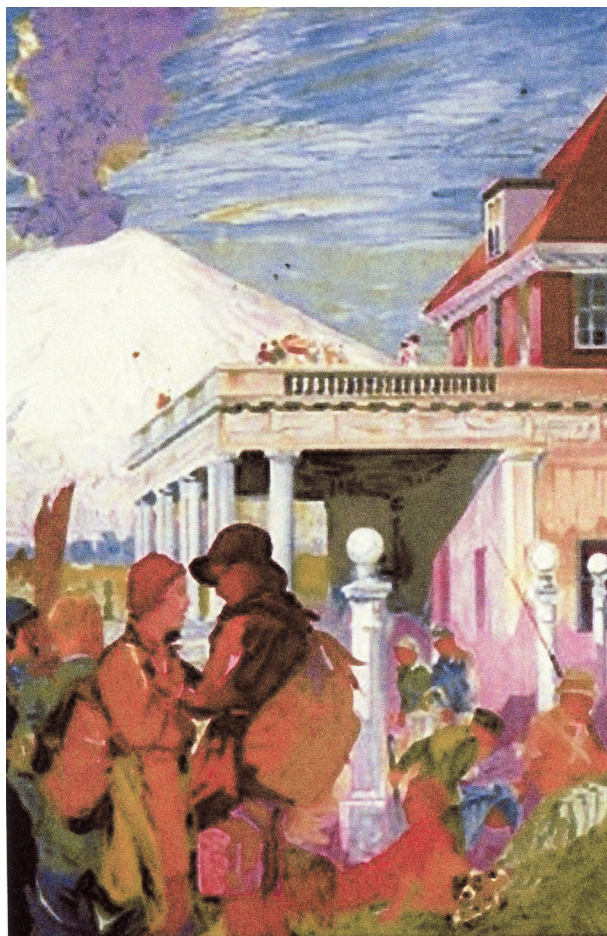


# *The Bulletin*

## **RUAPEHU SKI CLUB**

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*Welcome to skiing at Ruapehu, in the 1930s..*



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hi all,

Hope you've all heard the good news, that Whakapapa Holdings Ltd have received their concession.

Whakapapa season passes, and three year passes for Life pass holders are on sale now until June 8th. Over 75's and under 10's get free season passes – check it out at [www.whakapapa.com/passes](http://www.whakapapa.com/passes)

Thank you to all those that have been to our buildings for work parties this summer season.

The Lodge roof got its final coat of paint and The Hut's Mr Ed door, which has been leaking for some time, has been replaced with a new solid door.

At Turoa a big grounds cleanup was done and the stumps of the recently felled trees were professionally ground.

Of course, there were a multitude of other smaller jobs done in the buildings to keep them up to a good standard.

The Committee are well into finalising plans for the 2025 season.

We have a new cook/custodian Andrew Sandlant, in the Lodge. He is having a change of pace, for this season, after working for a large organisation.

Andrew and his wife are members of Christiania, and while he is not a cook, he has experience cooking for large groups at family gatherings. I think he will fit in well, as he knows the culture of the clubs on the mountain.

We will have a Swiss instructor in the Lodge, this year, her name is Sereina Bislin.

Please welcome her and make her feel at home. Maya will be back with us working for WHL in the adaptive ski programme.

She will be staying at the Chalet and keeping an eye on things there. At this

stage we have no custodian at Turoa and hope that members will be able to keep the building clean and tidy over the season.

After many years of using Richard's Nelson's booking system, we have found a reasonably priced commercial product called Clubman.

Hopefully you will all have accepted your invitation to this new booking system as going forward this will be the only way to book accommodation and pay subscriptions.

Many thanks to Richard for all the many hours he spent managing his system for us.

Our AGM this year will be on June 11th at the Richmond Yacht Club on Westhaven Drive. Open at 6.30pm for socializing with a cash bar. A light snack will be provided and our AGM business meeting will start at 7.30pm.

There will be much to share this year. We will have a new President to elect, an updated constitution to approve, so we can reregister the Club with Incorporated Societies, bringing it up to date with the 2022 Act.

I do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

It is hard to believe that my three-year presidency is coming to an end.

