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Chairman's letter

Dear Members and Friends

I hope you are well and unscathed after months of very trying covid restrictions and that, despite everything, normality will resume for us all soon. We have not escaped the effects of the virus and, due to current restrictions, had to cancel the Autumn Drinks in London. Sadly, with just two weeks' notice, our Easter week had to be stopped in Mid-March when the Provincial Government ordered a Tyrol-wide lockdown. Worse still, and for the first time in over fifty years, there will be no AVSC Carol Service on Christmas Day in Alpbach due to the toughening of restrictions for church events.

After a slow start, your Club has had a good year. The February Half Term week was again popular with a daily average of 80 children. We had a strong team of instructors and, although we could have done with more powder snow, we got through all the other activities with 75 children for our end of week race and 51 for our Open Race. Some very good times were recorded including from our 7-8 year olds, who all raced the full Inneralpbach course.

Our adult racing had a cracking start in January when 12 teams entered the inaugural AJ Bell Courmayeur Classic, a two-day multi-discipline event. The Alpbach Allstars swept away the competition on Day 2, to emerge as overall winners. Spurred on by success in Courmayeur, we did it again at the AICC races in Flaine. Our entries, though fewer this year as some had been the backbone of the Alpbach Allstars, did brilliantly with our over 60s team, "the Old Farts", demolishing the competition to become category winners and claim their place on the Roll of Honour; this says much about their formative training in Alpbach.

When the AVSC Club weekenders convened on a Thursday evening in March, they were greeted with news that the Tyrol was to go into lockdown on Sunday evening with all accommodation to shut by Monday midday; the signal for the season's last hurrah! Although some had to cut and run, those staying pumped as much money into local hosteleries as possible to make up for the season's early closure. It was a well organised weekend and once again we thank our friend Konny for his sponsorship.

Congratulations to Pat and Friedl Hausberger for their golden wedding anniversary in November. Many will remember Pat as Dinny's sidekick in the Alpbach Office. We also wish other Honorary Members, Marion and Ian Mills good fortune as they leave Alpbach to return to UK. In other news, Sarah Lewis, an AVSC trainee and member of the British Alpine Ski squad, has been unceremoniously dumped as FIS Secretary General after 20 years in post. We wish her luck in the future.

I take the opportunity to thank Sepp and the Alpbach Ski School, Konny and Conny's Sport for their continued support, your Committee, Joey our Club Secretary and those who organise our AICC teams and Club Weekends. They all work hard behind the scenes ensuring we enjoy the different events.

Although, with the wretched virus, we live in uncertainty, we are in good shape financially and, being optimistic, are planning a full season. We can take full advantage of Alpbach's multi million Euro investment in the new Kohlgrube reservoir.

As we go to press, the Austrian Government has still not issued guidelines to the ski industry but we can assure members that the Lift Company and Ski School have plans in place to protect us all, be it in the gondolas, on the slopes or in the mountain restaurants, so we look forward to seeing you all again in the coming season.

With best wishes

Mike

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2020

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2019	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	5,038	5,000
Training	830	549
Racing	618	649
Club Weekend	182	117
Christmas Tombola	373	202
Donations	80	29
Bank Interest	16	0
Total income	7,137	6,546
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Secretarial	2,764	2,598
Administration	387	318
Newsletter (net of advertising)	1,765	(895)
Memberships	1,136	1,136
Promotional	0	0
Sponsorship	0	0
AICC Team Expenses	704	204
Bank Charges	52	529
Sundry	0	0
50th Anniversary/Autumn Social:	0	375
Expenses	5,934	375
Auction	(1,170)	–
50th Reserve	(1,210)	–
Club Events Reserve	(2,000)	–
Members Reserve	(1,554)	–
Total expenditure	6,808	4,265
Income less Expenditure	329	2,281
Transferred to		
Junior Training Reserve	–	(2,449)
Exchange Gain	188	168
Transferred to Members Reserve	517	0

BALANCE SHEET

	2019	2020
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Bank		
UK	15,598	15,892
Austria	584	5,541
Debtors	0	541
LESS LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	(500)	(500)
Net current assets	18,682	21,474
REPRESENTED BY		
Members Reserve		
Brought Forward	14,255	13,218
50th Anniversary	(1,554)	–
From Income and Expenditure Account	517	–
	13,218	13,218
Junior Training Reserve	5,464	8,256
Total reserves	18,682	21,474

Notes

1 These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1 : €1.11 (2019 £1 : €1.12).

2 All figures are in Sterling.

Mike Brennan Chairman
Paul Nichols Hon. Treasurer
October 2020

NOTICE OF AVSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

to be held in Alpbach during the half term training week 13-20 February 2021

We plan to hold the 2020 AGM in Alpbach when a quorum can be assembled. This may not be until the Half Term training week. Details for Agenda items 2 and 3 appear in the Newsletter with all items, including the Notice for the 2020 AGM, posted on the website.

AGENDA

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| 1 To approve the Minutes of the 21st November 2019 AGM. | 3 To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2020. |
| 2 To receive the Chairman's Report. | 4 To approve amendments to the Constitution |

Club Secretary October 2020

Diary dates

2020

November	Autumn Drinks CANCELLED
25 December	Christmas Day AVSC Carol Service CANCELLED
29 December	AVSC Open Race will be held if possible – details TBC
31 December	New Year's Eve

2021

13-20 February	Half Term Junior Training Week, Alpbach
19 February	AVSC Open Race
4-7 or 11-14 March	AVSC Club Weekend, Alpbach. Dates TBC
11-14 March	AICC 14th Amateur Inter-Club Championship, Wengen
28 March-3 April	Easter Junior Training Week, Alpbach
2 April	AVSC Open Race
4 April	Easter Sunday
11 April	Lifts Close
November	AVSC Autumn Drinks and AGM. Date & details TBC

Hatches : matches : despatches

Births

Indge. To Hattie (née Phillips) and Jack a boy, Bruce on 10th August 2020. First Grandson to David and Minty.

Golden Anniversary

Hausberger. Friedl and Pat married on 14th November 1970.

Deaths

Bailey. Jane peacefully on 30th November 2019. Widow of Peter and Mother of Edward. Jane and Peter organised the 21st Anniversary Party of the AVSC.

