

THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER 01

quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

And so it begins



Karl(Supertravel) gets first lifts last Saturday

If you make an appearance in the paper, know this. It's nothing personal. 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. Looking back I think the record for consecutive weeks is 3 weeks and that took the sort of drunkenness and nudity usually reserved for the likes of Premiership footballers and on tour cricketers. Currently **Caroline(Jump), Rachel(Croisette) & Warren(Kaluma)** are top of the prospective repeat offender leaderboard.

I Just hope, for your sakes, 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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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. After a big change last season Kalico has made even more modifications. The shape and size of the bars have changed. The cloakroom has been moved from the basement and converted into an apres ski beer hall. As well Kalico is still the only place to offer free high speed wireless broadband throughout the day*. Opening from 9am every morning serving great burgers and pizzas, lunch, dinner, late night takeaway snacks, Live bands for apres ski and music until 4am it's definately somewhere that deserves closer attention in the daytime.

A note from the editor

Well here we all – again. For the vast majority of you this is your first experience of the heady world that is a ski season. You are probably still waking up every morning and gazing at awe at the snowy caped mountains and waiting for the day when afternoons usually reserved for yet more training/cleaning/snow clearing can be replaced with the sweet feeling of wind in your face and snow on the back of your neck.

No doubt you have all been duly warned by your respective resort managers that this dodgy Alex character will defame your character and print the most unsubstantive gossip and scandalous rumours about your innocent self's over the next five months.

Well it's nothing to be worried about. No Seriously! If you do something crazy and there are enough (1) witnesses you can guarantee that you will make your 15 minutes of fame. Being that we are in a metaphorical bubble up here and that gossip spreads faster than a case of MRSA in a dirty NHS hospital.



Monday – 1st Apres ski
Bring your Sisters 5pm
Wednesday – Soiree Havana
Saxophonist playing alongside
DJ. Flairing barmen
Thursday – Apres ski Livewire
5pm
Natives Show love Tour 9pm
loads of prizes and free drinks
Friday – Foreplay 9pm

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



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.




Meet the bar staff

For the first couple of weeks we will be introducing the bar staff from a variety of bars around Courchevel. To start we have TJ's in 1850. A great little bar in the center of town, infamously for their Jaeger bombs and variety of flavoured vodkas. Showing a plethora of live sports on two big screen tvs. If you don't pick up on the blatant plugs below apparently their new hot apple and pear brandy drink is rather good alternative to vin chaud.


next week - meet the Jump staff




Name: James Spencer
 Age: 24
 Lives: Garden of England Darling
 Star Sign: Libra
 Skier/ Boarder: Boarder
 Seasons: 2
 Likes: The fact that drinking halves in France is acceptable
 Dislikes: Jimbo's Jump staff seducing my staff
 Scared of: Amy's voice when drunk
 Summer Job: Bumming around the south of France pretending to work on yachts
 Half full or half empty: Either way it's cheaper to top up at TJ's (blatant plug)
 Moguls or Steeps: Neither (pussy)
 Beer or Wine: Definitely not the wine we sell (which incidentally is back in stock)
 Coffee or Tea: Both as long as they don't contain cow lactations
 Red or White: White
 Coke or Pepsi: Coke (out of a glass bottle – never diet)
 Crisps or Chocolate: Take your clothes off and edge away
 Do Mention: TJ's excellent new hot apple and pear brandy beverage (another blatant plug)
 Don't Mention: My hair last season (see photo)
 Catchphrase: "No Emily, I'm not sleeping with you"
 *Emily's response "I'm going back to women"
 Thoughts about co- workers: Lucy has an aversion to snatch
 Amy's clearing up
 Matt's sleeping