I would like to thank the many supportive members who have helped me along the way, to keep the Club running smoothly.

As you all know it has not been the easiest of presidencies with the ramifications of the administration, liquidation and receivership of RAL dominating the whole time! I am glad we can all move forward now.

The WHL staff are very keen to repair relationships and move forward, so we can all have some fun skiing and boarding on the magic mountain.

**Catherine Gafa**  
President



*Door to Door delivery. David Watt with his Landrover delivering the new Hut Door to the door of the Hut. Photo: Damon Forsyth.*

## THROUGH THE LODGE WINDOW

**Thank you to all those that have attended the work parties so far.**

The painting of the Lodge roof has been completed and the Lodge is looking great.

Turoa has had a big yard clean up, removing windfall and the flax that was too close to the front door, as well as a roof and gutter clean.

*The Kristin School building which was the neighbour of the RSC Chalet at Rehua Place has been removed by DoC.*

*They used it for an office while their office was refurbished, early last year.*

*But then it became a surplus building for DoC, and even though both WHL and Sam Clarkson from the Skotel wanted it for staff accommodation, as there is not enough of good quality in Whakapapa village.*

**Nips is back, a reflection of Whakapapa's commitment to nurturing the next generation of snow sports.**

Since its inception, Nips (North Island Primary and Intermediate Schools Ski Championships) has been more than just

a race. It's about fostering a love for the maunga and building the future of our community.

Primary and intermediate students will come together to compete, with seasoned racers lining up alongside schoolmates and first-timers.

In 2025, Nips will be officially sanctioned by Snow Sports NZ, a step forward in creating a lasting legacy of snow sport excellence.

*We are advised that ex-member Graham Potter of Kerikeri Orchard has died.*

*Graham was the son of ex-President Noel Potter and his wife Bel.*

*He was a regular skier at RSC Lodge in his youth, together with his sister Adair and brother Roy, and was described as a keen fisherman.*

**Taupō District Council and local iwi Ngāti Tūwharetoa are now under the same roof.**

He Whare Hono ō Tūwharetoa is a new three-storey building in Taupō which also houses local economic development agency Amplify, and Love Taupō.

The building was established and is owned by Te Whare Hono ō Tūwharetoa

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It features artwork by renowned local artists, including Haki Williams and Te Maari Gardiner that reflect the heritage of Tūwharetoa.

*The Desert Road reopened on March 14th after a two-month closure for repairs.*

*Work was done on State Highway 1 between Tūrangi and Waouru, resulting in a detour which added up to 40 minutes to journeys but added customers to businesses in towns such as Ohahune.*

*Contractors rebuilt and repaired 28 lane kilometres of road, which was 12 lane kms more than planned, and completely rebuilt the deck of the Mangatoetoeui Bridge.*

*It was built in 1966 and its timber deck was in poor condition.*

**Film Whanganui is to extend its services to Ruapehu, supporting the district's aspiration to become a preferred film location.**

This includes facilitating production inquiries, promoting Ruapehu's unique locations, and connecting local businesses and crew to film opportunities.

Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton said the new partnership with Film Whanganui will put local landscapes centre stage and in front of national and international film-makers.

Kirton said the cinematic backdrops ranged from native forests and alpine terrain to remote rivers and small-town charm.

The film industry could bring economic development benefits and drive the tourism sector.

*The deadline for the September Bulletin will be Friday August 15th.*

*All items should be with the Editor in Wellington by that date.*

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## **WHAKAPAPA GO AHEAD**

The Department of Conservation (DoC) has granted Whakapapa Holdings Ltd (WHL) a 10-year concession to operate Whakapapa skifield.

It applies immediately and the skifield lower mountain will open on May 30th.

The concession is similar to that enjoyed by Pure Turoa.

DoC said it received 529 submissions on the WHL bid.

Of these 18 were neutral, 42 were opposed and 469 were in support.

The submissions, and some of them are long and complex, can be seen on the DoC website.

WHL is led by former RAL chief officer Dave Mazey and South Island businessman and skier Tom Elworthy. All existing lifts will operate but no new lifts are planned.

