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Chairman's letter

Dear Members and Friends

Our 50th Anniversary celebratory year was rounded off in style with a party on board the PS Tattershall Castle moored on the Thames. It was a great evening with more than 150 members and friends including some we have not seen for many a year. We danced to music from Johannes's band. The Sunnhof Buam (the Farmhouse Boys) certainly made the evening swing with many old Alpbach favourites from those well remembered Keller days! I take the opportunity to thank those who generously donated prizes for the Silent Auction. It was such a success that we will return there for our Autumn Drinks on Thursday 21st November and hope to see many of you there.

2019 surpassed previous years with more snow than any of the Alpbachers can remember. There was still an abundance for our late Easter week and another heavy fall covered the Village in mid May. Our season had a disappointing start with a cancelled Christmas Open Race because snow cannons were left on overnight filling the race track with mountains of soft powder. Our junior training year was one of contrasts with more children at Half Term (88) and, maybe because it was so late, fewer at Easter (20) than ever before. Because there were so many late bookings we were unable to get hold of sufficient instructors, resulting in some classes being larger than usual. Plans are in place to avoid a re-occurrence in 2020. Despite changeable weather, all the children did really well with measurable improvement and some super times on race days.

AVSC were well represented with four teams in Mürren for the AICC races. Our major hopes were for our A Team in the 45-59 Category where once again our biggest challengers were SC Arlberg. We so nearly beat them and, had not Dan Walker had a massive prang, we would have been there. We wish Dan a full recovery. Other results were good too, with all our teams doing really well; we look forward to further success in Flaine in 2020.

The Club Weekend was another huge success with Peter Harper-Hill, Henry Anstey and Mark Clinch organising a great weekend of skiing and partying with 59 at the dinner on Saturday night.

Your Committee and Joey, our Club Secretary, work hard for us all during the year and on behalf of all of us I thank them. This year we have begun a process of strengthening the Committee and have started by welcoming Lucy Clarke to both the JTC and the General Committee. Many of you will already know Lucy, who instructed in Alpbach for three seasons and has young children with us at Half Term and Easter. There are further plans to involve our "Junior" Members, 18 to 25, more closely. They are the future of our Club and we will keep you informed as we make progress in this area.

We are grateful for the tremendous support we get from Alpbach and particularly from Konny and Sepp who have been such a massive help to us over so many years. And thanks to Konny, we now have discounts at Conny's Sport, see details in AVSC News on page 6.

We are an optimistic lot and look forward to another great season and to seeing you all again, if not at the Autumn drinks, then in Alpbach in 2020.

With best wishes

Mike Brennan

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2019

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2019	2018
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	5,038	5,163
Training	830	2,372
Racing	618	1,387
Club Weekend	182	251
Christmas Tombola	373	585
Donations	80	25
Bank Interest	16	24
Total income	7,137	9,807
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Secretarial	2,764	2,045
Administration	387	856
Newsletter (net of advertising)	1,765	283
Memberships	1,136	1,144
Promotional	0	141
Sponsorship	0	1,000
AICC Team Expenses	704	696
Bank Charges	52	68
Sundry	0	224
50th Anniversary	0	0
Expenses	5,934	
Auction	(1,170)	
50th Reserve	(1,210)	
Club Events Reserve	(2,000)	
Members Reserve	(1,554)	
Total expenditure	6,808	6,457
Income less Expenditure	329	3,350
Transferred to		
Junior Training Fund	–	(2,000)
Exchange Gain	188	347
Surplus for year	517	1,697
transferred to Members' Reserve		

BALANCE SHEET

	2019	2018
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Bank		
UK	15,598	16,949
Austria	584	8,577
LESS LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	(500)	(1,102)
Net current assets	18,682	24,424
REPRESENTED BY		
Members Reserve		
Brought Forward	14,255	12,558
50th Anniversary	(1,554)	–
From Income and Expenditure Account	517	1,697
	13,218	14,255
50th Reserve	–	1,210
Junior Training Reserve	5,464	6,959
Club Events Reserve	–	2,000
Total reserves	18,682	24,424

Notes

1 These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1 : €1.12 (2018 £1 : €1.10).

2 All figures are in Sterling.

Mike Brennan Chairman
Paul Nichols Hon. Treasurer
3rd September 2018

NOTICE OF AVSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

To be held on Thursday 21st November at 6.45pm in the Stateroom on the PS Tattershall Castle, Victoria Embankment, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HR.

AGENDA

- To approve the Minutes of the 27th December 2018 AGM.
- To receive the Chairman's Report.
- To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2019.

Club Secretary October 2019

Diary dates

2019

21 November	Autumn Drinks and AGM, Tattershall Castle 1830-2230
24 December	Christmas Eve Band in Square 2230
25 December	Christmas Day AVSC Carol Service St Oswald's Church 1800
26 December	Inneralpbach Open Race 1300 AVSC Christmas Party/Tombola/Prizegiving, Böglerhof 1800
27 December	Ski School Guest Races
30 December	New Year's Eve

2020

15-22 February	Half Term Junior Training Week, Alpbach
21 February	AVSC Open Race
11-13 March	AICC 13th Amateur Inter-Club Championship, Flaine
13-15 March	AVSC Club Weekend, Alpbach
28 March-4 April	Easter Junior Training Week, Alpbach
3 April	AVSC Open Race
13 April	Alpbach Lifts Close
November	AVSC Autumn Drinks and AGM

Hatches : matches : despatches

Births

Norton/MacAllister. To Lucy and Jamie, a son, **Benni**. A brother for Annabelle.

Marriages

Anya Thursby to **Jeremy Cottle** on 6th July 2019.

Katie Slattery to **Charlie Parnell** on 19th September 2019.

