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Chairman's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

It was business as usual for our 22-23 Season, beginning with our Carol Service in St Oswald's Church on Christmas Day. Apart from the two pandemic years, this unique service in the Alps has been going since 1965 so it was very good to be back in the beautiful church with Fr Franz and our two Army Regimental teams as sidesmen.

The season opened in December with all lifts in operation and we were able to ski to the bottom of the Wiedersbergerhorn and Pöglbahn lifts each day, while so many other European resorts remained closed until well into the New Year. All this thanks to our hard working Lift Company, their investment in the new reservoir and the fact that, in Alpbach, we ski over fields and not on scree or rocky slopes where much deeper snow is necessary.

Our children remain in the heart of the Club and here we had a good year, albeit it with reduced Half Term numbers; it is always good to watch the improvement in the course of the training weeks with the credit going to our wonderful instructors and the children themselves, who always tackle the weeks with such enthusiasm. The good snow stayed with us for the season giving us both on and off-piste skiing at Half Term and Easter and, quite remarkably, the ability to ski down at the end of the day on hard pistes in April. To round off our season, we had Open Races at the end of our training weeks and a third during a jolly Club Weekend in March.

Race training continues for some of our children with good results in UK and Europe and we are delighted to tell you that, after a lot of hard work, both Darcy Davies and Angus Matheson have, against tough competition, been selected for the GB squad. More detail can be found in the Junior Training Report.

As in UK, the employment scene in Austria remains difficult with employers struggling to fill seasonal vacancies and cost increases, inevitably, impacting our prices. The situation for British gap year students remains difficult with few work permits available. Despite the economic gloom our finances remain robust and we face the new season with confidence.

Earlier this year we welcomed Lulu Adams and James Ferguson onto the Committee. As well as reducing the average age of the Committee dramatically, they are having a very positive influence elsewhere, organising an early November get-together for the young, leading our research for systems to simplify and manage our administration and raising our social media profile. Thanks also go to other Committee Members who work quietly behind the scenes but do so much to keep us in good shape. And of course our sponsors; Sepp and the Alpbach Ski School and Conny's Sport who give us so much support throughout the season. Ski School help is not just limited to their marvellous instructors, who bring our children on so well, but also with our own end of week races which require separate timing and course management. And Conny's Sport who fully support the Club Weekend with prizes and continue to offer AVSC Members a generous 20% discount for internet ski hire and discounts in their shops. See AVSC News for details. We would not be where we are today without them.

The new season starts with our return to the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge on Thursday 16 November for our Autumn Drinks and we hope to see many members and friends there and, of course, in Alpbach throughout the year.

With best wishes

Mike
October 2023

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2022	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	4,546	4,305
Training	(489)	(142)
Racing	364	1,206
Club Weekend	-	-
Christmas Tombola	-	370
Donations	25	17
Total income	4,446	5,756

LESS EXPENDITURE

Secretarial	2,045	2,020
Administration	170	181
Newsletter (net of advertising)	1,004	858
Memberships	750	997
Sponsorship	-	291
AICC Team Expenses	222	-
Bank Charges	135	110
Autumn Social	500	225

Total expenditure 4,826 4,682

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (380) 1,074

Exchange Gain/(Loss) (58) 37

Surplus for year transferred
to Junior Training Reserve - 1,111

(Deficit) transferred
to Members Reserve (438) -

BALANCE SHEET

	2022	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Bank		
UK	16,784	18,464
Austria	3,537	1,723
Debtors	36	-
LESS LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	(492)	(683)
Net current assets	19,865	19,504

REPRESENTED BY

Members Reserve
Brought Forward 12,599 12,599

Junior Training Reserve 7,266 6,905

Total reserves 19,865 19,504

Notes

1 These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1 : €1.17 (2022 £1 : €1.19).

2 All figures are in Sterling.

3 Junior Training Reserve includes net movement (cash purchases less cash sales) on Club merchandise that is sold at nil profit/loss.

Mike Brennan Chairman

Paul Nichols Hon. Treasurer

1st October 2023

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

To be held on Wednesday 16th November 2023 at 6:30pm In the Britannia Bar, Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF

AGENDA

- 1 To approve the Minutes of the 23rd November 2022, AGM.
- 2 To receive the Chairman's Report.
- 3 To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Club Secretary October 2023

Diary dates

2023

16 November	Autumn Drinks and AGM Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF	1800
8 December	Lifts Open	
25 December	AVSC Carol Service St Oswald's Church	1800
28 December	AVSC Open Race, details TBA	1300
	AVSC Christmas Party & Tombola, Böglerhof Hotel	1800

2024

10-17 February	AVSC Half Term Training Week	
16 February	AVSC Open Race	
7-10 March	AVSC Club Weekend	
14-16 March	AICC 16th Amateur Inter-Club Championship Schweizerischer Akademischer Skiclub, St Moritz	
30 March-6 April	Easter Junior Training Week, Alpbach	
31 March	Easter Sunday	
5 April	AVSC Open Race	
7 April	Lifts close pm	
November	AVSC Autumn Drinks and AGM. Date and details TBC	



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Births

Denaro On 31st March to Kristina (nee Kuhnke) and George, a son, Rafferty Cornelius Roney. Brother to Arthur.

Needham-Bennet. On 4th October to Kate and Tom Madden, a son, Artemis William.

Engagements

Brennan Andrew to Lauren McKay.

Adams Lulu to Simon Brown.

Marriages

Brennan Christopher to Heather Swales on 12th August 2022.

Needham-Bennett Kate to Tom Madden on 26th November 2022.

