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The Chairman's Letter 2013

Dear Member

Already my first year as Chairman has come to an end but I have to say how much I have enjoyed being involved with the Committee and with life generally in the beautiful Village of Alpbach.

After my first Committee meeting last June, my year began with the Autumn Drinks party in London where I was able to meet new members and renew many old acquaintances. Jojo and Guy Scott discovered the Bluebird Cafe in London and it was such a great success that we are there again this year on Tuesday 19 November.

Christmas in the village is really a most magical time and one of the highlights for me is our Christmas Carol Service in St Oswald's Church. The warm welcome from Fr Franz, the guidance by the Army Teams and the lesson readers all combine to make this a very special annual event. The traditional welcome last year was done by Mike Brennan due to Murray Wildman being unable to attend. I hope to see him this Christmas when he will be celebrating his 50th year in the Village.

Our support for BLESMA (British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association) and CSDST (Combined Servicemen's Disabled Ski Team) continues and, whilst attending our Half Term Week in February, I was fortunate to visit their skibob week in Sölden with Mike Brennan. I was overwhelmed by the motivation and determination of these guys and their stories are particularly heart wrenching when you hear them. Their spirits are so strong and very similar to our special friend Sepp Margreiter of the Alpbach Ski School.

It has been a pleasure to spend more time with Sepp in the last twelve months after the early days of AVSC when we were both part of the training team. His work, and that of his Instructors, for AVSC is most greatly appreciated, as we wouldn't be able to carry out half of what we do without it. Whilst talking about our sponsors, may I also thank most sincerely Conny Sport and all the support we get from the Village.

It would not be correct for me to end without saying a huge thank you to my Committee. The amount of time and effort they each devote to our Club is immeasurable and particular thanks to the JTC team - John, Mike and Stewart for their work on our various training weeks and races. Thanks also to James Ferguson for his continued running and development of our website so please make sure you use it as much as possible.

Before I conclude, I would like to make special mention to Linda Klotz who sadly stepped down as our Secretary due to her work commitments but may I record our thanks to her for her help in the past and I know she has offered to help when she can in the future. Taking over from Linda Klotz is Linda Reichsöllner – nothing like keeping things simple by finding a new Secretary with the same Christian name! A very warm welcome to Linda R, she has started well and I am sure you will all get to know her and help her ease into her new duties.

Finally, thank you to our Members for your continued support of AVSC, our training weeks and social events. I look forward to seeing you all either in November in London or Christmas in the Village – or better still at both! Alicia and Vee have worked extremely hard on this newsletter so I do hope you all enjoy reading it.

Best wishes,
Keith Howells

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2013

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<i>Income</i>	2013	2012
	£	£
Subscriptions	5,303	5,631
Training	615	1,214
Racing	718	806
Christmas Tombola	650	631
Sale of Stock	186	213
Donations	20	-
Bank Interest	77	-
Total income	7,569	8,495
<i>Less expenditure</i>		
Secretarial	1,979	2,678
Administration	484	372
Newsletter	(161)	444
Memberships	1,409	1,013
Promotional	399	254
Sponsorship	1,603	1,536
AICC	148	-
Bank Charges	79	40
Sundry	146	139
Total expenditure	6,086	6,476
Income less expenditure	1,483	2,019
Exchange Difference	92	(484)
Surplus for year	1,575	1,535
Junior Training Reserve	(500)	-
Club Events Reserve	(1,000)	(1,000)
Transferred to Members' Reserve	75	535

BALANCE SHEET

<i>Current assets</i>	2013	2012
	£	£
Debtors	20	605
Cash and Bank		
UK	14,872	13,188
Austria	7,647	7,577
<i>Less Liabilities</i>		
Creditors and Accruals	(2,277)	(2,200)
Net current assets	20,262	19,170
<i>Represented by</i>		
Members Reserve		
Brought Forward	14,091	13,556
From Income and		
Expenditure Account	75	535
	14,166	14,091
Junior Training Reserve	4,096	4,079
Club Events Reserve	2,000	1,000
Total reserves	20,262	19,170

Notes

- These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1 : €1.14 (2012 – £1 : €1.26).
- Junior Training Reserve:* £

Balance 1st August 2012	4,079
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	500
Less: Net Cost of Hoodies	(483)
Balance 31st July 2013	4,096
- All figures are in Sterling.

Keith Howells *Chairman*
David Spencer *Hon Treasurer*
11th September 2013

NOTICE OF AVSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

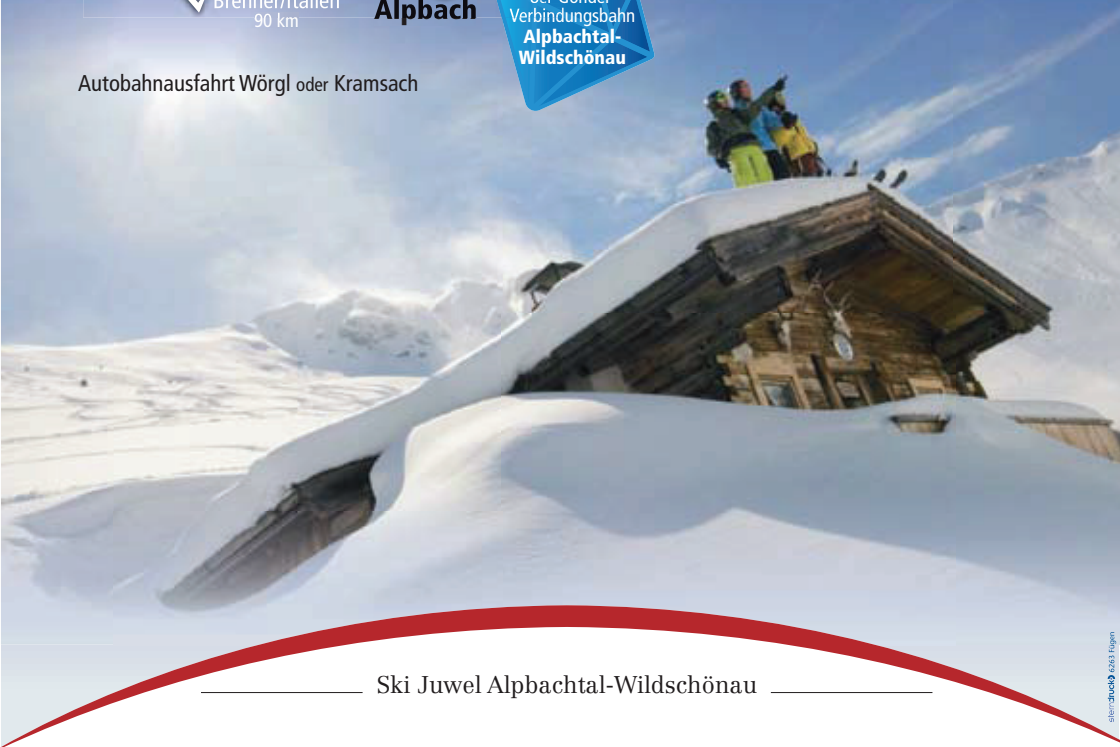
to be held on Thursday 26th December at 6.30pm in the Fichtensaal Böglhof Hotel, Alpbach.