Deaths

Ferguson. Colonel **James Henderson (Jimmy)** on 13th February 2019 after a short illness, aged 90. Father to Cathy, John and Jenny, father-in-law to Jane, grandfather to James and Tommy. A long time devotee of Alpbach, Jimmy was a house parent and junior training manager back in the day when the club ran residential courses.

Bailey. **Peter Grenfell** on 19th February 2019 after a brief illness. Former Hon. Treasurer and Vice President and, with his wife, Jane, organised the first London party – our 21st Anniversary at the Hurlingham Club.

Slack. **Sir William Slack KCVO** on the 28th April 2019. A Founder Member in 1968 and father of Graham (Gum) and Diana – AVSC trainees 1970-71.

Village news

Alpbach Pur will be more prominent with new computer systems set to streamline booking and allow more cooperation between the partners. See alpbachpur.at

Reservoirs Lift Company is building a huge new reservoir on the Kohlgrube to open up the 2000 with more snow cannons.

The Alpbacherhof has had an extensive makeover including a smart new bar with a veranda extension, remodelled dining room, expanded spa facilities with a gym and 8 new rooms.

Die Alpbacherin Boutique Hotel is being built on the site of Haus Angelika. This new 4 Star hotel is due to open during the Winter season with 54 rooms car parking and a private spa.

The Hornboden is upgrading the covered area adjacent to the bar.

Lift Closure The Alpbach Lifts will close pm Monday 13 April.



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AVSC news

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2020 Junior Training Week dates

Half Term: 15th-22nd February

Easter: 28th March-4th April

Autumn Drinks & AGM

The Autumn Drinks Party will be held on 21 November on the PS Tattershall Castle, Victoria Embankment from 6.30pm. We will also hold the AGM at 6.45 pm. RSVP vivienthursby@mac.com

Amateur Inter-Club Championships

The 2020 AICC will be held in Flaine, run by The Ladies Ski Club, 11th-13th March.

Anyone wanting to take part or help should contact John Ferguson at johnlynx@aol.com

Club Weekend

The Club Weekend will be 13th-15th March with on and off piste skiing, racing and parties.

For more information contact Peter at peter@theharperhills.com: mobile 07973 327238.

Website/Facebook

Please help us to keep providing up to date information on our website 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.

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Information

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Junior Training Report 2019

Every year our training weeks throw up new dynamics that we learn from. The challenge this year was numbers; a record entry of 88 children at half term but only 22 for Easter.

These things go in cycles and it can depend on school holiday dates but the good news is that we've always been able to ski, even the late Easter this year proved no problem. No doubt this is aided by the extensive snow cannons around the mountain and a much greater focus by the lift company on the commercial importance of this – indeed the coming season will see new snow cannons on the 2000.

Our half term training offered lots of variety in terms of groupings and standards due to the high numbers. Most of the children were below teenage years, which bodes well for continuity and friendship building within the club. We had 11 instructors led by Michi; Gerhard was assisting in the village as he nursed a damaged ACL incurred whilst training an Army Regiment, and it was fantastic to have another former trainee join us as a qualified instructor doing their season in Alpbach; Bug Good.

Lunch times were interesting as we filled the Ast, making us realise we really do have to cap numbers at these levels. But lunchtimes are fun; brothers and sisters checking out how the other is doing; friends from school comparing notes. It's how it should be for a British club in the Alps and not something you can replicate in normal ski school (anywhere). As ever, we rotated sessions at the Böglalm for spit roast chickens; always a highlight for the children.

The weather was kind to us to start with; Easter-like sun. Unfortunately, that fully turned for race day and it was one of those cloudy/rainy days sent to test our true ski ability! The race was on the Inneralpbach slope; our youngest 2 groups started half way down while the rest from above the road; with a winning time of 53 seconds – that's a proper ski race length, which, again, you just can't get in normal ski school. With so many of us there, we had a BBQ sausage lunch for



Junior Training cont

the children, while they watched the parents attempt the race – a highly competitive event (if not openly admitted!). As ever the competition between the children was great to see. Congratulations to our girl and boy winners, **Nancy Walker** and **Louis Parry-George**. And also to our group most improved winners **Jack Arthur**, **Leila Herbig**, **Aleena Razzaq**, **Louisa Neill**, **Alexandra Synnott**, **Oliver Dittmer**, **Louis Petit**, **Ruby Ward**, **Tilly Wooldridge** as well as the overall Most Improved girl **Emily Clifford**, 10 and boy **Harry Wooldridge**, 13.

We were delighted with the high number of applicants but realise, for logistical reasons and in order to keep the groups small, that we must match our trainees to the number of instructors we can book. We will try to give preference to those who have been before but for those who know they are coming, we recommend that you register with us as soon as announcements are made. If there are too many latecomers and we cannot get hold of additional instructors we may have to start a waiting list.

Moving on to Easter our groups averaged just over 5 per instructor ably led by Jamie MacCallister, of strong AVSC pedigree and reasonably spoken English (sorry Jamie!). While the snow base was absolutely great this year, the expected Easter sun did not materialise. Most days were cold and race day was a complete white out! As a result, we held two runs on the Mulden lift, providing a very different kind of race experience but giving competitors a second chance to beat their first run! Congratulations to our boy and girl winners, **Angus Matheson** and **Georgie Walker**. Class most improved went to **Toby Matheson**, **Matilda Marriott** and **Eliza Charteris** and a special congratulations for the overall most improved, **Rose Charteris** (aged just 6½)! A big thank you to Spook Spendlove-Brown and Alex Matheson for being parent helpers for the week – having



extra eyes, ears and hands at meeting points is most helpful! Also, as ever, our great thanks to Sepp and the ski school for helping us continue the AVSC training and being such a helpful partner. We really do appreciate being able to hold a full length race at the end of the week as well as having a parallel slalom course – it adds so much to the ski training.

