

THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER

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quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

Is this the end?



Team freeride show the other english teams how it's done

Injury of the week, nay month, nay season, nay decade

The reason why I shouldn't write about myself is my lack of ability to stay objective. On Wednesday while skiing in the Natives workers challenge over in Meribel I had a little tumble "on the last run of the day".

It's always strange when ever someone talks about a skiing accident they always say it was the last run of the day. Of course it was! You wouldn't be able to ski properly after the accident. It's like saying my keys as always in the last place I look. Anyway I digress.

Looking back it all went wrong on the third last gate of the course. I missed the line and went into the next gate too tight which got me out of shape for the last gate which I clipped, spinning me into the crash barriers of the finishing line. After being detangled it was left to **Nurse Clare (Jen)** to correctly diagnose the onset of shock and the complete loss of colour in my face that something was fundamentally wrong and return me home where the true extent of my injuries was realised by the amazing english physios.

A note from the editor

My apologies for the dramatic headline but due to certain circumstances the near future of the enquirer is in question. As you will read I have had a little breakage in the leg bone dept which will put me in plaster and off the slopes for at least 5 weeks.

On Monday I will hear whether surgery and metal work are necessary. Depending on the diagnosis my ability to socialise sufficiently to find the pulse of the resort, write and distribute the paper will be called into question. Hopefully if there is any disruption it will be short lived. So fingers crossed.

Other than that everything is peachy. I will still be organising the Boss des Bosses, the 3 Valley rally, end of season ball and the seasonaire hoodies.



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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Jen(Ski Higher) and her wee kilt tackle Meribel's stade.

Workers challenge race report

After a good dump of snow the storm broke to reveal blue skies and perfect racing conditions for the Natives workers challenge. Once again Meribel stade course hosted the 2 races. First was the individual GS followed by the shorter head to head team slalom. Both commented by the dulcet tones of novelist Jon Trigell.

First Courchevel skier down the course was Jen(Ski Higher) who set a very respectable time of 49.74 putting her in 6th place in the womens ranking.

For the snowboarders, Scott Dunn employees Gareth Hollingsworth (51.73), Mark Yates (55.13) and Chris Boogers (1.01.36) filled all three podium places for the men. Gareth took home a Rossignol snowboard for his troubles.

But in the end everyone was eclipsed by Aussie "guest" Sarah Sauvey's time of 37.92 who is actually ranked 25 in the world of skiercross which probably explains her good form. The highest place man was Craig Conkie, his 3rd win in this competition managed to stop a overall 1-2 for the ladies.



Gareth(Scott Dunn) sets the fastest workers run

Natives challenge 2008

Classification Skiers

Clt	Dos.	Nom et prénom	Station	1st Run	2nd Run	Diff
1	25	CONKIE Craig	Meribel	38.99	39.17	
2	20	SARFIELD Emily	Meribel	39.11	39.80	0.12
3	27	MCNAB Rab	Meribel	40.23	39.73	0.74
4	49	JEFFERS Martin	Meribel		40.08	1.09
5	29	BELL Jim	Courch	40.36	40.62	1.37
6	17	CRISP Lara	Courch	41.41	42.70	2.42
7	28	FRESH Jonny	Courch	42.64	41.80	2.81
8	38	MARTIN Iain	Courch	42.84	43.33	3.85
9	36	WILLIAMS Blake	Courch		43.29	4.30
10	23	SHAIL James	La Tania	43.29	43.87	4.30
11	19	NORTON Zoe	Meribel	43.34	44.79	4.35
12	40	WILLIAMS Ben	Meribel	43.92	43.57	4.58
13	32	GORDON John	Courch	44.15	44.01	5.02
14	48	JENKINS Brian	Meribel	44.33	46.38	5.34
15	41	McDONALD Luke	Meribel	46.73	44.74	5.75
16	16	SHAIL Jenna	La Tania	45.37	45.76	6.38
17	24	SIMPSON Ben	Tignes	46.53	47.34	7.54
18	39	BACON Harry	Courch	46.83	46.69	7.70
19	31	PLUMMER Jack	Meribel	46.84	47.85	7.85
20	35	MARTIN Gareth	Meribel	47.30	48.58	8.31
21	42	HUGHES Peter	Meribel	51.15	48.87	9.88
22	13	CHESHIRE Nicola	Meribel	49.27	49.36	10.28
23	44	KILBY Francis	Meribel	49.57	50.94	10.58
24	14	CLARE Jennifer	Courch	49.74	51.61	10.75
25	12	SMART Camilla	Meribel	50.48	51.09	11.49
26	21	HOOLEY Rosanna	Meribel	51.08	53.08	12.09
27	34	ADAM	Meribel	52.88	53.36	13.89
28	30	SMITH Richard	Meribel	1:01.00	1:00.10	21.11
29	18	MILLER Joanna	Meribel	1:07.75	1:01.07	22.08
30	43	HUGHES Daniel	Meribel	1:07.23	1:03.03	24.04
31	33	ALMOND JONES Ben	Meribel	1:06.73	1:06.81	27.74