AGENDA

- To approve the Minutes of the 28th December 2012 AGM
- To receive the Chairman's Report
- To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2013
- To amend the age and subscription rates for Junior Membership
- To renew our support for BLESMA & CSDST

Club Secretary
October 2013

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Village news

The King of the Grossglockner Sepp Margreiter, who was paralysed in 1999, achieved the first ever handbike ascent of the pass, reaching the height of 2,505 metres. We wonder what his next goal will be.

Ski Juwel Alpbachtal As many of you will have already experienced, the opening of the Wildschönau slopes has added to the Alpbachtal skiing area with a number of wider, more gentle slopes and definitely helped Vee Thursby back on skis 4 years after her skiing accident (not in Austria!).

The Wildschönau lifts, including the Inneralpbach gondola to the Schatzberg, will close on 6th April. The Alpbach lifts will remain open until Easter so it will be just like the old days.

Gerhard Margreiter With Gerhard's injury stopping him being on the slopes every day, he had the time to think about marrying Katrin from nearby St Johann also in Tirol. The wedding was held in Alpbach on 11 May with the reception in the Alpbacherhof. I am told they had never seen so many people squeezed into the Hotel. We look forward to seeing Gerhard in full fitness for the 2014 training weeks.

Reblaus Restaurant The Reblaus is at present closed. We hope this will not be a permanent decision.

New café The Café Genuss has opened below and opposite the entrance to the old swimming pool. It is open for breakfast, with a good buffet, and in the afternoon and evening. With rustic furniture, goods for sale and a super atmosphere, it is well worth a visit.



Diary dates 2013-2014

2013

- 19 November AVSC Autumn drinks Bluebird, King's Road, London SW3 5UU
25 December Carol Service St Oswald's Church, Alpbach
26 December Open Race, Inneralpbach
AVSC Christmas Party/AGM/Tombola/ Prize giving, Böglerhof

2014

- 15-22 February Half Term Junior Training Week, Alpbach
13-16 March 7th Amateur Inter-Club Championships (AICC)
Hosted by Marden's Club, Klosters
29 March- 5 April Easter Junior Training Week, Alpbach
4 April Easter Open Race
Joint AVSC End of Week and Open Race prize giving

Hatches : matches : despatches

Births

- To Roger and Kate Walker on 15 March 2013; **Prudence**, a sister for Georgie and Betsy.
To Gerhard Kirchmair (Tweety) and Marina Hußl in March 2013; a daughter **Anna**.
To Damien and Rebecca Thursby on 29 May 2013; **Sophia**, a sister for Harry.
To Alex and Caroline (née Wildman) Korshak on 4 August 2013 in Texas; **David**, a grandson for Peter and Lizzie and great nephew for Murray and Lindsay.
To Dave and Sally Marsh on 23 September 2013; **Eleanor**, a sister to Sam and granddaughter for Tony and Rosy Clarke.

Weddings

- On 11 May 2013 **Gerhard Margreiter** to **Katrin Kistner** at St Oswald's Church, Alpbach.

Deaths

- John Ruston** on 21 January, leaving his wife Miranda and sons Joe and William.
Charles Gairdner in February after a long illness. Charles leaves his wife, Kay, and sons Hamish and Sam.
Ian Linney OBE DL in April, aged 91. Ian had been a photo reconnaissance Mosquito pilot during the 2nd World War, was a stalwart at the start of the AVSC, and became part of the Management Team for a Summer Training in Passo Tonale. He was Vice President of the Club and Honorary Life Member.

BLESMA & CSDST

We have come to the end of our three years support for our two chosen Charities, The British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association (BLESMA) and The Combined Services Disabled Ski Team (CSDST). We will be asking members if they wish to renew the mandate at the AGM in December.

Despite these tough times both our charities are in good heart. BLESMA held their annual skibob camp in the week after the AVSC Half Term Training week, enabling our Chairman, Keith Howells and Mike Brennan to spend a morning with the ski bobbers in Sölden. 16 amputees aged from 22-61 were part of the 30 strong team including instructors, helpers and the engineers who keep the equipment working.

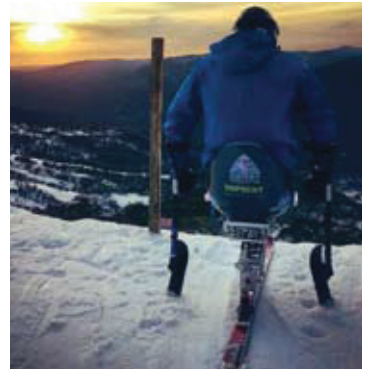
The instructors, all disabled themselves, do an incredible job; some of the trainees have never even seen mountains such as these, let alone been on snow with skibobs. The team stay near the slopes and are on the first lifts each morning at 8.30am and practice until 3pm each day with a short break for lunch.

The winner of the AVSC Best Newcomer was Mike Mulvey, a 53-year-old below-knee amputee from Altrincham. He used to be on the GB disabled football squad and recently ran the BUPA Manchester 10K for BLESMA on a set of crutches. The other interesting thing about Mike is that he's terrified of heights! He swore at the start of the week that he'd never do a red run, but on the last day his instructor, Sam Fitzgerald, took him down one without telling him. When told what he'd just done and asked if he wanted to do it again, he is quoted as replying "Too right" – there was a qualitative adjective between too and right!

The smiles of the BLESMA team in Sölden stayed with us for a long time.



