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New as from Winter 2017/2018

New Alpine Coaster at the Wiedersbergerhorn with Austria's highest Spiral (18m)

New: 8 Man Gondola Schatzbergbahn from Auffach to the Schatzberg.

Happy 50th Anniversary! Thank you for your loyal custom.

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members

The year's highlight was our hosting of the Amateur Inter-Club Championships, the "AICC", from 9 to 12 March. Full details of the results are on the AICC website and photographs can be found on our website. We entertained over 160 racers in 40 teams from Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, and the UK. I was delighted that we produced seven AVSC teams across all categories and managed one silver and two bronze medal places. The Races were a triumph for the village and put Alpbach firmly on the map for inter-club racing. I think a lot of those attending, who normally ski in larger resorts such as Murren and Lech, were surprised at the standard we produced. I should like to thank John Ferguson for pulling all this together with help and support from the committee and Linda Klotz in Alpbach.

Later in this newsletter you will read Sam Gordon's impressions of attending his first AICC event, and John has written an account which highlights how many club members and Alpbachers pulled together to stage the Championships. The races would not have been such a resounding success had we not received the massive support from our village. There are too many people to mention here but I must thank the Lift Company, Tourist Office, Ski Club and Ski School. I must also add thanks to those who sponsored the event which ensured the Club did not lose any money, as you will see from the accounts produced by David Spencer.

The following weekend Peter Harper-Hill organised another successful and fun Club Weekend with over 50 participants. I am sure you will enjoy reading about this later in the magazine. The weekend is an increasingly popular and important date in the AVSC season; please note the dates for 2018 (9-11 March) and book your flights now while they are good value!

Our junior training weeks progressed well as usual with the help of Sepp and the Ski School. Mike, Stewart, Vee and Linda worked extremely hard to ensure that our youngsters enjoyed professional training and racing whilst having great fun, despite challenging conditions at Easter.

The Club continues into its 50th year in excellent health. Our anniversary will be marked in 2018 by several events of which you will have already been informed. I do hope that as many of you as possible will come to Alpbach in April to join the celebrations. I am aware that several "senior" members are planning to be in the village for the week of events so, if you haven't made your arrangements yet, please try to join us from 31 March onwards.

Due to other commitments our President, Lord Strathnaver, has asked to step down. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Alistair for his support over many years. Also, after five years as your Chairman I shall be stepping down after the 50th Anniversary celebrations. May I thank you all for your support during my term of office, which has been a great honour, and I wish the Club well for a long and successful future. Of course, I shall still be a member and make regular visits to our beautiful village. May I end by thanking your Committee for all the work they do for our Club, Linda Klotz who helps the Club unceasingly and, lastly, to the people of Alpbach without whose continued support the Club would not be the success that it is. Thank you and happy skiing!

Best wishes,
Keith Howells

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2017

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | |
| Subscriptions | 5,709 | 5,862 |
| AICC Event | 1,886 | – |
| Training | 880 | 1,753 |
| Racing | 630 | 333 |
| Christmas Tombola | 428 | 461 |
| Donations | 172 | 15 |
| Bank Interest | 29 | 33 |
| Total income | 9,734 | 8,457 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| LESS EXPENDITURE | | |
| Secretarial | 2,632 | 2,308 |
| Administration | 939 | 573 |
| Newsletter | 358 | 216 |
| Memberships | 1,126 | 1,108 |
| Promotional | 169 | 622 |
| Sponsorship | 1,139 | 1,308 |
| AICC Team Expenses | 779 | 3,282 |
| Bank Charges | 57 | 52 |
| Sundry | 191 | 325 |
| Total expenditure | 7,390 | 9,794 |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Income less Expenditure | 2,344 | (1,337) |
| Transferred to | | |
| 50th Sponsorship Fund | (2,000) | – |
| Exchange Difference | 898 | (587) |
| Surplus (deficit) for year | 1,242 | (1,924) |
| transferred to Members' Reserve | | |

BALANCE SHEET

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Debtors | 77 | 77 |
| Cash and Bank | | |
| UK | 15,292 | 10,928 |
| Austria | 9,825 | 9,396 |
| LESS LIABILITIES | | |
| Creditors and Accruals | (2,384) | (2,403) |
| Net current assets | 22,810 | 17,998 |

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|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| REPRESENTED BY | | |
| Members Reserve | | |
| Brought Forward | 11,316 | 13,240 |
| From Income and | | |
| Expenditure Account | 1,242 | (1,924) |
| | 12,558 | 11,316 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Junior Training Reserve | 4,502 | 4,682 |
| 50th Sponsorship Fund | 3,750 | – |
| Club Events Reserve | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Total reserves | 22,810 | 17,998 |

Notes

- 1 These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1 : €1.14 (2016 £1 : €1.20).
- 2 All figures are in Sterling.

Keith Howells Chairman
David Spencer Hon. Treasurer
5th September 2017

NOTICE OF AVSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

To be held on Thursday 28th December at 6.30pm in the Fichtensaal Böglhof Hotel, Alpbach.

AGENDA

- 1 To approve the Minutes of the 29th December 2016 AGM
- 2 To receive the Chairman's Report
- 3 To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2017

A brief history of the AVSC

In 2018 The Alpbach Visitors Ski Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We look back on our first half century.

Arriving in Alpbach in 1958, Billy Patterson quickly settled himself in the Bärhaus and started a travel business to manage his fledgling Ski Holiday Business for the Army Ski Association. Dinny visited Alpbach in 1964 and took over the running of Billy's Bureau in the Winter of 66/67. Billy had, by then, established Alpbach as a training location for some of the British Army Ski teams and, by 1965, had about a dozen Regimental Ski Teams training in the Village. On 8 January 1965 the first Stannis Memorial Race was held in Alpbach attracting 14 Regimental Teams; this race is still held every year in the Army Championships.

Dinny and Billy had a busy year in 1968; getting married and starting the Alpbach Visitors Ski Club, the first British Club in the Tyrol. The AVSC was set up to train *'selected Junior Members (age 7-16 years) to a level of proficiency designed to enable them to reach the standard*

required for entry to the British Junior Ski Championships, so that they, in turn, will be able to pass on their knowledge of skiing to others with a view to broadening the base of British skiing". It began slowly with one, at most two, trainings a year and then went from strength to strength, running a minimum of four training courses a year with an average of 30 to 40 on each course. The first training courses were at Easter and Christmas 1970 and, in January 1971, a team of 9 children were sent to the British Alpine Junior Championships in Brand, Vorarlberg. This was a huge success with great results and so it all began. From this start, relying heavily on our excellent Alpbach instructors and Austrian training methods, the AVSC was soon challenging the established British based Alpine Ski Clubs on their own ground.

There are too many Junior and Children Champions to name, but three – Roger and



Dinny and Billy in the 1970s

Class of '88



Dan Walker and Chris Blagden – became key members of the British National Squad who, including Martin and Graham Bell, Konrad Bartelski and Malcolm Erskine, returned between races to train in Alpbach, all organised by Billy and Dinny. The AVSC hosted the British Junior Championships in Alpbach for 3 years, from 1974 to 1976.

With no children of their own, the AVSC trainees became their family. Their Club was never just about the racers who made it through the Children and Junior rankings of the National Squad, but also about the many children who were taught to ski so well and to love and return to this special village.

Alongside the Club's success, Billy's Bureau thrived under Dinny, with her sidekick Pat Hausberger, bringing countless British visitors to Alpbach. Between 1968 and 1989 the number of houses in Alpbach increased by about 60% while the number of tourist beds more than doubled, with many of these filled by Dinny and Pat. In 2003 a tree was unveiled on the Denker Weg, or Thinkers

Way, between the Böglerhof and the Congress Centre in appreciation of the significant contribution Dinny and Billy have made to The Village. This tree is planted alongside those dedicated to the literary luminaries of Austria, a very well deserved honour!

We hope Dinny and Billy will look down and be satisfied that, although very different, the Club they founded 50 years ago thrives and their legacy lives on.

Today the heart of the Club continues to be our Junior Training program, now offering training during the February Half Term and in the Easter holidays, with around a hundred children joining us every year. We still run the training with our partners the Alpbach Ski School, continuing a fifty-year partnership, which provides us with top quality trainers and technical experts for the advanced groups and a more nurturing approach for our younger, less experienced skiers. Small classes are supervised carefully to ensure children are in the right class for their ability and all accomplished in a fun atmosphere which includes parallel slaloms

A brief history of the AVSC cont

where children can compete against their parents. This proven program delivers far more than any normal ski school. We encourage the children to take part in outside events and four of our trainees competed successfully in The National Schoolgirls' and Schoolboys' competitions in 2017.

For our older members, we run around four Open Races and a very popular Club Weekend in early March. The Club weekend is a gathering of like-minded souls with a fun event, an open race and a prize giving dinner and attracts more people each year. We will also be resuming our Autumn drinks in London next year.

Our Adult Racing committee have been entering teams in the Amateur Inter-Club Championships (AICC) for several years with some good successes. These championships involve two days of serious racing and travel around the Alps to different resorts each year. In March 2017 we hosted the event in Alpbach.

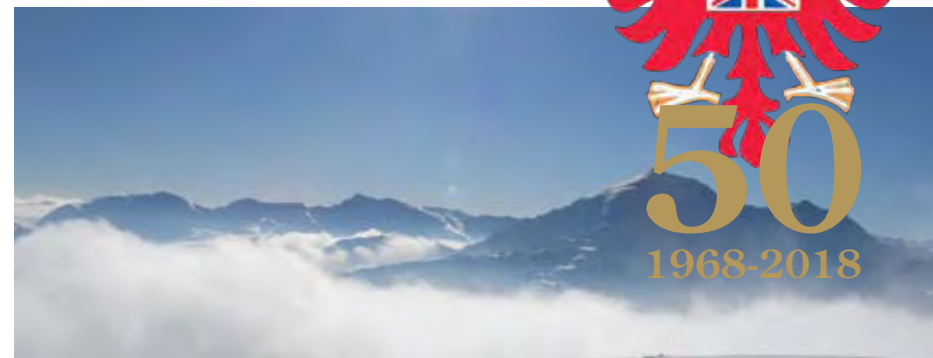
With the Ski Club and The Village, we ran a Giant Slalom, Super G and fun Parallel Slalom with a full social program over Friday and Saturday for 164 starters in each of the events. It was a resounding success. The racing went off extremely well despite some tricky weather conditions and the bar was raised to new heights on the social side.