Classification Boarders

Clt	Dos.	Nom et prénom	Station	1st Run	2nd Run	Diff
1	8	HOLLINGSWORTH G	Courch	51.73		
2	34	ADAM	Meribel	52.88	53.36	1.15
3	5	WILLIAMS Dan	Meribel	54.97	56.99	3.24
4	7	YATES Mark	Courch	55.13	57.23	3.40
5	1	FISHER Roz	Meribel	55.83	57.15	4.10
6	4	GEMMELL Lynsey	Courch	57.90	1:00.61	6.17
7	10	COLE Richard	Meribel	1:00.08	59.17	7.44
8	2	WRIXOW Hannah	Meribel	59.70	1:05.09	7.97
9	6	BOOGERS Chris	Courch	1:02.80	1:01.36	9.63
10	9	CHURCH Steve	Meribel		1:02.42	10.69
11	11	GUNN Jamie	Meribel	1:04.60	1:02.55	10.82
12	3	ALMOND JONES Claire	Meribel	1:06.37		14.64

Team Dual Slalom

In the afternoon, competitors moved onto the team event. The group qualification stage saw two Meribel teams (full of ski instructors) **Alpine Action** and **Get It Up ye** win all their heats to top their groups and head in to the semis.

“ Show me a good loser

The other semi final spots were taken by Jen's Ski Higher team of **Up Your Kilt** from Courchevel, who narrowly defeated **Dicks Tea Bar** in the decider in the closest race of the day. **Thanks A Million**, also from Courchevel, took the fourth semi place, pushing **Team Ben Tom** into 3rd place in their group.

The semis were both won by the Meribel teams, but **Thanks A Million** won the Courchevel battle for 3rd/4th spot. The final itself was marked by some gamesmanship over the choice of red or blue lanes, but was so closely fought that it went to a final race in the best of three format. In the end it was **Get It Up Ye**, who took the honours – probably not that surprising, giving the team included both the Men's Individual winner and Women's winner.



George(Jump) celebrates putting one past Ski Higher

After last years ballon ballai competition there has been a new level to the rivalries between the English workers teams. Last year it was **G's Scott Dunn** team that made it furthest. Add that into the mix of Ski Higher vs Jump bar, Ski Higher vs Mark Warner (from the POTP snowball) and you have fireworks. So lets light the blue touch paper and stand well back.

I guess the easiest way is to describe Ballon Ballai. In England it is called Broom Ball. Think of it as ice hockey with the entire arsenal of sharp / hard objects removed. The puck is replaced by a kid's football, the hockey stick by a soft broom and ice skates by normal shoes. The rules promoted non-contact although in the more heated matches this rule was slightly bent.

The main rink was divided into two with a large inflatable sausage which ended up collecting many a player as they attempted to change direction while frantically waving their broom in the direction of the ball / opposing player.

With a little help from yours truly the first match was **Ski Higher** vs the **Jump bar**. With the reputation of both on the line it was really no holds barred. Thanks to **Ski Highers** great team work the Jump managed to sneak 3 goals into the net. Unfortunately their victory was short lived as

and I'll show you a loser ” they came up against Nini's **Magic Mushrooms** who handed **Peter Thiel** out a 5-1 lesson in broom ball ass

whoping.

Finlays Micheal Jackson appreciation society caused an upset by beating the dream team of the local Police municipal, in return I'm sure their minibus will get special attention from the towing truck next time it is left unattended.

Mark Warner dispatched **Scott Dunn's** second team "Uggs r us" only to be beaten by the Hotel Pralong. G's SD first team "Where's Ed" had a free pass through the first round only to be beaten in their second match. It was left to the **Freeride** team to show the French how it's done beating the Bled family, the bakers, The Hotel Pralong and Chikungugonia to make it into the final against the Magic Mushrooms. Only to lose by a respectable 2-0. Still they now have a nice metal-look trophy for their mantlepiece, some tremplin sun visors and a box of chocs.



JAMES says*

“If you have a spare moment go and visit Alex while he is laid up at home.”

