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Skiers riding a chairlift at Ruapehu in 2023. Photo: RAL.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hi all, I hope you have all had a wonderful summer so far.

The Summer Party at the Lodge was a huge success. It was a great opportunity to be at the upper mountain buildings in the summer and take time to explore the landscape around our buildings.

It is amazing what is underneath the snow we ski on. Thanks to Drew and Louise Blair for organising this.

There has been a lot of work going on during our off season to tidy up some of our Club records. We do need to reregister the Club as an incorporated society and be up to date with the latest Incorporated Societies ACT 2022.

We have until 2026 to do this. Part of the new act requires societies to keep good membership records. Some of you will have already been contacted by Mandy Burling our Admin Officer regarding this, and outstanding subscriptions.

Damon and I caught up with Steve Manunui, Whakapapa general manager, in February. He was very positive about the upcoming season at Whakapapa, and expected that Whakapapa would still be operating under RAL's concession.

He said they are in a much better place than they were in, at the same time last year. He shared several reasons for his optimism: -

1. They have done all their summer maintenance and been able to order in parts from overseas for winter.
2. They have been allowed to take and confirm group bookings for the 2024 season.
3. At the beginning of February, they started hiring their winter staff.
4. The four main Senior managers are confirmed and remain the same.
5. They have their season pass sale ready to go ahead shortly.

Pure Turoa signed a conditional Sales

and Purchase agreement in December 2023. This was subject to them gaining a 10-year concession for the Ski Area. The concession process ran from mid-December until February 9th. Now we will wait and see what the outcome is from DoC.

It is also the time of year when you can consider how you can play your part in the Club.

The Club functions best when there are many helping hands. We have Committee elections coming up, and nominations opening soon. Please consider if you are able to help out with the Committee.

We have one online Zoom meeting each month, except January, and fulfil many of the tasks that help keep it affordable for everyone to use the Club. Nomination forms are on the website in the members area under Club documents. Please email to secretary@rsc.org.nz when completed.

We also have work parties each month from January to June. Carl Burling ran a very successful Lodge work party in January where they got the winter firewood up to the Lodge and swept the chimney.

They took the laundry down, deep cleaned the chiller, made repairs to the totara cladding and installed a new table tennis table. Without help from members doing these jobs we would have to employ someone at a cost to all members.

Dates for work parties are on the sign-up form in the members area of the website or you can contact our Admin Officer.

We finally got the Bookabach listing for our building in Ohakune up in January and have two upcoming bookings already. Sales of Glacier Hut tea towels have gone well, and we still have some available if you are wanting to get some. Hope to see you at the mountain.

Catherine Gafa
RSC President



Plenty of good snow at Whakapapa at Labour Weekend 2023. Photo: Heather Chao.

THROUGH THE LODGE WINDOW

Whakapapa ski season opens (date to be advised.)

Turoa ski season opens (date to be advised).

The Department of Conservation (DOC) has fined two Swiss tourists after they were found cycling on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

The couple had their bikes impounded for a week and were fined \$400 each.

DOC said that to get to the point where they were filmed, the duo passed signs warning mountain biking was not permitted.

Tama Potaka (National) is the Minister of Conservation in the new government.

He replaces Willow-Jean Prime (Labour).

Tama visited Ruapehu in January to have a look around.

Last year NZ snow sports stars won five of the eight prizes at the Halberg Awards.

This year they won none, though three

made the top five in their categories. They were Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (sportswoman), Sean Thompson (coach) and Lucia Georgalli (emerging talent).

The Supreme winner was Lisa Carrington.

RUGBY QUIZ: Which player destined to be a prominent NZ citizen scored a last minute dropped goal in 1957 to give his college an upset win over Auckland Grammar in first XV rugby? See the answer on the next page.

A function was held at Tangiwai on Christmas eve to mark 70 years since NZ's worst train crash in 1953 in which 151 of the 285 people on board were killed.

The Crater Lake outlet on Mt Ruapehu collapsed that night, sending a dam-break lahar down the mountain which weakened the Whangaeu River the river rail bridge only minutes before the Wellington to Auckland night express train was due to cross.

The bridge collapsed and half the train crashed into the river before the brakes came into effect and the rear half of the train stayed on the line.

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Bernard Smith.

While at the buildings doing a check over and changing door codes to summer ones, and when walking between the Lodge and the Hut, our Vice-President Damon Forsyth found an old coin.

On inspection we were surprised to find it was a half penny from 1950. Amazing what can turn up on Hut Flat.

News media say the local population is divided over a bid by the iwi collective Te Korowai o Wainiūārua to change the name of National Park Village and National Park Railway Station to its previous name Waimarino.

The 180 or so permanent residents are split maybe 60-40 in favour, but some say there is no evidence that Waimarino was the original name of the village.

Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board has been seeking public submissions on the issue.

RUGBY QUIZ ANSWER: The dropped goal was kicked for Mt Albert Grammar by track running legend Peter Snell.

Using a wilding pine as a Christmas tree could land you on DOC's naughty list, and you could face a hefty fine.

It may seem fair game to lop down a free wilding pine. After all, the government, local councils and conservation groups are spending millions each year trying to eradicate the pest plants.

But taking a wilding pine from public reserve land is illegal. The issue for isn't so much cutting the trees down, but dragging them out. Branches or green needles left behind can be a new pest.

*The deadline for the June Bulletin will be **Friday May 17th.***

All items should be with the Editor in Wellington by then.

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SKI SEASON BUNK BOOKINGS FOR 2024

Bookings for the 2024 ski season will open on May 1st.

Your bookings will be confirmed as soon as possible, as long as your 2024 subscription fees are paid and there are sufficient funds in your account to cover.

If funds are not available, an invoice will be sent and the booking will be confirmed once payment has been received.

The bunk authority with bunk numbers and the door code will be sent out 48 hours prior to the first night booked.

This is to better manage the bunk allocations after cancellations have been processed. We do not give out the door code until the booking is confirmed (paid).

Please take your bunk authority with you or on your phone, as the bunk sheets are not always on the notice board at the buildings.

It is important to stay in your allocated bunk as members can arrive late and expect their bunks to be unoccupied.

If you have a favourite bunk, please make a request in the notes on the booking page and where possible we will cater to your request (not guaranteed).

School Holiday Bookings.

School holidays are popular so get your bookings in early.

If demand is high, preference will be given to families with school aged children and members who have completed a work party over summer.

Bookings with guests.

Senior members can take up to three guests with them to the club at non-member rates. This is a good way to introduce friends and family.

Priority will always be given to members and if bookings are looking full, confirmation may be two weeks prior to the start of booking.

A reminder that if your subs are paid before May 1st each senior member will receive two vouchers which can be used for guests.