The AVSC has flourished because of the special relationship we have with Alpbach. It is not only about our fifty-year partnership with Ski School Alpbach, which gets stronger by the year and the generous support from Konny of Conny's Sport, but also about all the others in the village who always go that extra mile for us. We would not be able to provide all we do without their help and support and look forward to this very special relationship continuing in the future.

So we face the future with great confidence and, although we are different from those early days in 1968, we have the same optimism for the next 50 years.



AVSC 50th Anniversary



The plans for the celebrations over the Easter Training Week in 2018 are well under way. Please note the main dates:

Easter Monday 2nd April

Celebration Tyrolean Evening, with a band and dancing, in the Festhutte, Inneralpbach

There will be buses laid on between Alpbach and the Festhutte. Tyrolean dress optional. Provisional ticket prices are €45 for adults and €35 for 16-23 year olds. We chose this date so that those coming to the village for Easter weekend only may be tempted to fly home on the Tuesday!

Wednesday 4th April

Friends of AVSC Evening Reception in the Congress Halle, Alpbach.

Provisional cost €20 a head: this is an estimate and we hope to be able to reduce it.

To help us have an idea of numbers, please let us know if you are planning on attending either or both of the above.

Sponsorship

To enable us to keep costs to the members to a minimum, as these will be non-profit events, we are looking for sponsorship, as well as advertising in the commemorative newsletter that will be published next year, and hope that you may be able to help. An update will be circulated shortly detailing the events to be held during our Celebration Week enclosing sponsorship opportunities and application forms.

If you have any queries on the above please contact Alicia at magood@tiscali.co.uk or Vee at vivienthursby@mac.com.



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Diary dates

2017

- 24 December Christmas Eve: 2230 Band in Square
25 December 1800 Christmas Carol Service St Oswald's Church arranged by AVSC
28 December Inneralpbach Open Race
1830 AVSC Christmas Party/AGM/Tombola/Prizegiving, Böglerhof

2018

50th Anniversary Year

- 10-17 February Half Term Junior Training Week, Alpbach
16 February Open Race
8-9 March AICC 11th Amateur Inter-Club Championship, Méribel
9-11 March AVSC Club Weekend, Alpbach
31 March-7 April Easter Junior Training Week, Alpbach
2 April AVSC Party – Tyrolean Evening, Festhutte, Inneralpbach
4 April Friends of AVSC Reception, Congress Centre
6 April AVSC Week and Open Races followed by prize giving
8 April Lifts Close
1 November AVSC 50th Anniversary Drinks Party

Hatches : matches : despatches

Engagements

Hattie Phillips, daughter of David and Minty Phillips, to **Jack Indge**.

Marriages

Alexander Anstey, son of Simon (dec) and June (Sedgie) Anstey, to **Alexi Harrison** on 20th August 2017 in London.

Deaths

Holmes Bruce on 20th June 2016 after a short but brave battle with cancer.

Bradby Dan Captain RN on 16th October 2016.

Birdwood Lieutenant Colonel Gordon (Fluffy) on 15th January 2017. Husband of Bella and father of Katie and Atalanta.

Brook Colonel Henry MC on 4th February 2017

Younger Michael on 4th March 2017. Husband of Hilary, father to Tory and Bungy, and Brother-in-law of Dinny Patterson and Peter and Peekie Prideaux-Brune.

Hollier Tim suddenly on 5th July 2017, just 70.

Wisher Peter on 27th August 2017. Husband of Sarah and father of Alexi, Christopher and Lucy.

Village news



New Schatzbergbahn as from December 2017

18 million Euros has been invested in the new Schatzbergbahn. The 8-seater gondola lift from Auffach up to the Schatzberg will begin operation this December. In the future the approx. 4 km long lift will be able to transport 2,650 people per hour. Amongst its innovations are a comfortable, barrier-free access, indoor ticket desks and a large sports shop.

"Alpbachtaler Lauser-Sauser" – the new Alpine Coaster on the Wiedersbergerhorn!

The new "Alpbachtaler Lauser-Sauser", right next to the Wiedersbergerhornbahn top station, opened in September. The sledges can reach speeds of up to 40 kmph descending over two jumps, waves and through two 360° twists. The exhilarating and fun 1,5 km run leads towards the Kohlgruben ski lift. It is open in both Summer and Winter.

Schatzberg Restaurant

Peter Schieslinger opened his restaurant, the Wurmegg Hochleger, last season at the top of the Schatzberg by the Verbindungs Lift, with stunning views.

Michi Lederer Rally

The Michi Lederer Rally will be held on the 7th April 2018.

Lift Closure

Please note the lifts will be closing on the evening of Sunday 8th April 2018.



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AVSC news

2018 Junior Training Weeks

| | |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Half Term | 10th-17th February |
| Easter | 31st March- 7th April |

Autumn Drinks

The Annual Autumn Drinks Party will not be held this year as we are concentrating on the 50th Anniversary. The next drinks party will be the 50th Anniversary Drinks on the 1st November 2018, venue to be confirmed.

Club Weekend

The Club Weekend will be 9th-11th March with on and off piste skiing, racing and parties. For more information contact Peter at peterhh@reeveslund.com Mobile 07973 327238.

Web Site/Facebook

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

Contact Details

We would like to remind our members that, to keep you up to date, we need your change of address and/or email.

Please send amendments to:

Club Secretary, c/o 26 Fabian Road, London SW6 7TZ or secretary@avsc.org.uk

Information

Banks

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Raiffeisenkasse | Mon-Fri | 08:00-12:15 | 14:00-17:00 |
| Sparkasse | Mon/Wed/Fri | 08:00-12:00 | 14:00-16.30 |
| | Tue | 08:00-12:00 | |
| | Thu | 14:00-18:00 | |

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|-------------------|-----|----------------|--|
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Junior Training

This year we had close to 120 children ski with us over the two training weeks, which makes it a very successful season despite pretty poor snow.

It started well in November 2016 with substantial falls of snow and cold weather allowing the snow canon to add more snow and with it our expectations grew for a good Winter season. Unfortunately, it got unseasonably warm after the January freeze and it wasn't possible to build a season lasting base. Nevertheless, the Lift Company worked incredibly hard throughout the season ensuring the pistes were in good order and in fact, despite very warm weather, we still had good skiing at Easter.

We followed our usual format, initially grouping the children then monitoring them to ensure classes are of the same standard. Starting slowly so that the children find their ski legs, then into exercises and technique including videoing which is such a powerful teaching aid. Pole training followed by parallel slalom gave children the opportunity to interact with their parents and, in some cases, beat them! It's funny, the days of serious pole training are behind us but when they are introduced into a fun ski week, it transforms the training. Suddenly the children's competitive spirit comes out and the week takes on a sharper edge, whereby the skiing standards accelerate beyond anything that could have been imagined at the start of the week. It's fantastic to watch and be a part of.

At Half Term we had brilliant sunny weather with cold nights and more children than we have had for several years – about 70/day. Pleasingly, we had lots of new recruits and we have a fantastic range of children across the age groups. Gerhard led a team of 9 instructors, giving us an average class size of just under 7, which is exceptional for Half Term when

the Ski School is so busy. Thanks to hard work from the Alpbach Team, including early starts to set our courses, the week included all we set out to accomplish. Some fresh snow skiing would have been a bonus but will have to wait until next year. A busy week flew by and we were quickly at Race Day in Inneralpbach with a long course from above the Böglalm to the finish hut (25 gates and a 180m vertical drop). A good challenging course set by Gerhard tested both the children and Open Race contestants; 52 children on the full course and 12 with a lower start. It was good to see all the competitors really going well and enjoying the race so much. Well done too to our beginners who, although they had a low start, had to race on the lower icier section of the piste. We finished with a BBQ lunch and prizegiving for AVSC and the Open Races. There were some excellent results especially when age is taken into consideration. Particular congratulations go to **Joe Lister** in a time of 51.85 and **Ella Wilmot** with 58.54 our Boy and Girl Champions. Also to the group winners **Harrison Hampshire, Oliver Clifford, Aleena Razzaq, Thomas Kenyon, Jack Harper-Hill, Amy-Rose Edginton, Rory Hall, Jemima Hands and Izzy Reis**. We also measure success by the improvement in skills over the week; Our congratulations go to our Most Improved class winners, chosen by the instructors. They were **Louis Parry-George, Charlie Hampshire, Louisa Neill, Simona Donker, Lucas Wilmot, Tillie Walker, Heath Ward and Emily Clifford**. It gets more difficult to select the overall most improved Girl and Boy as competition gets increasingly fierce each year so well done **Jess Fitzgerald** and **Freddie Wallace**.