Sutherland. Elizabeth, Countess of Sutherland on 9th December 2019, aged 98. President of the AVSC from inception. Mother of Alistair, Lord Strathnaver, who took over as President until 2018 and who becomes The Earl of Sutherland.

Whitaker. Jackie "Jax" peacefully on 19th December 2019. Widow of Barry. Mother of Jason and Max. Grandmother to Sam, Oscar, Lily and Jamie.

Gordon. Elizabeth (Tanya) on 7th January 2020. Widow of Ronnie, Mother of Sally, Sam and Anna, Grandmother to Harry, Coco, Ned and Barnaby.

Abbott. Ann following a long illness in March 2020. Wife of Nick.

Gillott. Martin on 2nd October 2020 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in August. Husband of Miranda.

Village news

As the Club Weekend started, on 12th March, the Tyrolean Provincial Government ordered lifts to close on the Sunday afternoon and "all accommodation providers" to shut by midday Monday. With the ski season brought to an abrupt end, and with the cancellation of all the usual Congress', there was a real threat to Alpbach's Summer season. However, with reports of full hotels and busy Gästhouse, the Village benefitted from the many who stayed in Europe. Some were quick to adapt to the influx whilst maintaining social distancing.



Kohlgrube Reservoir Skiing in Alpbach will be greatly improved in the new season, as we benefit from the €5.5m investment by Alpbacher Bergbahnen into the new Kohlgrube water reservoir, situated in the bowl past and below the Mülde lift. Construction was completed in late 2019, leaving insufficient time to fill up totally before the start of last season. The Lift Company can now produce more snow on wider pistes in a much shorter time. Some of the advantages became evident last year when, with the new snow canon, the 2000 opened at the



beginning of the season but from the start of this new season, snow can be produced with far greater reliability. Water storage has been increased by a whopping 80% from 170,000 to 306,000 cubic metres and, at the same time, the high pressure pumping capacity has been upped by a third, from 600 to 900 litres / second. At the right temperature and humidity, basic snowmaking can now be completed in 72 hours.

This is excellent news for us all, a better base makes better skiing – Ski Heil!

Covid19 As we went to press, the Alpbach Lift Company was still waiting for specific guidelines from the Austrian Government:

- Face masks will be mandatory in all enclosed gondolas and covered chairlifts. This means ski lifts can be used to capacity. All gondolas will be regularly disinfected by means of cold misting. The windows of the Gondolas will remain open for continuous ventilation.
- Face masks must also be worn in all enclosed areas as well as queuing/boarding areas, cash desks, entrances and exits.
- Ski Passes can be bought by contactless payment. Guests can order their ski passes at home via the online ticket shop at www.skijuwel.com.

Ski Schools will adhere to these rules and mountain restaurants will provide table service only.

Lift Closure Please note the lifts will be closing on the 11th April 2021.

AVSC news

15% DISCOUNT AT CONNY'S SPORT

Conny's have generously continued their 15% Ski Hire discount to AVSC members in Alpbach and Inneralpbach. To apply for this discount email secretary@avsc.org.uk and you will be sent an individual one-time link, which will take you directly to Conny's Booking Platform. Different individual links will be given to members or families for each trip.

There is a 10% discount for members wishing to shop or hire in person. Apply by email to secretary@avsc.org.uk at least 7 days before your arrival in Alpbach so that you are registered with Conny's Sport in Alpbach and Inneralpbach.

2021 Junior Training Week dates

Half Term: 13th-20th February

Easter: 27th March-3rd April

Autumn Drinks & AGM A very sad decision was made to cancel this year's events. We hope to see Members in Alpbach over Christmas and, if at all possible, will hold an Open Race. The AGM will now be held during the Half Term Training Week.

Amateur Inter-Club Championships The 2021 AICC will be held in Wengen, hosted by the Downhill Only Club, 11th-14th March. Anyone wanting to take part or help should contact John Ferguson at johnlynx@aol.com or Stewart Edginton at stewartedginton@hotmail.com

Club Weekend The Club Weekend will be held on either 4th-7th or 11th-14th March with on and off piste skiing, racing and parties. Dates and details will be posted on the Web. For more information contact Peter at peter@theharperhills.com Mobile 07973 327238.

Website/Facebook Web Site/Facebook Please help us to keep providing up to date information 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 changes of address and/or email. Please send amendments to mikebrenn@gmail.com

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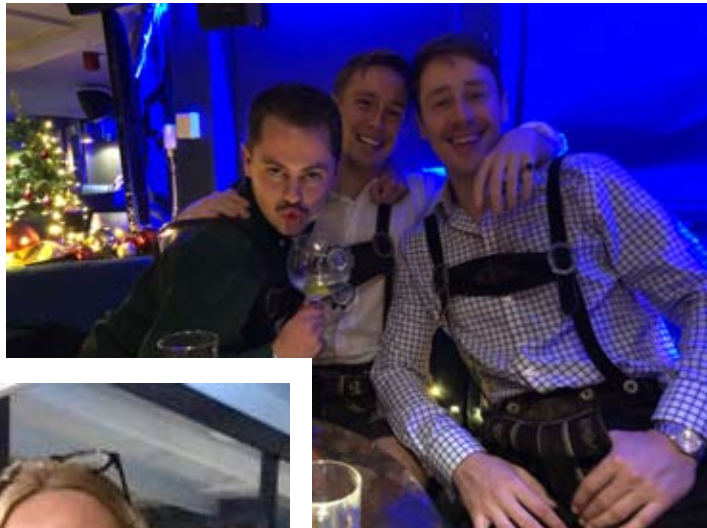
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Autumn Drinks & AGM

For the first time in the Club's 51 years' history, the AGM was held during the London Autumn Drinks on The Tattershall Castle. With over a hundred members and guests, from both the UK and Austria, it was deemed a great success. With an uninterrupted view of the London Eye it was definitely the best place to be.

The Chairman welcomed everyone aboard and quickly went through the Agenda, letting the guests continue to catch up before the start of the season.



Junior Training Report 2020

The 2020 children's training was again extremely popular with 84 children participating in the Half Term week, keeping us all on our toes.

This year it fell in the same week as other international holidays, putting the ski school under enormous pressure. Nevertheless, Sepp arranged a great team of instructors and, despite slightly higher class sizes than normal, we managed to put the groups together accounting for similar ages and abilities.