Cancellation Policy.

All bookings are in effect from noon on the day of the first night of residence until noon of the day following the last night of residence.

Cancellations (online or by email to the Office) must be made 48 hours prior to the first booking date (eg Friday night cancelled by midday Wednesday prior).

A cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations regardless of notice unless done through the website.

The cancellation fee is \$5.00, and all alterations to bookings will incur this administration fee per person affected, irrespective of the date of alteration. School holiday cancellations have a two week cancellation time-as per the booking rules.

Subscriptions.

These will again be emailed or posted at the end of March for payment in April. Please remember to contact us if you have changed your email or postal contact.

X-GAMES SILVER MEDAL

NZ freestyle skier Nico Porteous aged 22 won a silver medal in the halfpipe (superpipe) event at the elite Winter X-Games held at Aspen (Colorado) in January.

Porteous was making a return to top skiing after taking a year off in rehab following knee surgery.

He now has two X-Games gold medals and two other podiums. He also has one gold medal and one bronze medal at the Olympic Winter Games.

Nico Porteous, Tiarn Collins and Ruby Star Andrews were the only NZ snow sports athletes chosen to compete in the Winter X-Games.

For the first time in five years, Zoi Sadowski-Synnott missed the Games as she injured her ankle while training and was wanting to focus on her recovery.

In the halfpipe event, which was run at night under lights, Nico Porteous made two good opening runs but was only in sixth place.

For his third and last run he perfected all his tricks and jumped up to second place, just behind the four-time winner Alex Ferreira (US). Third place went to Hunter Hess (US).

Nico amazed the commentators by doing a trick never seen before, namely he landed on the same wall from which he had taken off.

The trick is so new that it does not have a name, but the head judge called it the “carve back”.

*** Nico has parted with Tommy Pyatt, his coach for 15 years who has a new job as head coach of China’s halfpipe team. Nico’s new coach is ex-Olympic skier Byron Wells.

Ruby Star Andrews aged 19 from Queenstown came fourth in the women’s freeski big air at the Winter X-Games.

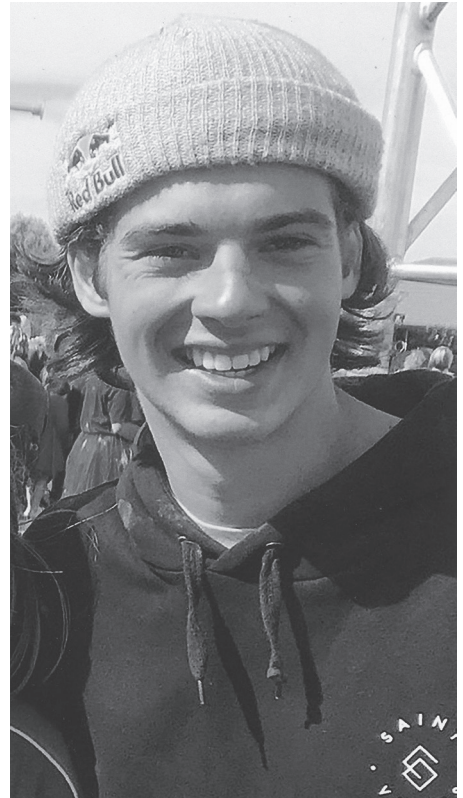
The winner for the third time was Tess Ledeux (France).

Tiarn Collins aged 24 from Queenstown was fifth in the men’s snowboard big air. The winner was Taiga Hasegawa (Japan).

The big air events were run under a jam format whereby each competitor had five runs on a quick fire schedule. A fleet of snowmobiles was on hand to whisk people up to the start.

Tiarn Collins was sixth in the snowboard slopestyle, his second fine performance at the X-Games. The winner was Red Gerard (US).

Ruby Star Andrews in her first X-Games came seventh in the freeski slopestyle event. The winner was Tess Ledeux (France).



Nico Porteous

WHAKAPAPA QUILTS

Whakapapa Holdings has walked away from negotiations to purchase Whakapapa skifield.

Tom Elworthy and his partners were the government's preferred bidder for assets of the skifield.

Elworthy on February 8th said the deal was not worth it and no-one would be willing to take on a business with more than \$15 million of debt repayments and other risks.

At that date it was unclear on whether the upcoming ski season can go ahead this winter without taxpayer money.

Prime Minister Chris Luxon told media that Conservation Minister Tama Potaka and Taupo MP Louise Upston were working on the issue and conversations about it were on going.

SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT

The Department of Conservation (DOC) announced at Christmas that it was seeking public feedback on Pure Tūroa's application for a concession to operate Tūroa Ski Area.

The public submission period began at Christmas and ended on February 9th.

DOC said it had not received an application for concessions for the Whakapapa skifield.

"Whakapapa skifield will therefore remain under the ongoing management of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts receivers at this stage."

PURE TUROA'S PLANS

Pure Tūroa said they would apply for a 10-year concession. This period would not allow for the long term

capital investment that is needed, so they would go through a review of operations at three years, with the goal of then applying for a 20-year concession.

The company said the Nga Wai Heke chairlift would be removed as it is uneconomic to retain, due to maintenance requirements and the very low number of open days.

The Alpine Meadow area would be expanded. The current slope suits first-timers but needs a slightly steeper slope for beginner skiers to progress. A covered magic carpet is planned, as is a snow factory.

Three more chairlifts would be removed, the Park Lane and Movenpick to be replaced with a detachable ropeway (gondola or 8-seater). The Giant would also be removed because it is outdated technology.

The new detachable lift would be possible to run year round. Cabins would be placed inside during the night and the cable run to stop ice forming.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

A conditional agreement to sell Tūroa has been signed, with plans for Pure Tūroa to acquire assets from RAL.

In a February update on its website, Pure Tūroa said it is "still working hard and making good progress" regarding the purchase of the skifield.

The Department of Conservation has been seeking submissions on Pure Tūroa's application. The company said it is "very hopeful of a favourable outcome."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Having been a member for approximately 62 years, a keen skier and some knowledge of the industry from my 20 years of representing Warren Miller snow films, I would like to make three comments.

The Bulletin especially for me having lived in Australia for 54 years is so informative and always captures the very essence of what the Club is about, a far cry from other ski club newsletters I have seen over the years. I knew Alan's parents well.

Secondly, I think our President Catherine Gafa's proactive approach on all things RSC and beyond deserves a big bravo as she deals with multiple issues affecting the mountain and in turn our Club.

Finally my hope is a major player in the ski lifting business comes to the fore and has the support of all those eligible to make an informed decision on future infrastructure needs. We don't want to fall between the cracks.

Wishing the Club well.