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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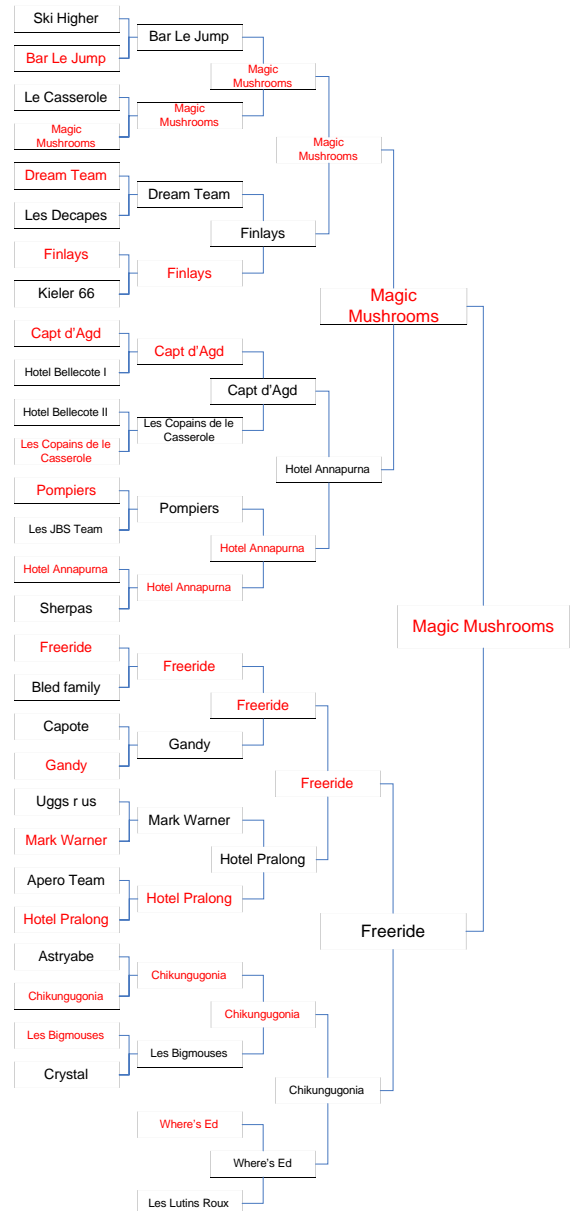
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Season Events Calendars

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.

Wed 19th March - Boss des Bosses, Chamonix

Wed 26th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico

Wed 9th April - End of Season Ball (provisional)

Sat 20th April - Season ends

Are you man enough for a threesome?

A strange question to ask considering a threesome is the top of the list of male sexual fantasies. Nothing new to a ski resort with a long list of past stories. Even certain Skiworld handymen of old, recorded their spit roasting exploits for posterity.

This week one boys bluff was well and truly called.

Rory(Supertravel) was given the indecent proposal by **Nic(Jump)** for him and one of his mates but when push came to shove Rory lost his bottle.

Two simple rules

In most staff accommodation there are two rules. No sex & no sick. There's nothing worse than

a) having to listen to the moans of your room mate in the throws of passion while trying to get to sleep or

b) trying to get rid of that nasty Wallace and Gromit smell without barfing yourself.

Pretty simple I'm sure you'll agree. But as ever rules are there to be broken. It was left to **Hannah and Johnny** to not only break but absolutely destroy them. With roommate **Emily** present it took very little to emotionally scar her forever. 5 minutes after saying "nothings going to happen" they were rutting like rabbits. In the spate of 15 minutes from pant off to pants on again the dirty deed was over and the possible start of a lifetime of physiological therapy for poor Emily.

More fun at the coq

A few weeks ago saw **Ski Total** staff offering that special type of customer serving. A pair of twins were on the receiving end from infamous hosts **Dave and Alex**. At the end of monday night as they took the girls home it was **Dave** who unfortunately pulled the short straw and was relegated to his own room while **Alex** had the luxury of handing out a bit of room service to room 51. Apart from the slight awkwardness of spending the rest of the week serving guests you had been shagging everyone was happy.

Season Quotes

"My skis have been used less by Ski Higher than Georgie has"
Paul(Ski Higher) describes a certain Powder white girls fasination with his co-workers.

"After 5 weeks in plaster your legs going to be very hairy"
Thanks for the advice **Janie(Jump)** but luckily i don't shave my legs

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.



Just remind everyone that the seasonaire t-shirt forms are now circulating the resort and have to be returned (with money) by the 16th February. If you have not seen one please contact me on 0673242825 or contact your company's manager.

I'm not trying to do the hard sell but every year I get accosted by workers, who don't order a hoody and after seeing their co-workers wearing the new t-shirts or hoodies say "Those hoodies are really nice, can I have one? Do you have any left over?" The answer is always NO. I only order the quantity that are ordered. So if you want a t-shirt or hoody please order one in advance to avoid disappointment.

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Courchevel

**Monday 28st Apres Ski
Your Mum @ 4.30**

**Tuesday 29th evening
Seasonaire night**

**Wednesday 30th Apres Ski
Livewire @ 4.30**
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 26 Jan
Weather Summary: Mostly dry Freeze-thaw conditions (max 3°C on Mon morning, min -10°C on Sat night) Wind will be generally light
Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com