The slopes this year were in excellent condition but the weather was unusually sunny and warm, in many ways feeling like an Easter training week. Sadly not as many off-piste opportunities as we often do get. Nevertheless, the instructors mixed things up with a little pole training, some having a go at snow blades and all the usual skiing through the fun park and the rollers under the Gmah. The instructors also video their groups with playback during lunch sessions; this is such a valuable learning tool, which most children in ski schools around the Alps never experience. If not quite off-piste powder, there was certainly some off-piste adventure and you'll see a lot of happy faces on this particular run past the mountain farms:



And it's ok, the children weren't involved in this round.

This year some new experienced dry slope racers from 2KPerformance Ski Club at Rossendale joined us, one of the fathers being a former AVSC trainee. While we now no longer offer competitive race training, we do 'push' the groups on their all-round skiing ability and the mixing in of some race trained individuals helped bring everyone's standard up a level. As we have said before, the magic that the AVSC has found is providing ski training that the children really enjoy, yet the natural competitive



spirit of the children brings the best of them out. Every year we see strong improvement and that's why we have the 'most improved' category at prize giving. This year the class winners were [Oliver Harwood](#), [Max Arnold](#), [Ava Harper-Hill](#), [Leila Herbig](#), [Louis Petit](#) and [Jessica Fitzgerald](#); with both Leila and Louis nominated as Class Most Improved for two years running. And the overall most improved were [Olivia Galbraith](#) and [William Nichols](#). The most rewarding part of the week is seeing this progress and the huge smiles on all the faces at the prize giving – well done to all of you.

Race day delivered some decent weather, so we gave the children a packed lunch at the bottom of the slope so that they could watch their parents battle it out in the Open race afterwards(!). As ever, we set a full race course down the Inneralpbach slope starting from the hut opposite the Böglalm including our youngest trainees (7-8 years old); a formidable effort.

Starting with our youngsters, we have some real stars of the future; [Gigi Davies](#) (7) topped Marcus's group in a time of 58.45 with [George Haines](#) (8) winning Alastair's group in a time of 59.14. It will be hard to stop these two racing up the groups as they get older. Congratulations too, to the other group winners [Heath Ward](#), [Josh Dittmer](#), both [Ava](#) and [Jack Harper-Hill](#) and [Aimee Johnson](#). And to our club champions for 2020 – [Darcy Davies](#) in a time of 51.91 (at the ripe old age of 10!) and [Adam Griffin](#) in a cracking 46.79. It was good to see Telford Ski Club, who train separately in Alpbach, joining us again for the end of week races with some good results.

Our great thanks to Sepp and the Alpbach Ski School for their on-going partnership and to our instructor team led by the ageless Gerhard supported by Freddee, Victoria, Marcus, Rita, Eva, Charlotte, Alistair and Bianca. Thanks also to Joey,

our Club Secretary, who is such a help in the village and for arranging AVSC T-shirts for the children at very late notice. Also to Tom Clarke who helped us out at all events and manned the kit sales. Thanks also to the Ast and Gunther who have our children for lunch and to the team at the Böglalm for continuing to give the children their weekly highlight – rôisserie chicken! Your AVSC co-ordinators on the slopes were Mike, Stewart and Lucy.



Half Term next year will be significantly dictated by where we are with the virus. At the time of going to press, the Austrian Government had not issued specific guidelines for gondolas and ski schools. We are in touch with Sepp and the Lift Company and have been assured that Alpbach will introduce procedures to protect all those using the lifts and the ski schools will have measures in place to safeguard us all. Much can change between now and February but, as things stand, we are planning a full normal season and we look forward to seeing you all again for the Half Term and/or Easter training weeks.

Junior diary dates 2021

Half Term	13 - 20 February
Easter Week	28 March - 3 April
Easter Sunday	4 April

Club Weekend Report 2020

Set against a backdrop of doom and gloom, with borders closing all over Europe, the weekend stalwarts met for another lovely 3 days of skiing in Alpbach just before the March lockdown.

Although we lost a few weekenders, who decided to cut and run before borders closed, the majority stayed as planned and we had, in effect, the village and slopes to ourselves!

The weekend had the normal thrills and spills with parallel racing from the top of the Weidersberghorn lift down to the Hornboden. The racing was very competitive with the final being contested between Callum Armstrong and Stefan Elton. The latter winning the event by a very close margin. Plenty of cheering from the Hornboden balcony and a great commentary by Clinch made for an excellent afternoon.

The Open Race on Friday attracted over 50 racers and took place in Inneralpbach



from opposite the Böglalm to the race hut on an immaculately groomed course. Needless to say the Couzens cleaned up with Juliette and Dan winning the Ladies and Gents respectively. The other key prizes went to:

Best Crash **Ben Jones**

Pussy Galore **Lindy Nash**

Young at Heart **Jeremy Walker**

Vasco Da Gama **Alistair Armstrong**

On the social side, the weekend included dinners at the Zirmalm, Post & Messner and over fifty at the final dinner in the Jak on Saturday. There were also drinks at the Hornboden and Joe's Salettl and a lunch at the Böglalm.

As ever our thanks go to Konny, who generously sponsored the weekend, and to Sepp, Gerhard and their team for setting and dismantling the parallel and Open Race courses.

Overall it was a great fun weekend before lockdown. We are looking forward to the next one already; the dates of which are still to be confirmed.

Clinch and Peter



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Amateur Inter-Club Championships

Flaine: racing report

This was an AICC which will be remembered for the best of reasons and for the worst. Firstly, let's get the important bit out of the way; We won!

We put one team in the men's 60+ category and our victory was emphatic, finishing with more than seven seconds advantage over Kandahar, as our team raced brilliantly and consistently over all three races. Sadly, the Italian and Austrian teams were late withdrawals due to the gathering severity of the virus in their ski resorts.

The over 60's team this year was bolstered by the addition of two youngsters who have now made the transition to the elite generation: John Ferguson captained the team with his usual skill and ability to order drinks and Richard Gower moved up to join Pablo Ettinger and Jorge Bocca in this category. Sadly the youngsters did not manage to pull together a team this year, and there was a dearth of females as well, but this magnificent win will act as a rallying cry for next year when we hope to send a full complement of teams to Wengen.