Ettinger Alexander to Alix le Mintier in Vannes, France on 12th August 2023. Alex spent much of his youth skiing and training with the AVSC and worked a season there as a ski instructor. He finally proposed to Alix whilst taking her to Alpbach for the first time.

Deaths

Brennan Dr. Denis, Lt. Col. Retd RAMC, on 26th February 2022 aged 79. Husband of Mandy; Father of Christopher and Andrew.

Hall Col. Tom CVO OBE on 12th October 2022 peacefully at home. Husband of Mariette; Father of Janie, Anna (d), Lucy, Edward, John & Catherine; Grandfather of 12 and Great Grandfather of 10. A Founder member of the AVSC.

Short Maj. Gen. JHT (James) CB OBE suddenly on 16th October 2022. Husband of Claire; Father of Edward & Andrew. Grandfather to Emily, Rory, Robyn, Felix and Phoebe.

Park-Smith Annie peacefully on 7 December 2033 aged 82. Founder AVSC member and latterly long term resident in Alpbach

Maclaughlin Linda on Friday 31st March in hospital after a brave battle with cancer. Wife of Ken; Mother of Steve, Kate & Clive.

Harding Tony on 4th September after a short illness. AVSC Member for over 30 years.

GB Snowsport – Alpine Fundraising

Last year we reported that, despite Dave Ryding's impressive World Cup Slalom Gold in Kitzbühel in January '22, funding for the 22-23 season had been cut. Despite this British Snowsport had their greatest season on record. And yet funding has still not been restored! This leaves funding for our Alpine athletes in parlous state. Those able and wishing to support the sport we all love are asked to contact Michael Oesterlin, an Independent Non-Executive Director at Snowsport GB, by e-mail michael.oesterlin@gbsnowsport.com

AVSC news

Autumn Drinks & AGM The Chairman and Committee invite you to the Autumn Drinks and AGM, to be held on Wednesday 16th November in the Britannia Bar at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF, at 1800. The nearest Tube is Knightsbridge. There will be a cash bar. Please note, for security and to enter the Club, we are required to provide a guest list. **Please RSVP before 13 November to vivienthursby@mac.com, as those not on the Guest List may be refused entry.**

Dress code: Gentlemen are required to wear a collared shirt and appropriate trousers (no faded, frayed, holey, worn trousers or light wash jeans). Ladies should dress accordingly (leggings or similar are not appropriate). For those dining upstairs with members, ties are required.

Discount at Conny's Sport Conny's Sport have generously continued the AVSC member's discount for ski hire internet bookings at 20% and 10% for personal shoppers. For further details apply to secretary@avsc.org.uk. Please ensure you let us know when you wish to use the discount so that a personal link can be forwarded. This will be a one-time individual link for each family or individual for each visit.

Insurance for Skiing Proper insurance cover is vital. We introduce MPI Brokers who have many years of experience in ski and travel insurance. See page 23.

Junior Training 2024 Half Term 10th-17th February Easter 30th March - 6th April

Club Weekend 7th-10th March 2023 Contact Peter at peter@theharperhills.com (mobile 07973 327238) or Mark at mark.clinch1@virginmedia.com for more information.

Amateur Inter-Club Championships 14th-16th March 2023 The 16th AICC will be held in St Moritz, hosted by the Schweizerischer Akademischer Skiclub. Anyone wanting to be involved please contact John Ferguson at john@fergshome.co.uk.

Information

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Village News

On the Hill We had great skiing in Alpbach in 2023 due to the lift Company opening up the existing pistes over the past few years and keeping them well groomed throughout the season. This is in parallel with the huge benefits of the Kohlgrube Reservoir which becomes more apparent each year. While many resorts remained shut in December and January '22-'23, due to lack of snow, the Alpbach season began on schedule with all lifts in operation. Having been able to ski to the bottom of the Alpbach and Inneralpbach slopes everyday over the Christmas and New Year break, we returned to find newspapers full of gloom about skiing in Europe, with pictures of different resorts with green fields under stationary lifts!

We first reported on the new reservoir in our 2020 edition and what a great investment this has been. The 136,000 cubic metre reservoir increased water storage capacity by 80% and coupled with an increase in high pressure pumping capability, in the right condition, enables Alpbach to piste their slopes in 72 hours. It was this capability that allowed us to ski so well in December and throughout the rest of the season.



SkiMovie Route New for this season will be a SkiMovie Route on the 2000, which automatically videos skiers down a race track. For details, scan the QR code below.

Schatzberg A safety tunnel has been built from the middle station to Koglmoos to protect skiers crossing from the beginners area. In addition the childrens/ beginners area at the middle station will be expanded.

The Böglerhof Hotel is completing a major extension to their wellness facilities, located behind the hotel. It will include a swimming pool and some new guest rooms and is scheduled to open for the Winter Season.

Alpbach one of "Tirol's Outstanding Family Ski Regions". After a rigorous check of all their facilities, including ski schools, lifts, rentals, restaurants and shops by independent inspectors, the region scored over 90% in all areas and has been awarded this prestigious title. Thus confirming what regular Alpbach visitors have known for years!



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Junior Training

Despite poor conditions in so many Alpine resorts, we skied well over Christmas and New Year with good snow continuing for both Half Term and Easter.

Indeed, who can remember skiing down on hard pistes at the end of each day in April? The investment in the new reservoir which opened in 2019 has paid off handsomely. This together with the opening up of additional pistes and daily grooming has improved Alpbach skiing immeasurably.