It was a privilege to attend the CSDST end of season dinner in May. These athletes show real commitment and courage in their progression to the top and, for some, Sochi 2014 beckons. Sgt Mick Brennan aged 32 is one of them, he was our Most Improved Newcomer in 2012 and now produces regular Europa Cup top ten finishes; despite injury he maintains a fearsome training regime and is improving steadily. Another of the Sochi hopefuls was not at the dinner as he was recovering from surgery following skiing injuries. These are athletes in the true sense of the word and their achievements are particularly impressive when one understands that the energy requirements are so much higher than those required by able bodied athletes.



The CSDST team had a good novice day on the morning of the dinner. This important event is where potential athletes come to the attention of the selectors and where our AVSC Most Improved Newcomer for 2013 was spotted in 2012. Flt Sgt John Kirk OBE is 44, and due to an aggressive cancer, he had his right arm and shoulder amputated in 2010. Within 9 months he was leading his team on an overseas assignment for which he was awarded an OBE - already an inspiration for all of us! John had skied before his cancer, became a ski instructor after his operation and then gave CSDST a go. He has progressed rapidly and is now aiming for the World Championships in 2015 and 2017 and the Olympics in South Korea in 2018.

The athletes themselves are extraordinary but what struck me at the dinner was the huge amount of support there is from wives, girlfriends and families – CSDST really is a family.

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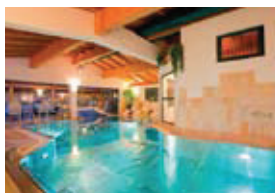


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Junior Club Training

The 2012/13 season saw three training weeks – two at half term and one at Easter. The total number of trainees rose to 119 from 107 in 2011/12. Prior to the season we were concerned about replacing a number of our older and regular trainees who were coming out of the training system and looking towards the next level - training as ski instructors. We were therefore particularly pleased to welcome a good number of new and younger trainees, thereby allowing us to offer a range of groups across the differing ages and standards. It bodes well for the year ahead.

We continue to evolve our training based on previous experience and feedback. Technical elements to the week have increased with video playback and analysis forming an important part of the offering. Although this may sound overly structured for some, it is an excellent teaching aid and most of the children love seeing themselves on the big screen. It also enabled us to judge the formation skiing, which is principally fun but actually great technical training too. Congratulations to Eva's Easter all girl group for being the most synchronised team and winning the most stylish award!

Ski conditions for the year were some of the best we have had. We were able to run the Easter end of week and parents' Open Race on the same Inneralpbach slope. This was principally down to the lift company and the ski school working together to prepare our dedicated piste. Our thanks to all involved – including instructor Tweety for setting his first GS course and Gerhard for keeping the road covered with snow throughout the race. For the half term weeks, the groups were additionally able to get extensive deep snow and off-piste experience.

Instructors and the ski school

We continue to use instructors from the Alpbach Ski School for all our classes. Our usual lead instructor Gerhard (Knödel) was out for the whole season, having snapped his achilles tendon while training the Scots Dragoon Guards ski team. For the half term weeks, we were therefore delighted that Christian Bischofer took the lead, as he is

another experienced instructor who trained the other army regiment training in the village, the Queens Royal Hussars. Tweety took over for the Easter week when we had 73 children. He is a strong leader who can organise the instructors' timings, activities and class standards, which is essential for a successful week. Not only did he do this but he also brought a sense of fun to the week with all instructors coming to the prize giving in their lederhosen and dirndls – no doubt there will be more fathers coming to prizegivings if this tradition continues! Congratulations to him on the birth of his first child!

Former trainees who were ski instructing for the season and who became AVSC instructors were Kate Needham-Bennett, Olivia Chipperfield and Sophie Anstey – a tradition we hope will continue, giving the trainees something fun to aspire to. Our thanks also go to Swedish Johanna who was a core instructor for all 3 weeks.

All our instructors put in additional hours to make the weeks work, including dedicated time for the children who need ski training as part of their GCSE sports submission.

Our great thanks, as ever, goes to Sepp Margreiter. As head of the ski school, he continues to prioritise the AVSC, even in his most busy week

Half Term 1

Numbers were slightly light for this first week at 16, with a mysterious bug keeping some trainees back in the UK. Nevertheless, Sepp kindly gave us 3 instructors and this enabled a sufficient spread of standards for

us to cater for all the children. Nominated for most improved by each class instructor were Jamie Galbraith, Tabatha Sellick and the overall winner was Lois Walker. The stand out winners in the end of week races were Helena Grisenthwaite and Rohan Bigham.

Half Term 2

A good week including an evening parallel slalom on the Böglersfeld with an average of 30 trainees, class sizes were excellent and gave lots of scope for individual attention. Nominations for most improved were Gaby Sims, Shay Stobbart and Ethan Hermann but our overall most improved were Grace McEwan Jönsson and Jack Harper-Hill. Winners of the end of week races were Immy Adams and Will Womersley.

Easter

This was one of the best-attended weeks we have held with an average of 73 trainees. While this was fantastic for class diversity it presented logistical challenges particularly at lunch times, which were somewhat crowded! Later in the week we were able to split the groups with similar aged groups going for spit roast chickens at the Böglalm with the others doing the same on the following day – great fun and great food! It was a similar challenge for the instructors who worked closely together to fit twelve groups of differing standards into all the week's activities including videoing with evening playback, parallel slalom, synchronised skiing, snow blades, all the usual exercises and the end of week races. Our thanks go to all our instructors who made it happen – a great team effort!

Nominations for most improved were Archie Macfarlane, Tage McEwan Jönsson, Saskia Hammersley, Lucy Wisher, Rufus Hall, Issy Jenkins, Aiko McEwan Jönsson, Freddie Martin, Flora Dalrymple and Gregor Hawkes. The winners were Daisy de Normann and Charlie Yorke who progressed significantly from relative novices.

We always pick the annual club champions at Easter as it is traditionally our best attended week. For those who remember the racing

pedigree of the club, this week might just have brought back a tingle of past glories. It proved to be something of a defining week with long term past champions from the Adams, Ferguson and Mason families giving way to new comers, in the form of the Reed, McEwan Jönsson, Hopkins, Macfarlane and Stourton families; alongside long timers, the Barrows, Campbell and Hughes these races were the most competitive we have held. This really was not by design but such was the camaraderie and rivalry built during the week's training that it really pushed the children to perform. There was even talk of the wrong ski choice by one of the favourites, Tage, which really does hark back to the old days! But the clear winners and deserved club champions were Sam Stourton (age 13) and Alexia Barrow (age 14). Congratulations to all participants over the three training weeks.