The AICC races were held this year in Flaine and organised very competently by The Ladies Ski Club who claim to be the oldest ski club in Europe. Flaine of course is not noted for its' architectural heritage although the skiing, which is really in one large bowl, is not to be underestimated. The dedicated race pistes were excellent and the local ski club ran all three days with professionalism and good humour.

Other than Jorge, who clearly felt that training was neither necessary nor a good use of energy, the team arrived in time for

some training on the Wednesday afternoon, running gates and getting to know the terrain. As a result of the expected weather getting worse, the Super G was switched to the first day of racing on the Thursday which consisted of just one run through a fast and full-length course.

There was no doubting the sartorial elegance of the AVSC team who were all wearing the club race suits. John was the first down and made it look simple, and was in lead position when he finished. Jorge followed him down having got to Flaine shortly before the race started and made a respectable time. Sadly, Pablo's return to racing, after some surgery a few weeks previous, proved to be a leisurely outing and it was left to Richard to tear up the course, thereby beating John by 4 hundredths of a second and coming in second overall.

That evening we dined and danced in two different mountain restaurants, being ferried by snowcat between the two, oblivious to the global pandemic which was starting to rage in many parts of Europe. Before dinner we were treated to a motivational talk by Chemmy Alcott, a long time member of the Ladies Ski Club.

The following day, was made up of two runs of the Giant Slalom in rather foggy conditions which, with hindsight, might have been an advantage for us. Once again, John and Richard both had excellent runs and were in first and second



position with half a second separating them. Pablo, fortified by 1000mg of a legal drug, produced a much stronger run than the previous day and came in sixth place whilst Jorge produced another solid anchor result. The second run was equally consistent, but John pulled out an extra hidden reserve and was first overall by nearly two seconds, with Richard in third place and the fortified Pablo not that far behind! With the best of three results counting, we had increased our category lead over the two days.

So the gold in the over 60's category went to AVSC and John proudly lead the team onto the podium that night where, once again, we partied as if Europe was not about to go into lockdown. The following day of free skiing was interrupted by the news that all ski resorts would close THAT evening, so we had skied the final day of



the 2020 season. An extraordinary end to a strange season and one which will not be forgotten.

Next year the races are in Wengen on the 11th-14th March, organised by the DHO. The Super G will be held on the famous Lauberhorn racetrack so that will be something definitely not to be missed.

Pablo Ettinger

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The eagle has landed

Have AVSC hat, will travel.



Alpbach Allstars shine

at the AJ Bell Courmayeur Classic

By Richard Gower

It all started aboard the Tattershall Castle during the pre-season AVSC drinks party when idle chatter turned to interesting ski challenges for 2020.

Both Jenny Ferguson and I had already discussed and agreed with Dan Charlsh, Director and Founder of Snow-Camp, that we would enter the inaugural AJ Bell Courmayeur Classic, a multi-discipline snowsports event set to test enthusiastic skiers (like us!), raise money for an amazing charity and have lots of fun in the process. Scouting the deck for support, we approached two willing 'volunteers' John Harris and Miranda Gillott and the Alpbach Allstars were born.

Fast forward to 31st January in Courmayeur and we found ourselves lined up with 12 other teams, ready for a mass Le Mans start to launch the event. Day One consisted of three challenges: the Snowshoe Hike, Laser Biathlon and Team Orienteering.

At the laser biathlon, it would be fair to say that two of us were simply hopeless! Jenny and I were unable to hit a thing, either due to hyper-ventilation from the skating beforehand or just a woeful lack of talent. Thankfully, John was a good shot and Miranda held her own. We then moved to the snowshoe hike - up the side of a mountain, through the trees and back down again - where John, realising that this involved seriously hard climbing, managed to come adrift from his snow shoe, thus earning a technical rest, and we could only limp to the finish. The rest of the day was spent whizzing around the mountain hunting for 30 checkpoints and then recording each check point with a group

photo and the checkpoint number in view - much easier said than done! We collected 26 out of 30 checkpoints and ended the first day in the middle of the leader board. The Alpbach Allstars were looking anything but stars! We enjoyed a gregarious dinner with the other competitors that evening but we had a substantial task ahead of us.

Day Two started with the Parallel Slalom. Race commentary given by Snow-Camp patrons and Ski Sunday presenters Graham Bell and Chemmy Alcott, adding an extra level of authenticity, fun and excitement to the day. We were fortunate enough to win this event and realised if we could manage one simple task, ski fast for two hours, we might just emerge with our honour intact. GPS tracker onboard and a cunning plan in mind, Jenny, our team captain, put John out in front with two simple instructions: 'Ski fast and do not stop! We will keep up!' John duly rose to the challenge and we scrambled after him, desperate not to lose him in the mist, bouncing from bump to bump as we went, skiing at our limit in the flat light. We crossed the finish line in one piece, with a winning distance of 35km,



and then enjoyed excellent apres-ski and dancing before being escorted home via the gondola.

There was a wonderful awards dinner that evening and a great sense of camaraderie amongst the teams. A friendly rivalry had built up during the event between the Alpbach Allstars and Team Delanski, long-term supporters of Snow-Camp's work. Team Delanski were deservedly awarded the Top Fundraiser Trophy, setting an amazing precedent for the years to follow. We thought they might take the double but our efforts on the last day pushed us to the top and so the Alpbach Allstars became the overall Event Winners, taking the first ever AJ Bell Courmayeur Classic title.

I cannot recommend this event more highly. Snow-Camp's organisation of the event and

the location were faultless. The opportunity to ski fast and compete in different events, all with a winter sports theme, was a new challenge and one that we thoroughly enjoyed. It is important to remember that this event is also about fund-raising for a unique and wonderful charity that deserves the support of everyone who skis. As competitors, we cover the costs of the event through our entry fees so any sponsorship funds raised as a result of our efforts goes directly to the Snow-Camp programmes for young people.