Despite our numbers being down at Half Term we enjoyed a successful season with good weather too. Our Hill Team was without Lucy and Tom for the season due to injury, but we were fortunate that Vee and Nigel were with us to ease the burden at Half Term as well as Easter and Tilly Frain-Bell joined us for the April week. We enjoyed sunny days and cold frosty nights until the end of the week, giving us a good mix of excellent on and off-piste skiing, with these conditions repeated for our Easter week. And our luck held with the weather as, after our Half Term week, the warm *foehn* winds came in with Innsbruck recording 21°C on Saturday.

During the weeks we concentrate on technique. This is the basis of good skiing, giving children the ability to ski in any conditions, anywhere in the world, with racing as a bonus. Off-piste skiing is not only fun but an important part of this learning; it demands good technique with lessons learnt faster than on the more forgiving piste where mistakes can be ridden out and lessons not learnt. At half term, on the morning earmarked for our parallel slalom, off-piste conditions were so inviting that the morning was

spent skiing the Greitalm. They say the proof of the pudding is in the eating and over both the Half Term and the Easter weeks as confidence grew so did ski skills, with really impressive improvement in all the classes

The almost perfect conditions were too good to last the whole of Half Term and, sure enough it came to an end on Thursday night. On Friday morning, Race Day, instead of our usual sub zero starts, the temperature was a balmy 4°C. Inneralpbach conditions were difficult with a soft and slow race track, causing more falls and errors than we would normally expect. Every year we see smiling faces in the gate and watch all the children giving the race their best shot. Team Gerhard, with extra help from the Ski School, kept the track raceable for the Class races and then made a major sweep to prepare the track for 45 Open Race entrants



The Half Term crew



On the Greitalm



We all love the end of week races, which are the highlight of the weeks, and always try to finish with a proper race. The Inneralpbach slope has been used for International GS races and the children race on about 75% of the length of the track, which is an achievement in itself. Athina's class, with a low start, did well tackling the bottom and more technical part of the course.

Despite poor race conditions there were some very impressive results, especially

when ages are factored in. Despite the slow piste, [Amy-Rose Edginton](#) produced a very quick run, beating all comers to be the fastest on the hill with [Oliver Arthur](#), the fastest boy, not far behind her – congratulations to them and our other class winners [Ollie Clifford](#), [Harry Thursby](#), [Nino Belpassi](#) and [Lila Bolton](#).

The race itself is only a small part of the training weeks, which focus on improvement, and our super instructors Gerhard, Freddee, Rita, Chiara and Athina ensured this happened. Congratulations to our Class Most Improved [Emily Clifford](#) and [Charlotte Nichols](#) who were both nominated for their second times and to [Massi Belpassi](#) and our Overall Most Improved girl [Lila Bolton](#) and boy [Guy Dalzell](#).

The good skiing conditions continued over the Easter week, where we got off to a good start, probably recording the first Palm Sunday morning when all the children avoided the road closures for the Palm Sunday procession in the Village, arriving at our meeting point in time for our 09:30 move off. With Gerhard recuperating from a major knee operation, we were fortunate to have Christian "Bish" Bischofer, the other Army Team trainer, leading our group of instructors. With really good weather, including fresh snow for Monday morning, and bitterly cold mornings - including one with a -10°C start - gave us some super April skiing. We had three amazingly good on-piste and three marvellous off-piste days giving us a good week. I certainly can't remember skiing down at the end of each April day on such good firm pistes. We managed a parallel slalom on Thursday and had at least one little off-piste adventure, with an errant ski setting off by itself, luckily ending in the bottom of a gully instead of Inneralpbach! Thank you Charlotte for saving the day with its retrieval!

Junior Training cont

Later in the season, when we can't race in Inneralpbach, we have limited top of the mountain options for our end of week races. We opted for a two run GS, starting just below the top of the Brandeg lift, then dog-legging down the Mulden slope with Bisch setting a good 16 gate course.

Race Day saw a huge temperature shift with a cold -4°C when we moved off from our meeting point at 09:30 to +4°C at 11:00 when we started our first run and even warmer when we finished at midday. However the race track held up well for both runs for our 25 AVSC children followed by another 42 starters in the Open Race. Again we had some excellent results and **Amy-Rose Edginton** produced good times completing both runs in under a minute, becoming the fastest in the AVSC race and 3rd overall, with **Charlie Kolf** our fastest boy. Congratulations to them and our other Class winners **Imogen Burnand**, **Thomas Laird-Portch** with **Louis Kolf** and **Victoire Vandeputte Osman** tying in their class. As always our thanks go to the team led by Christian, Charlotte, Julia and Athena, who gave us a great week really bringing all the children on and producing our Most Improved **Rose Kolf**, **Bea Moore**, **Edward Cumming** and our Overall winner, **Maddie Couzens**.

Special thanks too to Sepp and Ski School Alpbach who, with Conny's, are our sponsors. We always need additional support from the Ski School for our own longer and more challenging end of week races for the start, the timing, and for administrative support throughout the week. They help enormously and, as said elsewhere, we would not be where we are without them.

We are always pleased to share news about some of our children who, after much hard work, are racing successfully at levels where competition is intense. **Darcy Davies** and **Angus Matheson** have

both been selected for the GB squad, and Darcy's younger sister **Gigi** has also had a remarkably good year.