Simon Dickie, Melbourne

GOAT AND TUSSOCK RUNS

Two of Ruapehu's most exhilarating outdoor adventure courses have celebrated their 20th year.

They are The Goat adventure run from Whakapapa to Turoa on the Round the Mountain track and the more gentle Tussock Traverse adventure run and walk.

Both races were founded by Jason Cameron, a lifetime runner.

The Goat is 20km long and has 1000 metres of vertical ascent, passing ancient lava flows, mountain beech forest, tussock grasslands, waterfalls, an alpine lake and rivers. Competitors need to be physically fit.

The Tussock offers four options, ranging

from 6km to 32km, and is suitable for both the running and walking fit. The full length run goes from the Desert Road to The Chateau.

As part of support of Project Tongariro Mahi Aroha, participants can opt out of receiving a medal and a native tree will be planted in the region instead.

GOAT RESULTS: Kaya Corporaal was the winner in 1 hr 55min 22sec. Johanna Ridefelt was seventh overall and best female in 2hr 17 min 59 sec. There were 591 finishers.

TUSSOCK RESULT: Due to extreme weather, the event was cancelled this year for the first time ever.

RUAPEHU RESCUE

A young couple who found themselves lost on a hazardous section of Mt Ruapehu in intense weather in January were guided down the mountain in the dead of night by a team of rescuers.

The couple had left the Iwikau Village car park at 8.30am to walk to the crater, with hopes to arrive about midday. They planned to be off the mountain by the time bad weather set in.

Upon their arrival at the crater the weather had already started turning, with fog and torrential rain. After several hours of walking, the couple realised they were lost and called police for help.

Rescuers were able to pinpoint their position through the cellphone used, and the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (Raro) found them at 11pm on the eastern side of Pinnacle Ridge in the upper Wairere catchment.

Rescuers said the pair were cold, wet and very fatigued. They were provided with warm, dry clothing, food, and drink. After a very slow and painful four hour walk assisted by the volunteers, they arrived safely off the mountain.



Fly fishing at Ruapehu. Photo: Nick Taransky.

KIWI CANE FISHING

Ruapehu Trout Fishing and Kiwi Cane.

The Ruapehu region is one of my favourite trout fishing destinations, having fished it frequently on visits to NZ since the 1990s, and even more since moving to Taihape from Australia with my Kiwi wife in 2021.

There are more fabled angling regions in New Zealand, but many of these have been “loved to death” from overcrowding. Ruapehu rivers offer superb fishing for both brown and rainbow trout, but without the crowds. The Fish and Game website is an excellent starting point for more information:

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/taranaki/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/fishing-locations-and-access/ruapehu-fisheries/>

Kiwi Cane

In 2002, I started making split cane

fly rods, quitting my IT desk job in 2004 to become a full time rodmaker. I also teach classes where people can make a rod of their own.

In 2014, fellow rodmaker David Hemmings, founded “Cressy Cane”, an annual Australian bamboo rodmakers gathering in Tasmania. We cover a wide range of bamboo rodmaking related topics, and have sponsored presenters from the USA, Canada and Japan.

After moving to New Zealand, I wanted to start up a similar event here. So the idea of “Kiwi Cane” was born. Searching the internet, I found the perfect venue in RSC’s Turoa Lodge.

The inaugural “Kiwi Cane” will be held at the RSC’s Ohakune Lodge from April 19-21. Details on attendance packages and the schedule are on the Kiwi Cane website - www.kiwicane.com (of course, interested RSC members will be offered member rates for the accommodation component).

Nick Taransky

RAY KELSO

Ray Kelso, who has died at Auckland aged 95, joined RSC in 1948 so was a Club member for 75 years.

He was Lodge Officer and a Vice-President and Life member.

Ray first visited Ruapehu as part of an Auckland Grammar School party organised by RSC member Dudley Adams, a science teacher at the school.

They stayed in the old RSC tin Hut in November, or in August in later years once the Lodge was opened. Ed Hillary was another whose first encounter with snow was via an AGS party.

Ray was a strong skier who passed his T2 test and was a T2 test judge as well as a Ruapehu LTR (person in charge of ski tests).

He was co-opted onto the RSC Committee in 1960 and was elected as a Vice-President in 1962-66 and again in 1974-78.

He was Lodge Officer in 1961-65. These were the years when the Lodge Officer handled bookings for the Lodge, as well as organising work parties.

Ray and his wife Jean organised Winter Party in 1960 and 1961. In those days before bulk catering it was quite a task to make sure all the food for Winter Party was available.

Ray and Jean also did a term in the 1980s as "Membership Secretary". This involved keeping a list of members and their addresses, in the days before computers stepped in to do the job.

In more recent times he skied at RSC Hut, entertaining us with tales of the "good old days".

He was a dentist and his emergency treatment was needed occasionally when someone had a bad toothache during a blizzard.

Ray had a wicked laugh which often rang through our buildings.

We offer the condolences of RSC to Jean and her family.

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MARGARET BATES

We regret to advise that Margaret Bates,



Ray Kelso

who joined RSC in 1951 and was thus a member for 72 years, has died at Auckland aged 92.

Margaret was the sister of one RSC Treasurer (Anne Mail) and the wife for 72 years of another RSC Treasurer (Doug Bates). She often helped out with Lodge and Hut redecorations, and regularly attended Winter Party to ski.

We sent the condolences of RSC to Doug and his family.

NAN COOPER

We regret to advise that Nan Cooper who was a Club member for many years, has died, aged 90.

Nan, who mainly lived in Wellington, was the wife of the late Maurice Cooper who was a senior helicopter pilot and instructor and who was often skiing at RSC Lodge.

Nan's grand-daughter Domi Desi has been a ski instructor in recent years.

We send our condolences to all the Cooper family.

BILL SPEIGHT

Bill Speight, who has died at Auckland aged 95, was a President and the Patron of the Club. He joined RSC in 1949 and was thus a Club member for 74 years.

Bill first joined the Committee in 1991-95. He was a Vice-President in 1995-99, President in 1999-2002 and Immediate Past President in 2002-2005. He was elected a Life member in 2005 and was the RSC Patron from 2010 to 2018.

There is a photo in our wonderful museum Glacier Hut of a group spending a night in the tiny old tin hut in 1949. Bill is included in the group and he recalled recently that it was freezing cold despite a small stove heater being lit.