As we go to print, there is a slight question mark over winter sports this season but should we get the opportunity to compete again, the Alpbach Allstars are resolved to meet a stretching fundraising target and to do our utmost to retain the AJ Bell Courmayeur Classic title. Find out more at snow-camp.org.uk/courmayeurclassic



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2020 AVSC Half Term and Open Race Friday 21 February

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

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom 25 Gate Start Temp: 2°C Visibility: Good slight cloud

Start Time AVSC week: 10:32 Start Time Open Race: 11:43

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
1	10	EDGINTON	Stewart	44.60	0.00	Gents 45-59
2	84	GRIFFIN	Adam	46.79	2.19	15 Gerhard <i>AVSC Fastest Boy</i>
3	94	WEBB	Andrew	47.26	2.66	15 Telford SC
4	79	WALKER	Frankie	47.31	2.71	15 Gerhard
5	25	ELTON	Stefan	48.34	3.74	Gents 45-59
6	22	HARWOOD	Simon	48.38	3.78	Gents 45-59
7	62	HARPER-HILL	Jack	49.63	5.03	15 Victoria <i>1st in Class</i>
8	23	GALBRAITH	Andrew	49.88	5.28	Gents 45-59
9	81	ROGAN	Grant	50.86	6.26	15 Gerhard
10	82	HARWOOD	Harrison	51.10	6.50	9 Gerhard
11	97	BRISTOL	Rory	51.45	6.85	14 Telford SC
12	46	DAVIES	Darcy	51.91	7.31	10 Eva <i>AVSC Fastest Girl</i>
13	6	EDGINTON	David	52.21	7.61	Gents 70+
14	28	NICHOLS	Paul	52.26	7.66	Gents 45-59
15	89	BROOMHALL	Sophie	52.37	7.77	13 Telford
16	3	GALBRAITH	Sophie	52.89	8.29	Ladies 16-29
17	27	ARTHUR	Richard	53.07	8.47	Gents 45-59
18	80	WILKINSON	Patrick	53.09	8.49	9 Gerhard
19	34	SPURR	Harry	53.17	8.57	Gents 30-44
20	13	ARMSTRONG	Alistair	53.31	8.71	Gents 45-59
21	83	HARWOOD	Oliver	53.84	9.24	13 Gerhard <i>Class Most Improved</i>
22	75	JOHNSON	Aimee	53.86	9.26	15 Freddee <i>1st in Class</i>
23	103	OLIVER	Harry	54.39	9.79	12 Telford SC
24	78	WALKER	Georgie	54.53	9.93	14 Gerhard
25	47	ARTHUR	Olly	54.85	10.25	11 Eva
26	55	HARPER-HILL	Ava	54.95	10.35	14 Rita <i>1st & Class Most Improved</i>
27	86	ARTHUR	Jack	55.02	10.42	15 Gerhard
28	66	CLIFORD	Oliver	55.03	10.43	13 Victoria
29	99	HARRIS	Charlie	55.53	10.93	13 Telford
30	11	FITZMAURICE	Rupert	55.68	11.08	Gents 45-59
31	95	WHATLEY	Ross	55.85	11.25	14 Telford SC
32	58	EDGINTON	Amy-Rose	55.86	11.26	11 Rita

Half Term and Open Race cont

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
33	36 DITTMER	Josh	56.01	11.41	11 Charlotte	1st in Class
34	16 CLARKE	Tom	56.10	11.50	Gents 45-59	
35	96 WOODWARD	Jakob	56.24	11.64	14 Telford SC	
36	64 GALBRAITH	Olivia	56.75	12.15	13 Victoria	O/All Most Improved Girl
37	49 ARMSTRONG	Kenzie	56.90	12.30	12 Eva	
38	52 WALKER	Betsy	57.24	12.64	11 Rita	
39	29 SYNNOTT	Conor	57.82	13.22	10 Charlotte	
40	88 MARDLING	Esther	58.96	14.36	13 Telford SC	
41	14 DAVIES	Gigi	58.45	13.85	8 Marcus	1st in Class
42	11 FITZGERALD	Jessica	58.54	13.94	12 Marcus	Class Most Improved
43	10 MACINTOSH	Kitty	58.69	14.09	11 Marcus	
44	4 HAINES	George	59.14	14.54	9 Alistair	1st in Class
45	42 NICHOLS	William	59.18	14.58	12 Eva	O/All Most Improved Boy
46	29 EDGINTON	Sophie	59.27	14.67	Ladies 30-44	
47	17 CLIFFORD	Gordon	59.70	15.10	Gents 45-59	
48	43 NEILL	Freddy	59.89	15.29	12 Eva	
49	73 LUCAS	Bertie	59.72	15.12	15 Freddee	
50	98 LEE	Sam	61.05	16.45	12 Telford SC	
51	71 NEILL	Louisa	60.07	15.47	15 Freddee	
52	77 ARNOLD	Max	60.10	15.50	15 Freddee	Class Most Improved
53	51 WALKER	Tillie	60.19	15.59	11 Rita	
54	44 FITZMAURICE	Rory	60.31	15.71	11 Eva	
55	60 LUCAS	Ed	60.50	15.90	16 Victoria	
56	90 HOLLAND	Emily	60.93	16.33	12 Telford SC	
57	59 PRESCOTT	George	60.95	16.35	15 Victoria	
58	28 WEST	Felix	61.06	16.46	11 Charlotte	
59	53 RAZZAQ	Amber	61.20	16.60	14 Rita	
60	87 TRAVIS	Georgia	61.35	16.75	14 Telford SC	
61	19 WARD	Heath	61.55	16.95	12 Bianca	1st in Class
62	14 HARPER-HILL	Peter	61.61	17.01	Gents 45-59	
63	26 ANDREWS	Robert	61.80	17.20	11 Bianca	
64	63 HAMPSHIRE	Hannah	61.81	17.21	15 Victoria	
65	38 EDGINTON	Talula	62.35	17.75	11 Charlotte	
66	65 FITZGERALD	Patrick	62.57	17.97	14 Victoria	
67	2 SPURR	Alistair	62.58	17.98	Gents 45-59	
68	24 SYNNOTT	Alan	62.61	18.01	Gents 45-59	
69	13 DOYLE	Hugh	62.69	18.09	12 Marcus	
70	54 LAWMAN	Tascha	62.84	18.24	13 Rita	
71	76 DONKER	Simona	62.92	18.32	15 Freddee	