Name: Matt Waters
 Age: 22
 Lives: Out of a suitcase
 Star Sign: Cancer
 Skier/ Boarder: Boarder
 Seasons: 3 summer 2 winter
 Likes: puppies, goldfish, old women and hash browns
 Dislikes: snow bladers, people who chomp their food and Gareth Gates
 Scared of: Midgets
 Summer Job: Cocktail / fire breathing maniac.
 Half full or half empty: 50%
 Moguls or Steeps: Steeps
 Beer or Wine: Strongbow
 Coffee or Tea: Coffee with a hint of hazelnut served on a plate of roses
 Red or White: Either I'm not racist
 Coke or Pepsi: Pepsi max on the weekdays and coke on the weekends
 Crisps or Chocolate: Together on a bed of salad
 Do Mention: How amazing TJ's is
 Don't Mention: My recent brush with the grim reaper
 Catchphrase: I made a splash inside her gash!
 Thoughts about co- workers: All slags.
 Amy – Flirts with anything
 Lucy – loves beards
 James – It's all about the eye contact and snatch.



Name: Amy Punter
 Age: 24
 Lives: In a house
 Star Sign: Scorpio
 Skier/ Boarder: Skier
 Seasons: yes
 Likes: Making bets when pissed, then regretting them
 Dislikes: Blended soup – it should be reserved for ill people and senior citizen with no teeth
 Scared of: Things with fur – don't trust them
 Summer Job: Working for a flat bloke on a building site
 Half full or half empty: Precisely
 Moguls or Steeps: Steep moguls to sit on.
 Beer or Wine: Rum
 Coffee or Tea: That wonderful new hot apple drink at TJ's (another shameless plug)
 Red or White: Pink
 Coke or Pepsi: Can't taste the difference... so both!
 Crisps or Chocolate: Chocolate when bleeding (does that mean several days a month?), Crisps when dry.
 Do Mention: 50 Euros
 Don't Mention: Blancmange or Flange – hate the sound
 Catchphrase: As long as I laugh, that's all that matters
 Thoughts about co- workers: Lucy = Delia
 Matt = Cocktails
 James = God knows



Name: Lucy l'Anson
 Age: 32
 Lives: Streatham, London Innit!
 Star Sign: Leo - Roar
 Skier/ Boarder: Skier (both by end of season)
 Seasons: everything with Balsamic Vinegar
 Likes: Monkey's & Beards
 Dislikes: Mind Games
 Scared of: Being sick and all sick related things
 Summer Job: A job is for life not just the summer.
 Half full or half empty: Depends what it's full of? But half full usually.
 Moguls or Steeps: Either with a fit instructor
 Beer or Wine: Beer then Wine that's fine
 Coffee or Tea: Builders or Earl grey tea everytime
 Red or White: I'm colour blind
 Coke or Pepsi: Coke!
 Crisps or Chocolate: Chrispy Chocolate
 Do Mention: My Blog
 Don't Mention: The sex face!
 Catchphrase: Where's my lip gloss
 Thoughts about co- workers: They are all on heat!



Last winter



This winter

No more Piggy's

One of the great running jokes for anyone who wanted to stereotype 1850s overpriced bars is sadly, no longer. No longer will you be able to spend 12.5 euro on a 50cl glass of Guinness. No longer will a selection of blacked out Hummers and Q7's be blocking the pavement outside. Unsurprisingly, for 1850 where every other shop is either selling skis or chalets, it has been taken over by yet another estate agent (just what you need in a financial downturn) Cimalpes.

Skiworld training

Once again Skiworld gave a whole new meaning to the term "On the Job Chalet Girl training".

Near the beginning of the week (a few weeks ago now) 90 member of Skiworld appeared in resort and were put up in the Catina, which only has 70 beds. You do the math. If ever the proverb "You cannot get a quart into a pint pot" needed a physical example.

So in order to work out the following problem

$$90/70 = 1$$

I have devised this formula.

$$I(CG + CB) + A + RH + J + LOI + SOB = HCG/DCB = AMA + FDR = 1$$

Basically the Innocent chalet girl + innocent chalet boy + Alcohol + Raging hormones + Jaegermeister + Lack of inhibitions + Shortage of Beds = Horny chalet girl / Drunk chalet boy = Awkward morning after + Farewell to different resorts.