At Easter we peaked at 48 children, with Gerhard leading again, with 7 instructors giving us an average class size of just over 6. In terms of weather, it was hot and sunny with relatively warm nights and, because it was so warm, we started even earlier than usual. The first lifts for the public start at 8.30 and our classes set off at 9am. We had a break with some snacks at around 11 and then had lunch in the Ast from about 13:15. The changed schedule worked well ensuring we made the best of the snow as later on it became very heavy. Gerhard and his team worked hard to set up the courses we needed during the week and again the instructors got the most out of all of our trainees. Huge thanks to Gerhard – his friendly and fun outlook masks the really hard work and early mornings he puts in, putting up poles before the training starts, so that they are ready for the first session with no wasted time. It's hard to imagine us getting this kind of dedication in the big resorts of Europe. Also a big thank you to the parents who fitted in with the different timings – no mean feat to get children on the first lift with ski kit and breakfast inside them! It was good to see so many happy folk. We missed our Böglalm chicken lunch, because the Inneralpbach slope was closed, but we packed in all our other activities; pole training, videoing and parallel slalom. By the end of the week snow was even thinner and, although determined to run an end of week race for AVSC, we were worried that an Open Race might not be possible. The only piste where we could plant gates was on the Muldenlift. As this was a shorter course than normal (12 Gates and a 60m Vertical Drop) we had two runs for both AVSC and the Open Race. Gerhard set a good course which stood up well with 79 entrants. Despite the coldest wind of the week, the course produced some very good runs with once

again some excellent times from some of our younger members. Congratulations to our Boy and Girl Champions **Cosmo Fisher** (49.32 secs) and **Jemima Macfarlane** (50.33 secs) and the other group winners **Amelia Menuir, Anthony Lindsay, Mathilda Paisner and Henry Andrews**. Racing is a small part of the week and it is always good for us to watch improvement as confidence grows during the week. Our Most Improved winners were **Elizabeth Orecchia, Flora Spenlove-Brown, Natasha Lindsay and Maddie Godley** and particular congratulations to our overall Most Improved Girl and Boy **Sylvie and Theo Gray**, a family affair this year!

Nancy Walker, Ella Wilmott, Oliver Reed and Eddie Vaughan have all represented the Club at different Schoolgirls and Schoolboys races during the season – well done them.

2017 has been a good year for Junior Training but none of it would be possible without the close partnership we have with Sepp and the Alpbach Ski School. Our instructors, who are often on the 8am work lift to plant gates before the skiing starts, then come back in the afternoons for the video playback sessions really going the extra mile to make the training a success. Thanks also to our lovely Club Secretary Linda who does so much for us and of course Stewart and Vee who give us so much of their time. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2018 and it would be fantastic if some of those from the half term training could consider Easter in addition – not only will it truly advance the children's skiing but we are also going to make it a very special 50th anniversary celebratory event.

Junior diary dates 2018

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| Half Term | Sat 10-Sat 17 February |
| Easter Week | Sat 31 March-Sat 7 April |

Ski School Alpbach congratulates AVSC on their 50th Anniversary



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Club Weekend Report 2017

This year's Club Weekend was held on 17th-19th March. With over 50 participants and a Six Nations final on the Saturday night it was always going to be an enjoyable get-together, particularly for the Irish contingent as it turned out!

The "fun event" on Friday was kindly laid on by Konny, who laboured hard to ensure it worked well – no easy task with very wet snow outside Joe's Salettl bar. The competition drew about 14 teams of 4 (2 for Zipflbob and 1 each for Golf and Darts), including one from Kenya! It was very competitive, very noisy and culminated with prizes kindly donated by Konny followed by a party at Joe's. Congratulations to Alistair Armstrong, James Neil, Andrew Mckie and Nigel Thursby for their convincing win.

Saturday's Race options were limited as the Inneralpbach drag lift was closed after the AICC GS. Gerhard suggested a course from the lower barn below the Böglalm to Joe's Salettl – with about 5 gates above the road. Race day was drizzly, so we had an earlier start with a single run on a good course, with 50 entries and 46 finishers. Prize giving was held in the Böglalm followed by a chicken lunch. Pity it was inside but still a great atmosphere. Well done to Frank Chitty and Ali Adams winning their classes.



The final event was watching the Ireland v England match in the Jak, followed by dinner for over 50. Again great atmosphere despite a pretty iffy Wi-Fi connection. Sadly with the wrong result, although a large noisy section of the audience were more than pleased!

Special thanks go to Konny, for all his help and generous sponsorship, and Gerhard, the Alpbach Ski School and Jens for all their hard work resulting in a really good course in very tricky conditions.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next Club Weekend on 9-11 March 2018.

Peter Harper-Hill

See page 37 for results and awards



Trainee racers

Every year we encourage our Trainees to spread their wings and take part in races across Europe with either sponsorship and/or equipment from the Club. In 2017 **Nancy Walker, Ella Wilmot, Oliver Reed** and **Eddie Vaughan** competed in various Children's races.

Ella Wilmot has written of her experiences in the British Schoolgirls' Races.

At the end of January 2017 I went with 6 other girls from my school to the British Schoolgirls' Races in Flaine, France. Having arrived a few days before the actual races started, we spent time with a ski instructor practising for the giant slalom and slalom courses. It was quite intensive but very good preparation.

The first event was the giant slalom. I was more confident about this event as it was similar to the course I am used to

racing on the AVSC week. However, on my first run and towards the end of the course, I fell over and lost one of my skis which was extremely frustrating as it meant I was disqualified and could not complete a second run.

The slalom relay was later the same day so I managed to put my disappointment in the giant slalom to the back of my mind and focus on the relay event which was a more fun and relaxed event. In the slalom relay your team of three competes against another team in a knockout competition. We won our first race comfortably against St Mary's Calne but ended up being knocked out in the next round by Reeds School who were tough competition.

The next day was the slalom, a very technical race and not an event I have had much experience in. However it ended up going really well and I completed both runs. Overall I came 81st out of 150 competitors and in my age group (U16) 29th out of 54. I was really pleased as this was my first experience of competitive ski racing.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience of being at Flaine and, despite falling in the first race, I gained some invaluable experience about racing. I was very proud to be representing my school and the AVSC.

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Amateur Inter Club Championships; Alpbach 2017

A team effort; so many people to thank.

It seems like many years ago that we were asked if we would like to host the 2017 inter club races. After some discussion the AVSC committee agreed. The date crept up on us at an alarming rate as all the locations and suppliers had to be booked months in advance.

The real kick-off was at the 2016 event in Lech-am-Arlberg where several members of the committee came over from Alpbach to observe the races and the evening events. They were joined by Sepp Margreiter and Gerhard Margreiter as head of Ski Club Alpbach. Markus Kofler represented the Alpbachtal Seenland Tourist Office and spoke at the prize giving dinner to invite the assembled teams to Alpbach. He had generously produced individual schnapps bottles branded with the AVSC and Seenland logos which went down extremely well along with the printed invitations.

Over the ensuing months the committee did much planning of logistics both in Alpbach and the UK. The village really threw their support behind the event. The Alpbacher Bergbahn, headed by Reinhard Weiser and his team were 100% committed and became principle local sponsors, along with Alpbachtal Seenland who added their full support. Nothing was too much trouble and indeed the Alpbach tourist office became the logistical hub during the event. Many thanks to Sandrine, Shelagh and Kathrin.

As with all top sporting events, "goodie" bags were prepared for all the competitors including generous gifts from

the sponsors. The bags were assembled by Linda, Wendy and a host of AVSC helpers under the watchful eye of Jenny Ferguson who had coordinated all the printing and sponsorship logistics for the event. These were duly distributed at the captains' meeting which preceded the opening drinks. The sponsors also provided banners and flags which were omnipresent during the weekend thanks to Mark Clinch who was a tremendous help to the committee and looked magnificent in his new lederhosen.

The opening drinks party on the Thursday evening was held in the Böglerhof with the bountiful support of Johannes Dufner who, as head of the Alpbach Tourist Board, welcomed the teams with enthusiasm, humour and delicious Austrian food. The standard of hospitality was matched by Richard Gower who supplied exceptional wine from his South African vineyard, Vondeling. It was a convivial welcome from Alpbach which set the tone for the whole event.

That evening most of the AVSC comprising 7 teams, many helpers, friends, family and even some Kandahar and SC Arlberg interlopers headed to the Roßmoos to dine and talk racing with nervous anticipation. By some miracle they managed to keep a lid on the excitement and most had an early night in preparation for the next day's giant slalom.

Friday morning saw miserable conditions for the start of the GS which was delayed by two hours. Gerhard, Petra Moser and their extended team from Ski Club Alpbach



Men

Ladies

Under 45s

Dan Couzens c
Ben Alexander
Sebastian Mayrhofer
Rupert Edwards
Paul Wilk
David Mathias c
James Ferguson
Alex Ettinger
Tommy Ferguson

45 and over

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| Stewart Edginton c | Jenny Ferguson c |
| Roger Walker | Miranda Gillott |
| Sam Gordon | Immy Barrow |
| Jason Grimley | Sally Angel-James |
| | Anna Gordon |

Pablo Ettinger c
Richard Gower
Chris Powell
John Ferguson

60 and over

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| Alan Hunt c | Lou Lou Troupe c |
| David Edginton | Fiona Scott-Evans |
| Jorge Bocca | Joanna Milner-Percy |
| Anthony Barrow | |

Nigel Thursby c
Chris Troupe
Michael Pettifer

Alpbach

Top 10 in Tyrol



Wildschönau

Alpbachtal



toiled with salt, shovels and elbow grease to fashion a course on the Galtenberg race piste. When the race eventually got underway the course held up extremely well and was enjoyed by everyone, albeit for one run only. Ski Club Alpbach produced barbequed sausages while soft drinks were provided by Silberquelle, all of which were appreciated by racers, spectators and helpers alike. The commentary duo of Henry Anstey and Olivia Chipperfield, hotly billed as new stars of breakfast TV, eased their way into the banter with increasing fluency and multi-lingual "encouragement" which was nothing to do with a large bottle of schnapps. How Eppi Hodgson knew what to write on the results board was anyone's guess!

That evening was billed as a Tyrolean celebration and everybody had been encouraged to wear something Austrian. Many of the visiting youngsters disappeared down to Rattenberg with their parent's credit cards and when all 200 participants and friends assembled at the Festhütte, the majority were in lederhosen and dirndls.