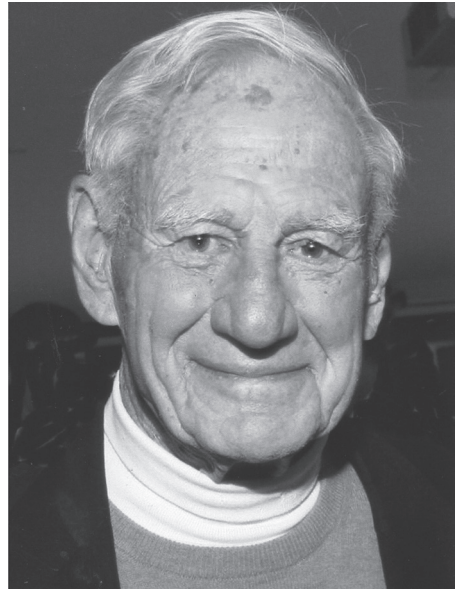
He was a prominent member of the group who worked weekend after weekend to build the RSC Lodge without the help of power tools, chairlifts or helicopters. Bill was a skilled handyman and his talents were in popular use.

His term as a Vice-President of the Club coincided with the big eruptions of 1995-96 and the Bulletin printed a photo of him painstakingly digging solid frozen ash out of the Lodge gutters.

He also wrote an excellent report about how Bill and three friends tramped the Round the Mountain track at Ruapehu in 1996, staying a night in each of the various mountain huts.

Even when nominally out of action due to a broken foot, Bill as President took three grandchildren to a holiday in the Lodge. The Bulletin pictured him timing the 4pm races, radio in hand, from the rubbish room window.

Bill delighted in telling stories about his many years on the mountain. One of his favourites was how during construction of the RSC Lodge, Ed Hillary turned up suddenly at the end of the road and insisted on carrying not one but two bags of cement up the Rockgarden.



Bill Speight

At home in Auckland he was a yachtsman and understood CB radio. On the ski slopes one day while running a Club race he was quick to advise a young member who overheard another party on the radio that acting on what he had just heard was not allowed.

The issue was an ice cave which a group of climbers were building at the crater. On the radio they were discussing whether the cave was legal, and were inclined to think it was not approved.

Bill married twice, first to Cecily who was long-time member of the Club and a keen skier. After she passed away he subsequently married Lorna, another skier.

Bill's son Michael is the current Secretary of RSC and a grandson Sam Hood is also on the Committee.

Michael says his parents met on a train to the Club.

We offer the condolences of RSC to the Speight family.



Historic photo of two NZ skiers on the podium at the Youth Olympic Winter Games. From left: Fin Melville Ives (NZ) second, Luke Harrod (NZ) first and Alan Bornet (Swiss) third.



Luke Harrod

JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMP LUKE HARROLD (NZ)

NZ freestyle skier Luke Harrod aged 15 burst onto the elite international scene in December when he placed second for a silver medal in a freeski halfpipe World Cup competition in Beijing.

He then won two medals at the Youth Winter Olympic Games in Korea in January, including the gold medal in the freeski halfpipe.

Luke was born in Christchurch but says Lake Hāwea near Wanaka is his home. He learnt to ski at Cardrona and started competing in 2016 at the junior freestyle nationals.

In 2023 Luke had halfpipe wins in both North America and Europe and was second in the rookie of the year standings.

Luke has plenty of opposition in NZ. He competes in the same halfpipe event as Olympic champ Nico Porteous and also Finley Melville Ives who was second in the Youth Olympics and sixth in Beijing.



NZ snowboarder Lucia Georgalli (left) won a silver medal in slopestyle at the Youth Olympic Winter Games. The winner was Hanna Karrer (Austria) with Vanessa Volovichova (Czech Republic) third.

YOUTH WINTER GAMES SEVEN KIVI MEDALS

NZ athletes won seven medals at the Youth Winter Olympic Games at Gangwon in Korea in January.

This included both the gold and silver medals in one event, the gold to Luke Harrold and the silver to Finley Melville Ives in the freeski halfpipe.

Twins both won medals, Campbell Melville Ives in snowboarding and Finley Melville Ives in freestyle skiing.

RSC was represented by 15 year-old freestyle skier Mischa Thomas who was fourth in the qualifying round of the freeski slopestyle, but could not ski in the final after bumping her head in a training run.

Some NZ results were:

ALPINE SKIING

Hemi Meikle 13th in super-G (55 starters).

Ruby Fullerton 23rd in giant slalom (71 starters).

Hemi Meikle 22nd in giant slalom (77 starters).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Luke Harrold GOLD MEDAL in the freeski halfpipe.

Finley Melville Ives SILVER MEDAL in the freeski halfpipe.

Liam Richards seventh in the freeski halfpipe.

Madeleine Disbrowe ninth in freeski slopestyle.

Mischa Thomas tenth in freeski slopestyle.

Luke Harrold sixth in freeski slopestyle.

Hamish Barlow 17th in freeski big air, 18th in slopestyle.

Luke Harrold BRONZE MEDAL in freeski big air.

SNOWBOARDS

Lucia Georgalli SILVER MEDAL in snowboard slopestyle.

Ava Beer tenth in snowboard slopestyle, tenth in big air.

Campbell Melville Ives fourth in snowboard slopestyle.

Joshua Li 16th in snowboard slopestyle.

Lucia Georgalli BRONZE MEDAL in snowboard big air.

Campbell Melville Ives BRONZE MEDAL in snowboard big air.

Txema Mazet Brown ninth in snowboard big air.

Campbell Melville Ives fourth in snowboard halfpipe.

FIGURE SKATING

Yanhao Li, also known as Dwayne Li, BRONZE MEDAL in men's singles.

Yanhao Li, aged 15 from Auckland, created history by winning New Zealand's first ever ice figure skating medal at any form of Winter Olympics.



NZ skier Alice Robinson racing to second place in an alpine World Cup giant slalom at Killington (Vermont) this season. Photo: FIS.

SNOWY SCOREBOARD

ALICE COMES SECOND

NZ alpine ski racer **Alice Robinson**, aged 21, finished second in a World Cup giant slalom race at Killington (Vermont). This was Alice's best result for two years. She was in the lead after one run but was overtaken on the second run by Lara Gut-Behrami (Switzerland) who won by 0.62 seconds.

ALICE WINS BRONZE

Alice Robinson was third in an alpine skiing World Cup giant slalom at Jasna (Slovakia). Olympic champion Sara Hector (Sweden) won with Mikaela Shiffrin (US) second.

ANOTHER ALICE SILVER

Alice Robinson (NZ) made her third podium of the alpine skiing World Cup season when she tied with Sara Hector (Sweden) for second place in a giant slalom

at Kronplatz (Italy). The winner by 1.09 sec was Lara Gut-Behrami (Swiss).

SILVER BY 0.01 SECONDS

Alice Robinson (NZ) gained her third silver medal of the season, losing to Lara Gut-Behrami (Swiss) by just 0.01 seconds in an alpine skiing World Cup giant slalom at Soldeu (Andorra).