Children are categorised for racing by their year of birth. For the U/8 (Under 8) it is mostly about mileage with a few 'fun' races. The U/10s and U/12s become CH1 & CH2 and are classified as Children in a four year bracket, while U/14s & U/16s, become Juniors, J1 & J2, in another bracket. Children grow very quickly so it is a huge challenge for those entering any category at the youngest stage having to compete against other children who are two years older, bigger, and more experienced. In such a highly competitive environment, it is a real achievement when children at the bottom of any age category beat their competitors at the top of the bracket. Darcy, Gigi and Angus are to be congratulated, having all achieved this with podium finishes. Darcy and Gigi remain at Apex2100 in Tignes, allowing them to race throughout the season in the Savoie region.

Darcy was selected for the GB Children's Team in January, then notched up several notable achievements and has remained top of her age group in all three disciplines – Slalom, GS and Super G – with excellent placings in the overall age category. On the French scene she has moved up to the Silver Circuit, achieving a podium finish in the last race of the season in the Savoie region which probably produces tougher competition than in any of the other French Departments.

Gigi, an U12, had her first season with Apex2100 and has come through with flying colours and some good finishes. Notably she finished the Savoie regional races with enough points for selection to the French Ski Etude, the training school for their top Alpine skiers. A very impressive first season



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Darcy Davies (top) and Angus Matheson (below) racing in Team GB colours



Gigi Davies, in AVSC colours, tops the podium in New Zealand

The sisters spent four Summer weeks in New Zealand training with the Queenstown Alpine Ski Team. Having won most of her races Darcy became one of the lowest (lowest is best!) seeded racers in NZ. Gigi also did amazingly well, competing against older and bigger children. She just missed the podium in her first race, then had a 2nd place, and in the final race topped the podium.

Angus Matheson worked hard for his selection to the British Children's Team early in the year, almost immediately making the podium at the Anglo Scottish Championships in Italy with a Bronze for the slalom, followed by a 5th place in the GS and then 4th and 2nd places in the two Super G races: that's arriving on the scene with style! He was again on the podium at the recent British Indoor Championships, a real achievement for an U14 against a field including U18s. He continues to train hard and has now moved up from Children to the

Junior level. This is a major step because the competition is far stronger and the racing is to FIS (International) standards, on longer, more difficult courses. He is now part of the GB Junior Squad and has also been selected for the Scottish Team. A pretty good year!

Meanwhile in October Romilly Clarke and Talula Edginton represented their schools in the British Schoolgirls Indoor Races (BSIR) in Milton Keynes and Amy-Rose Edginton and sister Talula represented Surbiton High School at the ESSKIA National Dry Slope Championships in Norwich, their teams coming 3rd and 2nd respectively. Both sisters could now enter the Ambition Championships in Hinterreit, Austria, in January, to qualify for the GB Children's Championships in Tignes in April. Both sisters are hoping to compete in the Ambition Championships in Hinterreit, Austria in January (one of a handful of GB seeded races), to qualify for the GB Children's Championships in Tignes in April.

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Club Weekend Report

The good news is that, at the time of writing this report, there is less time to the next ski holiday than from the last.



As ever the Club Weekend, again kindly sponsored by Conny's Sport, was great fun both on and off the slopes. For those unfamiliar with the weekend it is normally held at the beginning of March and consists of lovely skiing, great lunches and dinners, parallel racing (weather dependent) and a slalom race on the Friday. This year benefitted from lovely blue sky skiing with a lunch and prize giving at the Chicken Shack, dinners at Messners, the Post, the Rossmoss and the Jakober.

With the Böglerfeld Slope closed, due to lack of snow, we reluctantly had to cancel the parallel racing. We did, however, have perfect conditions for the slalom race, which was held on Friday morning, albeit

slightly down on numbers this year with 35 participants. The race was won overall by Dominic James with an impressive time of 47.08 seconds. The fastest lady was won by Sara Allen. Other prizes were awarded to Colin Jones for the "Best Fall"; David Phillips as "Young at Heart"; and Sara Voice being "Pussy Galore".

We were particularly pleased to be able to award a joint "No Longer Lonely" prize to Gina Bell and Shane Cooke who got engaged at the top of 2000. Congratulations to them both.

As ever it was lovely to see the old guard and be able to welcome some new faces. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2024.



The dates for the next club weekend are 7th-10th March 2024. It is looking to be a bumper year, with early signs suggesting we should have around 60 attendees, as well as the bonus of an England versus Ireland 6 Nations match to relish in the Jakober! See you there.





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Let's get the party started

Austrian après-ski – nobody does it better

After a thrilling, exhilarating day on the slopes, there's nothing like a great tune to bring people together and ignite that sense of fun and party-going that is - après-ski. Top songs, great company, free-flowing beer, the mandatory Jägermeister and the special atmosphere of your favourite village bar or hut are the key ingredients for that much-anticipated post-slope party – guaranteed to make every night a night to remember and bring out the very best table-dancer in us all.

Austrian après-ski is unique, and it's the stand-out sound of German, Austrian and Dutch Euro-pop that make these late afternoons and long nights so very special. Artists of today and yesterday have developed a knack for the sort of uplifting, party-starting floor-filler that is often alien to us in the UK but will live long in the memory once you find yourself back in Blighty.

A word on the German music genre known as 'schlager' is useful. A catchy instrumental accompaniment to vocal pop pieces with happy-go-lucky and often sentimental lyrics defines schlager, or 'hit' music. Sometimes ballad-like, sometimes up-beat, and always 'easy listening', it's a musical movement that can trace its history back to operetta, through some memorable and some forgettable Eurovision entries, and right up to the heroes and heroines of today – including stars such as Helene Fischer, Andreas Gabalier, DJ Otzi, Peter Wackel and Vicky Leandros.