For the coming season, if there are any former trainees who are on gap year/other and who would like to add to their CV, it would be fantastic to have a formal helper on the mountain to help with logistics and parent interface. We would also be happy to provide a reference for job seeking thereafter.

And finally, to any of the children who are continuing their training during the year on dry slopes, we are delighted for you to race under the AVSC name. Congratulations to Giselle Davies winning a medal in the under 8 category.

Here's to another great season in 2020!

Junior training dates 2020

Half Term	15-22 February
Easter Week	28 March - 4 April
Easter Sunday	12 April

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Club Weekend Report 2019

The club weekend was held from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th March. The weather forecast for the weekend looked good. As ever the weekend was extremely well supported with over 50 people attending.

Following the success of last year, a parallel Slalom was again organised for Thursday on the Böglersfeld. Club Weekenders can get twitchy when too distant from a bar. To prevent any such nervousness spoiling the racing, Erich Tischner set up a bar beside the registration and PA table. As ever the event was extremely competitive with plenty of exciting racing, a few good falls and some excitable commentary from Lindy Anstey. The racing narrowed down into several knock out stages and was eventually won by Henry Anstey Jnr. The management are keen to point out that nepotism played no part in this win. After the parallel racing it was a quick change to get the shuttle service to and from the Roßmoos for dinner; this is a popular new venue for the club weekend. Needless to say the party continued at the Jakober afterwards!

Sadly, the weather gods did their worst the following day. A decent course down to the Finish Hut had been set on the Inneralpbach slope in the morning but the warm weather then softened the course and verges dramatically. The problem in these conditions is that the deep snow off the track becomes treacherous, leg breaking, if hit badly and it was thus deemed too dangerous for a GS race. The Club weekenders however looked opportunity in the eye and moved swiftly to Joe's bar where they could be seen drinking schnapps by the gallon and doing the conga in the rain. Much fun was

had, albeit not on skis! And then back to the Village for a fun evening in both the Post Stüberl and the Messner.

The last day was a magnificent day with plenty of on and off-piste skiing. Following some great Rugby, England v Scotland and Wales v Ireland, streamed live in the Jakober, dinner rounded off another unforgettable weekend.

The 2020 weekend dates have been set for 12th - 15th March, hopefully the weather will be kinder on race day! A big thank you to Konny and Joey for once again providing the sponsorship.

See you all next year.

*Peter Harper-Hill
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Amateur Inter-Club Championships

On Her Majesty's Secret Service ... by Jenny Ferguson

This year's Amateur Inter-Club Championships (AICC), held in Mürren and hosted by the Kandahar Ski Club, was always going to be special. Home of the infamous Inferno Race, birthplace of modern ski racing and the setting for the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service', Mürren is packed full of skiing folklore. Over 250 racers from 13 international ski clubs arrived for the three-day ski championship - a far bigger race entry than normal. Where to start...

Packing

Our individual race preparation in January/ February might have been dubious but minimal gate training and questionable fitness aside, no one could have faulted the total enthusiasm and dedication with which the four AVSC teams tackled the long weekend. Our challenges began before leaving home: team packing instructions included the usual eclectic collection of racing gear, skis, boots, poles, Tirolean costume for the prize giving, après ski team jackets plus a Bond outfit! Careful baggage-allowance tactics were definitely required. The Ladies team (Sally Angell-James, Imy Barrow, Jenny Ferguson, Miranda Gillott) decided that as a podium finish was unlikely, given the fierce competition in their age category this year, they might still take the fancy-dress section and planned Bond outfits accordingly!

Build-up

By Thursday evening, all AVSC team members had arrived in Mürren, ready for the AICC Welcome Drinks and team dinner. We even had reserves amongst our enthusiastic group of supporters – a godsend as one particular 'powder hound' slightly overdid it earlier in the week, sustained a suspicious leg injury and sadly couldn't race at all. Well done to Jeremy Walker for stepping into



the Senior Men's team at such short notice (again!) ... Pablo Ettinger, we look forward to seeing you racing again next year.

Day One

Giant Slalom (GS) race day on Friday started with perfect conditions on the Winteregg: cold, clear, sunny and a slight breeze. It's difficult to describe the growing sense of anticipation as racers ranging from 18 – 85+ yrs old, from club amateur to ex-Olympians begin their course inspection, check out the race lines and flash past practicing low, angulated racing turns. To get through the start gate, you really do need your team for last minute equipment checks, tips and most of all, courage. And then there's a fantastic sense of elation at the finish, generally coupled with a total conviction that 'if only I had done X, Y and Z it would have been the winning time'!

Anthony Barrow, Jorge Bocca, David Edginton and Jeremy Walker put in solid GS performances for the Senior Men's team, coming 9th in their team category, only dropping slightly due to one missed gate. The Ladies team also posted a creditable 7th place as a team, again with one missed gate (...possibly the same one?).

Then the fun really started as our Men's 45-59 A and B team racers appeared (aka the A team and the B team). There has been a spirited ongoing rivalry in this age group with our friends from the SC Arlberg club and this year proved no different!

Jason Grimley was first out of the start gate for the A team with a fast time of 1m 32.50s. Roger Walker followed with a better time of 1m 31.89s, swiftly followed by Dan Walker and a superb run of 1m 28.90s. These three excellent times were enough to take 2nd place in the team category, splitting the SC Arlberg A and B teams. Dan



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also achieved an individual podium finish of 3rd place in age category. Only a few seconds behind Jason, the A team's fourth member, Stewart Edington, posted a solid individual GS time and would then go on to save the day in the Super G.

All credit to the B team for coming 7th in the GS in such a competitive field, tucking in nicely behind the Kandahar A and B teams and Mardens. A few notes in passing about the B team: Richard Gower managed to race both days with a broken bone in his ankle; Bobby Hanna made his AICC racing debut; John Ferguson completed the course on both skis(!) and, being a man short, the B team was bolstered by Alan Ramsay – a Mürren resident, kindly on loan from the Kandahar.

