

# The Courchevel Enquirer FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE



All right, but apart from the tennis masters, the boat on the piste, the fireworks, and loads of other stuff what have the Russians ever done for us?

### A note from the editor

Say the phrase "Russians in a ski resort" and a long list of negative stereotypes usually follow. Nouveux riche, Oligarch, unscrupulous, loud, annoying, rude, aggressive, impolite, mafia, style-less, fur wearing, rich, impatient, hookers, villain, filthy rich and that's just off the top of my head.

So why does Courchevel attract Russians like flames do to moths? It could have something to do with in 2007 a certain Austrian skier resort voted to limit the number of Russian visitors to 10% of the total number of guests at any one time. The locals claim Russian tourists lower the tone of the resort by their loud and brash behaviour. So Russians have made Courchevel their home, at least for a couple of weeks, in the winter. So next year, when you are watching Henri Laconte Yevgeny Kafelnikov playing tennis in the Courchevel icerink or watching firework on the 6/7th Jan or just staring at some seriously hot Russian "student" be thankful for the Russians.

### Seperated at birth





Phill

**SEASONNAIRES FRIENDS** AND FAMILY SKI RENTAL



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### **G-Shock**

There are a few blunders you should never fall into. Most classically "never get involved in a land war in Asia". but only slightly less well-known is this: "Never go against Gareth Hollingsworth when his hat is on the line"! Girls, if you've never seen former Scott Dunner, G, with his top off, I would highly recommend it. You see he spends more time at the gym (and shovelling snow) than most people and when he says he has a six-pack he's not talking about a crate of beer. So when Kev(Supertravel) tried to pit his strength he found out the hard way that if you mess with the bull. You'll get the horns. Within 30 seconds Kev had lost consciousness and was lying on the floor outside the cloakroom.

### more inter-company canoodling

Following on from this seasons earlier Alex-Alex fraternisation it appears there have been more Flexi - Scott Dunn interactions. This time one of the Scott Dunn managers decided on taking home a bit of rough from the St Louis kitchen. Kitchen porter, Tom was seen doing the walk of shame over 1 hour after he was meant to start his shift.

### 2 for I at Ski Higher

Rumour has it that certain ski techs are offering a special "3some" package to various seasonnaires (Olivia). Equipment involved has to be rear-entry and pre waxed.



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

#### Old slow chair lifts

This is a tricky point to complain about because compared to other resorts Courchevel and the three valleys spend a relative fortune upgrading lifts every year.

This year the plantret chair was replaced and the Meribel Saulier bubble moved to rendezvous with the Saulier telepherique.

The foret bubble in Le Praz is the last relic to the old fiberglass bubble days.

In the heart of the 1850 pistes the 4 man Biolay chair is really starting to show it's age with almost regular stoppages probably due to mechanical problems and small children getting stuck in the machinery. It should really be replaced by a new eight man.

There is also a rumour that the bubble from 1550 is to be upgraded to double it's size.



### And then there were three

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that one of the sculptures around town, the one with the 5 jelly babies, has been reduced to only 3. This is not down making it more representative of the modern family but instead to some light fingered indi-

viduals.
Now excuse me for sounding old and sensible but I would recommend the people involved should return

Quote of the week

# "Where is L'Aventure?" "upstairs"

# "How do I get there?" "Walk up the stairs"

From the mouth of powder white chalet girls

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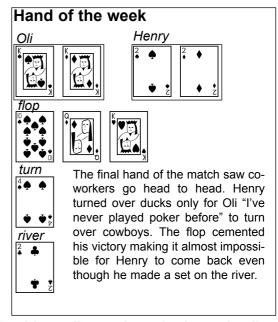
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#### Texas hold em Poker

Last season I ran a very popular Texas hold em poker game in 1850 every week on Wednesday night. After find a venue I'm looking for up

to 8 people interesting in joining this friendly poker game on Wednesday night 10pm in 1850. Call 06 75 64 32 34 for more information. 10€ buyin. Maximum of 9 players.

the items immediately as the resort doesn't have a great sense of humour when it comes to matters like this. As the object is classed as a work of art they tend to call this sort of thing something like theft, or depending of the value of the sculpture grand theft (like the computer game but without all the guns and killing) and before you know it you will be sharing a cell with, and learning such sentences like "casser votre porte arrière po", with a hairy arsed frenchman called Jean.



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### Tuesday 17th January





Live music programme every week

Monday 17:00 Greg Dylan Tuesday 22:00 Les Trois Tetes Friday 17:00 Pat & Sam

Sky sports live, cocktails, shooters & vodka shots "Remember the Jump?" It lives!!!!

The only Apres in 1850! open 16:00 til 02:00

## Bin Bag Party







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@courchevelenguirer.com

WANT YOU!

to dish the dirt

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

Confidentiality assured! honestly!!

### Seasonnaire Hoodies / t-shirts

Just a note to say that forms for the seasonnaire hoodies will be starting to make an appearance later this week. The hoodies this year are a higher quality than last seasons with features including thumb holes in the sleeves and special ipod pockets. In keeping with past years the design will use an alcoholic brand as it's inspiration. If you have any questions please give me a call on 0675643234

Courchevel Weather Forecast for 2000 m altitude, issued (local time): 9 am 14 Jan. Summary: Mostly dry. Temperatures will be below freezing (max -2°C on Sat morning, min -21°C on Sat night). Wind will be generally light.

Courtesy of www.snow-forecast.com