The evening had been conceived by AVSC club secretary Linda, aided by Stewart, Maggie Mander-Howells and the committee. Linda together with the two Wendys had done a magnificent job decorating the rustic hall. After warming glühwein around the fire pit outside, everybody was taken aback by the exhilarating, intoxicating atmosphere of the Festhütte. Within an hour the whole of the AICC were up on the benches dancing to the excellent Schuhplattler band from Reith; the beer budget was swiftly doubled and the evening was a resounding success. Special thanks to Tessa Inge for her kind sponsorship of the evening's entertainment.

Given the layout of Alpbach and Inneralpbach, transport for the participants was provided as an integral part of the event and several club members volunteered to ensure the smooth running of the shuttles. Thanks to Christine Ettinger, Liz Grimsey and Anne Barry who needed all her BA training to cajole the Arlberg team on to the minibus. Quite apart from making things easier, providing transport was probably the only way we could have brought the Festhütte evening to a timely close.

Saturday dawned much colder with blue skies and the Super G course, set from the Hornboden to the Unterhaus Alm, was closely inspected by excited racers who numbered 160. Andreas Moser, ex world cup course setter, had laid out a testing track on the perfectly prepared piste and again Ski Club Alpbach did a superb job with the course, the timing and the gate keepers.

As with the GS, the start was expertly marshalled in true military fashion by Mike Brennan and Oliver Chipperfield. Anne and Liz did a sterling job to wrestle the race bibs off the racers at the finish and were especially helpful to the hunky Italians.

The whole circus moved to the Böglerfeld in the village for the afternoon where the remaining strip of snow served as a surprisingly good dual slalom course. The course was set and manned by the Alpbach Ski School, but running the extremely complicated knock-out competition was down to us. Many club members stepped up manfully, including Adam Mason, Claire "Possum" Davey, Mike Brennan, Jane Ferguson, David, Ali and Immy Adams, Vee Thursby and many more. Eric from the Tischner provided much needed goulash, rolls and beers

while the competition whittled itself down to the final heats.

Having the all-new Congress Centre in which to hold the prize giving dinner was an unexpected bonus for the visiting clubs and again 200 attended. Linda and Maggie had worked closely with Katharina Dander from the centre management whilst the food was provided by the Böglerhof through Gast im Congress, their outside catering company. Racers and their guests were greeted by a fire bowl outside the centre which set the tone for the animated pre-dinner drinks. The tables were tastefully laid and everybody sat down to a gift wrapped commemorative wallet, donated by sponsors Ettingers of London.

Lucy Mason was our official photographer, ably supported by Lulu Adams; their spectacular and candid pictures of the three-day event played on a loop on a large screen whilst dinner was served. As ever, thanks are due to Christoph Margreiter for his technical support. Once the plates had been cleared Henry and Stewart rattled through the extensive prize giving ceremony with Keith and Reinhard awarding medals and trophies. Maggie had masterminded the prizes which was a huge task in itself. Closing speeches were made before the band struck up; this was the cue for the youngsters to let loose, joined by some oldies who should have known better.

AICC 2017 was a great success, marred only by training injuries to Ed Howells and Dan Couzens. The club is deeply grateful to all the sponsors without whose financial and logistical support the event would not have been viable. David Spencer produced numerous budget updates and kept us on track financially. Cathy Ferguson dealt with all the entry fees from AVSC racers which relieved me of a major headache!

I would like to add my personal thanks to Linda Klotz, Jenny Ferguson and Maggie Mander-Howells who gave so much of their time to ensure the event exceeded expectations. This was a constant theme in the many thank-you letters and emails we received from the AICC clubs. Arthur Denaro wrote a wonderfully evocative piece on Alpbach for the Kandahar Club Review which encouraged a record turnout of their members. Lastly a big thank you to Andrzej Kowalski of the Kandahar who devised the programme which computes all the race results. His contribution cannot be overestimated.

John Ferguson

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Final team results



| | Team | Time GS1 | Score GS | Team Time SG | Score SG | Overall score |
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Ladies 60+

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 3m 32.15s | 100 | 3m 48.16s | 100 | 200 |
| 2 | The Ladies Ski Club A | 4m 2.19s | 114.16 | 4m 27.35s | 117.18 | 231.34 |
| 3 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club A | 4m 31.49s | 127.97 | | | |

Ladies 45 - 59

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 3m 33.67s | 102.12 | 3m 32.90s | 100 | 202.12 |
| 2 | Marden's Ski Club A | 3m 29.23s | 100 | 4m 0.10s | 112.78 | 212.78 |
| 3 | The Ladies Ski Club A | 3m 56.12s | 112.85 | 3m 51.84s | 108.9 | 221.75 |
| 4 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club A | 3m 53.37s | 111.54 | 3m 57.05s | 111.34 | 222.88 |
| 5 | Kandahar Ski Club B | 3m 52.78s | 111.26 | 4m 29.19s | 126.44 | 237.7 |
| 6 | Sci Club 18 A | 4m 2.78s | 116.03 | 4m 22.20s | 123.16 | 239.19 |
| 7 | Sci Accademico Italiano A | 4m 7.94s | 118.5 | 4m 34.70s | 129.03 | 247.53 |
| 8 | The Ladies Ski Club B | 4m 17.65s | 123.14 | 4m 41.40s | 132.17 | 255.31 |

Ladies 18 - 44

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|---|---------------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 3m 8.49s | 100.13 | 3m 7.48s | 100 | 200.13 |
| 2 | Marden's Ski Club A | 3m 8.25s | 100 | 3m 16.32s | 104.72 | 204.72 |

Men 60+

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 3m 9.26s | 100 | 3m 14.93s | 100 | 200 |
| 2 | Sci Accademico Italiano A | 3m 12.45s | 101.69 | 3m 21.22s | 103.23 | 204.92 |
| 3 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club A | 3m 33.54s | 112.83 | 3m 42.39s | 114.09 | 226.92 |
| 4 | Sci Club 18 A | 3m 43.22s | 117.94 | 3m 46.64s | 116.27 | 234.21 |
| 5 | Downhill Only Ski Club A | 3m 59.17s | 126.37 | 4m 8.39s | 127.43 | 253.8 |
| 6 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club B | 4m 39.41s | 147.63 | 5m 45.18s | 177.08 | 324.71 |

| | Team | Time GS1 | Score GS | Team Time SG | Score SG | Overall score |
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Men 45 - 59

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| 1 | Ski-Club Arlberg B | 2m 50.59s | 100 | 3m 0.02s | 100 | 200 |
| 2 | Ski-Club Arlberg A | 2m 59.01s | 104.94 | 3m 4.49s | 102.48 | 207.42 |
| 3 | Marden's Ski Club A | 3m 4.78s | 108.32 | 3m 15.85s | 108.79 | 217.11 |
| 4 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club A | 3m 7.66s | 110.01 | 3m 15.70s | 108.71 | 218.72 |
| 5 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 3m 10.19s | 111.49 | 3m 15.11s | 108.38 | 219.87 |
| 6 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club B | 3m 12.75s | 112.99 | 3m 26.74s | 114.84 | 227.83 |
| 7 | Kandahar Ski Club B | 3m 25.05s | 120.2 | 3m 36.20s | 120.1 | 240.3 |
| 8 | Ski-Verein Rechberg A | 3m 24.85s | 120.08 | 3m 36.57s | 120.3 | 240.38 |
| 9 | Sci Accademico Italiano A | 3m 27.04s | 121.37 | 3m 36.54s | 120.29 | 241.66 |
| 10 | Meribel Ski Club A | 3m 26.70s | 121.17 | 3m 39.93s | 122.17 | 243.34 |
| 11 | Downhill Only Ski Club A | 3m 28.25s | 122.08 | 3m 40.08s | 122.25 | 244.33 |
| 12 | Meribel Ski Club B | 3m 34.12s | 125.52 | 3m 54.15s | 130.07 | 255.59 |
| 13 | Kandahar Ski Club C | 3m 32.84s | 124.77 | 3m 59.00s | 132.76 | 257.53 |

Men 18 - 44

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Kandahar Ski Club A | 2m 52.85s | 100 | 2m 55.47s | 100 | 200 |
| 2 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club A | 2m 55.73s | 101.67 | 3m 13.05s | 110.02 | 211.69 |
| 3 | Downhill Only Ski Club A | 3m 7.92s | 108.72 | 3m 12.70s | 109.82 | 218.54 |
| 4 | Kandahar Ski Club B | 3m 11.90s | 111.02 | 3m 10.40s | 108.51 | 219.53 |
| 5 | Alpbach Visitors Ski Club B | 3m 14.63s | 112.6 | 3m 13.83s | 110.46 | 223.06 |
| 6 | Queen's Royal Hussars A | 4m 2.72s | 140.42 | 3m 13.39s | 110.21 | 250.63 |
| 7 | Downhill Only Ski Club B | 3m 40.35s | 127.48 | 3m 42.07s | 126.56 | 254.04 |
| 8 | Marden's Ski Club A | 3m 2.92s | 105.83 | | | |

AICC race report

Ski Sunday by way of preparation ...

I'd said to John Ferguson and Stewart Edginton that it'd be great to take part in these races for the last few years. Café talk on the panoramic heights of lift 2000. Year on year an exotic winter location would arise, Klosters, Madonna di Campiglio, Lech; but costs made taking part prohibitive. There's a motivational gulf between being a novelty racer and a viable competitor. However, the thought of scoring a good result from amongst Europe's finest amateur ski racers, now slowed by the trappings of life, had a huge attraction.

"We're all going to Alpbach in spring for the races," my sisters, Sally and Anna, communicated, late in the Summer of 2016. I was under the impression that these were to be the Club's annual fun event and didn't give it much thought. The email requesting details of race ski requirement from Conny made me think again. As a fair-weather skier, the weapon of choice is usually a 163cm soft banana. I left the decision up to the more knowledgeable, after all skis had changed considerably since the early eighties. Conny set aside some 185 Blizzard FIS GS skis. 'You'll be fine' the email intoned. I watched Ski Sunday by way of preparation and felt confident.