To give some overall perspective, the fastest GS skier was a young man (Men's 18-44) from the Schweizerischer Akademischer Skiclub (SAS) with a time of 1m 22.22s. Our Men's A and B teams did really well!

Although the day started with a mild breeze, the evening forecast was for ferociously strong winds. The scheduled Bond-themed dinner for that evening was due to be held in the Piz Gloria, a revolving restaurant perched on the summit of the Schilthorn (2970m) and only accessible by a single cable car strung between two mountain peaks. In all likelihood, 250+ guests might have arrived at the restaurant that evening but then got stuck on the summit due to gale force winds.

So, in an extraordinary feat of catering logistics, the Kandahar organising committee switched the evening location and function from mountain to village and we duly switched from Bond to Tirolean costumes! Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, GS prize-giving and dancing in the very elegant Palace Hotel Ballroom, reopened especially for the event.



Day Two

We greeted another stunning day with a heady mix of anticipation and trepidation – the Super G race is always faster, steeper and requires serious commitment.

Armed with a few new racing tricks and tips, our Senior Men's, Ladies and Men's B teams all improved on their team placing from the previous day. Very commendable. Particular mention goes to: Miranda and 'Edge' for using all the gates in the Super G race, as opposed to the GS where they had both been a bit choosey. And to John for nudging ahead of a few AICC committee arch-rivals in his age group and actually finishing both races...it's been a while!

However, with such a strong performance in the GS, all eyes were on the A team. Could they make another podium finish? Jason and Roger raced hard, finishing 6th and 4th as individuals in their category. Things were looking good... The course was predictably long and fast with a tricky, sharp, lefthanded

delay gate about 10 gates before the finish. This was inevitably catching out a few of the faster, later racers who were carrying the most speed as they approached the finish. And this is exactly where Dan caught an edge and tumbled badly, rupturing his knee and causing a stress fracture to his tibia. (We were amazed and much relieved that Dan managed to get swift treatment and still make it to the evening celebrations.) With Dan out, Stewart was the last to go and the pressure was on. With three times to count, he had to get down and at some pace. Stewart came up trumps, finished in style and kept the team in the running for a placing at the prize-giving that evening...

Following a fun afternoon of parallel-slalom 'madness', we changed into our Bond outfits and headed back up the cable cars to the Piz Gloria restaurant. Timed to perfection with the sun just setting, we were treated to a spectacular panoramic view of The Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau and, of course, a 007 fiesta with versions of George Lazenby, Dianna Rigg, Q, M, Blofeld and Moneypenny at every turn...plus a few MI6 frogman in full wetsuits! Amazing how much you can pack into a ski bag.



Aside from chatting to so many old and new AICC racing friends that evening, the real AVSC racing highlight was an overall 3rd place podium finish for the A team. Congratulations Dan, Roger, Jason and Stewart. For full racing results, please go to: www.intercom.com/2019_kandahar.php

Again, the Kandahar organising committee must be commended for their superb, unflappable ability under pressure. It's not easy to conduct a prize-giving in a circular restaurant, but they did it with flair and we had a fabulous evening. It seems somehow fitting that the only AVSC team photo we managed this year was in Bond costume for which, dear reader, we must apologise!



Our thank-you's go to: the AICC and the Kandahar Ski Club for a fantastic event; the AVSC committee for sponsoring the AICC race entry fees; supporters Paula Walker, Anna Gordon and Adam Mason for coming to Mürren; Emma Mason for being our unofficial photographer and to AVSC club members in general for their interest and enthusiasm for the AICC racing. It was also lovely to see Neil McQuoid and Anna Chitty in Mürren working on the Racer Ready magazine and providing photography for the races.

AICC 2020

The 2020 AICC races will take place in Flaine, hosted by The Ladies' Ski Club (LSC). Flaine sits in the Grand Massif ski area, just an hour's drive from Geneva, and is easily accessible with great skiing. The LSC was founded in 1923 and has long supported British female racers at school, club, national and international level. The LSC team still talk enthusiastically about the Hotel Post and their visit to Alpbach's 2017 AICC races and so look forward to welcoming the AVSC teams to Flaine in March 2020. Please contact John, Stewart or Jenny if you're interested in racing.



The AVSC teams in Mürren

Ladies 45-59

Jenny Ferguson (c)
Imy Barrow
Miranda Gillott
Sally Angell-James

Men 60+

Pablo Ettinger (c)
replaced by Jeremy Walker
David Edginton
Anthony Barrow
Jorge Bocca

Men 45-59

A Jason Grimley (c)
Dan Walker
Roger Walker
Stewart Edginton
B John Ferguson (c)
Richard Gower
Bobby Hanna
Alan Ramsay





Wings over Wiltshire



Being given a flight over Wiltshire was not at the top of Nigel Thursby's Wish List, having flown military helicopters over the county for several years!

He took Grandson Harry, to view the Caen Flight (all 29 locks), Avebury Ring, Stonehenge and Silbury Hill from the air.

Our grateful thanks to Andrew Wimble for donating this at the 50th Anniversary Drinks Auction last year.

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The Stanis Memorial Trophy

Mike Brennan asked me to write a short article on the Stanis Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the winner of the Stanis Memorial race at the Army Ski Championships.

Several AVSC members are involved in running and organising Army ski racing, including Ross Anderson (now a FIS Technical Delegate), David Thompson, Sid (Richard) James and myself. We all trained with Peter and Gerhard Margreiter in the late 1990s and have all, at one stage, won the Stanis Trophy.