We continue to develop the weeks based on feedback. In particular broadening the scope for the older children to encourage them to stay longer as trainees, refining the techniques which will last a lifetime, act as role models for the younger children and continue their progression to a level where they, like some of their predecessors, can consider becoming instructors.

AVSC Training weeks 2014

Half term Saturday 15th to 22nd February

Easter Saturday 29th March to 5th April

These dates were chosen on the basis of a majority vote from parents. The late Easter (April 18-21st) presents us all with a timing issue, as some will not have broken up in time for the first week. If there are enough children interested, we will run a second Easter training week 5th – 12th April. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. We will hold prices as per previous years for all training weeks at £240 per child (10% sibling discount). Membership of the AVSC is mandatory for all trainees in order for the Club to comply with insurance obligations.

Subscriptions The membership rates for Individuals (£15) and Families (£25) will remain. However, the Juniors (18-25 years) rate will be reduced to £5 per year.

Autumn Drinks The Annual Autumn Drinks Party will be held at the Gallery Room, Bluebird, 350 Kings Road, SW3 5UU on Tuesday 19th November from 6 to 8.30 pm. RSVP to Vee Thursby at veethursby@mac.com

A new option for our adult members As we develop the club, we are looking to extend activities beyond the children's training. In the past we have held club weekends, which generally had the format of a social weekend ending with a giant slalom race (supposedly for fun but rarely taken as such by some participants!). This has proved challenging in terms of timing and coordinating for members. Therefore, for the coming season, we will put the club weekend on hold and investigate what we can do for adult members during the junior training weeks at half term and Easter. This will be somewhat determined by snow conditions but the idea is to offer ski guiding/instruction from the Alpbach Ski School for those who would like to join a social group but, at the same time, be challenged somewhat more than by their usual free-skiing. To clarify; the intention would not be to simply replicate ski school.

As this is a new concept we cannot be precise as to format. However we have the backing of Sepp and the ski school and we will make a plan depending on level of interest during the relevant weeks. If you think this may be of interest to you, do please drop us a line either through the AVSC website (www.avsc.org.uk) or direct to Mike at mikebrenn@gmail.com

Amateur Inter-Club Championships The 2014 AICC will be held in Klosters, run by the Marden's Club, 13-16 March. Anyone wanting to take part should contact Henry Anstey: henry.anstey@btconnect.com.

Ski Alpbach Marion Mills will once again be manning the Ski Alpbach desk in Sepp's office in the Winter Season. Please check the office door for opening hours. Dinny and Marion can provide passes and ski hire with concessions for AVSC

members and help with travel and accommodation arrangements. Payment must be made at the time of purchase, either by cash or credit/debit card, although there is a small charge for card transactions. During Office hours Marion can be contacted on +43(0)6991 3295721 while Dinny's number remains the same +43(0)5336 5282 or dinny@aon.at. www.skialpbach.co.uk

School boys and girls championships: 26-28th January 2014 The Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Championships are open to entries from school teams and we encourage our trainees to consider joining their school teams or even persuading their schools to enter these championships. Individual entries are accepted but you should liaise with the organisers if you'd like to do this.

Depending on numbers, we have set up a junior training reserve in part to subsidise AVSC participants. Additionally, if there are older children who are keen for dedicated race training ahead of these races, we would endeavour to arrange some training with the Army teams in Alpbach at Christmas. Please let us know as soon as possible if this would be of interest.

Club Secretary In 2013 many of you would have met our new Secretary, Linda Reichsöllner. Linda is a Primary School teacher in Radfeld and has already entered the club with gusto. We all wish Linda Klotz the best in the future and thank her for all her hard work and great photography and look forward to seeing her at future events.

Web Site/Facebook A reminder to all members that up to date information can be found on our web site at www.avsc.org.uk. James Ferguson does a fabulous job both there and on Facebook, but would be helped by input from members.

Sundial The plaque for the sundial, donated by the AVSC to the Village during their 30th year, has been restored with thanks to Jeremy Walker. The sundial is located outside the Congress Hall.

Donation A donation was made to Cancer Research in memory of Sally Bradby, former House Mother for the AVSC Junior Training, who died on 26th February 2012.



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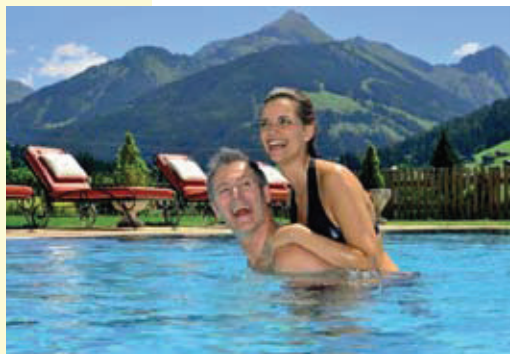
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AVSC junior trainees graduate to Ski School.



Several ex-junior trainees have recently completed the Austrian Ski School "Anwärter" examinations to become ski instructors. The qualification involves 10 days of intense training covering technique and teaching methods, as well as a written theory paper in German.

In January 2013 Olivia Chipperfield and Lara Good successfully completed the course and examinations. They subsequently went on to take up their roles with the Alpbach Ski School working as instructors for the whole season. According to Sepp they are both welcome back, which is the real mark of success! Chloe Ettinger also qualified this year following her siblings Sophie and Alex in previous seasons.

Four more of our younger members travelled to Hintertux in July to take part in the course, which was held on the summer snow of the Stubai glacier. Lulu and Immy Adams now have their instructor certificates, whilst Hector Butcher and Matthew Mason are planning to sit their theory exams next winter to complete their qualification.

It is great to see so many ex AVSC skiers progressing on to instructor status, passing on their experience and love of the sport. The current crop follows in the path of veteran trailblazers Stewart and Humphrey Edginton, as well as more recent graduates Lucy Clarke (nee Brennan), Kate Needham-Bennett, Hattie Adams and Henry Anstey (junior).

We are grateful for the support of Sepp and the Alpbach Ski School who have encouraged our young skiers to gain this valuable qualification. Congratulations to them all.



You write

Lasting debt of thanks

I am sad we are unable to be with you this year. The girls were required to work on their Spanish with the school.