ZOI WINS GOLD AGAIN

NZ snowboard star **Zoi Sadowski-Synnot** won the gold medal in a World Cup big air at Edmonton (Canada) with a score of 185.25. World slopestyle champ Mia Brookes (GB) was second on 167 and Olympic big air champ Anna Gasser (Austria) was third on 159.

This big air was held at night inside a sports stadium used for the Commonwealth Games.

Zoi's 99.00 for her switch backside 1260 tailgrab was the best score ever by a woman snowboarder.

*** Zoi then injured an ankle in training and missed several events.

WORLD CUP EVENTS

The following Kiwis have placed in the top 10 in World Cup competitions this season:

ALPINE SKI RACING

Alice Robinson ninth in GS at Sölden (Austria).

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in GS at Killington (US).

Alice Robinson ninth in GS at Leinz (Austria).

Alice Robinson eighth in GS at Kranjska Gora (Slovenia).

Alice Robinson BRONZE MEDAL in GS at Jasna (Slovakia).

Alice Robinson eighth in super-g at Cortina (Italy).

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in GS at Kronplatz (Italy).

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in GS at Soldeu (Andorra).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Ruby Star Andrews BRONZE MEDAL in freeski slopestyle at Stubai (Austria).

Ben Barclay 10th in freeski slopestyle at Stubai (Austria).

Luke Harrold SILVER MEDAL in freeski halfpipe at Beijing.

Finley Melville Ives sixth in freeski halfpipe at Beijing.

Nico Porteous 10th in freeski halfpipe at Beijing.

Luke Harrold seventh in freeski halfpipe at Copper Mountain (US).

Ruby Star Andrews eighth in big air at Copper Mountain (US).

Luca Harrington ninth in men's big air at Copper Mountain (US).

Ruby Star Andrews sixth in freeski slopestyle at Laax (Switzerland).

Luca Harrington fifth in freeski slopestyle at Mammoth (US).

Ben Barclay sixth in freeski slopestyle at Mammoth (US).

Finley Melville-Ives tenth in freestyle halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

SNOWBOARDS

Zoi Sadowski-Synnott GOLD MEDAL in big air at Edmonton (Canada).

Lyon Farrell ninth in men's big air at Edmonton (Canada).

Lyon Farrell eighth in men's big air at Copper Mountain (US).

SPEED SKIING

Tawny Wagstaff BRONZE MEDAL at Vars (France).

CLIMATE CHANGE

Across the US and Europe, climate change is forcing the ski industry to adapt.

As global temperatures hit new records, lower snowfall and melting snowpack are forcing the multibillion-dollar industry to rethink how they can keep consumers paying for expensive lift tickets, equipment and hospitality.

Closures are becoming more frequent during the peak of the European and North American season.

Many open trails are strewn with small rocks and ice, making them navigable for only the most skilled skiers.

Vail Resorts and Alterra, the two US ski companies with the biggest number of resorts, now own large portfolios of hotels and are advertising their mountain playgrounds as places where people can enjoy outdoor activities all year round..

Alterra said mountain biking is huge now and people can go hiking, climb ropes, do family adventure camps.

Across the European Alps and Apennines, businesses facing lower snowfall are adding summer activities such as golf, hiking and mountain biking.

SHIFFRIN THE GREATEST

Mikaela Shiffrin (US) has confirmed her status as the greatest skier of all time by continuing to win victories in alpine ski racing on the famous White Circus.

Shiffrin has won as follows:

World Cup: 95 wins plus 57 other podiums.

Olympic Games: 3 medals (two gold).

World champs: 14 medals (7 gold).

While most top skiers specialise in one or two events, and Shiffrin does best in slalom and giant slalom, she has also won races in the high speed events downhill and super-G.

Shiffrin last year married the world's No 2 male skier Alex Kilde of Norway. There was talk of her switching her allegiance to Norway but that has not happened.

Shiffrin was born in Vail (Colorado) to Eileen and Jeff Shiffrin, both former ski racers. Her mother became a nationally prominent masters racer.

When Mikaela was eight in 2003, the family moved to rural New Hampshire where her doctor father worked as anesthesiologist.

After five years, he took a new job in Denver and the family moved back to Colorado

Shiffrin lost her father in 2020 when he fell off a roof at home while working on renovations, and died from his injuries.

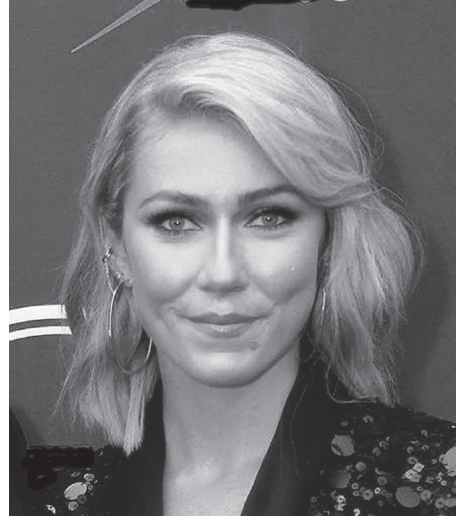
*** She names Croatian racer Janica Kostelić and American skier Bode Miller as her idols while growing up.

*** Surprisingly when she started in six races at the most recent Olympic Winter Games, she failed to make any podium.

*** Mikaela Shiffrin trained in New Zealand with the US team in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

In 2015 she won a parallel slalom night race at Coronet Peak, beating Paula Moltzan (US) in the final. Mikaela took \$15,000 for this win.

These days Mikaela races season wide against NZ ski racer Alison Robinson in



Mikaela Shiffrin

alpine World Cup giant slalom races, and occasionally super-G races.

ATHLETES SIGN LETTER

More than 500 professional winter sports athletes have published a letter calling for greater climate action by the FIS.

They highlighted a competition schedule that forces skiers to take air flights backwards and forwards over the Atlantic from week to week, creating unnecessarily large carbon footprints.

They called on the federation to open the season later and end it earlier to respect the changing climate.

AIR BAGS REQUIRED

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) is planning to make the use of airbags compulsory for downhill and super-G ski racers from 2024-25.

An FIS spokesperson said airbags have “proven to be a valuable measure to increase the safety of athletes in speed races.”

Air bags for skiers have evolved from a model used by racing motorcyclists.

RSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2024	9	Bridge to Nowhere/Old Coach Road – Ohakune Building. (Bike riding)
	29-30	Working parties (Easter)
April 2024	20-21	Working parties
May 2024	1	RSC bunk bookings open
	4	Taupapkurua Track – From the Chalet
	25-26	Working parties
June 2024	??	RSC AGM at Auckland
	15-16	Working parties
	??	Ruapehu ski season opens

SNOWMAKING REVOLUTION

La Molina in Spain will spend the next three years testing a new snowmaking technique that promises to be far less resource intensive, as well as being able to produce snow at warmer temperatures.