Stanis Schwarzenauer was a popular Ski Lehrer training army teams in Alpbach in the 1960s. He was tragically killed in a car crash in April 1964 and a race in his memory was established, the prize for which was a silver trophy given by the Army Ski Association. The first Stanis Memorial Race took place in Alpbach in 1965 with 14 regimental teams taking part, and was won by 11th Hussars. This memorial race continued in this guise throughout the 1970s.

The trophy was re-designated in 1984 as the Army Alpine Combination second place and was awarded to the runners up over the four disciplines of slalom, giant slalom, super G and downhill. For the past 25 years the Army Championships have been held in Serre Chevalier in the Southern French Alps. Serre Chevalier is famous for its final wall named after local hero Luc Alphand, the last French winner of the 1997 World Cup overall title. The resort hosted several World Cup events in the 1990s and continues to host the British Army for its championships. From here, the army then select a team to race against the Navy and the RAF at the inter-services competition, with the best going onto the British championships at the end of the season.

Peter Margreiter, Gerhard Margreiter and more recently Christen Bischoffer have all



coached teams at Serre Chevalier and also vorlaufed (tested the course). Famously, Gerhard, in his first year as a coach (1997 I think), beat the local champion by 2 seconds in the Super G in his red Ski Lehrer uniform. When asked by the French coach how he learnt to ski so well, he replied that he was Austrian and only the seventh fastest in his village! The competition standard is high with several ex national and junior Federation International du Ski (FIS) racers competing on a FIS standard race piste. At the Army prize-giving the Stanis Trophy is always introduced by an Alpbacher or AVSC member, regaling the

story of Stanis, the creation of the Army Winter Sports Association (AWSA) and how the Village of Alpbach has been a founding pillar to military ski racing. Peter and Gerhard have performed this duty, along with Aggie Hunt (married to Erna from the village), Geordie Dryden and, more latterly, me as the Vice Chairman of Army Alpine Skiing.

Both Alpbach army teams, SCOTS DG and Queens Royal Hussars have won the Stanis Trophy. It was always with great pride that

we used to return to the village with the trophy and present it to Andreas (Stanis's son) at the Waschkuchl for celebration, and remember Stanis Schwarzenauer and what he did for Army skiing.

This year the winners were 154 Scottish Transport Regiment, who had Rob Poth, who is currently in the GB Snowsports Europa cup squad, skiing for them as an Army Reservist.

Spook Spenlove-Brown



Gerhard (very unusually in a zigzag jumper!) in 2001 with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

left to right:

Archie Macfarlane, Gerhard, Alex Matherson, Spook Spenlove-Brown, David Thompson, Will Leek



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2019 AVSC Half Term and Open Race - Friday 22 February

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

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom 25 Gate Start Temp: 0°C Visibility: Drizzle at times heavy - Flat light

Start Time AVSC week: 10:38 Start Time Open Race: 11:45

Course Setter: Michael

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
1	12 WALKER	Dan	47.06	0.00	Gents 45-59	
2	11 WALKER	Roger	47.63	0.57	Gents 45-59	
3	34 ELTON	Stefan	49.84	2.78	Gents 45-59	
4	70 WEBB	Andrew	49.88	2.82	14 Telford	
5	85 PARRY-GEORGE	Louis	52.93	5.87	13 Michael	<i>Fastest Boy</i>
6	27 GALBRAITH	Andrew	53.61	6.55	Gents 45-59	
7	66 WALKER	Nancy	53.84	6.78	15 Peter	<i>Fastest Girl</i>
8	53 HAMPSHIRE	Harrison	54.07	7.01	Gents 16-29	<i>Best Recovery</i>
9	19 FITZMAURICE	Rupert	55.62	8.56	Gents 45-59	
10	63 BROOMHALL	Finlay	55.69	8.63	11 Telford	
11	49 WILMOT	Ella	55.79	8.73	Ladies 16-29	<i>Fastest Lady</i>
12	73 ROGAN	Grant	55.85	8.79	14 Victoria	
13	61 CLIFFORD	Oliver	56.32	9.26	12 Georg	
14	15 PETIT	Sebastien	56.51	9.45	Gents 45-59	
15	55 HARPER-HILL	Ava	56.81	9.75	13 Suzie	
16	30 ARTHUR	Richard	56.89	9.83	Gents 45-59	
17	50 WALKER	Betsy	56.99	9.93	10 Suzie	
18	69 TRAVIS	Georgia	57.19	10.13	13 Telford	
19	68 WHATTEY	Ross	58.16	11.10	13 Telford	
20	26 NICHOLS	Paul	58.42	11.36	Gents 45-59	
21	47 GALBRAITH	Sophie	58.57	11.51	Ladies 16-29	
22	33 HAINES	Bruce	58.81	11.75	Gents 45-59	
23	65 BROOMHALL	Sophie	58.84	11.78	13 Telford	
24	87 HERBIG	Sam	59.59	12.53	16 Michael	
25	45 FITZMAURICE	Rory	59.96	12.90	10 Eva	
26	14 McDADE	Gary	60.27	13.21	Gents 45-59	
27	41 NICHOLS	William	60.32	13.26	12 Eva	
28	74 PRESCOTT	George	60.47	13.41	14 Victoria	
29	56 EDGINTON	Amy-Rose	60.51	13.45	10½ Suzie	
30	89 ARTHUR	Jack	60.62	13.56	14 Michael	
31	52 HAMPSHIRE	Charlie	60.96	13.90	Gents 16-29	

