

THE COURCHEVEL ENQUIRER 04

quoi de neuf chez les Rosbifs

Happy New Year



Caroline(Jump) starts 2009 by cleaning my tostrils

New Years resolutions.

A start of a new year, instead of giving up the usual vices (smoking, chocolate, frightening nannies, molesting sheep) try some of these alternative resolutions.

Here are some suggestions in no particular order.

1. Experience the live bands at Kalicos apres ski on Tuesday/ Wednesday. It may not be the Ronnie in Meribel but it's the best we've got.

Alternatively recommend this to your guests. It will get them out of your hair until dinner.

2. Go for a long lunch and get drunk at the Ski lodge and then try to ski home. A great bar down the mountain in La Tania.

3. Go out drinking to a different bar from your local. Shock horror! you might even try somewhere down in 1650 or if you very adventurous Le Praz.

4. Try a new snow discipline. Boarding, Blading (I know it's gay), Mono (+ obligatory one piece ski suit), Sqwal, Telemarking take your pick.

5. Dish the dirt in 2009. Instead of just crsitising write an article or send in a photo for the enquirer. You may be rewarded with beer.

6. Say "I love you" to someone and mean it.

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A note from the editor

As the clock struck 12.02 it looked like Courchevel had become another victim of the credit crunch. Instead of the skies being lit up with their usual intensity the organisers had instead decided on the value pack of fireworks from the local corner shop.

Luckily someone near the New Solarium hotel maxed out their credit card at the golden shower Chinese pyrotechnic concern and by 12.10 the skies were lit up as if someone had leaked the whereabouts of the Hamas Christmas party to the Israeli airforce.

Apart from that my NYE was much the same. Couple of drinks, bottle of cheap champagne, Kalico until the early hours, crying myself to sleep alone. I hope yours bore more fruit than mine.

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Kourchevel

Monday night 9.30
Pub quiz
Tuesday apres ski
Bluefunkt 5pm Happy Hour
Wednesday apres ski
Loudhailers 5pm
Wed night
Seasonnaire New Years part 2
(for those who couldn't make it last week)
Win a Snowboard

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.

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New Years Hangover scale

One Star Hangover

No pain. No real feeling of illness. Your sleep last night was a mere disco nap, which has given you a whole lot of misplaced energy. Be glad that you are able to function relatively well. However, you are still parched. You can drink 10 glasses of water and still feel this way. You are craving a large plate of cheesy chilli chips.

Two Star Hangover

No pain, but something is definitely amiss. You may look okay but you have the mental capacity of a staple gun. The coffee you are chugging is only exacerbating your rumbling gut, which is craving a full on greasy English breakfast. There is some definite havoc being wreaked upon your bowels.

Three Star Hangover

Slight headache. Stomach feels crappy. You are definitely not productive. Anytime a girl walks by you gag because her perfume reminds you of the random gin shots you did with your alcoholic friends after the bouncer 86'd you at 1:45 a.m. Life would be better right now if you were in your bed with a dozen pain au chocolates and a hot panini watching Elf for the 50th time. You've had 4 cups of coffee, a gallon of water and a litre of diet coke, yet you haven't peed once.

Four Star Hangover

Life sucks. Your head is throbbing. You can't speak too quickly or else you might puke. Your boss has already lambasted you for being late and has given you a lecture for reeking of booze. You wore nice clothes, but that can't hide the fact that you missed an oh-so crucial spot shaving, (girls, it looks like you put your make-up on while riding the bumper cars.) Your eyes look like one big vein and your hair style makes you look like you've been taking styling tips from Matt(Jump).

Five Star Hangover AKA "Dante's 4th Circle of Hell."

You have a second heartbeat in your head, which is actually annoying the guests in your chalet. Vodka vapor is seeping out of every pore and making you dizzy. You still have toothpaste crust in the corners of your mouth from brushing your teeth in an attempt to get the remnants of the sh*t fairy out. Your body has lost the ability to generate saliva, so your tongue is suffocating you. Death seems pretty good right now. You definitely don't remember who you were with, where you were, what you drank and why there is a stranger still sleeping in your bed at your otherwise empty staff accomodation.