It's fair to say that the sheer joys of schlager music have rarely, if ever, hit the shores of

the UK with any success - though a band such as ABBA have included elements of schlager in their style, blending it with the brilliant pop-rock genius of Benny and Björn and lyrics in English, to create a sound world that continues to conquer the world.

But when you find yourself in your favourite après-ski bar, language is no barrier to enjoying and appreciating a proper Euro-crafted mega-hit. Songs to look out for include Atemlos durch die nacht (Breathless through the night) by Helene Fischer (known as the 'Queen of Schlager' and arguably more famous in Germany than Angela Merkel); Hulapalu by the Austrian pin-up Andreas Gabalier; Joana from Peter Wackel (a singer also über-popular in the Germans' favourite summer destination, Mallorca) and Johnny Däpp (Ich will Mallorca zurück) (Johnny Däpp, I want Mallorca back) by the Austrian DJ Lorenz Büffel.

So, wherever you find yourselves for that special après-ski gathering, insist that the volume is turned up, and get moving, grooving, and throwing those shapes to some of the most-fun, most-appreciated and most-loved modern music ever written. Songs that you may have never heard before, but songs that are guaranteed to get the party started and make the night one to remember.

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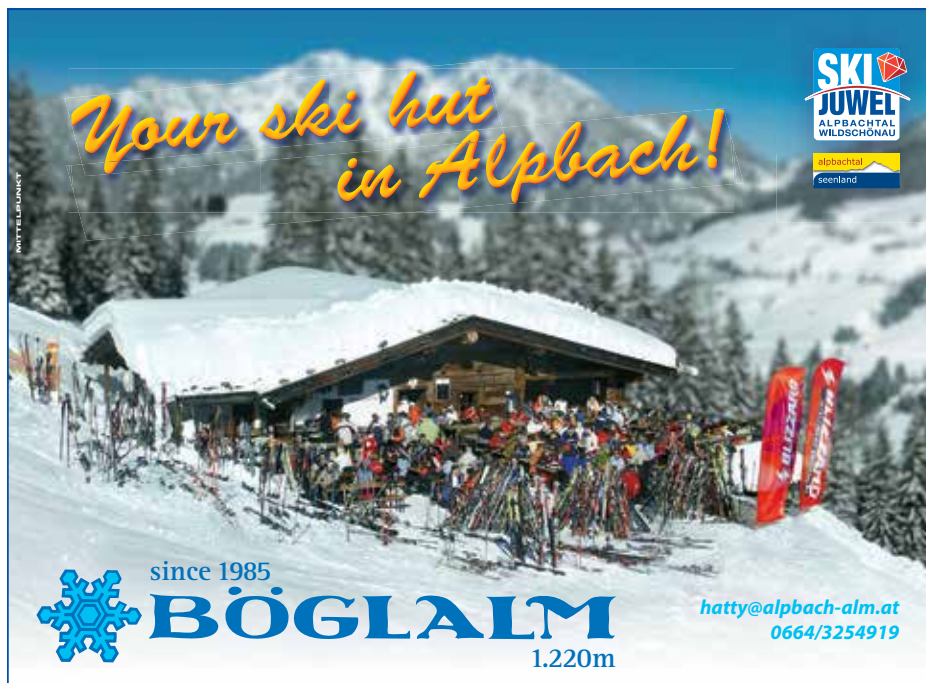
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The event promises to be an excellent race meeting with Super G training on Thursday, Super G and parallel slalom races on Friday followed by the GS on Saturday. The over 60s mens team are planning to make a comeback after a break last season. The ladies are also hoping to get the dream team back together to invoke the spirit of Mürren 2019 when they last donned catsuits for club and country.

If you are interested to take part please contact john@fergshome.co.uk



2023 AVSC Half Term and Open Race Friday 17 February

AVSC Race Location: Inneralpbach - Hut opposite Böglalm to Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom 23 Gate Start Temp: 4°C Visibility: Good

Start Time AVSC week: 10:50 Start Time Open Race: 11:20

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category		
1	26	EDGINTON	Amy-Rose	46.94	0.00	14 Gerhard	Fastest on hill
2	80	THURSBY	Damien	47.45	-0.51	Gents 30-44	Fastest Gent
3	84	ARMSTRONG	Callum	48.98	-2.04	Gents 16-29	
4	29	ARTHUR	Oliver	49.17	-2.23	14 Gerhard	Fastest Boy
5	59	ELTON	Stefan	49.48	-2.54	Gents 45-59	
6	85	HARPER-HILL	Jack	49.49	-2.55	Gents 16-29	
7	35	CLIFFORD	Ollie	49.80	-2.86	16 Freddee	1st in Class
8	25	EDGINTON	Talula	50.49	-3.55	12 Gerhard	
9	30	ARMSTRONG	Kenzie	51.29	-4.35	15 Gerhard	
10	27	DITTMER	Josh	51.41	-4.47	14 Gerhard	
11	53	NICHOLS	Paul	51.62	-4.68	Gents 45-59	
12	32	HARPER-HILL	Ava	51.74	-4.80	17 Freddee	
13	63	GORDON	Sam	52.07	-5.13	Gents 45-59	
14	56	ARTHUR	Richard	52.74	-5.80	Gents 45-59	
15	74	THURSBY	Rebecca	53.02	-6.08	Ladies 30-44	Fastest Lady
16	38	ARTHUR	Izzy	53.29	-6.35	16 Freddee	
17	72	TOWNLEY	Bill	53.39	-6.45	Gents 45-59	
18	55	ARMSTRONG	Alistair	55.25	-8.31	Gents 45-59	
19	36	BRYANS	Kip	55.48	-8.54	17 Freddee	
20	34	CLIFFORD	Emily	55.58	-8.64	14 Freddee	Class Most Improved
21	88	KNIGHT	Ed	55.65	-8.71	Gents 45-59	
22	70	JACK	Fergus	55.94	-9.00	Gents 45-59	
23	60	BURNAND	Mark	56.03	-9.09	Gents 45-59	
24	67	BRYANS	Nick	56.15	-9.21	Gents 45-59	
25	12	THURSBY	Harry	56.31	-9.37	12 Rita	1st in Class
26	81	McBRIDE	Tim	56.68	-9.74	Gents 30-44	
27	65	CLARKE	Ben	57.02	-10.08	Gents 45-59	
28	46	WORCESTER	Kevin	57.16	-10.22	Gents 60-69	
29	19	HOLBROOK	Olly	57.20	-10.26	15 Rita	
30	52	CLIFFORD	Gordon	57.55	-10.61	Gents 45-59	
31	31	RAZZAQ	Amber	57.76	-10.82	17 Freddee	
32	83	NEILL	Louisa	57.87	-10.93	Ladies 16-29	