The concession was announced by DoC's Director-General Penny Nelson

It allows WHL to operate the skifield as well as use six buildings in Whakapapa Village for staff accommodation and a water pipeline easement for snowmaking.

## **BETTER SNOWMAKING**

Whakapapa Holdings said in an Internet posting that it is committed to enhancing its snowmaking infrastructure, with planned upgrades across its Waterfall, Hut Flat and Rockgarden terrain, ahead of winter 2025.

It said WHL has pledged to add 10 new TechnoAlpin TT10 automated snow guns to ensure more reliable snow across 2.5 km of trail, from the Knoll Ridge Chalet down to the base area and Happy Valley.

This investment will provide better snow conditions earlier in the season, opening up more terrain and offering a greater variety of runs for longer.

## **WHAKAPAPA VALUES**

WHL said the values of manaakitanga (for people), kaitiakitanga (for place), and kotahitanga (together as one) underpin everything we do at Whakapapa.

Each year we welcome up to 250,000 manuhiri (guests) to Whakapapa. Many of our manuhiri have a life-long connection to Whakapapa, some third or fourth generation.

Embedded in us is a strong sense of leaving things better than we found them, so they are here for the next generation to enjoy.

## **VALLEY T-BAR REFURB**

A maintenance crew has been putting in the work to get the Valley T-bar in top shape for winter. This isn't just routine. It's a full-scale refurbishment.

Over summer, every assembly was carefully serviced. Meanwhile, engineers produced brand new crossheads from scratch.

Final step? Swapping out the old haul rope with a new one. This detailed work ensures the Valley T-bar is set for action come July.

## **AGM NOTICE**

The AGM of RSC will be held at the Richmond Yacht Club rooms at Westhaven, Auckland, on June 11th. Happy hour at 6.30. Meeting to follow.

All members are very welcome to attend and see who is on our new Committee.

## TUROA UPDATE

Tūroa Ski Area operated by Pure Turoa is set to open this winter on the same conditions as last year.

The Alpine Meadow will open from May 31 with the upper mountain ski and snowboard season set to launch on June 28 in time with the start of the New Zealand school holidays.

Tūroa this year has partnered with Whanganui based Air Chathams to make it even easier for Northerners to get to Ohakune.

Travellers can fly direct from Auckland to Whanganui, hire a vehicle locally and be on the slopes or enjoying their accommodation and a drink at the Powderhorn Chateau within two hours of landing.

## DEAN FOR TUROA

Jono Dean has been appointed chief executive of Pure Tūroa which has a 10-year concession to operate a skifield on Mt Ruapehu.

Dean is a former chief executive of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, and before that was general manager for Whakapapa.

Pure Tūroa said Dean brings experience in tourism, alpine operations, mana whenua and stakeholder engagement and organisational growth to the role.

It wants to make Tūroa a world-class alpine destination and would focus on key initiatives including capital raising, long-term licence renewal, infrastructure investment, strengthening.

## DAY PASS PRICES

Day pass prices for 2025, as we have them, are:

### **TUROA.**

Weekday: \$99 adult, \$79 child 6-16).

Weekend: \$199 adult, \$79 child (6-16).

### **WHAKAPAPA.**

Weekday (incl Gondola) \$109 adult, \$69 youth.

Weekend (incl Gondola) \$159 adult, \$99 youth.

## NORTHERN CIRCUIT

DoC declined in May to take Great Walks bookings for the Tongariro Northern Circuit.

It said bookings are put on hold while DoC assesses plans for replacing Oturere Hut.

The 26-bed bunk house is more than 50 years old and DoC said it no longer meets the standards it wants to deliver for the Great Walk.

## HOT SKI NEWS

**Tremblant (Quebec, Canada)** announced that thanks to new technology it will be installing small fireplaces in each gondola.

**Breckenridge (Colorado, US)** said it is training alpacas to carry your skis or snowboards up to 4000 metres.

**Alpbachtal (Tirol, Austria)** said it is introducing the world's first cable free gondolas. They are driven by drones direct from your ski hotel.

**Saas-Fee (Switzerland)** said that due to rising electricity prices, it is training donkeys to pull ski sleighs through the town

**Montgenèvre (France)** is introducing en-piste degustation. Every 200 metres, a stand awaits you with tastes from the Alps such as local cheese, deli selections and hot chocolate.

