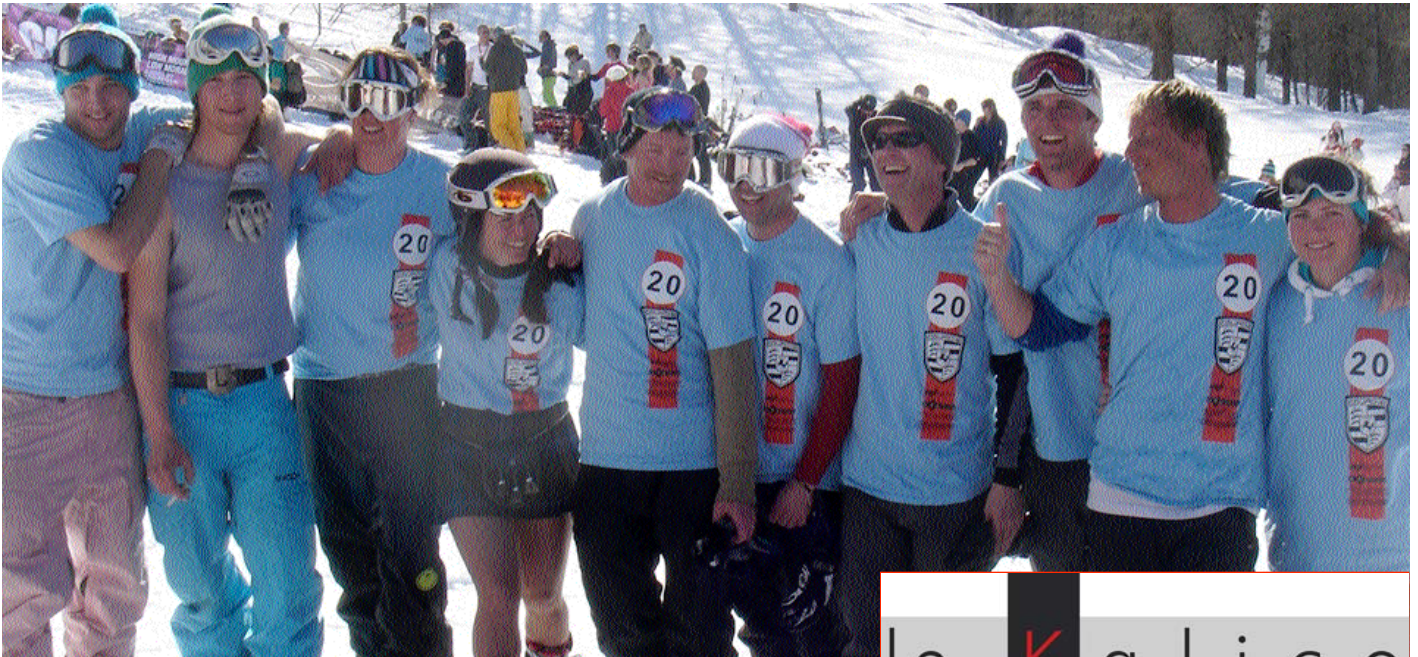


THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER

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quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

Boss des Bosses Special



(left to right) Ryan(Snowlinx), Ben(Ski Higher), Sally(MIM), Jen(Killimanjaro), Alan, Rob, Keith(Momentum), Ben(Momentum), Ryan(Skival), Lara

Before I start spouting superlatives about the event I have to have a little bit of a rant. And as usually it's about general seasonaire spirit. I ask you how is it possible for Verbier to have 4 coach loads of spectators, Zermatt with 2, Meribel and Val d'Isere with 1? and Courchevel could only muster a paltry ½ a coach load of supporters to a day widely described as the "best day of the season". In the past most companies have given their staff the option of changed their days off so they could go.

Anyway while most people were making excusing the above people stepped up to the plate and choose to spend a day representing Courchevel throwing themselves down a scary black mogul course against some of the best semi-retired mogul skiers in the alps.

Looking at the course from the spectator's areas it looked like a deceptively easy red in the same way when you see a slalom race on tv. Because of the camera angle it looks like the biolay when in fact it's black steep and icy. Only when you took the chair lift which runs adjacent to the course to the top do the bumps suddenly gain an extra dimension and finally when you reach the top and realise the course is steeper than harder than our Suisse piste and you are about to race another person down at speed its time to tighten your sphincter.

le Kalico

Kourchevel

Après Ski Happy Hour 5pm every day

Saturday 6 Nations Rugby on BIG Screens with a Happy Hour in the middle starting at 2.15pm

Sunday Live Football

Monday Pub Quiz at 9.15pm

ALL Welcome Prizes galore!

Tuesday Après Ski Bluefunkt live at 5pm

Happy Hour (excellent group!)

Tuesday NIGHT The Kalico's 10th

Birthday Party (ok so it is a bit older than that for those who were here a long time ago but 10 years as it is today!!) A huge party for everyone with

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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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Amazingly a week before the event and the first time in many years Courchevel actually had a full team. Unfortunately **Hoops(Ski Higher)** had to pull out at the last minute because his daughter came down with chicken pox and because it's quite contagious couldn't be left in the crèche.

The six resorts were initially divided into two groups with Courchevel racing against neighbours Meribel and hosts Chamonix.