Six Star Hangover

Otherwise known as the "Infinite Nut smacker"

You wake up on your bathroom floor. For about 2 seconds you look at the ceiling, wondering if the cool refreshing feeling on your cheek is the bathroom tile or your vomit from 5 hours ago. It is amazing how your co-workers were as drunk as you, but somehow managed to get up before you. You try to lift your head. Not an option. Then you inadvertently turn your head too quickly and smell the funk of 13 packs of cigarettes in your hair. Suddenly you realize you were smoking, but not lights... some jack-ass handed you Marlboro reds, and you smoked them like it was your second full time job. You look in the mirror only to see remnants of the stamp "Cock" faintly atop your forehead... the stamp on the back of your hand that has magically appeared on your forehead by alcoholic osmosis. You have to be to work in t-minus 14 minutes and 32 seconds and the only thing you can think of wearing is your "hello kitty" pyjamas and your slippers.

7. Go and socialise with people outside your usual circle of work friends. In general Courchevel seasonnaires can be very cliquey. With hundreds of seasonnaires in 1850 alone, isn't it time to talk to people who you don't spend the whole day working with?

8. Enter a team for the ballon ballai in the Forum icerink (it's free) 9pm 20th January 2008.

9. Get one of your guests to buy a "Courche" t-shirt. Only 20€ ! on sale in TJ's & Jump.

10. Do something about the ever more evident growing "chalet girl arse". I know there is nothing wrong with the more ample buttock (just ask Jay Lo) - but you will have to buy a whole load of new trousers.

11. Experience proper après ski at the Rond Point in Meribel. As Courchevel is majorly lacking in that department you might as well go and see how it's done.

12. Wear protection. Latex in the bedroom. Wrist guards and a helmet on the piste. Contrary to popular opinion most of the visits to the doctor in resort are apparently related to STDs and not broken bones.

13. Be more spontaneous. A very vague suggestion, never the less, something everyone should do more of. Unless, of course, your name is Caroline(Jump) in which case can you please refrain slightly from what is described as alcohol based spontaneity. (getting drunk and doing something silly)

14. Enter a team into the 3 Valley Rally. Can the Jump bar ever win again or will former Ski Higher Jen threepreat? Great fun, fancy dress and a lot of skiing in March.

15. Quit smoking - Just think you won't have to constantly stand outside in the cold to get your fix. It will probably only last for a couple of weeks but its worth a try and think of the stuff you can buy with those valuable euros you've saved.

16. In March, Support/Join the Courchevel mogul team at the 20th year of the Boss de Bosses in Chamonix. Win or lose it's a great day out.

17a. For the guys: Wake up in bed next to a beautiful girl.

17b. For the girls: Wake up in bed next to me, Alex. (Well it's worth a try)

17c For the girls who like girls: Wake up in bed next to a beautiful girl.

18. Don't keep secrets from you parents, especially when it concerns 17c.

Bad Christmas joke:

How did Darth Vader know what Luke was getting for Christmas? He felt his presence.



Injury of 2008

Looking at this photo the only giveaway of some sort of injury would be the slight glimpse of the crutches. **Debbie(Inghams)** has the unfortunate accolade of probably suffering what was the last injury of 2008. She fell victim to classic case of Bellecote Colour Syndrome.

BCS, for those of you unfamiliar with the term, is when someone is badly injured on the last and usually easiest run back to resort at the end of the day. It's ironic as the Bellecote piste is the most un-couloir like run.

After repeatedly falling down the black Suisse run unscathed she waited for the competitively easy flat section at the bottom to catch an edge and tear her anterior cruciate ligament.

Personally I hope this potentially season ending injury doesn't prematurely end her season. Like **Sarah(Supertravel)** who suffered a similar injury last year I hope her rehabilitation doesn't interfere with her work.