Called the Snow Laboratory, the project will make fake snow by adding a mineral to the water going into snow guns.

The idea is to mimic processes that happen in the clouds, said Albert Verdaguer, a scientist who leads the project.

Ice is formed in the atmosphere from water droplets in clouds by a process called “ice nucleation” which can happen at much higher temperatures when the water droplets interact with particles in the atmosphere.

Verdaguer has found that one mineral, feldspar, is particularly efficient at this process and could trigger the freezing of water droplets at warmer temperatures.

CRATER LAKE

Te Wai ā-moe (Ruapehu Crater Lake) has entered a new heating episode, being

29 degrees C in February 10th.

Other volcanic monitoring indicators remain within normal ranges. Volcanic activity remains low and the volcanic alert level remains at level 1 on a scale of 0-5.

The lake colour has changed from a blue green tinge seen when the lake is cooler, to the more common grey colour seen when warm.

Minor upwellings are present in the lake and sulphur slicks are present on the lake surface. The lake is overflowing, typical during the summer melt.

The seismic monitoring equipment at Mt Ruapehu has recorded a sequence of small earthquakes at 3-8 km depth clustered under the volcano since late November.

The level of volcanic tremor has remained weak during the start of this new heating episode.

Mt Ruapehu is an active volcano and has the potential to erupt with little or no warning when in a state of minor volcanic unrest.

The volcanic alert level reflects the current level of volcanic unrest. The level should not be used to forecast future activity.



Upper: Honor Cervin and Keat Cervin at Whakapapa. Photo: Georgina Cervin.
Lower: Skiers at Kiandra (NSW, Australia) in 1900.



Wonderful snow patterns in Canada (upper) and Turkey (lower).



Upper: Left to right: Neve, Cooper and Erin Gordon, in 2023. Photo: Nicola Gordon.
Lower: Riding the Wintergarden platter lift at Turoa. Photo: RAL.



Upper: RSC President Catherine Gafa helps Lodge cook Mandeep Singh and his wife Jaspreet Kaur vacate the Lodge at the end of the 2023 season. **Lower:** Interclub ski racing at Whakapapa.



Upper: The Far West T-bar at Whakapapa. Photo: Peter Otway. **Lower:** How to keep cool on a Ruapehu chairlift. Photo: RAL.

KIWIS ON PODIUMS

Tawny Wagstaff (NZ) claimed the first speed skiing World Cup podium of his career with a third place finish at Vars in France

The Methven skier reached a speed of 212.61 km/h. He was just 1.9 km/h behind six-time speed skiing world champion Simone Origone (Italy).

Finn Bilous (NZ) won a silver medal on the freeride extreme skiing World Tour. The Petit Bec venue in France was in prime condition for the athletes, with a consistent snowpack. Max Hitzig (Germany) took the win. Ben Richards (NZ) finished fifth.

Craig Murray (NZ) aged 25 won an invitation only international freeride (extreme skiing) event at Nandez (Switzerland).

The event has two twists. One is that there are no judges and competitors score themselves. The other is that there are no practice runs.

LAUBERHORN DOWNHILL

A crowd estimated at 40,000 watched the world's best ski race the Lauberhorn downhill at Wengen in Switzerland, on January 13th.

This was amazing as apart from some who went up by helicopter, they all had to ride just two mountain train routes from Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald.

This race is special because it is 4.5km long whereas most downhills are 2.5km.

The winner in sunny conditions was Marco Odermatt (Switzerland) who is clearly the world's best at giant slalom

but has not until now been regarded as a downhill star. Cyprien Sarrazin (France) was second.

TV coverage of the race featured some dramatic shots taken by drones which followed racers down the course at speeds of more than 100 km/h.

The race was noted for a 145km/h crash by world No 2 Alek Kilde (Norway) who skidded off into the side netting 200 metres from the finish and a likely podium. He was airlifted to Interlaken Hospital with season ending leg and shoulder injuries.

THE TOUR DE SKI

The Tour de Ski is a multi-day cross-country skiing event held annually since 2007 in Europe, modelled on the Tour de France of cycling.

Each tour has up to nine stages and is held during January in the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

The stages change every year but the format for men and women stays the same with a diversity of competitions in sprints, mass starts, individual starts and pursuits.

Overall results are based on the aggregate time for all events, less bonus seconds awarded in sprint and mass start stages.

The final stage of the race includes a steep mass start climb up the Alpe Cermis (Italy) with a height difference of 425 metres.

This year there were 96 men starters and 70 women.

Tour winners in 2024 were Jessie Diggins (US) women and Harald Oestberg Amundsen (Norway) men.



Upper: Firewood delivery by Chris Woudenberg, Logan Morse and Michelle Humphries (hidden in truck). Photo: Carl Burling. **Lower:** Firewood neatly stowed away. Photo: Chris Woudenberg.



Logan Morse and Freddie Rea ready for a game of table tennis. School holiday families will be happy to know we have replaced our old broken table tennis table, which was sadly missed on closed days. This new and improved version is sturdy and easy to fold and roll away when it's time for some quiet time.



Simon Hunt and David Watt repairing weatherboards at the Lodge. Photo: Carl Burling.

GONDOLA TO WORK

Instead of catching the bus or train as part of your daily commute, the world's biggest ski lift maker is proposing a network of aerial gondolas across New Zealand.

Austria-based Doppelmayr's cable car network in the city of La Paz (Bolivia) has around 300,000 people gliding through traffic every day.

Now, the company is in talks with transport officials about setting up the public transport alternative over here.

"It is actually a really attractive mode to be travelling. People really enjoy it. It's great to be up in the sky," Doppelmayr NZ chief executive Garreth Hayman said.

Doppelmayr has worked on more than 15,000 projects across the globe, including ski lifts and gondolas in New Zealand.

It has been working with local engineers and now has a shortlist of 10 sites in NZ where aerial cable cars could be used for public transport.

It is proposing three routes in Auckland, including two that would go to Auckland Airport.

It is also looking at four routes in the capital, one of which would head to Wellington Airport.

*** NZ has skifield gondolas at Whakapapa and Cardrona, and tourist gondolas at Rotorua, Christchurch and Queenstown.

THE MURREN INFERNO

January 27 saw the 80th running of the Murren Inferno amateur ski race in Switzerland which was first staged in 1928 by British members of the Kandahar Club.

The Inferno race is now considered the biggest amateur race in world skiing. The

number of participants is limited to 1850, which is rather a lot to be racing together on one day.