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Bib			Time	Diff	Category	
72	45	FITZMAURICE	Will	62.98	18.38	13 Eva
73	18	WOOLDRIDGE	Jake	63.33	18.73	11 Bianca
74	104	BORGONEY	Evan	63.37	18.77	10 Telford SC
75	4	HAMPSHIRE	Charlie	63.58	18.98	Gents 16-29
76	25	EASTON-THOMAS	Millie	63.59	18.99	10 Bianca
77	91	HARRIS	Zoe	63.76	19.16	10 Telford SC
78	17	CLARKE	Leonora	63.91	19.31	8 Marcus
79	102	WOODWARD	Sam	64.04	19.44	11 Telford
80	67	CLIFFORD	Emily	64.21	19.61	11 Victoria
81	24	HANDS	Sebastian	64.22	19.62	10 Bianca
82	16	CURRIE	Jessica	64.35	19.75	10 Marcus
83	27	ANDREWS	Rachel	64.45	19.85	13 Bianca
84	6	BRYANS	Posy	64.81	20.21	8 Alistair
85	23	KELLY	James	64.82	20.22	14 Bianca
86	1	WOOLDRIDGE	Tilly	64.95	20.35	11 Alistair
87	33	HERBIG	Leila	65.39	20.79	11 Charlotte <i>Class Most Improved</i>
88	50	WEST	Amelie	65.59	20.99	13 Rita
89	12	EEDE	Aggie	65.93	21.33	10 Marcus
90	57	FINKEL	Brooke	66.52	21.92	13 Rita
91	32	DAVIES	Irena	66.53	21.93	Ladies 30-44
92	106	LLOYD	Edward	66.59	21.99	9 Telford SC
93	7	ARTHUR	Juby	65.74	21.14	Ladies 45-59
94	105	BEBB	Hugo	66.86	22.26	9 Telford SC
95	15	DAVIDSON	Harry	67.30	22.70	9 Marcus
96	21	NEILL	Freddy	67.51	22.91	12 Bianca
97	20	PETIT	Louis	67.86	23.26	10 Bianca <i>Class Most Improved</i>
98	61	HUGHES	Oliver	67.97	23.37	16 Victoria
99	34	HANDS	Jemima	68.02	23.42	14 Charlotte
100	35	HAINES	Enfys	68.14	23.54	10 Charlotte
101	3	NICHOLS	Charlotte	68.99	24.39	9 Alistair
102	32	HUGHES	Georgina	69.40	24.80	13 Charlotte
103	15	BRYANS	Nick	69.97	25.37	Gents 45-59
104	19	DITTMER	Gareth	70.11	25.51	Gents 45-59
105	2	WARD	Ruby	70.21	25.61	11 Alistair
106	37	DITTMER	Oliver	71.27	26.67	13 Charlotte
107	9	BRYANS	Phoebe	71.98	27.38	Ladies 45-59
108	8	ANDREWS	Hazel	73.03	28.43	7_ Alistair
109	18	GRIFFIN	Ian	75.31	30.71	Gents 45-59
110	35	DAVIES	Toby	78.83	34.23	Gents SnowBoard

Bib			Time	Diff	Category	
111	68	ARMSTRONG	Callum	81.24	36.64	15 Victoria
112	5	WALKER	Jeremy	82.21	37.61	Gents 70+
113	92	HOLLAND	Chloe	83.78	39.18	9 Telford SC
114	5	FITZGERALD	Max	91.19	46.59	8 Alistair <i>Class Most Improved</i>
115	93	OLIVER	Tilly	96.45	51.85	8 Telford SC
116	101	OLIVER	Monty	99.27	54.67	13 Telford SC
117	33	WILKINSON	Hannah	100.53	55.93	Ladies 30-44
118	72	MOORE	Tilly	100.86	56.26	18 Freddee
119	100	BROOMHALL	Finlay	105.57	60.97	12 Telford SC
120	48	ARTHUR	Isobel	113.94	69.34	13 Eva
121	30	HARWOOD	Candice	154.22	109.62	Ladies 30-44
122	20	HAINES	Bruce	232.93	188.33	Gents 45-59
123	1	ELTON	Zahra	317.29	272.69	Ladies U16
	41	PACKHAM	Henry	DNF		12 Eva
	70	RAZZAQ	Aleena	DNF		19 Freddee
	21	NEILL	James	DNF		Gents 45-59
	7	BRYANS	Eppi	DNS		11 Alistair
	9	PRESCOTT	Rory	DNS		10 Marcus



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22	MOUDIOTIS Frederick	DNS	9	Bianca
30	SYNNOTT Alexandra	DNS	12	Charlotte
31	PRESCOTT Molly	DNS	12	Charlotte
40	PACKHAM James	DNS	11	Eva
56	FINKEL Brooks	DNS	13	Rita
69	WOOLDRIDGE Harry	DNS	14	Freddee
74	LAWMAN Alex	DNS	16	Freddee
85	BRYANS Kip	DNS	14	Gerhard
8	DITTMER Fleur	DNS		Ladies 45-59
12	ANDREWS Derek	DNS		Gents 45-59
26	WARD Adam	DNS		Gents 45-59
31	MOUDIOTIS Sabine	DNS		Ladies 30-44