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category		
33	78	BRENNAN	Chris	58.23	-11.29	Gents 30-44	
34	73	THURSBY	Anya	58.51	-11.57	Ladies 30-44	
35	87	COUZENS	Juliette	58.63	-11.69	Ladies 45-59	
36	15	NICHOLS	Charlotte	58.86	-11.92	12 Rita	Class Most Improved
37	79	BELPASSI	Luca	59.53	-12.59	Gents 30-44	
38	10	BELPASSI	Nino	59.74	-12.80	9 Chiara	1st in Class
39	24	NEILL	Freddy	60.88	-13.94	15 Gerhard	
40	86	ELLIOT	Georgina	60.91	-13.97	Ladies 16-29	
41	66	NEILL	James	61.49	-14.55	Gents 45-59	
42=	28	BELPASSI	Massi	62.36	-15.42	12 Gerhard	Class Most Improved
42=	33	DITTMER	Ollie	62.36	-15.42	15 Freddee	
44	49	EDGINTON	Sophie	62.77	-15.83	Ladies 45-59	
45	82	PONISCH	Dylan	62.80	-15.86	Gents 30-44	
46	11	BELPASSI	Ilario	63.43	-16.49	10 Chiara	
47	16	JOHNSON-SPENCE	Felix	63.72	-16.78	14 Rita	
48	57	HARPER-HILL	Peter	64.75	-17.81	Gents 45-59	
49	44	MACALISTAIR	Mandy	65.59	-18.65	Ladies 60-69	
50	9	DALZELL	Guy	65.82	-18.88	10 Chiara	O/All Most Improved Boy
51	41	THURSBY	Nigel	66.07	-19.13	Gents 70+	
52	13	SUTTON	Tilly	68.21	-21.27	15 Rita	
53	71	KHALEEL	Jamil	69.19	-22.25	Gents 45-59	
54	17	JOHNSON-SPENCE	Charlotte	69.76	-22.82	11 Rita	
55	4	WESTCOTT	Flora	69.82	-22.88	10 Chiara	
56	5	McBRIDE	Ingrid	70.09	-23.15	7 Chiara	
57	22	BISHOP	Honor	70.96	-24.02	16 Rita	
58	14	OLIPHANT	Grace	72.01	-25.07	16 Rita	
59	6	JACK	Harri	72.12	-25.18	10 Chiara	
60	48	HOLBROOK	Jo	73.25	-26.31	Ladies 45-59	
61	47	CLIFFORD	Sally	73.29	-26.35	Ladies 45-59	
62	58	DITTMER	Gareth	73.74	-26.80	Gents 45-59	
63	45	FLOYD	David	76.30	-29.36	Gents 60-69	



Half Term and Open Race cont

Bib		Time	Diff	Category
64	37 BENJAMIN	Millie 81.06	-34.12	15 Freddee
65	42 WALKER	Jeremy 83.26	-36.32	Gents 70+
66	89 HEATON	Linea 84.18	-37.24	Ladies 45-59
67	28 BURNAND	Imogen 84.94	-38.00	12 Rita
68	18 HOLBROOK	Rosa 93.69	-46.75	16 Rita
69	43 MACALISTAIR	Angus 95.57	-48.63	Gents 70+
70	23 NICHOLS	William 109.47	-62.53	15 Gerhard
71	8 GORDON	Barnaby 110.95	-64.01	8 Chiara
72	20 BRYANS	Posy 126.98	-80.04	14 Rita
	50 CLARKE	Tettie DNS		Ladies 45-59
	51 BENJAMIN	Tamara DNS		Ladies 45-59
	54 HOLBROOK	Phil DNS		Gents 45-59
	62 RAZZAQ	Waheed DNS		Gents 45-59
	64 JOHNSON-SPENCE	Tim DNS		Gents 45-59
	68 BENJAMIN	Oliver DNS		Gents 45-59
	69 SUTTON	Toby DNS		Gents 45-59
	75 McBRIDE	Olivia DNS		Ladies 30-44
	76 JOHNSON-SPENCE	Melissa DNS		Ladies 30-44
	77 BOLTON	Antonia DNS		Ladies 30-44

LOW START Vertical Drop 105m 13 gate Giant Slalom

Bib		Time	Age	Category
1	2 BOLTON	Lila 41.14	9	Athina O/All Most Improved Girl
2	3 BURNAND	Guy 48.12	12	Athina
3	1 COUZENS	Maddie 52.94	8	Athina
1	40 ELTON	Zara 126.82		Ladies U16