I suspect we have had our last year and I wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work which you and your friends do in sustaining the AVSC and offering inspiration to so many young people. My three children, and their several friends, will long cherish their time with AVSC and the character forming days with you and the wonderful "can do" AVSC team. They benefitted hugely, I suspect more than any of the Instructors would ever care to believe, from the good humour, kindness and grit so powerfully demonstrated by all the team. I would guess that my children will long draw warmth and inspiration from their AVSC and Alpbach Years. We owe you all a very special and lasting debt of thanks.

Kind regards
Brian Kingham

Memories

It is a long time since I have been involved with the AVSC, but the childhood memories it has given my brother and I, and the joy it provided for Dad (Charles) over the years has been incredible. This year Dad died in early February after about 18 months of illness, and during this time we reminisced about his life. Skiing was easily his favourite pastime, and the friends he acquired through it were without doubt his closest. I would like, together with my Mum (Kay) and Hamish, to thank these friends and the people at AVSC for the wonderful times and the support during trying times. Dad held you all very close to his heart.

Hamish has kept up the family love of skiing, making sure he has at least one ski trip each year, often to Alpbach. He manages a large farm in Oxfordshire and has been married to Sarah for just over a year. I spend most of my time in Australia, where I own a polo business (Surf Coast Polo) near Melbourne. I have 2 kids, Sophie and Kate, who went skiing for the first time at Christmas, which was my first time in 10 years! I miss it lots and I will be back to Alpbach before long I am sure!

Best wishes to all
Sam Gairdner

AICC race report

Zermatt provided the magnificent backdrop for the 6th Amateur Inter Club Championships which took place on the 8th and 9th of March. Inaugurated by members of Murren's Kandahar Ski Club, the event attracts Clubs from Italy, Switzerland and Austria as well as the British Alpine Clubs.

This year over 120 racers lined up in three age categories to test their skills and nerve on the Gifhitli piste (2920m), which runs from the top of the Gornergrat. Hosted by the SAS (Swiss Academic Ski Club) who have strong links to Zermatt, the format was to be a giant slalom on the Friday followed by a Super G on the Saturday. As it turned out the Super G was held on the same piste and was more like an open GS, but with the addition of a jump and a few less gates there was sufficient speed to test the skills of the assembled racers. The snow was in perfect condition for racing, but the light was not ideal on either day with low cloud and snow flurries affording only tantalising glimpses of the brooding Matterhorn.

Thanks to the instigation of Henry Anstey, the AVSC sent a team for the second year running in the 45 to 60 category; John Ferguson, Pablo Ettinger, Jorge Bocca and Richard Gower. In addition Stewart Edginton skied as an independent entry but flew the flag for AVSC in the competitive 18 to 44 category.

The team skied to their potential and with little or no training between them, other than assembling an impressive amount of kit, were pleased to complete both runs without falls, missed gates or major incident. Pablo, Richard and John skied for respectable times without really attacking the courses, mindful of their lack of practice and the need to finish. Jorge, recovering from knee surgery in January, skied conservatively so as to guarantee a team place in the event of a non-finish by any other team member. The combined times of the 3 fastest team members over the two days were used to calculate the

team placings in each category and the AVSC quartet finished in bronze position behind the SC18 (Cortina d'Ampezzo) and SAI (Val Gardena).

Two set piece dinners were held; a typical Swiss raclette up the mountain at Sunegga, and a prize giving evening in the impressive surroundings of the Hotel Mont Cervin. Medals and trophies were dispensed together with generous quantities of bonhomie and the local wine, Dole, before the teams dispersed to celebrate all around the famous bars and clubs of Zermatt.

Next year's event will be hosted by the Mardens Ski Club in Klosters. It is hoped that the AVSC will host the event in 2017.

*Full results can be found at;
http://kandahar.org.uk/inter_club_web_site
(or Google AICC Zermatt)*



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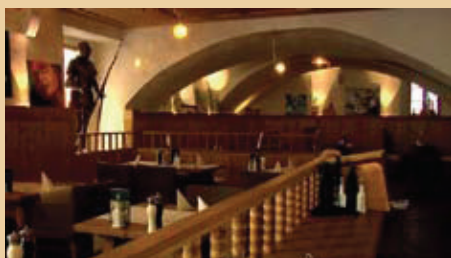
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2012 Christmas Race

Tradition continues with many meeting at Joe's Salettl for bib collection but perhaps really for a quick "calmer" before going to the start on the track below the Böglalm where another "calmer" was available for those in need. Not the best of conditions this year with a drifting mist and flat light making some of the runs back to Joe's more tricky than others.

Henry Anstey commented last year that times get faster and indeed they do; with Thomas McLaughlin slashing seconds off his 2011 time – maybe a handicap system should be introduced this year! Jenny Mullin our fastest lady did not hang around either – well done both of them – There were other good results with the Queen's Royal Hussars beating the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards for the Army Challenge. The young at heart award again going to Jeremy Walker and again some handicapping could be considered for this award in the future. Holly Spenlove-Brown took away the Pussy Galore award for the most elegant participant and at the opposite end of the scale Mark Clinch was the worst dressed entrant by miles. Special mention goes to a very young Scott Johns who completed the course in a great time, coming 2nd in the under 16 category. There were as always some good falls.

None of this would be possible without our partners, Sepp and The Alpbach Ski School and our thanks go to Gerhard and the team for setting the course and the timekeepers as well as the Lift Company for allowing us to have our race. We look forward to seeing you all again in December.



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Results

AVSC Christmas Open Race Results 28 December 2012

AVSC Giant Slalom Track to Joe's Salett

Vertical drop: 105m Visibility: Flat light/drifted cloud Gates:16 Start temp: 2°C Result by finish order