We booked ourselves into the Hotel Alpbacherhof. It's centrally located and one of the more well-appointed hotels in the village, so if we bust ourselves on the slopes then there would be all facilities for recuperation at hand.

Talk, as always in the mountains, was on changes in the village, who'd seen who and the weather. The recent spell of heat had cleared the village of snow. Only a small

strip of white remained on the Böglerfeld next to the T-bar lift. What would be the impact on the racing if the race site in Inneralpbach was a radiant green-field site? If we did get to race, would the ruts favour the early starters and cause protest from visiting racers? We felt for Johnny and the organising committee as they considered the options. Then hit the bar in sympathy.

Already news had filtered through that Ed Howell had been injured whilst training on Wednesday. Thursday saw Dan Cozens suffering a similar fate over on the Galtenberg in Inneralpbach. The AVSC squad was thinning out rapidly day on day. Thanks to one of the many detailed preparation e-mails, I found myself to be in the 'A' Team of the over 45s. My skiing had never been at this standard before and I had replied at an early stage that there must have been a logistical typo. No reply. My 'team mates' Roger Walker, Jason Grimley and Stewart Edginton all had racing pedigree that included a large number of FIS races amongst them. I had a couple of downhill skateboard races and a blast in the Igls taxi-bob to my name. All of the 'B' Team guys were astonishingly quick too. A check of the rules revealed that the best three times of the four racers in a team would be taken. The fourth racer in the group was the donkey, or rather banker, should the wheels fall off the bus. That was my role. Pressure off then.

With racing starting on the Friday afternoon, the morning was free to pick up rental skis and give them a test. Conny's staff again allayed my fears about using a FIS GS ski, explaining something about turn radius.



Jenny Ferguson



Roger Walker



The AVSC teams

So why did my sisters not have similar? We'd skied together since year dot, starting each day at eleven and making lunch at the Hotel Wiedersbergerhorn by one. Part of me felt like I had a secret advantage that would reveal itself in the Super G. That's what these skis were made for, right? The other part felt like I had bitten off more than I could chew. Perhaps it was being told that I could exchange them that made me more determined to make the Blizzard skis work.

With Miranda Gillot, Sally, Anna and I caught the cable car up to the top of the mountain. Putting on our skis, we planned the regular first stop rendezvous by the top restaurant. Off shot the girls, leaving me to boot pfaft and take in the view. It was a clear, straight, kinder run to the stop. I face-planted twice. Not only did the

Blizzards weigh a ton, but the left ski bullet-trained to Brixlegg, whilst the right potted to the snow bar. There was absolutely no way these skis were going to flex and carve, so I covered the remaining ground in the racing snowplough position. Being somewhat careful of the slushy conditions, we bolted down to Inneralpbach for the GS and, whilst the girls headed back up the mountain for kit acclimatisation, I unclipped and charged up with caffeine with Jenny, Pablo and the organising committee at the bottom of the hill.

The GS was delayed whilst the tech heads from Ski Club Alpbach stabilised the race course. The heat was beating down on us, and rumours of the competition taking place on salt, rather than snow, filtered around. The amount of cat suits on display was

unnerving. One of the communications had said that around 85% of AICC racers would be sporting the padded tight numbers, but, having never really seen these for sale, seemed unlikely. By way of not letting down my team, I had picked up a piece of cross-country lycra for thirty quid on eBay. It was in the club colours of blue and orange, and looked the part from a distance, if a bit baggy around the corners. The suit had a zip up the front for panic situations, and fitted into its own breast pocket if not required. I tried on the lycra onesie at home in the dark so as not to offend anyone. As I pulled on the legs, a voice said, "new tights, Daddy?" I'd left open the door to my two-year-old son's room. I continued with the arms. "Ah, Superman." came through the gloom. Confidence restored.

On race inspection, the Giant Slalom seemed to be an evenly spaced, regular course with little variation and fewer surprises, thank goodness. Due to snow conditions, the decision had been made for all racers to do just one run and take the times accordingly. The last AVSC competition in which Sally, Anna and I had taken part involved drinking a small Obstler, running three times around a ski-stick and then timing how long it took to stagger to a finish pole. The AICC, despite the family generations all taking part, was a far more serious affair. Concerned by this, Anna had decided not to race. Only when offered a place on a Swiss lady's team with a stunning set of fur coats did she change her mind. I watched the girls have good starts from the top of the course and finish elegantly and in one piece. Go Team Gordon! As racer one hundred and four, I had a good view of the various competitors as they attacked the course, and fully expected it to be very rutted by the time my turn came round. As it happened, no ruts were visible and, as I was

called to the start, it was very clear that this was one excuse that could be crossed off the list. Preparation had been very thorough and snow stabilising technology had advanced considerably since last Family G went through poles.

The Giant Slalom was a regularly set, evenly spaced course, and I cut the gates as tight as I dared, coming through the finishing line feeling like a minor Alpine deity. The GS skis had worked seamlessly and previous concerns were shelved. "Well done," said the girls; "get a drink!" The comparative lack of interest from other parties reflected what was on the clock. Over twenty-three seconds off the fastest time. Had I stopped to pick up an Obstler and run round a pole? Should have. At least the 'A' Team had Roger and Jason to come and reduce the time difference. Jason was astonishingly quick, posting a time of 58:40, whilst Roger set a good pace at the top of the course. Half way down there was an intake of breath from the crowd as Roger faltered, but continued despite obvious injury. He popped over the line clutching his nether region having strained his thigh. Rather than dwelling on his pain, he came over to me and asked my time to see how the team was doing. 'Ah.' I thought; and gave out my time. The invalid had a six seconds margin over me. Did I see a look of 'what kept you' creep over his face? Certainly Roger was too polite to maintain it, and the baying bevy of fine young things that surrounded him who offered various localised massage, was a very welcome distraction. Perhaps tomorrow would be a better day. Ultimately it didn't seem to matter, as we all shared in each other's efforts and victories at the Inneralpbach shanty snow bar, a lean-to of gently alcoholic proportions.

Across the AVSC there was a very much a feeling that the event was now successfully

underway. There were times in the bag for competitors and the vibe that a small club could successfully host a big event. We danced unashamedly on the tables at the Tyrolean dinner in the Festhutte in Inneralpbach. Young men enthralled us to the 'oompah' sound with some of the finest thigh-slapping lederhosen acrobatics witnessed outside of the forest, as dirndled ladies delivered beer and chicken dinners at a spirited, unhealthy rate. Thank god there were buses laid on to take us back to the village. Later that evening I found myself murdering a rendition of 'Hotel California' to our race sponsors in the Alphof bar by way of preparation for the Super G. I'm sure they were impressed.

The idea of a Super Giant course down the 'Championship Run' had many of us feeling apprehensive. It was on a fast hill with blind corners and changeable snow conditions. On inspection, it seemed that the course setters had taken these considerations on board. There were sections for scrubbing speed and technical gates on the more open areas. Again, having a late start number, I watched the racers dive into the course from the Top Station start and watched as they crossed the top flat and into the left-handed turn to the wooded area. Roger came up to me with a few words of advice – that the top of the Championship Run carried a lot of speed and that many racers would be caught by the sharp left downhill and miss a gate. It might be good to not be too low at that point so that one could see through the next part of the course. Better to suffer a slight loss of speed rather than to gain a ten second penalty. Sally, Anna, Miranda and Jenny all had good starts and their reports from the bottom of the course fed back that it

was more of an extended GS rather than the superfast track our concerned heads had let us believe. With one run to set a time, I threw myself out of the start gate, keeping low to gain speed for the first traverse. The weighty planks on my feet tracked smoothly as I remembered Roger's words. Heeding them was a different matter. Again at the finish line, Anna and Sally said good things about my result, before heading up to the Top Station for refreshment. History, however, records that I'd missed a gate. Certainly no shortcuts had been taken. Indeed, if anything, my time suggested a short trip uphill mid-course; definitely not worth a steward's enquiry.

With the serious competitive events now in the bag, the various Alpine clubs headed back into the village for the mixed team fun race, the Parallel Slalom. The Böglersfeld at the top of the village was a soggy green affair bathed in spring heat, slowly recovering from the recent extension of the Conference Centre beneath it. To the right of the draglift was a small strip of snow just wide enough to race shoulder to shoulder, two abreast. My team of four seemed like a nice bunch. Lord knows who they were, but we quickly bonded and formed some devilish tactics, which was to say that I'd run second. I took off my softshell jacket and hung it on a fence post at the top of the course. It wasn't required in the piping heat, but the thing provided a touch of modest cover over a very thin lycra bodysuit. Very soon we were in the gate and flagged out through the straight-lined gates. Racing was close against strong opposition and we picked up a very good second place. Not quite the result planned, but we all parted on favourable terms. It was time to hit the snow bar. Off I set.



Jason Grimley

Jacket! Ah. Back up the hill I was soon pushing back into the large crowd of skiers that I'd left only a couple of minutes earlier. As I made it through to the fence post at the far side I heard a voice cry out, 'Sam you've finished, haven't you? You'll race again to infill? We need one more skier.' It was Miranda. As a member of the host team, I replied 'Of course I will.' I was hardly in a position to say no, although if previous performance was anything to go by, I couldn't be regarded as a pivotal asset. My new team colleagues were as familiar as my old ones; all a great mix of age and nationality. Again, I was to run second; hiding in the crowd. Whether the opposition was having an off moment or chance was on our side, we crossed the finish line fractions ahead, and our team stared at each other in happy amazement. 'Up you go again,' we were told. I was to lead out this team as a change of tactic (no-one else wanted to). We delayed the beers until after the

next run. That we won too. One of our competitors took a turn and headed off towards a ditch mid-course, handing over the win. Again and again we were sent back up and the crowd at the top became smaller and smaller. Eventually there were just eight of us, my team and, oddly enough, a bunch that we had beaten in the quarter final. 'Happy to race once more' we said. It was, after all, a fun race, and even if the rules seemed a touch confusing, this seemed to be a final of sorts.