The Awards

Fastest on the hill	Amy-Rose Edginton (14)
Best Fall	Stewart Edginton
lastminute.com	Linnea Heaton
Boot Not In Binding On Start	Gareth Dittmer
Young at Heart	Jeremy Walker
Best (only) Gate Keeper	Waheed Razaq

2023 Club Weekend Open GS Friday 10 March

AVSC Race Location: Inneralpbach - Hut opposite Böglalm to Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom 29 gates Start temp: 4° Visibility: Good Start Time: 10.30

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

Bib		Time	Diff	Category
1	23 JAMES	Dominic 47.08	0.00	Gents 45-59 Speedy Gonzales
2	33 SPECKBACKER	Georg 49.08	2.00	Gents 30-44 1st in Category
3	32 RIGBY	Will 50.21	3.13	Gents U 30 1st in Category
4	28 CHAMBERLAIN	Peter 50.97	3.89	Gents 30-44 2nd in Category
5	16 ARTHUR	Richard 51.41	4.33	Gents 45-59 2nd in Category
6	29 ANSTEY	Henry Jnr 51.84	4.76	Gents 30-44
7	19 RIGBY	Simon 53.89	6.81	Gents 45-59
8	22 ARMSTRONG	Alistair 54.95	7.87	Gents 45-59
9	31 ALLEN	Sara 58.97	11.89	Ladies U 30 Fastest Lady
10	7 ANDERSON	Thomas 60.29	13.21	Gents 60+ 1st in Category
11	12 HARPER-HILL	Peter 60.51	13.43	Gents 45-59
12	10 VOICE	Sara 62.21	15.13	Ladies U 60 Pussy Galore
13	4 SLATTERY	Nicholas 65.04	17.96	Gents 60+ 2nd in Category
14	24 UTTLEY	Chris 66.30	19.22	Gents 45-59
15	20 MATTHEWS	Jamie 66.31	19.23	Gents 45-59
16	21 GOODHEAD	Jamie 66.78	19.70	Gents 45-59
17	30 MATTHEWS	Sophie 66.79	19.71	Ladies U 30 2nd in Category



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Club Weekend Open GS cont

Bib	Time	Diff	Category
18 6 STITT	Michael 66.95	19.87	Gents 60+
19 15 CLINCH	Mark 68.60	21.52	Gents 45-59
20 13 WIELOCH	Tom 70.19	23.11	Gents 45-59
21 11 HILDITCH	Helen 71.97	24.89	Ladies U 60
22 14 MALLET	David 73.33	26.25	Gents 45-59
23 5 WALKER	Jeremy 79.06	31.98	Gents 60+
24 18 NICHOLLS	Mark 80.56	33.48	Gents 45-59 Snowboard
25 8 WALKER	Celia 80.67	33.59	Ladies U 60
26 1 MESLOY	Gary 80.72	33.64	Gents 60+
27 2 PHILLIPS	David 92.57	45.49	Gents 60+ Young at Heart
28 12 TARRANT	Kieran 94.19	47.11	Gents 45-59 Snowboard
29 25 ALLEN	Katherine 97.48	50.40	Ladies 30-44
30 9 MATTHEWS	Jenny 100.51	53.43	Ladies U 60
31 34 ELTON	Stefan 108.47	61.39	Gents 45-59
32 3 JONES	Colin 154.14	107.06	Gents 60+ Best Fall
26 COOKE	Shane	DNS	
27 SPRATT	Paddy	DNS	

The Awards

Speedy Gonzales	Dominic James
Pussy Galore	Sara Voice
Young at Heart	David Phillips
Vasco da Gama	Michael Stitt
Best Fall	Colin Jones
No Longer Lonely	Shane Cooke & Gina Bell
Kit Management	Celia Walker



2023 AVSC Easter Week & Open Race Friday 7 April

AVSC Race Location: By Brandeg Lift to Bottom of Mulden slope

Vertical Drop: 60m Giant Slalom - 16 Gate, 2 runs Start Temp: -4°C (to +2°C)