	Bib			Age	Time	Difference
1	59	McLAUGHLIN	Thomas	M 16-29	24.94	0.00
2	34	KEARSE	Jes	M30-44	25.26	-0.32
3=	61	ALEXANDER	Ben	M 16-29	25.51	-0.57
3=	50	RIDDEL	Jamie	M 16-29	25.51	-0.57
5	75	VINTER	Owen	M <16	25.57	-0.63
6	35	COUZENS	Dan	M 30-44	25.72	-0.78
7	54	EDGINTON	Stewart	M 30-44	25.88	-0.94
8	86	WALKER	Dan	M 30-44	25.98	-1.04
9	20	FERGUSON	John	M 45-59	26.25	-1.31
10	60	FERGUSON	James	M 16-29	26.32	-1.38
11	19	McLAUGHLIN	Steven	M 45-59	26.52	-1.58
12	52	LOWE	Dan	M 16-29	26.70	-1.76
13	65	MULLIN	Jenna	F <16	26.71	-1.77
14	38	SPENLOVE-BROWN	Spook	M 30-44	27.63	-2.69
15	85	PRATTEN	Bob	M 30-44	28.78	-3.84
16	77	JOHNS	Scott	M <16	28.85	-3.91
17	43	ADAMS	Immy	F 16-29	28.88	-3.94
18	40	EDGINTON	Humphrey	M 30-44	28.91	-3.97
19	37	PRATTEN	Tom	M 30-44	29.02	-4.08
20	70	MULLIN	James	M <16	29.10	-4.16
21	80	BUTCHER	Hector	M <16	29.42	-4.48
22	6	FERGUSON	Jenny	F 45-59	29.58	-4.64
23	78	JONES	Owen	M <16	29.67	-4.73
24	76	LUCAS	Olly	M <16	29.89	-4.95
25	55	CURRIE	Ryan	M 16-29	29.97	-5.03
26	73	THOMAS	Jamie	M <16	30.05	-5.11
27	18	JOHNS	Kevin	M 45-59	30.32	-5.38
28	57	LYNCH	Oliver	M 16-29	30.58	-5.64
29	16	LYNCH	Jerome	M 45-59	31.09	-6.15
30	69	WHITE	Simon	M <16	31.54	-6.60
31	23	O'NEIL	Tim	M 45-59	31.68	-6.74
32	2	O'ROURKE	Kevin	M 60+	31.74	-6.80
33	7	ADAMS	Ali	F 45-59	31.95	-7.01
34	56	McLEAN	Andy	M 16-29	32.15	-7.21
35	36	HOPSON	John	M 30-44	32.16	-7.22
36	13	MULLIN	Fergal	M 45-59	32.18	-7.24
37	71	MULLIN	Hugo	M <16	32.24	-7.30
38	22	BUTCHER	David	M 45-59	32.83	-7.89
39	53	CRAWFORD	Henry	M 16-29	33.03	-8.09
40	74	THOMAS	Ben	M <16	32.12	-7.18
41	46	DAWSON	Les	M 16-29	33.16	-8.22
42	15	CLINCH	Mark	M 45-59	34.38	-9.44
43	51	EMSLIE	Callum	M 16-29	34.94	-10.00
44	1	WALKER	Jeremy	M 60+	35.03	-10.09
45	9	FERGUSON	Jane	F 45-59	35.30	-10.36
46	79	BUTCHER	Rupert	M <16	36.56	-11.62
47	28	LUCAS	Kate	F 30-44	36.74	-11.80
48	47	BEER	Jamie	M 16-29	36.80	-11.86
49	25	EDGINTON	Sophie	F 30-44	36.87	-11.93
50	21	ADAMS	David	M 45-59	38.57	-13.63
51	8	JOHNS	Helen	F 45-59	40.02	-15.08
52	49	PYSH	Oliver	M 16-29	40.60	-15.66
53	63	MITCHEL	William	M 16-29	40.62	-15.68
54	14	Le JEUNE	Philippe	M 45-59	40.84	-15.90
55	26	SPENLOVE-BROWN	Holly	F 30-44	45.51	-20.57
56	39	LUCAS	Gary	M 30-44	68.42	-43.48

AVSC Christmas Open Race Results cont.

RESULTS BY CATEGORY

Gentlemen 60+	2	O'ROURKE Kevin
Ladies 45-59	6	FERGUSON Jenny
Gentlemen 45-59	20	FERGUSON John
Ladies 30-44	28	LUCAS Kate
Gentlemen 30-44	34	KEARSE Jes
Ladies 16-29	43	ADAMS Immy
Gentlemen 16-29	59	McLAUGHLIN Thomas
Ladies Under 16	65	MULLIN Jenna
Gentlemen Under 16	75	VINTER Owen

OTHER PRIZES

Army Challenge	Queen's Royal Hussars
O/A Champion Boy	Tom McLaughlin
O/A Champion Girl	Jenna Mullin
Best Fall	Rob Atchinson
Best Fall & Recovery	Jamie Beer
Just in Time	Andy Mclean
Best Dressed	Ben Alexander
Worst Dressed	Mark Clinch
Most Elegant "Pussy Galore" Award	Holly Spenlove-Brown
"Young at Heart"	Jeremy Walker
Youngest Entry	Scott Johns

AVSC Half Term Week 1 Race Results 15 Feb 2013

	<i>Bib</i>		<i>Age</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Diff</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
1	15	GRISENTHWAITE	Helena	12 32.52	0.00	Christian
2	16	BIGHAM	Rohan	12 35.08	2.56	Christian
3	3	WALKER	Frankie	8 36.27	3.75	Elin
4	6	WILMOT	Ella	10 36.51	3.99	Johanna
5	7	BIGHAM	Petra	12 36.85	4.33	Johanna
6	5	WALKER	Lois	12 37.06	4.54	Johanna
7	8	BIGHAM	Miles	9 37.54	5.02	Johanna
8	14	GALBRAITH	Jamie	12 38.07	5.55	Christian
9	1	GALBRAITH	Sophie	10 38.35	5.83	Elin
10	2	SELLICK	Tabatha	10 38.61	6.09	Elin
11	11	MACKINLAY	Jock	8 39.45	6.93	Johanna
12	10	TYE	Harry	15 42.03	9.51	Johanna
13	4	WALKER	Georgie	8 44.92	12.40	Elin
14	12	BULLOUGH	Hecules	45.68	13.16	Johanna
15	9	SELLICK	Archie	8 47.66	15.14	Johanna
	13	WALKER	Nancy	10 DNF		Christian

ADULTS

WALKER	Dan	25.11	0.00
WALKER	Roger	26.61	1.50
GALBRAITH	Andy	29.34	4.23
SELLICK	Nick	31.05	5.94
WALKER	Mark	31.64	6.53
WILMOT	Fiona	37.48	12.37
WALKER	Jeremy	38.24	13.13
MACKINLAY	Jamie	38.54	13.43
WILMOT	Richard	39.01	13.90
BULLOUGH	John	39.2	14.09

AVSC Half Term Week 2 Race Results 22 Feb 2013

AVSC Race Location: Inneralpbach Track to Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 105m Giant Slalom - 14 Gates Visibility: Clear/Good Start Temp: -1°C