The varied topography, which includes some short uphill sections, is what makes the appeal of this 14.9km long course.

Good skiers need about 20 minutes to complete the descent; the winners less than 15 minutes. For mere mortals, an hour is regarded as a comfortable time.

The Inferno starts at the scenic Schilthorn, made famous in the James Bond movie *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. It ends at a pub in Lauterbrunnen town.

Each racer has a microchip embedded in their racing bib so exact timing for all 1850 racers is possible.

Seeded racers start first, every three seconds, from 8am, continuing to 3pm. Newbies start last.

NZ skiers regularly take part in the Inferno but none has ever come close to the podium, and no Kiwis raced this year. The 2024 winner was Alexander Zöschg (Italy).

CAR UP MOUNTAIN

An international team has driven a car up to a new world record 6734 metres above sea level, reaching the peak of Ojos del Salado (Chile), the planet's tallest volcano.

The car used synthetic fuel, a significant ingredient in Porsche's mission to preserve combustion engines in an increasingly electrified era.

Leading the charge as No 1 driver was three-time Le Mans champion Romain Dumas of France.

The venture was backed by an international support team from the United States, Chile, France, Germany, Canada, and Switzerland.

THE FIS TURNS 100

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) has launched a campaign to mark its 100-year anniversary, celebrating all those who have contributed to the success of the federation and to snow sports.

A hundred years ago, a small group of delegates gathered for the inaugural meeting of FIS, taking the first step on a remarkable journey.

In the century since, huge strides have been made, building a federation that represents 13 disciplines, embraces 140 member associations plus thousands of athletes and their support teams, and holds over 7000 events a year.

President Johan Eliasch said: "It has been a remarkable century for FIS: a century that has seen the complete transformation of skiing, the adoption of snowboarding, an explosion of exciting new disciplines and the growth of snow sports across the globe."

NOT A HAPPY CHAPPIE

Colorado based ski writer Gordon LaForge is not a happy chappie. He says the two big ski pass consortiums have wrecked the sport.

The Epic Pass (offered by Vail Resorts, \$909 early-bird) provides varying levels of access to 80 ski areas on four continents.

The Ikon Pass (Alterra Mountain Company, \$1159 early-bird) has a globe-spanning repertoire of 55 areas.

He says that on paper, the industry looks healthier than ever. But behind the numbers, a tragedy is unfolding.

While high-spending pass holders may be getting a bargain, all the other prices,

from single-day tickets to ski school to housing to skifield cafeteria and rental prices, have skyrocketed.

Locals are being forced out and workers squeezed. The new business model is attracting jet-setters and displacing ski bums.

Mountains are losing their culture as the same two companies take over lodge after lodge after lodge.

Gone are live bands, independent outfitters, free lift-side parking and secret smoke shacks. Skiing has fast become just another soulless, pre-packaged, mass commercial experience.

GONDOLA NIGHT DRAMA

A snowboarder spent 15 hours trapped overnight inside a ski lift gondola amid freezing temperatures at a Lake Tahoe (California) resort.

Monica Laso boarded the gondola around 5pm to ride down the mountain because she was too tired to snowboard. But it stopped just minutes later while she was still aboard.

She yelled for help, but no one on the ground heard her, and she did not have her cellphone.

Monica said she screamed desperately until she lost her voice. She spent the night rubbing her hands and feet together to fight off the cold.

Friends reported her missing to the local sheriff but she was not found until the following morning when the gondola reopened. Monica was not injured and eventually walked away.

WORLD SNOW NEWS

Val Thorens (France) has been named as the world's best ski resort at the 11th annual world ski awards, voted on by the industry and the public.

Laax (Switzerland) was named as the world's best freeski resort.

W. Verbier (Switzerland) was again named as the world's best ski hotel.

Ski Dubai (UAE) was the world's best indoor ski resort.

Mt Hutt was the best NZ resort and The Rees (Queenstown) the best NZ ski hotel.

Thredbo was the top resort in Australia. Lake Louise was the best in Canada and Deer Valley the best in the US.

UK-based company Cyrusher has introduced an electric snowboard outfitted with a 3000-watt drive.

The Cyrusher Ripple is capable of running the snowboard at a top speed of 50 km/h with a maximum range of 20 km on a full charge.

The device's movements are controlled by the rider via a handheld system.

This snowboard is capable of handling riders between 5.2 and 6.2 feet tall and with a maximum weight of 113 kg.

A California ski resort's plans to erect a 20-foot statue of the Virgin Mary has some locals snowblind with rage.

Mt Shasta Ski Park will build the platform for the effigy this season and construct the Virgin Mary by summer.

"The goal is not to focus on any one religion but to acknowledge and honour the beauty and spiritual power of the mountain we all love so much."

Many locals do not share the same sentiments, saying the Virgin Mary statue will offend those who are not Christian,

and they are running a petition seeking to ban it.

"The religious icon currently under construction threatens to alienate members of our diverse community who do not share the same religious beliefs."

Perisher (NSW, Australia) ski area is to replace two elderly chairlifts with a new 6-person high-speed chairlift for the 2025 season.

This high-speed chairlift will go up to the highest lifted point in Australia at 2042 metres and will redistribute skiers across Perisher's network of 48 lifts.

Powder Mountain (Utah), the largest ski resort in the United States by total acreage (including cat skiing terrain), has announced plans to go semi-private.

The new operating method involves a mix of public and private lifts exclusive to on-mountain homeowners.

The private-only lifts will include Village, Mary's and a yet-to-be-constructed lift on Raintree.

The rest of Powder Mountain's lifts will remain public access to pass holders and day ticket skiers.

Two of Switzerland's ski resorts are offering fondue gondola rides this winter.

Saas Fee offers fondue and wine on an evening gondola ride in the town's cable cars. Choose from a candle light gondola ride for two or a family gondola for two adults and up to four children.

Take the gondola ride from Kiens over Fräkmüntegg and back to Krienseregg for a 45 minute cheese fest every Saturday and Sunday throughout winter. While you're on the mountain take a sleigh ride or snowshoe hike or even walk back down to Kiens.



Upper: Skiing at Tukino skifield on Mt Ruapehu. Photo: Tukino. **Lower:** The glacier rim at Mt Ruapehu. Photo: RAL.

ACROSS THE SKIING WORLD

Cardrona Alpine Resort will be the largest ski area in New Zealand when its new Soho Basin chairlift opens for the 2025 winter.

Work is starting on a six-seater high-speed chairlift providing access to 150 hectares of new terrain.

It will increase total lift-accessed skiable terrain by 24 percent, or from 465ha to 615ha.

Whakapapa ski area is currently the largest with 550ha of skiable terrain.

To meet demand the Valley View car park will be extended.