The Awards

Best use of a catsuit

Stefan Elton

Best Fall & Recovery

Nick Bryans

Man who likes short cuts

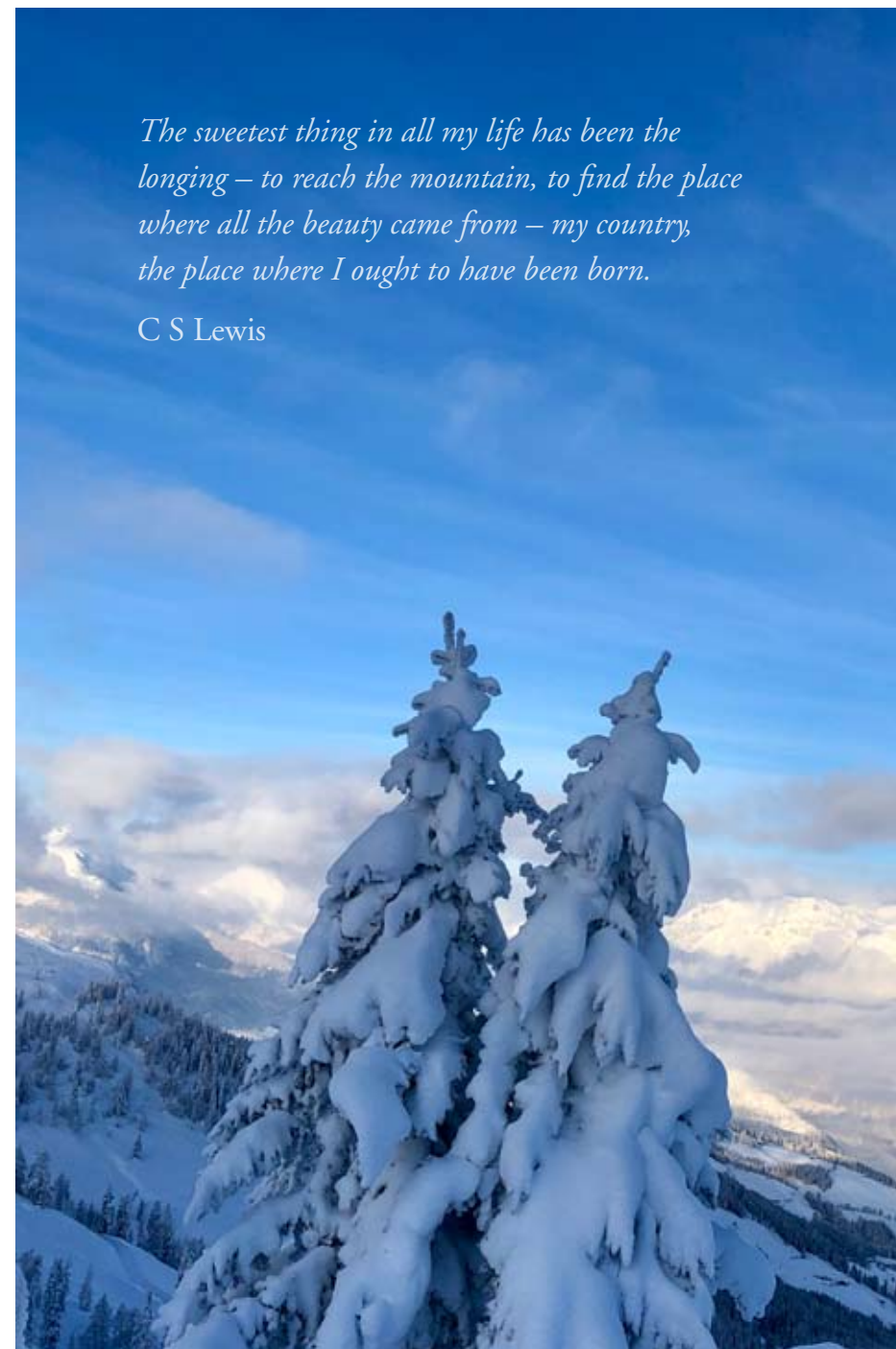
Bruce Haines

Biggest smile

Hannah Wilkinson

Most turns on a GS course

Candice Harwood



The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing – to reach the mountain, to find the place where all the beauty came from – my country, the place where I ought to have been born.

C S Lewis

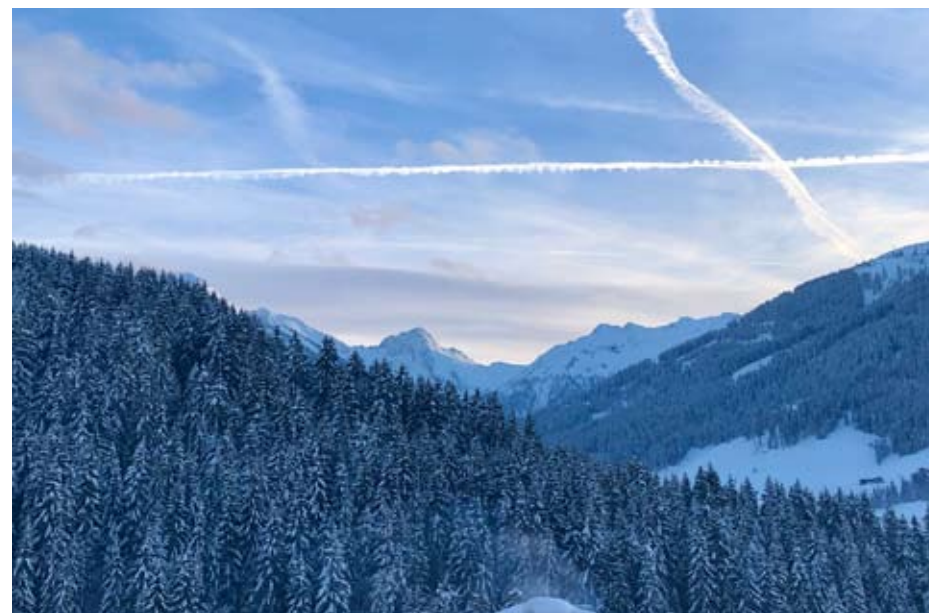
2020 Club Weekend Open GS Saturday 14 March

