look over here while I do something over here. I was so busy starring at the window dressing that I only realised the vodka was warm when it hit the back of my mouth and I almost wretched. It may be advertised as the #1 premium vodka in Russian but at room temperature it tastes like meths (or how I imagine it would taste). Rule number 1 when drinking neat vodka is it should be sub zero in temperature when served.



Meeche gets moist in Kalico

It's one of those things that is great to watch but no so great to get caught up in. I am of course talking about a water fight. What started out as a wet t-shirt competition between Sammy G and Meeche quickly escalated from small glasses to pints and spread to other spectators including Mik and Erika.



JAMES says*

“To keep your whites crystal white wash them seperatly from your coloured garments”

WHY? Because he's a BASI ski instructor and he has the id card to prove it.

**The enquirer doesn't support or condone anything that James says.*

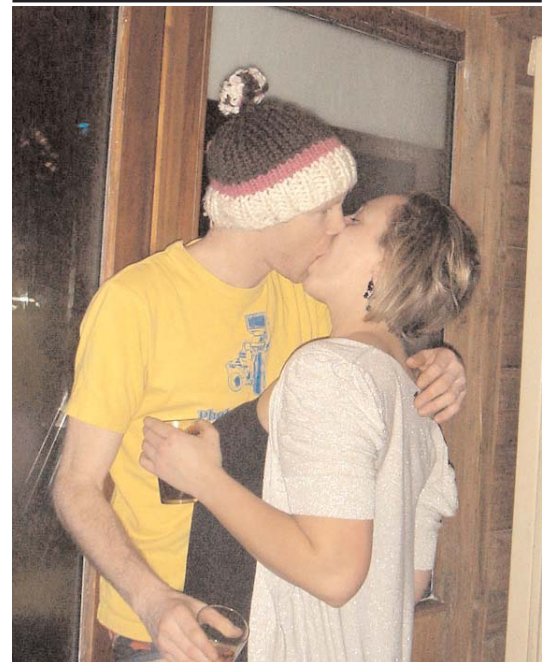
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Season Events Calendars

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.
 Tues 22nd Jan - Seonnaire Ballon Ballai, icerink 1850
 Wed 23rd Jan - Natives Workers Challenge Meribel
 Wed 19th March - Boss des Bosses, Chamonix
 Wed 26th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico
 Wed 9th April - End of Season Ball
 Sat 20th April - Season ends

Everything you ever wanted to know about Champagne bottles but were afraid to ask



	Size of Bottle	Number of bottles
Quarter	18.75 cl	1/4
Half-Bottle	37.5 cl	1/2
Bottle	1	1
Magnum (TV private detective, 1980's)	1.5	2
Jeroboam (Founder and first king of Israel, 931-910 BC)	3	4
Rehoboam, son of Solomon (King of Judah, 922-908 BC)	4.5	6
Methuselah (Biblical patriarch who lived to the age of 969)	6	8
Salmanazar (King of Assyria, 859-824 BC)	9	12
Balthazar (Regent of Babylon, son of Nabonide, 539BC)	12	16
Nebuchadnezzar (King of Babylon, 605-562 BC)	15	20
Solomon (King of Babylon 971- 931 BC)	18	24
Primat (rank bestowed on some Christian Bishops)	27	36

There are occasionally exceptions to these standard bottle types. Sometimes bottles of different sizes and shapes are used for special occasions or for special cuvées. For example, Pol Roger made a 20 fluid ounce/ 60cl. bottle (imperial pint) specially for Sir Winston Churchill, which his manservant brought him each morning at 11 am.

Big bottles have a novelty value, but because of the difficulty in moving such a large mass for riddling and disgorgement (a full Nebuchadnezzar weighs 38 kilos and a full Primat weights 65kilos), in most houses the secondary fermentation is carried out in magnums. The wine is then decanted into the larger bottles. This inevitably results in a loss of pressure. Some would say that there is a chance of more oxidation as a result of this, and that Champagne from a giant bottle is inferior to that from the magnum it was fermented in.

A notable exception to this practice is the house of Drappier, who are very much the big bottle specialists. They carry out bottle fermentation in even the very largest sized bottles. Imagine riddling and disgorging a Primat by hand! Michel Drappier says that an empty Primat bottle costs around £400! They have to be specially made, and also pressure tested so as to withstand more than 90lbs. per sq. inch (6 bar).

information courtesy of champagnemagic.com

Season Quotes

“Thats enough to turn me lesbian”
Kat(Supreme) comments on last week cover model
 “I’m getting an nasty lash rash”
Hannah(Mark Warner)

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.



Driving tip: If you get stuck in the snow place a soft object under the wheels to gain more traction.

Version Originals (VOST)

Courchevel has two very good little cinemas. The Tremplin 1850, below the Tremplin restaurant in the Croisette and The Villard, based down in Courchevel 1650.

Below are the English films on at the cinema this week.

Tremplin, Courchevel 1850

Wed 16th 9pm - I am Legend

Starring: Will Smith, Alice Braga, dash mihok, Charlie Tahan, Sallii Richardson

Plot:

It's been three years since a killer virus struck Manhattan. Those who aren't dead have mutated into vampire-like beasts. All except Robert Neville (Smith), a military scientist desperately looking for a cure.

Verdict:

While the sun shines, it's a four-star thriller with a superb turn from Smith. When the moon rises, it's a two-star horror cartoon with some of the worst FX we've seen all year. So, really, it has to average out at... ★★★

Villard, Courchevel 1650

Tues 15th 9pm - I am Legend

Starring: Will Smith, Alice Braga, dash mihok, Charlie Tahan, Sallii Richardson

★★★

Reviews and ratings courtesy of empireonline.co.uk



Monday 14th Apres Ski
Your Mum @ 4.30
Tuesday 15th evening
JAY BAND
Wednesday 16th Apres ski
Live Wire @ 4.30
Thursday 17th evening
Machina Soul
 Apres ski Drinks ladder every day

The only place in 1850 to offer free high speed wireless boardband 

Courchevel 3 Day Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 06 am 12 Jan
 Weather Summary: A moderate fall of snow, heaviest on Sat morning. Temperatures will be below freezing (max -2°C on Sun morning, min -13°C on Sat night) Wind will be generally light
 Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com