The Blizzard planks that I'd struggled to make turn on the GS seemed to gain speed pretty sharply on a straight course. A few seconds after my run, our fourth team member whistled through the finish just ahead of his final competitor. Victory! We did the proper congratulations and all headed off towards the snow bar by way of celebration.

Jacket! I abandoned the team and dashed back up the T-Bar once again to find my



Paul Wilk

coat missing. In fact, everything had gone. I pointed back downhill and was grabbed at the bottom of the Böglersfeld and thrown into an impromptu prize-giving. From the podium slurry clods I looked in the crowd for Sally and Anna, but they were nowhere to be seen. Presumably they had vorlaufed to the Jak. Each team member was awarded a chocolate medal and commemorative bottle of schnapps. Hurrah!

We all adjourned to prepare ourselves for the gala dinner. Back at the Alpbacherhof I found Sally and Anna in their room. Turns out that Sally could not take part in the fun race because someone had mistakenly picked up her skis and left them at the top of the Böglersfeld. It dawned on me that I had taken my sister's place in the event. "I believe these should be yours," I said offering up the medal and drink. "I'll take the chocolate," she replied, "that Obstler is yours!" Seemed like a very good family arrangement.

Where the Festhutte bash had a rustic charm, the Prize Giving dinner in the Congress Hall was a sophisticated affair. The seating plan intermingled the participating competitors and I found myself next to a grande dame of The Ladies Ski Club. As we talked of families and mountains, photographs of the day's racing were projected onto a big screen above the stage. A twenty-foot picture of me looking fetching in my lycra onesie appeared, carving supremely around a GS gate. I pointed it out to her.

"You look like a hunchback." She said. She was not entirely wrong. 'More wine?' I offered.

Conversation turned to whether we would take part in the AICC again. Pablo, across the table was an old hand, and gave an emphatic 'yes.' This was very much the consensus.

For Sally, Anna and me, the event had been a great family affair in a village we all

love. Organisation had been seamless, even under the duress of ailing snow conditions. If there had been panic-stations then we were not privy to them. Jonny and the team had made a fantastic occasion.

We'd expected the standard of skiing to be high amongst the young, but competition was unforgiving throughout all age-groups. The bon-viveurs were also bon-coueurs. As Sally explained, 'Sam, many of these people have lived, or do live, in the mountains and have raced all of their lives.' Tell that to my legs, twitching in front of Ski Sunday.

And if the opportunity arose again...

Sam Gordon



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Club race results

2017 AVSC & Half Term Open Race - Friday 17 Feb 2017

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

Vertical drop 180m Giant Slalom 25 Gates Start temp +2°C Visibility Sun -Good

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

| | Bib | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|----|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 201 EDGINTON | Stewart | 47.59 | | Gents 45-59 | |
| 2 | 24 WALKER | Roger | 50.52 | 2.93 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 3 | 27 ELTON | Stefan | 51.19 | 3.60 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 4 | 67 LISTER | Joe | 51.85 | | 17 Gerhard | Fastest Boy |
| 5 | 66 LISTER | Hamish | 52.32 | 0.47 | 16 Gerhard | |
| 6 | 22 GALBRAITH | Andrew | 54.42 | 6.83 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 7 | 33 SPURR | Harry | 54.45 | 6.86 | Gents 30-44 | |
| 8 | 65 NAIRN | Callum | 55.52 | 3.67 | 14 Gerhard | |
| 9 | 40 NICHOLS | Paul | 56.51 | 8.92 | Gents 30-44 | |
| 10 | 60 WILMOT | Ella | 58.54 | 6.69 | 14 Gerhard | Fastest Girl |
| 11 | 17 ARTHUR | Richard | 59.83 | 12.24 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 12 | 15 LISTER | Jamie | 60.84 | 13.25 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 13 | 68 GALBRAITH | Jamie | 61.00 | 9.15 | 16 Gerhard | |
| 14 | 58 HAMPSHIRE | Harrison | 61.31 | 9.46 | 15 Rita | 1st in Class |
| 15 | 26 HARPER-HILL | Jack | 61.43 | 9.58 | 12 Jamie | 1st in Class |
| 16 | 61 WALKER | Frankie | 63.37 | 11.52 | 12 Gerhard | |
| 17 | 34 CLIFFORD | Gordon | 64.74 | 17.15 | Gents 30-44 | |
| 18 | 3 EDGINTON | David | 65.20 | 17.61 | Gents 70+ | |
| 19 | 14 WALKER | Marc | 65.48 | 17.89 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 20 | 7 LISTER | Catherine | 65.85 | 18.26 | Ladies 45-59 | |
| 21 | 10 NEILL | James | 66.55 | 18.96 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 22 | 36 ARMSTRONG | Alistair | 66.90 | 19.31 | Gents 30-44 | |
| 23 | 32 ARTHUR | Juliet | 67.12 | 19.53 | Ladies 30-44 | |
| 24 | 63 ROGAN | Grant | 67.28 | 15.43 | 12 Gerhard | |
| 25 | 69 ARTHUR | Jack | 67.40 | 15.55 | 12 Gerhard | |
| 26 | 31 ARTHUR | Isobel | 67.53 | 15.68 | 10 Jamie | |
| 27 | 57 HAMPSHIRE | Charlie | 67.54 | 15.69 | 13 Rita | Class Most Improved |
| 28 | 11 HARPER-HILL | Peter | 67.61 | 20.02 | Gents 45-59 | |
| 29 | 8 WILMOT | Fiona | 68.02 | 20.43 | Ladies 45-59 | Pussy Galore |
| 30 | 26 WHITE | Stuart | 68.60 | 21.01 | Gents 45-59 | |

2017 AVSC & Half Term Open Races cont

| | Bib | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|-----|-----|--------------|----------|-------|----------|---|
| 31 | 53 | CLIFFORD | Oliver | 68.61 | 16.76 | 10 Suzie <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 32 | 21 | NAIRN | Jim | 69.03 | 21.44 | Gents 45-59 |
| 33 | 23 | HERITAGE | Nick | 69.05 | 21.46 | Gents 45-59 |
| 34 | 31 | PARRY-GEORGE | Joana | 69.37 | 21.78 | Ladies 30-44 |
| 35 | 18 | WILMOT | Richard | 69.56 | 21.97 | Gents 45-59 |
| 36 | 64 | PARRY-GEORGE | Louis | 69.87 | 18.02 | 11 Gerhard <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 37 | 27 | FITZMAURICE | Rory | 70.62 | 18.77 | 8 Jamie |
| 38 | 41 | RAZZAQ | Aleena | 70.91 | 19.06 | 16 George <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 39 | 30 | ARTHUR | Oliver | 71.52 | 19.67 | 10 Jamie |
| 40 | 18 | EDGINTON | Amy-Rose | 71.92 | 20.07 | 8 Olivia <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 41 | 19 | ARMSTONG | Kenzie | 71.98 | 20.13 | 9 Olivia |
| 42 | 37 | KENYON | Thomas | 73.18 | 21.33 | 10 Mateus <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 43 | 16 | ROGAN | Molly | 73.42 | 21.57 | 10 Olivia |
| 44 | 29 | EDGINTON | Sophie | 73.52 | 25.93 | Ladies 30-44 |
| 45 | 54 | WILMOT | Olivia | 73.72 | 21.87 | 12 Rita |
| 46 | 46 | WALKER | Georgie | 74.02 | 22.17 | 11 Suzie |
| 47 | 59 | GALBRAITH | Olivia | 75.68 | 23.83 | 11 Rita |
| 48 | 49 | NEILL | Louisa | 76.57 | 24.72 | 12 Suzie <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 49 | 29 | FITZGERALD | Jess | 76.91 | 25.06 | 9 Jamie <i>O/All Most Improved Girl</i> |
| 50 | 34 | PRESCOT | George | 77.62 | 25.77 | 12 Mateus |
| 51 | 33 | WILMOT | Lucas | 77.70 | 25.85 | 10 Mateus <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 52 | 39 | WARD | Adam | 77.86 | 30.27 | Gents 30-44 |
| 53 | 15 | WALKER | Betsie | 78.14 | 26.29 | 8 Olivia |
| 54 | 39 | WHITE | Eloise | 78.37 | 26.52 | 14 George |
| 55 | 24 | HALL | Rory | 78.39 | 26.54 | 10 Peter <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 56 | 1 | SPURR | Alistair | 78.81 | 31.22 | Under 16 <i>Youngest Entrant (5)</i> |
| 57= | 51 | LAWMAN | Tascha | 79.27 | 27.42 | 10 Suzie |
| 57= | 28 | FITZMAURICE | William | 79.27 | 27.42 | 10 Jamie |
| 59 | 47 | RAZZAQ | Amber | 79.41 | 27.56 | 11 Suzie |
| 60 | 35 | NICHOLS | William | 79.77 | 27.92 | 10 Mateus |
| 61 | 52 | FITZGERALD | Patrick | 80.67 | 28.82 | 11 Suzie |
| 62 | 36 | HAMPSHIRE | Hannah | 81.46 | 29.61 | 12 Mateus |
| 63 | 14 | WALKER | Tillie | 82.40 | 30.55 | 8 Olivia <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 64 | 44 | GALBRAITH | Sophie | 83.18 | 31.33 | 14 George |
| 65 | 2 | SPURR | Teddy | 83.75 | 36.16 | Under 16 |
| 66 | 40 | WALKER | Lois | 84.06 | 32.21 | 16 George |
| 67 | 38 | HANDS | Gavin | 84.42 | 36.83 | Gents 30-44 |