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

Vertical Drop: 180m Giant Slalom 26 gates Visibility: Good Start Time: 11.05

Course Setter: Gerhard Margreiter

	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
1	34 COUZENS	Dan	45.15	0.00	Gents 30-44	<i>Fastest Gent</i>
2	22 ELTON	Stefan	45.46	0.31	Gents 45-59	<i>1st in Category</i>
3	49 CHAMBERLAIN	Peter	47.33	2.18	Gents U/30	<i>1st in Category</i>
4	48 NASH	Maxwell	47.35	2.20	Gents U/30	
5	54 ARMSTRONG	Callum	49.09	3.94	Gents U/30	
6	2 EDGINTON	David	49.97	4.82	Gents 60+	<i>1st in Category</i>
7	17 JONES	Ben	52.29	7.14	Gents 45-59	
8	55 BRIEN	Jack	52.40	7.25	Gents U/30	
9	50 ARMSTRONG	Kenzie	52.90	7.75	Gents U/30	
10	25 NASH	John	53.11	7.96	Gents 45-59	
11	28 COUZENS	Juliette	53.53	8.38	Ladies 30-44	<i>Fastest Lady</i>
12	24 CHAMBERLAIN	Roger	54.42	9.27	Gents 45-59	
13	44 Van Den VEEN	Iza	55.18	10.03	Ladies U/30	
14	47 COOKE	Shane	55.67	10.52	Gents U/30	
15	20 HAIG	Alex	56.10	10.95	Gents 45-59	
16	8 STITT	Michael	56.63	11.48	Gents 60+	
17	3 BOLTON	Richard	57.15	12.00	Gents 60+	
18	66 CLINCH	Mark	57.16	12.01	Gents 45-59	
19	51 MILLER	Ian	57.66	12.51	Gents U/30	
20	43 NASH	Madison	57.73	12.58	Ladies U/30	
21	52 BOLTON	Conor	57.98	12.83	Gents U/30	
22	40 BRIEN	Tiffanie	58.22	13.07	Ladies U/30	
23	53 Van Den VEEN	Jimmy	58.56	13.41	Gents U/30	
24	42 ALLEN	Sara	58.66	13.51	Ladies U/30	
25	26 HARPER-HILL	Peter	58.86	13.71	Gents 45-59	
26	5 THURSBY	Nigel	60.23	15.08	Gents 60+	
27	13 CHAMBERLAIN	Fiona	61.06	15.91	Ladies 45-59	<i>1st in Category</i>
28	46 Van Den VEEN	Kas	61.26	16.11	Gents U/30	
29	16 BRIEN	Simon	61.27	16.12	Gents 45-59	
30	36 Van Den VEEN	Markus	64.07	18.92	Geents SnowB	<i>1st in Category</i>
31	38 ANSTEY	Molly	64.19	19.04	Ladies U/30	
32	1 HART	Bryan	65.07	19.92	Gents 60+	



	Bib		Time	Diff	Category	
33	9 SLATTERY	Nick	65.45	20.30	Gents 60+	
34	6 WALKER	Jeremy	65.57	20.42	Gents 60+	
35	39 JEMPHREY	Stephanie	66.70	21.55	Ladies U/30	
36	11 NASH	Lindy	68.57	23.42	Ladies 45-59	
37	23 MALLET	David	68.65	23.50	Gents 45-59	
38	15 HART	Pippa	69.38	24.23	Ladies 45-59	
39	41 ANSTEY	Hermione	70.31	25.16	Ladies U/30	
40	14 HAIG	Susan	71.52	26.37	Ladies 45-59	
41	21 KING	Chris	72.34	27.19	Gents SnowB	
42	30 Van Den VEEN	Sjoerd	73.55	28.40	Gents SnowB	
43	4 PHILLIPS	David	74.73	29.58	Gents 60+	
44	27 DAWSON	Helen	76.00	30.85	Ladies 30-44	
45	12 BRIDGES	Jo	77.29	32.14	Ladies 45-59	
46	35 WATERHOUSE	Mark	77.67	32.52	Gents SnowB	
47	45 STEWART-MOORE	Sally	79.93	34.78	Ladies U/30	
48	10 Van Den VEEN	Debby	86.09	40.94	Ladies 45-59	
49	19 McCLAY	Gareth	88.61	43.46	Gents 45-59	
50	18 ARMSTRONG	Alistair	116.73	71.58	Gents 45-59	

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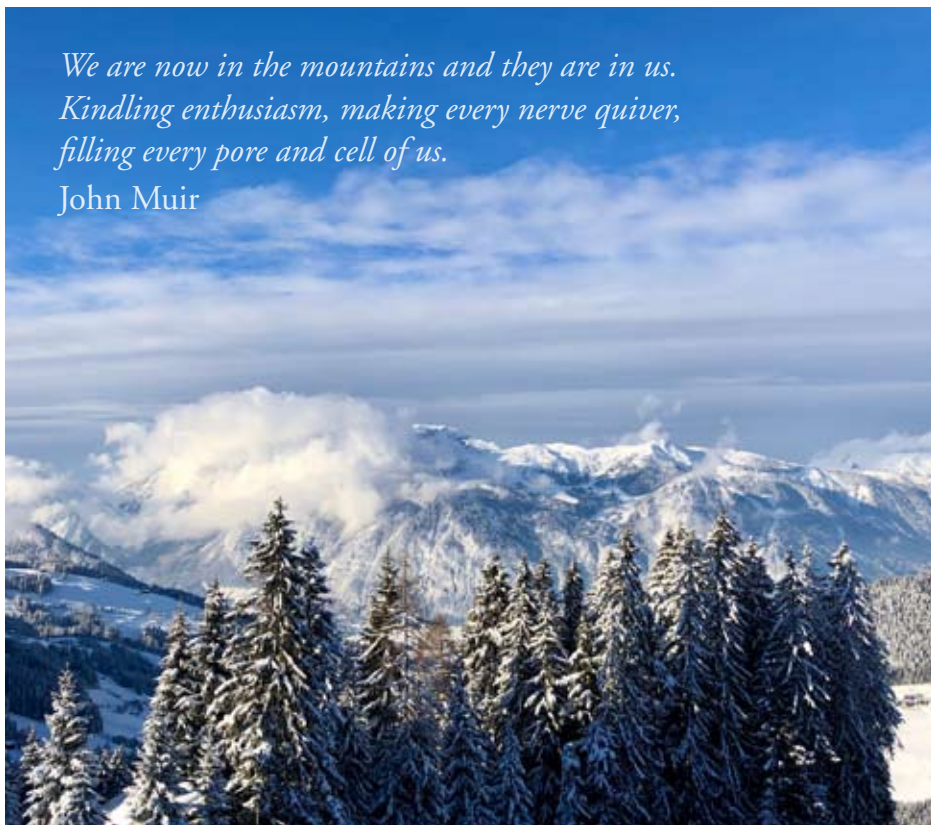
Bib		Time	Category
7	ANSTEY	Henry DNS	Gents 60+
29	Van Den VEEN	Martyu DNS	Ladies 30-44
31	Van Den VEEN	Daan DNS	Gents U/30
32	Van Den VEEN	Peter DNS	Gents U/30
33	Van Den VEEN	Frank DNS	Gents U/30
37	Van Den VEEN	Bas DNS	Gents U/30

The Awards

Best Crash	Ben Jones
Pussy Galore	Lindy Nash
Young at Heart	Jeremy Walker
Vasco Da Gama	Alistair Armstrong

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