



The Courchevel Enquirer



Just a bunch of queue jumping garlic eating ski instructors with torches. Either it's the recent Courchevel ski show or they are getting ready to storm the monsters castle.

A note from the editor

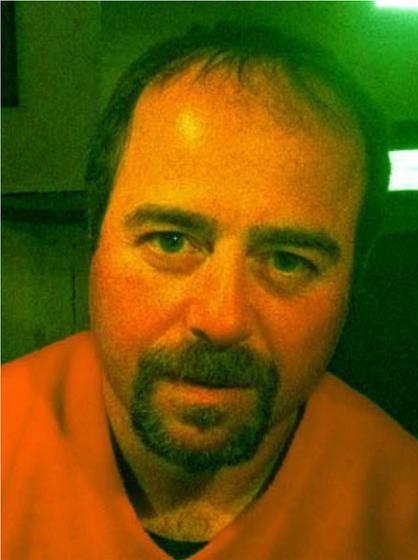
There is nothing worse than someone who spends the entire season reading and laughing about other peoples amorous activities (for want of a better word) to suddenly come over all innocent and violated when it's their turn to get a mention. Their excuse, that writing about their boyfriend cheating on them shouldn't make it into print, despite the fact that most of the resort already knows about it. It should be clear that alot of drinking and shagging, usually one resulting in the other, goes on up here and not always with the designated partners. In this case O got off with N (after apparently receiving some light relief earlier in a bubble) and then barely before he had put his boxers back on he was back out drinking with C before he later took her home. That boy must have a serious set of balls.

Finally, and on a lighter note, DJ Yoda will be playing in the Milk bar on Wednesday. Tickets are now 20€ and will be more expensive on the night.

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 Kudeta and waking up next to a complete stranger.

Seperated at birth



Bill Bailey



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Local mechanic and Panda afficiando Petit Pierre highlights some of the motors circling Courchevel. Usually when you get feel a sudden major vibration while driving your car indicates you have a puncture and it's time to slow down and find a safe place to change the spare. Unless you are a French minibus driver in which case you continue driving until the tire completely shreds itself and you are driving along the rims.



Every week we shall ask what really gets Aaron's goat. This week...

ESF

Not all the ESF just the queue jumping, garlic eating, easy striking, pretend to teach snowboarding, think they're gods gift to women, cheese eating surrender monkey French ones.

UDI of the week



Matt Evans shows of his unknown drinking Injury he sustained at the end of last week

The Les Menuires 7 (part II)

As I went to press last week it appears the dispute over in Les Menuires came to an end resulting in the staff receiving their wages and expenses and the owner of the company having his knuckles wrapped by the French authorities with a threat to employ future staff under a French contract, paying French taxes and more importantly paying staff the french minimum wage of at least 9 euros /ph.

Now anyone who has gone for a job with a ski company would have noticed the small wage paid (around £50-£100) per week. But they would have been reassured that the inclusive costs of lift pass/ski hire/food/accomodation etc being taking into account would take their equivalent pay out of the chinese sweatshop category.

So how would these two compare?

It can be done in one of two ways. Most French contracts are limited to 35 hours a week, which is completely impractical for the majority of ski jobs. Using that figure as a base comes to about 315€ per week.

Of course we could work out how many real hours a chalet girl really work? Lets say 7am-10am and 4pm-10pm, 6 days a week = 54 hours week @ 9€ p/h = 486€.

Now the deductions.

A Courchevel valley season workers lift pass is about 450€. Calculating ski hire for the season is tricky not only because not every member of staff may need to hire boots/skis but because the ski shops which are used by the ski company for client rental have a vested interest to rent equipment to the staff. Many staff also purchase new ski/boots throughout the season.

The same can be said for accomodation. Most companies include accomodation and its cost is automatically removed from the payslip. If companies are forced to pay you more they could also charge you more for the accomodation

Finally take off some French taxes.

So in the end the English workers get paid a bit more, the French authorities are happy, some other cost savings are made elsewhere in ski companies, any slight increases in cost are passed on to the holiday makers.

But as this will (probably) never happen there's nothing to worry about. or is there?

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Whats on in March?

With February almost over it's time to look at what's on in March.

DJ Yoda will be playing at Milk bar on March 7th. Apparently he's rather good. Tickets will go on sale soon.

If you are stuck in Geneva airport, waiting for that special someone's delayed flight to arrive, you can always pop next door to the **Geneva Motor show**, one of the best car shows in the world, putting most English shows to shame. 8th to the 18th March tickets are only 16 chf (13 euros)

The Winter X-Games comes to Tignes for the third time with slopestyle and superpipe competitions for Male and female skiers and snowboarders. For the first time **Shaun White** will be competing, so they might as well just give him the gold before they start. The event runs from the 14-16th March.

The Derby du Roc Merlet, probably one of the most awesome open to everyone downhill takes place on Saturday 17th March at around 5pm after the lifts have shut. If you are not working I would highly recommend it.

The 3 valley rally, the blue ribbon of seasonaire events, takes place on the 21st March. More details to follow

Taking the Piste Presents...

DJ YODA WINTER TOUR

ALSO FEAT. DJ DANZ

MONDAY 5TH MARCH DICKS TEA BAR MERIBEL
(AS PART OF MOUNTAIN MOVERS)

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH DICKS TEA BAR VAL D'ISERE

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH MILK BAR COURCHEVEL 1850

'Last year's live show have afforded him legendary status in turntablist circles' - Guardian

'Get ready to take your brain to the third dimension as the awesome mash-up party turntablist DJ Yoda pushes his art to the next level' - Time Out

see venues for tickets and start times

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Tuesday 22:00 Les Trois Tetes
Thursday 17:00 Les Trois Tetes
Friday 17:00 Greg Dylan

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WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH TICKETS AVAILABLE



I WANT YOU!

to dish the dirt

The Courchevel Enquirer comes out every Saturday. I look forward to hearing from you.

Confidentiality assured! honestly!!

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.

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

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Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com