| | Bib | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|----|-----|----------------|----------|--------|----------|---|
| 68 | 48 | PARRY-GEORGE | Arabella | 85.19 | 33.34 | 9 Suzie |
| 69 | 55 | ROWAN-HAMILTON | Willa | 85.29 | 33.44 | 13 Rita |
| 70 | 23 | HARPER-HILL | Ava | 85.86 | 34.01 | 11 Peter |
| 71 | 6 | WALKER | Fiona | 86.18 | 38.59 | Ladies 45-59 |
| 72 | 21 | WALLACE | Freddie | 87.12 | 35.27 | 12 Peter <i>O/All Most Improved Boy</i> |
| 73 | 20 | WALLACE | Tallulah | 88.89 | 37.04 | 10 Peter |
| 74 | 30 | DAVIES | Irena | 90.49 | 42.90 | Ladies 30-44 |
| 75 | 32 | ARMSTRONG | Callum | 92.71 | 40.86 | 12 Jamie |
| 76 | 22 | HUGHES | Oliver | 94.11 | 42.26 | 12 Peter |
| 77 | 17 | NEILL | Freddie | 100.62 | 48.77 | 8 Olivia |
| 78 | 56 | ROWAN-HAMILTON | Charlie | 116.81 | 64.96 | 15 Rita <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 79 | 42 | WALKER | Jeremy | 117.92 | 70.33 | Gent 70+ <i>Young at heart</i> |
| 80 | 42 | MOORE | Tilly | 118.53 | 66.68 | 16 George |
| 81 | 62 | WALKER | Nancy | 120.55 | 68.70 | 14 Gerhard |
| 82 | 25 | HALL | Henry | 140.27 | 88.42 | 12 Peter <i>Bravest Racer</i> |
| 83 | 43 | PRESCOTT | Debs | 149.48 | 101.89 | Ladies 45-59 |
| | 45 | DONKER | Simona | DNS | | <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| | 19 | FITZMAURICE | Rupert | DNF | | <i>Best Wipe out</i> |

2017 AVSC Half Term - Friday 17 Feb 2017

LOW START Location: Inneralpbach - Track crossing to Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 105m Giant Slalom 15 Gates Start Temp -2°C Visibility: Sun - good

| | Bib | | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|----|-----|----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 6 | CLIFFORD | Emily | 47.07 | | 8 Stefanie | <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 2 | 13 | HANDS | Jemima | 48.96 | 1.89 | 10 Lotta | <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 3 | 9 | WARD | Heath | 53.48 | 6.41 | 10 Lotta | <i>Class Most Improved</i> |
| 4 | 1 | REIS | Izzy | 53.63 | 6.56 | 10 Stefanie | <i>1st in Class</i> |
| 5 | 11 | PRESCOTT | Molly | 55.83 | 8.76 | 9 Lotta | |
| 6 | 8 | ZNOWSKI | William | 56.17 | 9.10 | 11 Lotta | |
| 7 | 12 | HERITAGE | Ethan | 56.58 | 9.51 | 7½ Lotta | |
| 8 | 5 | DAVIES | Darcy | 57.69 | 10.62 | 7 Stefanie | |
| 9 | 10 | REIS | Amelia | 65.57 | 18.50 | 8 Lotta | |
| 10 | 4 | EDGINTON | Tallulah | 68.26 | 21.19 | 6½ Stefanie | |
| 11 | 2 | HUGHES | Georgina | 76.97 | 29.90 | 10 Stefanie | |
| 12 | 7 | ZNOWSKI | Lotte | 92.16 | 45.09 | 9 Lotta | |
| | 3 | HANDS | Sebastian | DNS | | 7 Stefanie | |

2017 AVSC Club Weekend Open Race - 18 March 2017

AVSC Giant Slalom Location: Inneralpbach - Hut below Böglalm to Joe's Salletl

Vertical drop 150m Giant Slalom 19 Gates Start temp +2°C Visibility: Overcast Flat, wet with some drizzle

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

| | Bib | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|----|-----|-----------------|-------------|-------|----------|--|
| 1 | 22 | CHITTY | Frank | 40.70 | 0 | M 45 - 59 <i>Fastest Gentleman</i> |
| 2 | 3 | EDGINTON | David | 41.56 | 0.86 | M 60 - 69 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 3= | 43 | CHAMBERLAIN | Peter | 42.05 | 1.35 | M 16 - 29 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 3= | 18 | ANSTEY | Henry | 42.05 | 1.35 | M 45 - 59 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 5 | 47 | ANSTEY | Henry | 43.51 | 2.81 | M16 - 29 |
| 6= | 9 | ADAMS | Ali | 45.14 | 4.44 | F 45 - 59 <i>Fastest Lady</i> |
| 6= | 24 | BUTCHER | David | 45.14 | 4.44 | M 45 - 59 |
| 8 | 4 | STITT | Speedo | 45.46 | 4.76 | M 60 - 69 <i>Crimes Against Skiing</i> |
| 9 | 2 | ANSTEY | Janie | 46.07 | 5.37 | F 60 - 69 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 10 | 31 | JONES | Ben | 46.18 | 5.48 | M 45 - 59 |
| 11 | 15 | NEEDHAM-BENNETT | Chris | 46.31 | 5.61 | M 45 - 59 |
| 12 | 23 | NEIL | James | 46.60 | 5.90 | M 45 - 59 |
| 13 | 46 | CALVOCORESSI | Christopher | 46.78 | 6.08 | M 16 - 29 |
| 14 | 5 | THURSBY | Nigel | 47.06 | 6.36 | M 60 - 69 |
| 15 | 44 | SAMPSON | James | 47.38 | 6.68 | M 16 - 29 |
| 16 | 19 | BOLTON | Richard | 47.44 | 6.74 | M 45 - 59 |
| 17 | 20 | PHILLIPS | Chris | 47.53 | 6.83 | M 45 - 59 |
| 18 | 26 | ARMSTRONG | Alistair | 48.05 | 7.35 | M 45 - 59 |
| 19 | 48 | COOKE | Shane | 48.46 | 7.76 | M 16 - 29 |
| 20 | 10 | CHAMBERLAIN | Fiona | 48.62 | 7.92 | F 45 - 59 |
| 21 | 11 | CHITTY | Caroline | 48.86 | 8.16 | F 45 - 59 |
| 22 | 33 | AVENT | Sophie | 48.90 | 8.20 | F 16 - 29 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 23 | 7 | SLATTERY | Nick | 48.98 | 8.28 | M 60 - 69 |
| 24 | 21 | CHAMBERLAIN | Roger | 49.40 | 8.70 | M 45 - 59 |
| 25 | 17 | HARPER-HILL | Peter | 50.49 | 9.79 | M 45 - 59 |
| 26 | 16 | MC KIE | Andrew | 51.56 | 10.86 | M 45 - 59 |
| 27 | 27 | MORROW | Ian | 51.96 | 11.26 | M 45 - 59 |
| 28 | 8 | ADAMS | David | 52.08 | 11.38 | M 60 - 69 |
| 29 | 29 | BRIEN | Simon | 53.47 | 12.77 | M 45 - 59 |
| 30 | 45 | TISDALE | Ben | 53.67 | 12.97 | M 16 - 29 <i>Best Fall</i> |
| 31 | 28 | McDONNELL | Richard | 56.19 | 15.49 | F 45 - 59 |
| 32 | 35 | BRIEN | Tiffany | 56.49 | 15.79 | F 16 - 29 |

| | Bib | | Time | Diff | Category | |
|----|-----|-------------|---------|--------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 33 | 1 | STITT | Jane | 59.08 | 18.38 | F 60 - 69 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 34 | 14 | BRIEN | Juanita | 60.38 | 19.68 | F 45 - 59 |
| 35 | 41 | MILLER | Ian | 60.84 | 20.14 | M 16 - 29 |
| 36 | 36 | MEANEY | Carlyn | 63.19 | 22.49 | F 16 - 29 |
| 37 | 39 | CHAMBERLAIN | Megan | 65.15 | 24.45 | F 16 - 29 |
| 38 | 34 | ANSTEY | Molly | 65.46 | 24.76 | F 16 - 29 |
| 39 | 6 | PHILIPS | David | 69.01 | 28.31 | M 60 - 69 <i>Young at Heart</i> |
| 40 | 32 | HILDITCH | Helen | 69.28 | 28.58 | F 30 - 44 <i>1st in Category</i> |
| 41 | 50 | McDONNELL | Susie | 70.90 | 30.20 | F 45 - 59 |
| 42 | 25 | MC CLAY | Gareth | 74.23 | 33.53 | M 45 - 59 |
| 43 | 42 | LONGHEAD | Oliver | 74.72 | 34.02 | M 16 - 29 |
| 44 | 37 | BOLTON | Phoebe | 79.80 | 39.10 | F 16 - 29 |
| 45 | 30 | KINGSTON | Charlie | 95.18 | 54.48 | F 45 - 59 |
| 46 | 38 | McCLEERY | Leanne | 102.95 | 62.25 | F 16 - 29 <i>Bravery Award</i> |

The Awards:

1st in Each Category

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Best Fall | Ben Tisdale |
| Pussy Galore | Lindy Anstey |
| Young at Heart - missed gate | David Philips |
| Best Fall & Recovery | Charlie Kingston |
| Bravery Award | Leanne McCleary |
| Crimes Against Skiing | Speedo Stitt |
| Lost Pole | Christopher Calvocoressi |

2017 AVSC & Easter Open Race Combined - Friday 7 April 2017

AVSC Race Location: Red Route 47 - Fixed snow cannon to Ast Mulden

Vertical drop 60m Giant Slalom 12 Gates Start temp -2°C Visibility: Clear Flat. Cold wind