**Engelberg-Titlis (Switzerland)** the municipality of Engelberg has decided to modernise the traditional village coat of arms. The angel is now holding a golden ski in his right hand.

**Vail (Colorado, US)** said it is banning the sale of beer, wine and spirits at all of its 19 ski properties. Alcohol will be replaced with a variety of kombucha teas and coconut waters.

**All of these events were announced on April 1st.**

## WELCOME SEREINA SWISS INSTRUCTOR

We welcome Sereina Bislin who will be our visiting Swiss instructor for 2025.

She has completed her instructor course as well as her first aid and safety courses.

Sereina is a former alpine junior ski racer who calls herself open-minded, team oriented, ambitious, reliable, resilient and willing to learn.

She says her interests are skiing, cycling, hiking, sports with friends, tennis, ski touring and spending time in nature.

Since 2022 she has summered in catering and at a restaurant, as well as being an au pair in France. In the past year she has been a ski instructor at Davos.

“Being a ski instructor has always been a dream of mine, which was able to realise last season.

“Skiing has been a great passion of mine since I was a child, I love the freedom on the slopes and being out in nature, surrounded by the most beautiful mountain scenery.”

Sereina adds: “Being able to go to New Zealand has always been a huge dream of mine. Getting to know a new culture, being able to live in a different country and meeting lots of great people fascinates me and spurs me on to make this trip.”

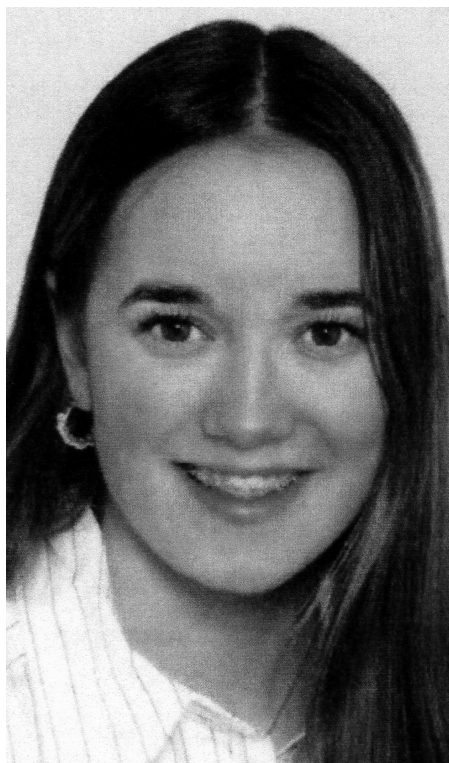
\*\*\* Sereina’s application to instruct at Whakapapa has been approved by the new skifield operator Whakapapa Holdings Ltd and she will start on July 4th.

## NO HAENSLI CUP

RSC will not be running the Haensli Cup alpine ski and snowboard race this year as, we do not have a Club Captain and no one else has stepped up to organise it.

It is possible we will be not able to run the Club Champs without a Club Captain.

This is disappointing but we cannot hold the races unless members or their friends can organise them.