Gone Jogging

Ever wondered how **Matt(Jump)** keeps his figure trim. Well apparently the external unkempt slacker look hides the heart of an athlete. Matt has taken up jogging, you could say he's a night jogger. On many occasions in the early hours of the morning he can be found running from many locations back to either the bar or his accommodation in the portes de Courchevel. Asked to divulge his motivation Matt was strangely silent. On closer inspection the slight odour of alcohol and scent of young ladies being the only evidence of his nights "training".



Ben bears all on Parlong

On New Years eve **Ben(Ski Higher)** had just finished riding the Biolay chair. He started to descend the Pralong run Ben pocketed his packet of cigarettes. As his hand pushed the pack down their extra weight caused gravity to take a positive effect on his salopettes. Before long his legs and underwear were on display and despite, when fully clothed, being about to ski moguls and perform amazing aerial feats when his trousers are at half mast he is incapable of traversing a blue run. Eventually he got tangled up and wiped out much to the amusement of everyone.



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Welsh word of the week
or as I like to call it "Can I have a vowel
please Carol"

Cwtsh [ku:ts]

1. A close hug.
 2. A small cupboard or hut, such as an under-stairs cupboard or coal-shed
1. "Come on, give me a cwtsh then!"
"I saw them cwtshing in the park"
 2. "Get me the dust-pan from the cwtsh"

This word is an example of Wenglish, a mixture of Welsh and English spoken by many people in Wales, especially in south Wales. It's first recorded use in English was in the 1920s. It also the most popular word in Wales, according to the BBC.

Open
4pm - 1am



THIS WEEK

**JAMES IS STILL RECOVERING
FROM THE NEW YEARS
FESTIVITIES.
WHEN HE FINALLY REGAINS
CONTROL OF HIS FACULTIES
THEN HE WILL ORGANISE
SOMETHING FUN AND
INTERESTING.**

Season Events Calendars

Here is a preliminary list of events through out the season
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 Seonnaire Ballon Ballai, icerink 1850
Wed 28th Jan - Natives Workers Challenge Meribel
Wed 7th March - Boss des Bosses, Chamonix
Wed 25th March - 3 Valley Rally, Kalico
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 were 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!!

You know how sometimes it can be too cold to snow?

The answer is no. While it is true that you need some moisture in the air to snow and that there is less moisture when it is very cold, snow has been recorded at -41° and -50° Celsius. The only temperature where it is too cold to snow is absolute zero, where nothing happens at all.

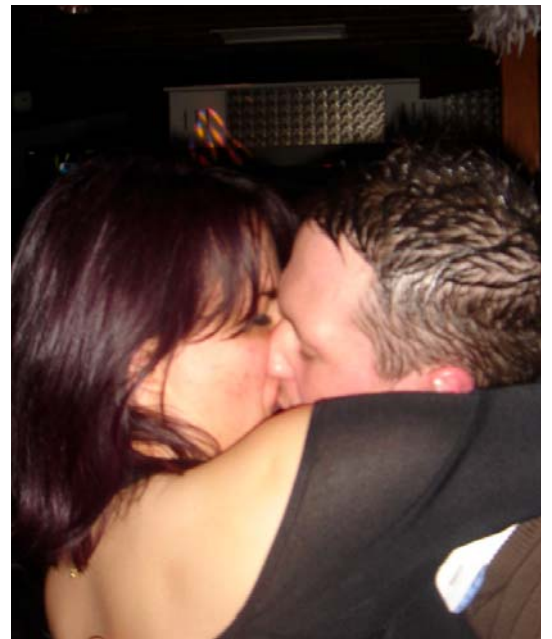
Version Originals (VOST)

Courchevel has three very good little cinemas. Two in 1850 and one in 1650.

The Tremplin 1850, below the Tremplin restaurant in the Croisette which has just been fully renovated and fitted with digital projectors and sound.

The Terminal which is located at the top of the luge run which has some of the most comfy cinema chairs around and The Villard, based down in Courchevel 1650.

Due to a delay in releasing their posters I currently don't have the information regarding Version Original films this week.



Courchevel Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 9 am 3 Jan.
Summary: A dusting of new snow. Temperatures will be below freezing (max -5°C on Sun morning, min -18°C on Sat night). Wind will be generally light.
Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com