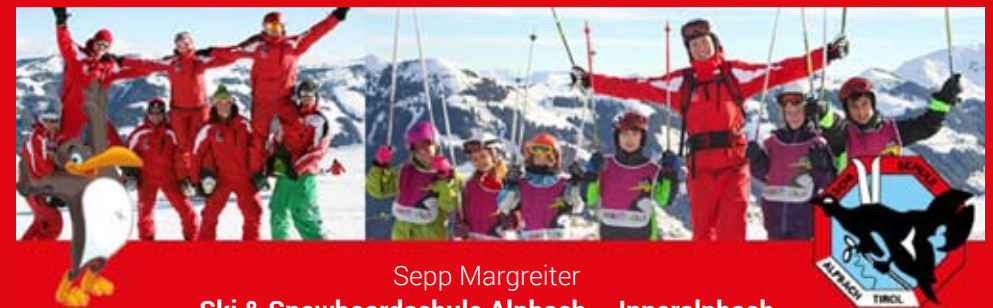
	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
32	86 HERBIG	Ollie	61.02	13.96	15 Michael	
33	64 TONKS	Bryce	61.06	14.00	10 Telford	
34	28 EDGINTON	Stewart	61.39	14.33	Gents 45-59	
35	57 SPURR	Alistair	61.85	14.79	7 Georg	
36	78 GALBRAITH	Olivia	61.89	14.83	13 Victoria	
37	22 WALKER	Mark	62.35	15.29	Gents 45-59	
38	68 RAZAQ	Aleena	62.48	15.42	18 Peter	
39	21 ARMSTRONG	Alistair	62.59	15.53	Gents 45-59	
40	44 POUND	Harry	62.63	15.57	10 Eva	
41	23 CLIFFORD	Gordon	62.94	15.88	Gents 45-59	
42	35 CLARKE	Tom	63.50	16.44	Gents 45-59	
43	52 PARRY-GEORGE	Arabella	63.71	16.65	11 Suzie	
44	22 NEILL	Freddy	64.04	16.98	11 Anna Lena	
45	77 HAMPSHIRE	Hannah	64.18	17.12	14 Victoria	
46	43 POUND	Dan	64.41	17.35	Gents 30-44	1st in Category
47	18 NEILL	James	64.43	17.37	Gents 45-59	
48	79 FITZGERALD	Patrick	65.49	18.43	13 Victoria	Class Most Improved
49	72 WILMOT	Lucas	64.54	17.48	12 Victoria	
50	66 BRISTOLL	Rory	64.65	17.59	13 Telford	
51	49 WALKER	Tilly	64.70	17.64	11 Suzie	
52	53 NEILL	Louisa	64.93	17.87	14 Suzie	
53	26 JOHNSTONE	Isobel	64.99	17.93	12 Lotta	
54	60 DAVIES	Darcy	65.83	18.77	9 Georg	
55	58 POUND	Jackson	66.01	18.95	10 Georg	
56	75 LUCAS	Ed	66.31	19.25	15 Victoria	
57	19 WOOLDRIDGE	Jake	66.46	19.40	10 Anna Lena	
58	31 HARPER-HILL	Peter	66.89	19.83	Gents 45-59	
59	48 WEST	Amélie	67.20	20.14	12 Suzie	
60	62 HOLLAND	Emily	67.33	20.27	Telford	
61	20 WARD	Heath	67.48	20.42	12 Anna Lena	
62	33 WEST	Felix	67.60	20.54	10 Lukas	
63	36 LUCAS	Bertie	67.64	20.58	14 Lukas	
64	27 JOHNSTONE	Emma	67.69	20.63	12 Lotta	
65	42 DAVIDSON	Grant	67.72	20.66	Gents 30-44	
66	46 FITZMAURICE	Will	68.04	20.98	12 Eva	
67	34 SYNNOTT	Conor	68.88	21.82	9 Lucas	
68	48 ROGAN	Mollie	69.20	22.14	Ladies 16-29	
69	42 McDADE	Georgia	69.31	22.25	12 Eva	

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	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
70	39 FINKEL	Brooks	70.21	23.15	12 Lukas	
71	16 SYNNOTT	Alan	70.23	23.17	Gents 45-59	
72	28 HANDS	Jemima	70.27	23.21	13 Lotta	
73	37 EDGINTON	Sophie	70.38	23.32	Ladies 30-44	
74	82 HUGHES	Oliver	70.90	23.84	14 Victoria	
75	80 CLIFFORD	Emily	70.95	23.89	10 Victoria	<i>O/All Most Improved Girl</i>
76	64 ARTHUR	Isobel	71.00	23.94	12 Georg	
77	51 RAZZAQ	Amber	71.12	24.06	13 Suzie	
78	55 McKEVITT	Cathy	71.13	24.07	Ladies 45-59	<i>1st in Category</i>
79	67 WOODWARD	Jacob	71.91	24.85	13 Telford	
80	40 SYNNOTT	Alexandra	73.40	26.34	11 Eva	<i>Class Most Improved</i>
81	23 EASTON-THOMAS	Millie	73.45	26.39	9 Anna Lena	
82	37 JOHNSTONE	Rosie	73.73	26.67	9 Lukas	
83	35 McDADE	Lulu	74.04	26.98	14 Lucas	
84	59 HERBIG	Leila	74.91	27.85	10 Georg	
85	44 ROBINSON	Michael	75.50	28.44	Gents 30-44	
86	54 LAWMAN	Tascha	75.89	28.83	12 Suzie	<i>Class Most Improved</i>
87	4 PRESCOTT	Debs	76.01	28.95	Ladies 45-59	
88	29 EDGINTON	Talula	76.23	29.17	8 Lotta	
89	40 DAVIDSON	Pippa	76.31	29.25	Ladies 30-44	
90	31 DITTMER	Oliver	76.96	29.90	12 Lotta	
91	47 BARRY	Emily	77.48	30.42	11 Eva	<i>Class Most Improved</i>
92	38 HAINES	Enfys	78.21	31.15	9½ Lucas	
93	43 HUGHES	Georgina	79.05	31.99	12 Eva	
94	24 BARRY	Isobel	79.11	32.05	11 Anna Lena	
95	61 WOODWARD	Sam	79.54	32.48	10 Telford	
96	30 DITTMER	Josh	80.15	33.09	10 Lotta	<i>Fall</i>
97	84 WALKER	Frankie	80.30	33.24	14 Michael	<i>Fall</i>
98	10 ROGAN	Sarah	81.08	34.02	Ladies 45-59	
99	88 BRYANS	Kip	81.79	34.73	13 Michael	<i>Fall</i>
100	32 WOOLDRIDGE	Harry	82.03	34.97	13 Lukas	<i>Fall</i>
101	45 SPURR	Harry	83.82	36.76	Gents 30-44	
102	21 PETIT	Louis	84.37	37.31	9 Anna Lena	<i>Fall O/All Most Improved Boy</i>
103	8 ARTHUR	Juliet	84.91	37.85	Ladies 45-59	
104	36 DAVIES	Irena	85.56	38.50	Ladies 30-44	
105	76 HARPER-HILL	Jack	86.74	39.68	14 Victoria	<i>Fall - Class Most Improved</i>
106	5 FINKEL	Gesa	88.39	41.33	Ladies 45-59	
107	56 McKEVITT	Rowan	88.46	41.40	Gents 45-59	