*Sereina Bislin*

## WINTER BUNK RATES

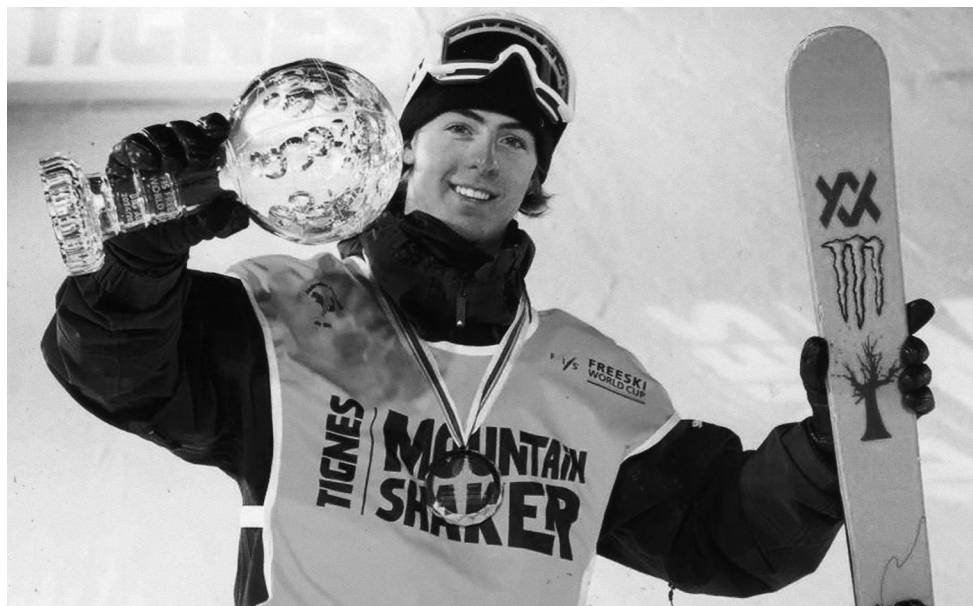
We have changed these slightly to fit a formula for future increases, so please update and see the sentence below regarding Clubman, and additional surcharges for Stripe.

“All subscriptions and accommodation fees are paid through Clubman, our new booking system, and will have an additional Stripe surcharge of 2.7 percent and a 30 cents transaction fee.”

\*\*\* The Committee has reduced the joining fee to \$49 for seniors and juniors, with a maximum of \$150 per family. The membership joining form is on the website.

## NEW MEMBER

We welcome Phoebe O’Leary to RSC.



Luca Harrington and Zoi Sadowski-Synnott with their much coveted FIS crystal globes.



## **CLUBMAN BOOKING SYSTEM**

Hopefully by now you will all have had a chance to interact with our new membership and booking system – “Clubman”. I’m sure you will have all paid your subscriptions and locker fees, and be planning your booking dates at our Lodges for the upcoming season at either/ both Whakapapa and Turoa.

Like all new things, there is a learning curve for both the user and the implementer and if anyone is having trouble with it then please feel free to contact me - Damon [vicepresident@rsc.org.nz](mailto:vicepresident@rsc.org.nz) or Mandy [admin@rsc.org.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.org.nz) and with a bit of luck we can work through your issue.

RSC has various booking rules, and these have all been programmed into Clubman to ensure your booking complies with the Clubs rules. eg you must have paid your subs to enjoy members rates at the buildings, you need to be five years or older for a booking in the Lodge or Hut, guests can only come twice per season to name a few.

If your booking is “denied” in Clubman because it doesn’t comply with our booking rules and you’re unsure what is wrong with your booking then again please contact Mandy or myself.

Please feel free to update or correct any of your details on your profile in Clubman. ie address, contact numbers, Date of birth, occupation etc.

If you make a booking and then need to cancel it, you can do this in Clubman. Providing at least 48 hours notice is given, (ie before midday Thursday for a Saturday night booking) your bunk night fees will be refunded in full. The Stripe transaction fees are not refunded.

At the time of writing, only payment by debit or credit card is an option in

Clubman. This incurs a 2.7 percent fee and 30 cents per transaction.

We are awaiting an update which will allow Bank to Bank payments which will reduce the fees to 1 percent and a 40 cent per transaction fee. We don’t yet have a confirmed timeframe for this.

We are no longer running the old “deposit account” system, and are in the process of refunding those members who still have funds deposited with the Club.

Please do not make any payment directly into the RSC bank account for either your subscriptions, locker fees or bookings as this makes extra work for Mandy, as these payments won’t be recognized within Clubman, and your booking or Subscription payment won’t be recorded or approved.

## **TWO CRYSTAL GLOBES**

NZ snow sports stars Luca Harrington (freestyle skiing) and Zoi Sadowki-Synnott (snowboarding) both this season won the coveted crystal globes awarded by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS).

These prizes are awarded on the basis of points gained in World Cup events across the year.

In Luca’s case and Zoi’s case these are slopestyle, big air and halfpipe.

The person with the most points in their sport wins a 9 kilogram crystal globe. Sub-prizes are also awarded in each discipline with a smaller 3.5 kg crystal globe.