	Bib			Age	Time	Diff	Instructor	
1	24	WOMERSLEY	Will	14	28.29	0.00	Christian	
2	29	ADAMS	Immy	16	28.65	0.36	Christian	
3	26	van den BOUT	Hendrik	15	29.12	0.83	Christian	
4	27	SIMS	Gaby	16	29.14	0.85	Christian	Most Improved
5	14	MORROW	Patrick	12	29.34	1.05	Johanna	
6	28	McEWAN JÖNSSON	Tag	12	30.88	2.59	Christian	
7	16	LISTER	Joe	13	31.4	3.11	Johanna	
8	25	van den BOUT	Natalia	17	31.75	3.46	Christian	
9	21	SAKER	Harry	17	32.84	4.55	Eva	
10	7	WILLIAMS	Johnny	8	33.32	5.03	Kate	
11	22	SAKER	Charlie	15	33.82	5.53	Eva	
12	19	ROGOWSKI	Kaspar	13	34.82	6.53	Eva	
13	20	RUSTON	William	18	36.16	7.87	Eva	
14	23	STOBBART	Shay	12	36.72	8.43	Eva	Most Improved
15	8	VAUGHAN	Edward	9	37.15	8.86	Elin	
16	2	REES	Nick	12	37.8	9.51	Kate	
17	1	WHITE	Eloise	10	37.87	9.58	Kate	
18	9	LAWMAN	Alex	9	37.96	9.67	Elin	
19	10	HERMAN	Ethan	16	38.02	9.73	Elin	Most Improved
20	5	RAZZAQ	Aleena	12	38.25	9.96	Kate	
21	18	McEWAN JÖNSSON	Grace	11	38.72	10.43	Johanna	Most Improved Girl
22	12	CARTER	Calypto	12	38.84	10.55	Elin	
23	5	HARPER-HILL	Jack	8	39.86	11.57	Kate	Most Improved Boy
24	11	DONKER	Simona	9	41.52	13.23	Elin	
25	17	LISTER	Hamish	12	41.56	13.27	Johanna	Fall
26	13	CARTER	Zac	10	41.58	13.29	Elin	
27	6	ARMSTRONG	Callum	8	41.65	13.36	Kate	
28	3	REES	Barney	14	44.12	15.83	Kate	
29	15	MORROW	Harry	12	44.25	15.96	Johanna	Fall
		HOPKINS	Hetty	11	DNS		Johanna	
		MASON	Adam	15	DNS		Christian	

ADULTS

1	WILLIAMS	Mike	25.84	0.00
2	VORLÄUFER	Eva	26.35	0.51
3	THURSBY	Nigel	33.6	7.76
4	RUSTON	Joe	38.06	12.22

AVSC Easter Week Race Results 29 March 2013

AVSC Race Location: Inneralpbach Top Hut to Crest above Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 170m Giant Slalom - 23 Gates Visibility: Good Start Temp: 1°C

	Bib		Time	Diff	Age
1	62	EDGINTON	Stewart	47.39	0.00 M 30-44
2	26	FERGUSON	John	48.05	0.66 M 45-59
3	95	FERGUSON	Tom	49.58	2.19 M Under 16
4	58	SPENLOVE-BROWN	Spook	49.89	2.50 M 30-44
5	63	STOURTON	Sam	50.68	3.29 13
6	96	MASON	Mathew	50.75	3.36 M Under 16
7	60	WILLIAMS	Mike	50.82	3.43 M 30-44
8	80	JEFFRIES	Harry	50.92	3.53 M 16-29
9	91	BUTCHER	Hector	51.38	3.99 M Under 16
10	22	BARROW	Antony	52.36	4.97 M 45-59
11	24	JÖNSSON	Peter	52.65	5.26 M 45-59
12	62	BARROW	Alexa	53.11	5.72 14
13	55	EDGINTON	Humphrey	53.37	5.98 M 30-44
14	11	BARROW	Imogen	53.69	6.30 W 45-59

AVSC Easter Week Race Results cont.

15	79	JEFFRIES	Sam	53.80	6.41	M 16-29	
16	69	BARROW	Archie	53.84	6.45	12	
17	42	LINDSAY	Jason	54.05	6.66	M 45-59	
18	66	GOOD	Mimi	54.09	6.70	W 16-29	
19	56	HAMMERSLEY	Mia	54.48	7.09	14	
20	75	HOPKINS	Bea	54.69	7.30	13	
21	40	HALL	Rufus	54.81	7.42	15	
22	70	REED	Oliver	55.01	7.62	10	
23=	73	HUGHES	Milly	55.98	8.59	11	Class Most Improved
23=	68	CAMPBELL	Otto	55.98	8.59	13	
25	59	KENT	Joss	55.99	8.60	M 30-44	
26	72	MACFARLANE	Archie	56.03	8.64	11	
27	31	GOOD	Marcus	56.14	8.75	M 45-59	
28	69	JEFFRIES	Alice	56.20	8.81	W 16-29	
29	64	McEWAN JÖNSSON	Tage	56.21	8.82	12	Class Most Improved
30	59	STOURTON	Oria	56.51	9.12	14	
31	41	PERTWEE	Jules	56.27	8.88	M 45-59	
32	55	GOOD	Bug	56.34	8.95	12	
33	52	GRAVELL	Mali	56.54	9.15	15	
34	60	FARQUHAR	Tatiana	56.84	9.45	13	
35	58	HAMMERSLEY	Saskia	56.85	9.46	12	Class Most Improved
36	65	FISHER	Cosmo	56.99	9.60	11	
37	3	EDGINTON	David	57.07	9.68	M 60+	
38	70	JOHNSTON	Edward	57.24	9.85	M 16-29	
39	66	FARQUHAR	Alexander	57.25	9.86	12	
40	40	JEFFRIES	Paddy	57.45	10.06	M 45-59	
41	71	REED	Harry	57.52	10.13	11	
42	16	MASON	Emma	57.75	10.36	W 45-59	
43	51	DEBENHAM	Saskia	57.89	10.50	14	
44	12	FERGUSON	Jane	58.11	10.72	W 45-59	
45	65	BARROW	Francesca	58.17	10.78	W 16-29	
46	68	DEBENHAM	India	58.23	10.84	W 16-29	
47	33	HAMMERSLEY	Paul	58.34	10.95	M 45-59	
48	38	MILNE	Alex	58.37	10.98	14	
49	56	COLLETT	Christian	58.43	11.04	M 30-44	
50	21	WALSH WARING	George	59.09	11.70	M 45-59	
51	39	LOWTHER	Ishbel	58.74	11.35	15	
52	50	COUZENS	Juliette	59.74	12.35	W 30-44	
53	34	CRIPWELL	Tom	59.97	12.58	M 45-59	
54	29	WHITEHEAD	Finn	60.23	12.84	12	
55	42	ETHERINGTON	Amelia	60.37	12.98	11	
56	39	HOPKINS	Bruce	60.38	12.99	M 45-59	
57	41	HALL	Posie	60.43	13.04	15	
58	75	ALDRIDGE	Alexander	60.51	13.12	M 16-29	
59	35	GRAVELL	Willa	60.54	13.15	12	
60	30	BOYLE	Jake	60.76	13.37	M 45-59	
61	24	KENT	Hector	60.88	13.49	10	
62	1	THURSBY	Nigel	60.92	13.53	M 60+	
63	6	WOODD	Anthony	61.01	13.62	M 60+	
64	45	MACFARLANE	Fiona	61.15	13.76	W 30-44	
65	23	HAMMERSLEY	Will	61.36	13.97	10	
66	44	REED	Isabella	61.46	14.07	8	
67	47	KENT	Sascha	61.58	14.19	W 30-44	
68	23	CLINCH	Mark	61.60	14.21	M 45-59	
69	32	DEBENHAM	Nicko	61.63	14.24	M 45-59	
70	49	BOYLE	Alicia	61.67	14.28	13	
71	28	WOODD	Freddie	62.13	14.74	13	
72	51	STOURTON	Melissa	62.64	15.25	W 30-44	
73	46	REED	Jillie	62.79	15.40	W 30-44	
74	32	TAYLOR	Theo	62.83	15.44	12	
75	46	CRIPWELL	Crista	62.98	15.59	11	
76	21	WOODD	Susannah	63.03	15.64	12	
77	57	FISHER	Molly	63.12	15.73	13	
78	37	THOMPSON	Emily	63.32	15.93	12	
79	31	TRITTON	Lulu	63.82	16.43	11	
80	74	HOPKINS	Hetty	63.94	16.55	11	