Visibility: Good - some light haze then sunshine Start Time: 11:34

Course Setter: Christian Bischofer

Bib	1st Run	2nd Run	Total	Diff	Age
1 61 MCLAUGHLIN	Tom 27.20	27.08	54.78		Gents 16-30
2 49 ELTON	Stefan 26.87	28.35	57.02	2.24	Gents 45-59
3 22 EDGINTON	Amy-Rose 29.43	29.35	58.78	4.00	14 Christian
4 62 MCLAUGHLIN	Steve 29.55	29.48	59.03	4.25	Gents 45-59
5 55 HARCUS	Charles 29.82	29.75	59.57	4.79	Gents 30-44
6 43 EDGINTON	Stewart 29.89	29.77	59.66	4.88	Gents 45-59
7 53 COUZENS	Dan 30.31	30.16	60.29	5.51	Gents 45-59
8 50 KOLFF	Lukas 31.29	30.86	62.18	7.40	Gents 45-59
9 19 KOLFF	Charlie 31.84	31.60	63.44	8.66	14 Christian
10 52 REED	Chocky 32.40	31.08	63.48	8.70	Gents 45-59
11 40 DENNING	Paul 32.12	32.25	64.37	9.59	Gents 45-59
12 45 GALVIN	Edward 32.47	32.06	64.53	9.75	Gents 45-59
13 21 EDGINTON	Talula 32.31	32.55	64.86	10.08	12 Christian
14 59 COUZENS	Juliette 33.22	32.46	65.68	10.90	Ladies 45-59
15 46 CUMMING	Andrew 33.83	32.31	66.14	11.36	Gents 45-59
16 56 REED	Isabella 34.12	32.95	67.07	12.29	Ladies 16-30
17 47 BURNAND	Mark 34.93	33.66	68.59	13.81	Gents 45-59
18 17 MACKINTOSH	Kitty 35.00	34.16	69.16	14.38	14 Christian
19 41 FRAIN-BELL	William 34.71	34.73	69.44	14.66	Gents 45-59
20 34 EDGINTON	Sophie 35.48	34.13	69.61	14.83	Ladies 45-59
21 51 TELLWRIGHT	William 35.07	34.65	69.72	14.94	Gents 45-59
22 42 WALLACE	Will 35.87	33.99	69.86	15.08	Gents 45-59
23 16 BURNAND	Imogen 35.95	34.58	70.53	15.75	12 Charlotte
24 23 DENNING	Jemima 35.42	35.29	70.71	15.93	14 Christian
25 37 HARCUS	Ruth 35.42	35.86	71.28	16.50	Ladies 45-59
26 20 GALVIN	Gus 35.55	35.74	71.29	16.51	10 Christian
27 25 CRAIG	Rory 35.59	35.77	71.36	16.58	13 Christian
28 31 EDGINTON	David 36.38	35.43	71.81	17.03	Gents 70+
29 33 WALLACE	Millie 36.62	35.78	72.40	17.62	Ladies 45-59
30 24 CRAIG	Monty 37.05	36.42	73.47	18.69	11 Christian
31 57 FRAIN-BELL	Tilly 37.43	36.07	73.50	18.72	Ladies 16-30
32 15 LAIRD-PORTCH	Sebastian 36.58	37.22	73.80	19.02	11 Charlotte

Easter Week & Open Race cont

Bib	1st Run	2nd Run	Total	Diff	Age
33 32 LONSDALE	Jamie	37.05 36.98	74.03	19.25	Gents 60+
34 66 WADE	Liz	36.99 37.56	74.55	19.77	Ladies 45-59
35 68 WILBY	Helen	37.87 37.26	75.13	20.35	Ladies 30-44
36 30 THURSBY	Nigel	38.01 37.39	75.40	20.62	Gents 70+
37 35 GALVIN	Alex	38.32 37.27	75.59	20.81	Ladies 45-59
38 38 REED	Jilly	38.89 36.71	75.60	20.82	Ladies 45-59
39 12 WILKINSON	Bear	38.02 37.87	75.89	21.11	11 Charlotte
40 7 LAIRD-PORTCH	Thomas	37.88 38.41	76.29	21.51	9 Julia
41 58 REED	Oliver	29.56 46.84	76.40	21.62	Gents 16-30
42 10 DENNING	Millie	38.76 37.88	76.55	21.77	10 Julia
43 48 MACKINTOSH	Johnny	38.91 38.06	76.97	22.19	Gents 45-59
44 6 TELLWRIGHT	Bea	38.86 38.78	77.64	22.86	13 Julia
45 54 CRAIG	Graeme	39.28 38.57	77.85	23.07	Gents 30-44
46 14 MOORE	Bea	38.50 39.99	78.49	23.71	11 Charlotte
47 13 WALLACE	Aggie	39.35 40.38	79.73	24.95	11 Charlotte
48 44 WILKINSON	Matt	40.90 39.48	80.38	25.60	Gents 45-59
49 11 CUMMING	Edward	40.52 40.88	81.40	26.62	10 Julia
50 71 WADE	Ben	41.62 40.31	81.93	27.15	Gents U16
51 60 MURRAY	David	40.87 41.70	82.57	27.79	Gents 45-59
52 72 WADE	Thomas	41.47 41.20	82.67	27.89	Gents U16
53 5 WALLACE	George	41.37 41.97	83.34	28.56	9 Julia
54= 2 KOLFF	Louis	41.59 42.44	84.03	29.25	8 Athina
54= 1 VANDEPUTTE OSMAN	Victoire	41.24 42.79	84.03	29.25	9 Athina
56 8 HARCUS	Bella	45.43 42.25	87.68	32.90	10 Julia
57 69 BAKER	Rob	44.72 42.79	87.51	32.73	Gents 30-44
58 67 WADE	Glen	43.25 41.51	84.76	29.98	Gents 45-59
59 36 KOLFF	Jo	44.50 43.55	88.05	33.27	Ladies 45-59
60 64 MCLAUGHLIN	Esme	44.57 47.89	92.46	37.68	Ladies U16
61 4 BURNAND	Guy	46.72 46.09	92.81	38.03	12 Athina
62 70 BAKER	Jessica	47.99 48.11	96.10	41.32	Ladies U16
63 3 COUZENS	Maddie	49.47 47.24	96.71	41.93	8 Athina
64 63 MCLAUGHLIN	Hazel	56.42 56.20	112.62	57.84	Ladies U16
65 18 KOLFF	Rose	96.27 36.68	132.95	78.17	13 Christian
66 9 HARCUS	Millie	97.79 38.25	136.04	81.26	13 Julia
67 65 MACALLISTER	Mandy	99.05 40.80	139.85	85.07	Ladies 60+
39 CLAUSEN	Samantha	DNS DNS	DNS		Ladies 45-59
SHAW	Gareth	DNS	No Time Given		Gents 30-44



The Open Race Awards

Fastest Lady	Juliette Couzens
Fastest Gent	Tom McLaughlin
Best Fall	Oliver Reed
Late in the Gate	Jo Kolff
Vasco Da Gama	Mandy Macallister
LastMinute.Com	Gareth Shaw





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