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

* Ist in Category
 B Fastest Boy
 G Fastest Lady
 CMI Category Most Improved
 † Overall Most Improved Boy
 †† Overall Most Improved Girl
 BT Broken Thumb

| | Bib | | Run 1 | Run 2 | Time | Diff | Category | Instructor | |
|----|-----|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|------------|---|
| 1 | 66 | MATHESON Alex | 22.92 | 23.00 | 45.92 | 0.00 | M 30-44 | | |
| 2 | 72 | CIRAOLO Luca | 23.33 | 22.79 | 46.12 | 0.20 | M 16-29 | | * |
| 3 | 71 | BARROW Archie | 22.87 | 23.55 | 46.42 | 0.50 | M 16-29 | | |
| 4 | 75 | DUNBAR Archie | 23.21 | 23.71 | 46.92 | 1.00 | M U 16 | | * |
| 5 | 47 | BARROW Antony | 23.52 | 24.06 | 47.58 | 1.66 | M 60-69 | | * |
| 6 | 65 | SPENLOVE-BROWN Spook | 24.27 | 24.41 | 48.68 | 2.76 | M 30-44 | | |
| 7 | 39 | FISHER Cosmo | 24.51 | 24.81 | 49.32 | 3.40 | 15 Gerhard / Martin | B | |
| 8 | 79 | BLACKWOOD Tom | 24.60 | 24.96 | 49.56 | 3.64 | M 16-29 | | |
| 9 | 76 | CAMPBELL Otto | 24.64 | 24.93 | 49.57 | 3.65 | M 16-29 | | |
| 10 | 30 | MACFARLANE Jemima | 25.06 | 25.27 | 50.33 | 4.41 | 13 Freddie | G | |
| 11 | 55 | LINDSAY Jason | 25.40 | 25.29 | 50.69 | 4.77 | M 45-59 | | * |
| 12 | 37 | HAMMERSLEY Will | 25.71 | 25.20 | 50.91 | 4.99 | 14 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 13 | 56 | BRYANS Nick | 25.75 | 25.19 | 50.94 | 5.02 | M 45-59 | | |
| 14 | 63 | MATHESON Nadine | 26.09 | 24.96 | 51.05 | 5.13 | F 30-44 | | L |
| 15 | 26 | WILKINS George | 25.58 | 25.56 | 51.14 | 5.22 | 12 Freddie | | |
| 16 | 11 | FARQUHAR Alexander | 25.86 | 25.44 | 51.30 | 5.38 | M 16-29 | | |
| 17 | 68 | GRAY James | 26.35 | 25.56 | 51.91 | 5.99 | M 30-44 | | |
| 18 | 32 | ROSE-BRISTOW Angus | 25.26 | 26.70 | 51.96 | 6.04 | 17 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 19 | 50 | MACFARLANE Fee | 26.18 | 25.84 | 52.02 | 6.10 | F 45-59 | | * |
| 20 | 40 | ETHERINGTON Amelia | 26.33 | 25.77 | 52.10 | 6.18 | 15 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 21 | 42 | BURGESS Imogen | 26.08 | 26.70 | 52.78 | 6.86 | 14 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 22 | 80 | HOPKINS Hetty | 26.15 | 26.93 | 53.08 | 7.16 | F U 16 | | * |
| 23 | 53 | BURGESS Charles | 27.15 | 26.59 | 53.74 | 7.82 | M 45-59 | | |
| 24 | 61 | HAMMERSLEY Paul | 26.32 | 27.49 | 53.81 | 7.89 | M 45-59 | | |

| | Bib | | Run 1 | Run 2 | Time | Diff | Category | Instructor | |
|----|-----|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|------------|---|
| 25 | 82 | HAMMERSLEY Mia | 27.05 | 26.84 | 53.89 | 7.97 | F 16-29 | | * |
| 26 | 77 | COUZENS Juliette | 27.37 | 26.61 | 53.98 | 8.06 | F 30-44 | | |
| 27 | 45 | EDGINTON David | 27.29 | 26.89 | 54.18 | 8.26 | M 70+ | | * |
| 28 | 48 | BARROW Imy | 26.84 | 27.40 | 54.24 | 8.32 | F 45-59 | | |
| 29 | 41 | BURGESS Madeleine | 27.01 | 27.24 | 54.25 | 8.33 | 12 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 30 | 43 | BLACKWOOD Ruby | 27.34 | 27.06 | 54.40 | 8.48 | 16 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 31 | 70 | BARROW Francesca | 26.78 | 27.70 | 54.48 | 8.56 | F 16-29 | | |
| 32 | 27 | SPENLOVE-BROWN Flora | 27.07 | 27.43 | 54.50 | 8.58 | 10 Freddie | CMI | |
| 33 | 36 | HEYRING Coco | 27.78 | 26.99 | 54.77 | 8.85 | 12 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 34 | 28 | MATHESON Angus | 29.92 | 25.10 | 55.02 | 9.10 | 10 Freddie | | |
| 35 | 59 | PAISNER Jonathan | 27.44 | 27.65 | 55.09 | 9.17 | M 45-59 | | |
| 36 | 73 | ALDRIDGE Alexander | 27.60 | 27.61 | 55.21 | 9.29 | M 16-29 | | |
| 37 | 25 | WILKINS Max | 28.02 | 27.21 | 55.23 | 9.31 | 11 Freddie | | |
| 38 | 8 | LINDSAY Anthony | 27.75 | 27.85 | 55.60 | 9.68 | 10 Olivia | | * |
| 39 | 29 | MARTIN Tati | 28.07 | 27.78 | 55.85 | 9.93 | 13 Freddie | | |
| 40 | 38 | FITZALAN HOWARD Francis | 28.12 | 28.05 | 56.17 | 10.25 | 14 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 41 | 54 | MARTIN Hugh | 28.51 | 27.70 | 56.21 | 10.29 | M 45-59 | | |
| 42 | 57 | KLEMMER Yves | 27.93 | 28.59 | 56.52 | 10.60 | M 45-59 | | |
| 43 | 58 | ORECCHIA Emilio | 29.01 | 27.67 | 56.68 | 10.76 | M 45-59 | | |
| 44 | 60 | ILIFFE Edward | 29.15 | 27.69 | 56.84 | 10.92 | M 45-59 | | |
| 45 | 62 | EDGINTON Sophie | 29.23 | 28.39 | 57.62 | 11.70 | F 30-44 | | |
| 46 | 10 | EDGINTON Amy-Rose | 28.23 | 29.46 | 57.69 | 11.77 | 8 Olivia | | |
| 47 | 34 | KLEMMER Lana | 28.98 | 28.76 | 57.74 | 11.82 | 17 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 48 | 20 | MENUIR Abbie | 29.09 | 28.97 | 58.06 | 12.14 | 14 Jamie | | * |
| 49 | 69 | ANDREWS Jeremy | 29.99 | 28.62 | 58.61 | 12.69 | M 30-44 | | |
| 50 | 67 | ROSE-BRISTOW Dan | 29.63 | 29.04 | 58.67 | 12.75 | M 30-44 | | |
| 51 | 22 | MARTIN Freddy | 28.53 | 30.33 | 58.86 | 12.94 | 11 Jamie | | |
| 52 | 11 | BRYANS Kip | 29.64 | 30.44 | 60.08 | 14.16 | 11 Olivia | | |
| 53 | 44 | THURSBY Nigel | 30.31 | 29.94 | 60.25 | 14.33 | M 70+ | | |
| 54 | 35 | HUNT-DAVIS Hum | 30.26 | 30.26 | 60.62 | 14.70 | 15 Gerhard / Martin | | |
| 55 | 23 | LINDSAY Natasha | 30.68 | 30.27 | 60.95 | 15.03 | 12 Jamie | CMI | |
| 56 | 33 | ORECCHIA Elizabeth | 30.54 | 31.56 | 62.10 | 16.18 | 16 Gerhard / Martin | CMI | |
| 57 | 19 | ORECCHIA Amelia | 30.84 | 31.50 | 62.34 | 16.42 | 14 Jamie | | |
| 58 | 64 | LINDSAY Demetra | 31.16 | 31.25 | 62.41 | 16.49 | F 30-44 | | |
| 59 | 49 | BRYANS Phoebe | 31.16 | 31.88 | 63.04 | 17.12 | F 45-59 | | |
| 60 | 7 | LINDSAY Thomas | 32.10 | 31.65 | 63.75 | 17.83 | 10 Olivia | | |
| 61 | 83 | LAMBERT Olivia | 32.38 | 31.40 | 63.78 | 17.86 | F 16-29 | | |

2017 AVSC & Easter Open Race cont

| | Bib | | | Run 1 | Run 2 | Time | Diff | Category | Instructor | |
|----|-----|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|------------------|-----|
| 62 | 21 | MATHESON | Toby | 33.08 | 33.19 | 66.27 | 20.35 | 7 | Jamie | |
| 63 | 51 | HAMMERSLEY | Alex | 32.73 | 34.18 | 66.91 | 20.99 | F 45-59 | | |
| 64 | 13 | PAISNER | Mathilda | 33.98 | 33.11 | 67.09 | 21.17 | 11 | Lotta | * |
| 65 | 46 | WALKER | Jeremy | 34.57 | 33.33 | 67.90 | 21.98 | M 70+ | | |
| 66 | 18 | BRYANS | Effie | 33.39 | 34.56 | 67.95 | 22.03 | 11 | Lotta | |
| 67 | 9 | GRAY | Theo | 33.24 | 34.79 | 68.03 | 22.11 | 9 | Olivia | † |
| 68 | 17 | EDGINTON | Tallula | 34.55 | 35.51 | 70.06 | 24.14 | 6 | Lotta | |
| 69 | 12 | PAISNER | Nat | 35.05 | 35.09 | 70.14 | 24.22 | 8 | Lotta | |
| 70 | 5 | ANDREWS | Rose | 35.91 | 34.95 | 70.86 | 24.94 | 12 | Athina | * |
| 71 | 16 | GODLEY | Maddie | 35.61 | 35.41 | 71.02 | 25.10 | 11 | Lotta | CMI |
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| 73 | 1 | GRAY | Silvie | 34.97 | 38.81 | 73.78 | 27.86 | 7 | Athina | †† |
| 74 | 15 | GRAY | Stella | 37.83 | 36.24 | 74.07 | 28.15 | 11 | Lotta | |
| 75 | 3 | ANDREWS | Henry | 36.66 | 37.51 | 74.17 | 28.25 | 9 | Athina | |
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