81	13	GRAVELL	Alicky	64.09	16.70	W 45-59	
82	92	BUTCHER	David	64.22	16.83	M 45-59	
83	54	WALSH WARING	Jess	64.37	16.98	12	
84	14	DEBENHAM	Samantha	64.55	17.16	W 45-59	
85	81	TRITTON	Felix	64.64	17.25	M 16-29	
86	5	WALKER	Jeremy	65.57	18.18	M 60+	
87	45	McEWAN JÖNSSON	Grace	65.86	18.47	11	
88	47	CRIPWELL	Tilly	65.90	18.51	11	
89	100	HURD	William	65.95	18.56	M Under 16	
90	82	PERTWEE	Alex	66.03	18.64	M 16-29	
91	50	MONTGOMERIE	Clemmie	66.04	18.65	15	
92	10	WALSH WARING	Lucy	66.14	18.75	W 45-59	
93	76	FERGUSON	James	66.48	19.09	M 16-29	
94	77	ANSTEY	Henry	66.56	19.17	M 16-29	
95	88	STROUD	Oli	67.57	20.18	M Under 16	
96	20	RUSSELL	Bella	66.64	19.25	10	
97	25	FITZALAN HOWARD	Francis	66.67	19.28	10	
98	2	CONRAN-SMITH	Hamish	67.67	20.28	M 60+	
99	33	O'TOOLE	Pierce	67.80	20.41	11	
100	16	MARTIN	Tatiana	68.62	21.23	9	
101	98	STROUD	Harry	68.85	21.46	M Under 16	
102	37	de NORMANN	Anthony	68.99	21.60	M 45-59	
103	78	TRIPP	Rupert	69.11	21.72	M 16-29	
104	57	TAYLOR	Fred	69.54	22.15	M 30-44	
105	15	CAMPBELL	Celia	70.86	23.47	W 45-59	
106	28	HALL	Niall	71.25	23.86	M 45-59	
107	85	WYATT	Oli	71.69	24.30	M Under 16	
108	51	JENKINS	Issy	72.34	24.95	14	Class Most Improved
109	17	KEMISH	Cynthia	73.12	25.73	W 45-59	
110	36	WHITBY	Guy	73.44	26.05	15	Class Most Improved
111	49	CRIPWELL	Emma	73.96	26.57	W 30-44	
112	86	WYATT	Isabella	74.27	26.88	W Under 16	
113	36	MILNE	Nick	74.71	27.32	M 45-59	
114	29	HAWKES	Ian	75.67	28.28	M 45-59	
115	18	MACFARLANE	Jemima	75.58	28.19	9	
116	53	CLARKSON	Bella	76.34	28.95	15	
117	99	PERTWEE	Tom	76.66	29.27	M Under 16	
118	48	BOYLE	Pippa	77.40	30.01	10	
119	17	MARTIN	Freddy	80.59	33.20	8	Class Most Improved
120	87	WYATT	India	82.95	35.56	W Under 16	
121	26	DALRYMPLE	Flora	84.66	37.27	12	Class Most Improved
123	97	WYATT	Johnny	85.47	38.08	M Under 16	
124	30	HAWKES	Howard	85.84	38.45	11	
125	14	RAWLINGS	Jamie	87.31	39.92	10	
126	38	STOURTON	Christoph	87.86	40.47	M 45-59	
127	4	WISHER	Peter	89.34	41.95	M 60+	
128	89	LINDSAY	Natasha	89.79	42.40	W Under 16	
129=34		McEWAN JÖNSSON	Aiko	90.00	42.61	6	Class Most Improved
129=15		RAWLINGS	Guy	90.00	42.61	8	
129=13		STOURTON	Willa	90.00	42.61	9	
129=27		VAUGHAN	Edward	90.00	42.61	9	
129=22		WHITEHEAD	Gus	90.00	42.61	10	
129=43		WISHER	Lucy	90.00	42.61	11	Class Most Improved
135	48	WHITEHEAD	Milly	94.84	47.45	W 30-44	
136	20	MARTIN	Hugh	95.31	47.92	M 45-59	
137	76	CURTIS	Sophie	96.72	49.33	15	
138	35	JOHNSON	Stuart	99.61	52.22	M 45-59	

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