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
108	20 PRESCOTT	Alasdair	89.37	42.31	Gents 45-59	
109	60 HOLLAND	Chloe	89.60	42.54	Telford	
110	25 WARD	Adam	89.73	42.67	Gents 45-59	
111	63 ARTHUR	Oliver	91.32	44.26	10 Georg	<i>Fall</i>
112	62 CLARKE	Romilly	94.34	47.28	8¾ Georg	<i>Fall</i>
113	17 DAVIES	Toby	94.47	47.41	Gents 45-59	<i>Snowboard</i>
114	69 MOORE	Tilly	96.00	48.94	18 Peter	<i>Fall</i>
115	2 WALKER	Jeremy	101.00	53.94	Gents 60+	
116	46 THOMAS	Ben	101.05	53.99	Gents 30-44	<i>Best Fall</i>
117	65 ARMSTRONG	Kenzie	106.33	59.27	9 Georg	<i>Fall</i>
118	83 WALKER	Georgie	100.43	53.37	13 Michael	<i>Fall</i>
119	13 BRYANS	Nick	120.08	73.02	Gents 45-59	
120	1 EDGINTON	David	DSQ		Gents 60+	
	6 Van Den BOUT	Franka	DNS		Ladies 45-59	
	7 LUCAS	Anna	DNS		Ladies 45-59	
	24 WHITE	Stuart	DNS		Gents 45-59	
	32 HERBIG	Marcus	DNS		Gents 45-59	
	38 HERBIG	Kathy	DNS		Ladies 30-44	
	39 ROBINSON	Emma	DNS		Ladies 30-44	
	41 ISAAC	Fleure	DNS		Ladies 30-44	
	50 ELLIOTT	Hugh	DNS		Gents 16-29	
	51 NAIRN	Callum	DNS		Gents 16-29	
	54 Van Den BOUT	Hendrik	DNS		Gents 16-29	
	25 PRESCOTT	Molly	DNS		11 Lotta	
	67 WALKER	Lois	DNS		18 Peter	
	70 LAWMAN	Alex	DNS		15 Peter	
	71 DONKER	Simona	DNS		15 Peter	

LOW START - Track to Finish Hut

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom - 15 Gates

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
1	13 HANDS	Sebastian	36.95	0.00	9 Bug	
2	11 EEDE	Aggie	39.25	2.3	9 Bug	
3	12 FITZGERALD	Jessica	39.33	2.38	11 Bug	
4	9 CURRIE	Jessica	40.63	3.68	9 Bug	
5	10 DAVIDSON	Harry	40.9	3.95	8 Bug	
6	17 ROBINSON	Edward	40.99	4.04	9 Bug	

2019 AVSC Half Term and Open Race cont

Bib			Time	Diff	Category	
7	2 CLARKE	Leonora	43.32	6.37	7 Julia	
8	15 NICHOLS	Charlotte	44.85	7.9	8 Bug	
9	8 WOOLDRIDGE	Tilly	44.86	7.91	10 Julia	<i>Class Most Improved</i>
10	4 HAINES	George	44.87	7.92	8 Julia	
11	7 ROBINSON	Hattie	45.11	8.16	9 Julia	
12	3 DAVIES	Giselle	46.15	9.2	7 Julia	
13	18 WARD	Ruby	48.99	12.04	8 Bug	<i>Class Most Improved</i>
14	16 PRESCOTT	Rory	49.83	12.88	9 Bug	
15	6 PARRY-GEORGE	Fifi	53.17	16.22	8 Julia	
16	1 BRYANS	Posy	66.94	29.99	10 Julia	<i>Fall</i>
	14 HUGHES	Ella	DNS		11 Bug	
	5 HUGHES	Rosie	DNS		9 Julia	

The Awards

Ben Thomas	<i>Best Fall</i>
Harison Hampshire	<i>Best Recovery</i>
Irena Davies	<i>Pussy Galore</i>
Toby Davies	<i>Best Snowboarder</i>



2019 AVSC Easter Week - Friday 12 April

AVSC Race Location: Brandegg top to Mulden 62

Vertical Drop: 60m Giant Slalom 13 gates Visibility: Very poor - Variable thick cloud - Flat Start Time: 10:20