The first race of the day was Courchevel vs Meribel and first down on telemarks was birthday girl **Anna(Ski Activity)** from La Tania. Followed by the two snowboarding **Ryans (Skival and Snowlinx)** which despite good speed and final jumps lost on overall style. It wasn't until **Jen(Killimanjaro)** showed off her pink Pull in pants that Courchevel got its first point. **Rob Watson** won against Meribels Craig Conkie to win Courchevel's only other point. The final score was a slightly disappointing 2-11.

In the second race of the day Zermatt beat Val d'Isere convincingly 10-3.

Courchevel were immediately back in action against 2006 champions Chamonix where it was **Lara** who broke Courchevel's duck beating Plake's wife Kimberley. **Sam Harper's(1550)** second run down the course was unluckily plagued by his bindings releasing twice gifting the win to his opponent. **Ben(Ski Higher)** got the second point against Jamie Stracken by attempted an awesome Lincoln loop (basically a sideways roll in the air) despite not quite sticking the landing. It was left to ski legend **Glen Plake** to show him how it's done being the only other person in the competition to do the trick. The final score again was 2-11.

Finally Chamonix beat Meribel 8-5 to take top position in the group. In our final race against Val d'Isere Most of the judges were split 3-2 on every race with style points usually being the decider. Even front flips of **Ryan(Snowlinx)** and an attempted 180 from **Jen(Killi)** not being enough to get the overall point. **Sally(Magic in Motion)** beat Graham from Val to get her first point. This was quickly followed by wins from **Ben(Ski Higher)**, **Rob Watson** and team capt **Alan "Spaz" Hutchison**. Giving a respectable score of 4-9.

Now it's easy to scoff at these scores but if you saw the overall level of competition I can say that everyone in the team gave 110% and did amazingly well. Respect is due to them all.



Alan "Spaz" wins with a cosack



Ben(Ski Higher) pulls a Lincoln loop



Photo courtesy of Adam Johnston www.photoski.eu

For those who missed them the first time Jen(Killimanjaro) shows off her pull in pants.



Jen(Killimanjaro) shows off her pull in pants.

Veriber

The biggest surprise this year came from Veriber who stepped up their game from last year. In their first race against last years champions they immersed victorious winning 7 out of the 13 races. This was followed up with a 7/6 victory again Val d'Isere. Had Zermatt not beaten Val d'Isere by a larger margin 10/3 Veriber would have gone through to the final. Instead they went to beat Meribel in the last race to cement a very commendable 3rd place overall.

Final standing

1st Zermatt
2nd Chamonix
3rd Veriber
4th Meribel
5th Val d'Isere
6th Courchevel

Questionable decisions

Throughout the day certain members of certain resorts (especially ones beginning with M) got a little heated when results went against their favour.

As with all refereeing/judging there are always questionable calls. Just watch any football match. When they are in your favour they are ok but when they are against you we must have a public enquiry.

Each run was judged out of five points. 1 for speed, 1 for air, 2 for style and 1 for overall. With the two judges whose teams were competing judging the non-subjective speed category.

As one (of six) of the judges it wasn't until after the third race that some of the finer technical parameters had been worked out. By which point Courchevel had already raced twice and although it wouldn't have swung the overall scores they should have won a few more points.

However I think there were an equal amount of questionable decisions over all the teams so no one team really benefitted.

Big thanks to everyone who came along and cheered our team along. Thanks to Polly for taking some excellent action shots and thanks to Ski Higher, the Kalico and Natives for sponsoring the team t-shirts. Don't forget the 3 Valley Rally takes part this Wednesday at 11am.



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Keith(Momemtum) takes on Plake and yes, It really was that steep

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Ryan(Snowlinx) pulls one of many flips



Ryan(Skival) pulls a mute grab

Season Events Calendars

Here is the last couple of events of the season

Wed 25th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico

Thurs 26th March - Seasonnaire dual slalom

Sat 11th April - Derby du Roc Merlet

Wed 15th April - End of Season Ball, Chalet des Pierres

Sun 26th April - Season ends



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2009 SEASONNAIRES Invitational
Courchevel La Tania
THURSDAY 26 MARCH
Team Dual slalom
Teams of 4
2 GIRLS + 2 BOYS = 1 Skier + 1 Snowboarder
1 Blader/Telemark
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Monday 23rd
LIVE APRÈS MUSIC with Greg plus free nachos – 5 – 7pm

Tuesday 24th
GO LARGE NIGHT – doubles for singles, pints for demis, large for small wines – from 7pm

Wednesday 25th
DR BRUCE – top Alpine band - from 10pm

Thursday 26th
4PLAY – live après music – 5pm

Friday 27th
JAEGERDAY is back – €3 Jaegerbombs all day – from 8am

Saturday 28th
QUIZ NIGHT – €50 bar tab to be won - from 10pm

Every day – open 8am to 1am

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Courchevel 3 Day Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 06 am 21 Mar 2009 Weather Summary: A heavy fall of snow, heaviest during Tue morning. Temperatures will be below freezing (max -3°C on Wed morning, min -12°C on Tue night). Wind will be generally light. Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com



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3 VALLEY RALLY

25 March 2009

20 Euros per team

10.30 am outside Kalico (registration)

11 am start

5 checkpoints

4 team members in total

3 valleys

2 (real) women (atleast)

1 snowboarder (atleast)

and a shit load of skiing

fancy dress

Texas hold em Poker

I was sooooo close to making it 2 wins in a row but had to settle for second place. Anyone interesting in joining this friendly poker game on Thursday night **9pm** at the Jump in 1850. 10€ buyin. Total of 9-10 players.