Pre-Season Quotes

"Jimbo you're awesome when you're drunk"

Before the opening of the Jump bar Amy(TJ's) comments on the intoxicating effects of an intoxicated Jimbo.

"Guard my arse she's an animal"

Caroline(Jump) gets a bit frisky with Rachel(Croisette)

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The Warren commission.

You can guarantee at the start of every season I hear about seasonnaires getting caught up in a set of unfortunate (and funny) circumstances. Like drivers getting lost in Lyon or certain bar managers putting petrol in a diesel car.

This year is no different. Kaluma's new driver Warren had his first taste of the French language at the McDonalds drive through. After pulling up to the first window and ordering, in his best (and only) French, "Deux Big Macs" he then rolled forward to the second window to collect his order only to find it vacant. If that wasn't bad enough the order ticket only showed 1 big mac. As the wait continued his boss decided to park the car leaving Warren standing at the window. When the woman finally appeared at the window she was rather startled by the lack of car surrounding Warren and explained (in French) that the drive through was only for cars only to be answered by "No, TWO Big Macs". As this futile back and forth continued much to the amusement of the kitchen staff and Richard. Eventually the woman gestured for Warren to go around to the counter inside only to be misunderstood and Warren started to circle the building toward the entrance of the drive through again.

Season Events Calendars

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 events I help organize.

The icerink in the Forum organize a **Seasonnaire Ballon Ballai** tournament which is like ice hockey but without all the dangerous stuff. No skates, a broom instead of a stick and a kids football instead of a puck. It's great fun to take part or to watch with many English teams entering last year. The team from Freeride reached the final but were denied gold by the French Magic Mushrooms.

The **Boss des Bosses** in Chamonix is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and is the biggest inter resort mogul competition in the alps. It's a great day out to either cheer on the Courchevel team or to go skiing in another resort. This year we are aiming not to come last again.

In complete contrast the **3 valley rally** which are best described as a fancy dress scavenger hunt over the 3 valleys. With very few rules, loads of booze and loads of fun it really is a good days skiing. Last year the team from Ski Higher managed to do the double, equaling the Jump bars record. Can either team make it title number 3 or will a dark horse appear from Supertravel?

For those who like to go flat out **The Derby du Roc Merlet** is an amazing 5 minute Chinese downhill from the highest point in 1650 down to the resort. Sounds easy but it's a real test of nerve and stamina.

The end of season ball. At the moment plans are not finalized. Last year hosted at the posh Chalet de Pierre restaurant with Bring your Sisters playing us into the night. Best summed up by a last minute ticket buyer "Probably one of the best days of my entire season. Thank you"

Here is a preliminary list of events through out the season
 Thurs 18th Dec - 9pm Natives show love tour, Kailco, 1850
 Wed 7th Jan - Natives show love tour, Ski Lodge, La Tania
 Wed 14th Jan - 8.30pm Oxford University vs Val Vanoise
 Tues 20th Jan - 9pm Seasonnaire Ballon Ballai, icerink 1850
 Wed 28th Jan - Natives Workers Challenge Meribel
 Wed ?th March - Boss des Bosses, Chamonix
 Wed 25th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kailco
 Sat 20th April - Season ends

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.



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 where 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 The Courchevel Enquirer comes out every Saturday. I look forward to hearing from you.
Confidentiality assured! honestly!!



and finally... tights make a comeback as headwear for (non bankjobs) drivers this year.

A cautionary tale

Up until yesterday the above photo was something completely different. Until a certain person brought it to my attention that I might have taken a photo of him posing with a pair of tights on his head and that maybe I might omit it from publication. Well considering he went to all that trouble I thought it would be a shame not to display it. So if you do have your photo taken it's probably best not to ask me not to print it.

Courchevel Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 12 am 13 Dec.
 Summary: A moderate fall of snow, heaviest on Sun night. Temperatures will be below freezing (max -3°C on Mon morning, min -16°C on Fri night). Winds increasing (calm on Fri night, fresh winds from the ESE by Sun afternoon).
 Courtesy of 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