Course Setter: Christian Bischofer

Bib			1st run	2nd run	TOTAL	Diff	Category
1	38 WALKER	Roger	26.45	27.36	53.81	0.00	Gents 45-59
2	37 EDGINTON	Stewart	27.93	27.92	55.85	2.04	Gents 45-59
3	47 MATHESON	Alex	28.45	27.96	56.41	2.60	Gents 30-44
4	35 ELTON	Stefan	28.16	28.95	57.11	3.30	Gents 45-59
5	48 CHARTERIS	Nick	29.68	28.24	57.92	4.11	Gents 30-44
6	53 BARROW	Archie	28.68	29.43	58.11	4.30	Gents 16-29
7	19 MATHESON FB	Angus	31.06	28.96	60.02	6.21	12 Freddie
8	34 SPENLOVE-BROWN	Spook	29.02	31.46	60.48	6.67	Gents 45-59
9	56 LISTER	Hamish	30.93	29.85	60.78	6.97	Gents 16-29
10	29 BARROW	Antony	28.81	31.24	61.05	7.24	Gents 60+
11	54 FISHER	Cosmo	30.53	30.74	61.27	7.46	Gents 16-29
12	16 WALKER FG	Georgie	30.74	31.31	62.05	8.24	13 Freddie
13	50 BARROW	Alexa	31.88	30.85	62.73	8.92	Ladies 16-29
14	33 COLLETT	Christian	31.60	31.25	62.85	9.04	Gents 45-59
15	41 INGRAM	Hettie	31.72	31.60	63.32	9.51	Ladies 30-44
16	42 MATHESON	Nadine	31.85	32.48	64.33	10.52	Ladies 30-44
17	17 SPENLOVE-BROWN	Flora	32.46	32.58	65.04	11.23	12 Freddie
18	49 BARROW	Francesca	33.28	32.19	65.47	11.66	Ladies 16-29
19	32 CLARKE	Tom	33.96	33.76	67.72	13.91	Gents 45-59
20	51 ETHERINGTON	Amelia	34.08	33.96	68.04	14.23	Ladies 16-29
21	36 DE SELINCOURT	Julian	33.76	34.70	68.46	14.65	Gents 45-59
22	55 LISTER	Joe	37.29	31.3	68.59	14.78	Gents 16-29
23	39 LISTER	Jamie	33.59	35.04	68.63	14.82	Gents 45-59
24	20 COLLETT	Henry	33.94	34.92	68.86	15.05	12 Freddie
25	57 STEWART	Rory	33.59	35.27	68.86	15.05	Gents 16-29
26	14 EDGINTON	Amy-Rose	34.80	34.14	68.94	15.13	10½ Jamie
27	18 MATHESON	Toby	34.90	35.05	69.95	16.14	9 Freddie
28	23 DE SELINCOURT	James	35.07	35.72	70.79	16.98	Gents U/16
29	45 BOLTON	Antonia	35.95	35.14	71.09	17.28	Ladies 30-44
30	25 ELSWORTH	Boris	34.20	37.19	71.39	17.58	Gents U/16
31	43 CHARTERIS	Henrietta	35.59	35.81	71.40	17.59	Ladies 30-44

2019 AVSC Easter Week cont

Bib	Time	Diff	Category
32 31 BARROW	Imy 35.00	36.41 71.41 17.60	Ladies 45-59
33 15 CLARKE	Romilly 35.27	36.31 71.58 17.77	9 Olof
34 4 INGRAM	Rufus 36.26	35.7 71.96 18.15	8 Olof
35 26 DE SELINCOURT	Charlie 35.11	37.09 72.20 18.39	Gents U/16
36 13 INGRAM	Archie 36.10	36.45 72.55 18.74	10 Jamie
37 58 STEWART	Alice 36.33	36.23 72.56 18.75	Ladies 16-29
38 10 WALKER	Betsy 35.40	37.34 72.74 18.93	10 Jamie
39 24 ELSWORTH	Clement 36.45	36.42 72.87 19.06	Gents U/16
40 5 INGRAM	Harry 36.96	36.59 73.55 19.74	8 Olof
41 52 MARONY	Milly 37.63	37.45 75.08 21.27	Ladies 16-29
42 22 DE SELINCOURT	Phoebe 35.07	35.72 70.79 16.98	Ladies U/16
43 12 HILLEARY	Imogen 37.99	38.26 76.25 22.44	12 Jamie
44 40 FISHER	Humfrey 38.26	38.32 76.58 22.77	Gents 45-59
45 44 DOBBS	Matilda 38.26	39.15 76.67 22.86	Ladies 30-44
46 11 MARRIOTT	Matilda 38.77	38.21 76.98 23.17	13 Jamie
47 27 THURSBY	Nigel 37.48	39.82 77.30 23.49	Gents 60+
48 7 DOBBS	Alexa 39.53	40.56 80.09 26.28	9 Olof
49 8 CLARKE	Leonora 40.33	40.23 80.56 26.75	7 Olof
50 1 HILLEARY	James 40.19	40.82 81.01 27.20	9 Bug
51 9 CHARTERIS	Eliza 40.93	40.42 81.35 27.54	8 Olof
52 6 EDGINTON	Talula 41.11	42.31 83.42 29.61	8½ Olof
53 28 WALKER	Jeremy 41.72	47.73 89.45 35.64	Gents 60+
54 2 DOBBS	Ferdi 45.81	44.84 90.65 36.84	7 Bug
55 3 CHARTERIS	Rose 48.15	51.89 100.04 46.23	6½ Bug
56 21 ELTON	Zahra 110.82	121.80 232.62 178.81	Ladies U/16 (age 10)
30 COLLETT	Melanie	DNS	Ladies 45-59
46 EDGINTON	Sophie	DNS	Ladies 30-44

The Awards

Roger Walker Patterson Cup
 Zahra Elton Youngest Entrant
 Jeremy Walker Young at Heart
 Not seen! Best Fall
 Tom Clarke Least Race Preparation

Georgie Walker Fastest girl
 Angus Matheson Fastest boy
 Rose Charteris Overall Most Improved
 Toby Matheson Class Most Improved
 Matilda Marriott Class Most Improved
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