



The Courchevel Enquirer



The winners. Toby's Plankers

A note from the editor

Although the turnout for last Wednesday's 3 Valley Rally was probably the worst in a decade, the competition yielded a multitude of stories. The 2014 "almost winners" returning hoping to not fuck it up twice in 2 years especially as last years winners had to spend their day teaching clients to snow plough. A pair of ladies who made a team up the night before recruiting a kilt wearing snowboarder from a bar and borrowing their families regular ESF instructor. A snowboarder who had spent less than practicing than I do writing this rubbish. A girl who had never skied on anything more than a blue run. And those are just four that quickly come to mind. We had amazing snow, weather that could only be described as "changeable", but compared to the days preceding and following it, bloody amazing.

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.

All stories contained within are purely fictional and shouldn't be taken seriously.

Anyone found taking anything too seriously should be held down, given alcohol and violated with the handle of a ski pole.



Checkpoint 1 - Signal/Chapaletes - Courchevel 1650

- 1 ← 11.50 Plankers (Whitestorm)
- 2 ← 11.58 Sharpies (Posh totty)
- 3 ← 12.05 Dear (Powderwhite)
- 4 ← 12.08 Steez McGeez (Mark Warner)
- 5 → 12.10 Retro Dottie (Kaluma)
- 6 → 12.10 Wolf Pack (Flexiski)
- 7 → 12.10 Bear (Powderwhite)
- 8 ← 12.30 Glitter Girls (Flexiski)
- 9 ← 12.30 Couchbomb bitches (Supertravel/Kudeta)
- 10 ← 12.30 Couchbomb others ()
- 11 ← 12.30 Busy ()

Mike(MW) almost loses his leg in a marmotte hole in CP 2

The standard rules apply, team of 4, at least 2 girls and at least 1 snowboarder, fancy dress and very few other rules other than the members of team that starts must also finish.

Checkpoint 1

Entrusted, as always, to the first checkpoint, The Funky fox have always been a safe pair of hands when it comes to dealing with the quick succession of teams with the gap between first and last being only 30 minutes. Toby's Plankers arrived almost 10 minutes ahead of the ESF assisted Sharpies.

Checkpoint 2

After a long run from 1650 finishing at the top of La Masse the teams were met by Immy and Arthur with a marker pen and a bottle of Marc de Savoie, possibly one of the Frances' nastiest contributions to the alcohol world. Teams were blind folded and asked to draw (a penis) on a teammates face using only a marker pen held in their mouth.



Graphic proof that 3 valley rally makes you horny

Checkpoint 2 - La Masse - Les Menuires

- 1 ← Plankers (Whitestorm)
- 2 ← Sharpies (Posh totty)
- 3 ← Dear (Powderwhite)
- 4 ← Steez McGeez (Mark Warner)
- 5 → Retro Dottie (Kaluma)
- 6 → Wolf Pack (Flexiski)
- 7 → Bear (Flexiski)
- 8 ← Glitter Girls (Flexiski)
- 9 ← Couchbomb bitches (Supertravel/Kudeta)
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Checkpoint 3 - Mont Vallon - Meribel

- 1 ← 14.20 Sharpies (Posh totty)
- 2 → 14.39 Plankers (Whitestorm)
- 3 ← 14.50 Dear (Powderwhite)
- 4 ← 14.50 Bear (Powderwhite)
- 5 → 14.51 Retro Dottie (Kaluma)
- 6 ← 14.55 Steez McGeez (Mark Warner)
- 7 → 15.00 Wolf Pack (Flexiski)
- 8 ← 15.20 Couchbomb bitches (Supertravel/Kudeta)



Is that a giant inflatable killer whale under your arm or are you just pleased to see me?

Checkpoint 3

Trying to find something interesting (and new) to quench the thirst of weary valley rallyers get harder every year so the pickled gherkin vodka was one of two new concoctions to be tested. General consensus was “degolas” although one or two connoisseurs likened it to a McDonalds burger. By now the Sharpies had not only taken the lead but taken the lead after stopping off for a quick pint at the Follie Douce en route. Over confident? maybe.

Checkpoint 4

CP 4 was the downfall of the whitestorm team last year and claimed a few new ones this time. The Sharpies misread the clue (or relied on Claude’s extensive ESF knowledge) and came to within 20 meters of the checkpoint but took the wrong turn and their race, for all intensive purposes, ended there. Aaron was providing a little warmth with a chilli rum while the teams swapped trousers, all while surviving a deluge of snowballs and a path through deep powder.

Finish

Before returning to the Funky Fox the teams had to take a team photo by a tipi requiring a detour to the slow Indians piste.

Checkpoint 4 - Caves de Creux - CVL

- 1 ← 15.20 Plankers (Whitestorm)
- 2 → 15.50 Retro Dottie (Kaluma)
- 3 ← 15.55 Steez McGeez (Mark Warner)
- 4 ← 16.00 Dear (Powderwhite)
- 5 ← 16.00 Bear (Powderwhite)
- 6 → 16.10 Wolf Pack (Flexiski)



2nd place for Kaluma

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Judges decision

Although Toby's Plankers managed to finish comfortably in the lead, Josh, one of his teammates decided to go into full "grump" mode after the second CP and failed to do any of the tasks or shots that had been asked of him. They were done instead by another valley rallyer the team had picked up en route. This was deemed a punishable offense but instead of completely disqualifying the team they were given a time penalty which tied them with the Kaluma team. The title was resolved by a boat race with the 2nd place team consisting of a demi and chilli rum/Jager shot.

Best joke (written on a body part) went to Wolfpack.

Best costume went to Powder white's BEAR. Although no one was available to collect it at prizegiving.

The Lindsey Jacobellis* award went to the Sharpies and we hope to see them next year.

*see 2006 Olympics Boarder cross

A big thanks to the Funky Fox, The Bubble, the Hotel St Louis, to Immy, Mike, Arthur, Aaron, Tom and everyone else who helped out and took part.

Videos and photos from the event are being posted on the Courchevel Enquirer facebook page. I recommend having a look.



Time for a quick one at the Folie.
What could go wrong?

Finish - Funky Fox 1650

1. Plankers (Whitestorm/Portetta)
2. Retro Dottie (Kaluma)
3. Steze McGeeze (Mark Warner)
4. Bear (Powder White)
5. Dear (Powder White)
6. Wolf Pack (Flexiski)
7. Courchbomb Bitches (Kudeta)