A massive brawl erupted at a Las Vegas ski resort when a group of snowboarders cut the lift line, compelling astonished bystanders to duck out of the way.

The incident happened when a group of teenagers continuously cut a single lift line, designated for solo riders to move faster.

A snowboarder outside the group became upset and the brawl resulted. Fighting snowboarders clogged up the exit of a chairlift, causing a pile up of riders getting off the lift.

Australia is to get its first indoor ski resort after plans to build a 300 metre ski run and ice climbing wall at Penrith near Sydney were announced.

The project, which has been dubbed “The Giant Esky”, will be constructed on 2 hectares of land with a 4.5 star 170-room hotel.

The facility is also hoped to attract elite snow athletes from across the world, offering Olympic-grade training facilities for alpine skiing, freestyle skiing and snowboarding.

Some of the hotel rooms will have views of the snow field.

In Japan, plans are afoot to build a \$US1.4 billion ski area 150 miles

northwest of Tokyo in a skiing valley called Myoko Kogen.

Its investor Ken Chan aims to turn the valley into a luxury skiing paradise to rival Aspen, Whistler and St. Moritz.

For two years his investment firm has bought surrounding land at cut-rate prices thanks to the plunging yen. It now plans hotel and ski lifts.

Eventually, over three phases, Chan anticipates it will take 10 years and 210 billion yen for his vision to reach fruition.

A British army medical officer has become the fastest woman to ski alone across Antarctica.

Capt Harpreet Chandi covered the 1130km (702 miles) of Antarctic ice in 31 days, 13 hours and 19 minutes, beating the previous record by one day, 14 hours and 34 minutes.

She skied for 12 hours a day on average and pulled a 75kg sledge containing everything she needed to survive.

Chandi, from Derby, is on a career break from military service, where she was a physiotherapist providing rehabilitation for injured soldiers and officers.

Which US state has the most skifields? The answer is: New York.

New York 52 ski areas.

Michigan 40 ski areas.

Wisconsin 33 ski areas.

Colorado 33 ski areas.

California 29 ski areas.

Yardsale (US) co-founders Kelly McGee and Cristina Ashbaugh are marketing a new ski pole that has two innovations.

One is magnets which keep the two poles together when not in use, and the other is an enhanced strap that stays open and makes it easier to use with a glove.

The poles are brightly coloured and you can have different colours for each pole.

Ashbaugh, a marketing specialist and lifelong skier, envisioned poles that could easily snap together and that had straps that

kept their shape in an open loop.

At \$139 Yardsale's poles are competitive with others on the market.

Vail Resorts has agreed to buy the Crans-Montana ski resort in the Swiss Alps, in a \$Fr118 million deal that will give the Colorado-based group ownership of an iconic European holiday destination.

Crans-Montana in the canton of Valais is known for its gourmet food, glitzy shops, golf courses and mountain bikes as well as winter sports.

The resort attracts 3 million visitors a year, a fifth of whom come from Italy and France.

Austrian ski mountaineer Jakob Herrmann has set new world record of 24,242 vertical metres climbed in 24 hours.

He beat the previous 24 hour record established by Kilian Jornet (Spain) by 756 metres.

The new record on a route specially prepared for him in the Radstadt (Austria) ski area. He climbed the 710 vertical metres of the 2.5 km climb a total of 34 times, then skied down.

Hamish McCrostie, the former ski area manager at Remarkables and Coronet Peak, has been made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to outdoor recreation and search and rescue.

Aaron Nicholson of Wānaka has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to 600 search and rescue operations in Wānaka over 22-years.

Swiss ski racer Daniel Yule created history by coming from last qualifier to win an alpine World Cup slalom at Chamonix (France).

Yule was 30th and last qualifier after the first run. But he won the second run by 0.64 seconds which gave him victory by 0.16 seconds over Loic Meillard (Swiss), with first-run leader Clement Noel (France) finishing third.

There were 70 starters in the first run.

Yule managed by just 0.05 seconds to make the top 30 who got a second run.

American skier AJ Hurt made her first alpine World Cup podium in her 61st start, placing third in a slalom in Kranjska Gora (Slovenia).

Hurt, 23, who won races in NZ last year, rallied from 16th place after the first run by posting the fastest second run. Her best slalom finish before this was 25th.

She later made another podium when coming third in a GS at Soldeu (Andorra).

Stefan Kraft of Austria claimed a record 109th podium in an individual ski jumping World Cup competition. It was his 37th victory.

Kraft aged 30 has one Olympic gold medal and three world championship gold medals.

He holds the official record for the world's longest ski jump with 253.5 metres (832 feet) set on the ski flying hill in Vikersund (Norway) in 2017.

Lewis Ainsworth, who was president of the New Zealand Mountain Guides Association, was one of four people killed in a heliski crash in Canada. Three others survived with serious injuries.

Ainsworth, 35, was on board the helicopter in his professional capacity as a heliski guide.

He had previously worked as a mountain guide at Aoraki/Mt Cook, was in a search and rescue team, and was a ski patroller and avalanche forecaster.

Former Olympic gold medal ski racer **Lindsey Vonn (US)** has fulfilled a promise to ski with her friend the retired tennis ace **Roger Federer (Switzerland)**.

Federer, a keen skier in his youth, has famous ignored the slopes in recent years for fear of injury. He showed good form on skis in a video Vonn posted.

Vonn said she also skied recently with **Jannik Sinner (Italy)** who won this year's Australian tennis open.



CLUB ITEMS & SERVICES FOR SALE

RSC Administration Office, P.O. Box 8064, Newmarket, Auckland 1149

Website: www.rsc.org.nz

email: admin@rsc.org.nz

Lockers

Ski and gear lockers are available in the Hut, Lodge and Turoa buildings.
Please email admin@rsc.org.nz for current availability.

Annual Locker Rental Rates:

Charged at the date of allocation.

Ski Locker \$63.25
Gear Locker \$32.62

Club Items

(Add \$3 for each order to be posted)

Name Badge (free to new members) \$12

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RSC Office 09-377-3856
Lodge 07-892-3824
Hut 07-892-3822
Chalet 07-892-3823
Turoa 06-385-8767

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Attend two working parties.
Joining fee senior and young adult \$199
Junior \$99
Annual senior subscription \$310
Annual sub young adult, junior,
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ACCOMMODATION FEES

2024 season nightly rates –

	With Cook	Without Cook – Turoa + Chalet
Senior member	\$63.00	\$45.00
Young Adult	\$63.00	\$45.00
Teen member	\$54.00	\$39.00
Junior member	\$41.00	\$30.00
Member's Child	\$32.00	\$24.00
Senior non-Member	\$114.00	\$80.00
Junior non-Member	\$76.00	\$54.00