Alice Robinson was second to Federica Brignone (Italy) in the race for a crystal globe in alpine skiing giant slalom.

\*\*\* Previously the only Kiwis to win FIS crystal globes were Tiarn Collins (snowboards), Corey Peters (para skiing) and Tawny Wagstaff (speed skiing).



Snow sports at Whakapapa.



*Junior snow sports action will be back at Ruapehu this year, after missing out through Covid and RAL liquidation.*





Mischa Thomas (RSC) on top of the podium in the European Cup Premium freeski halfpipe in Switzerland. Photo: FIS.

## MISCHA COMES NINTH

Mischa Thomas (RSC-NZ) contested the freeski halfpipe final at the World Championships at St Moritz (Switzerland) after a brilliant qualifying run in her first big shot in open company.

She came ninth in the final in a field of 12, a fine performance by the 17 year-old. The winner was Zoe Atkin (Britain).

## MISCHA WINS TWICE

Mischa Thomas (RSC) aged 17 won two gold medals in the European Cup Premium Freeski Tour. She won the gold in two disciplines, slopestyle and halfpipe.

First she won a slopestyle event at Laax (Switzerland). Then she won in halfpipe at Corvatsch (Switzerland).

These tour events are second behind the World Cup and are a great starting point for skiers looking to crack the big time and make the Winter Olympics.

The European Cup Premium Freeski Tour is the northern equivalent to the ANZ events run each year in Australia and Aotearoa.

Results in these second tier contests go towards worldwide top tier rankings. Fields of up to 100 take part in some events.

**Mischa writes:** I am a triplet and one of five kids in my family. I was born in Auckland and have lived there my whole life.

I started skiing when I was three at Mt Ruapehu. Before going to Wanaka for the season my family and I would go to Whakapapa every fortnight and stay in our Ski Club's Lodge.

Growing up doing that I made so many memories and met so many new people.

Those experiences really created my love for skiing. I tried out freestyle for the first time in 2020 and haven't turned back since.



## RSC LODGE, MY PLACE

**By Mischa Thomas, Year 12**

Like a watercolour painting, orange and pink marbled the sky. It had been a perfect day of skiing, ripping around the Whakapapa slopes with my brother and his friends.

I was just the little sister that could keep up with them.

The sweet relief of kicking off my ski boots flattened my feet back into pancakes. I sprinted to the boot dryers, weaving between outstretched legs.

With 60 other weekend guests staying at the Lodge, this wasn't an easy feat. I spotted a spare dryer at the far end of the row.

Triumphant after my hunt, I raced up the creaky stairs; the loud rumbles of laughter and excited squeals became clearer as I pushed through the door into the common area.

Immediately, I was engulfed with the bitter-sweet stench of mulled wine. The parents were toasting the day.

Across the room, familiar voices erupted in accusations over cheating in BlackJack. Grinning, I wandered over to join my friends in the chaos.

The constant commotion and playful banter carried on for the next two hours, until the inevitable interruption of the dinner bell.

Trays piled high of crispy roast vegetables, thick gravy, and fall-off-the-bone chicken were carried out into the dining area. Excitement arose. Everyone was ravenous, and tummies would be filled.

The first adult to take a mouthful was our starting signal. Gravy and crumbs covered the tables as we stuffed our mouths greedily. It looked as if we hadn't eaten in weeks, but in fact that's just what

the snow does to you.

Cleaning up after dinner was the most dreadful part for us kids. We despised doing the dishes the most. They were by far the worst of the assigned chores.

In reality, it usually didn't take long if everyone assigned did their job and helped out, but the whining and complaining interrupted constantly and the tasks dragged on painfully.

At last, we were able to sit down in the library to watch the same movie we did every other week, Austin Powers.

It was a classic in our Lodge, everyone's favourite. It would never fail to make us laugh.

Eventually, our parents attempted to get their younger kids off to bed:

"It looks like a bluebird day tomorrow, you'll want to be up early to go skiing."

I pictured it in my head, the clear blue sky, no wind, perfect corduroy snow. A perfect day of skiing.

All of us older kids decided to make our way to bed too, to do it all over again.

## SUPER PASS EXPANDS

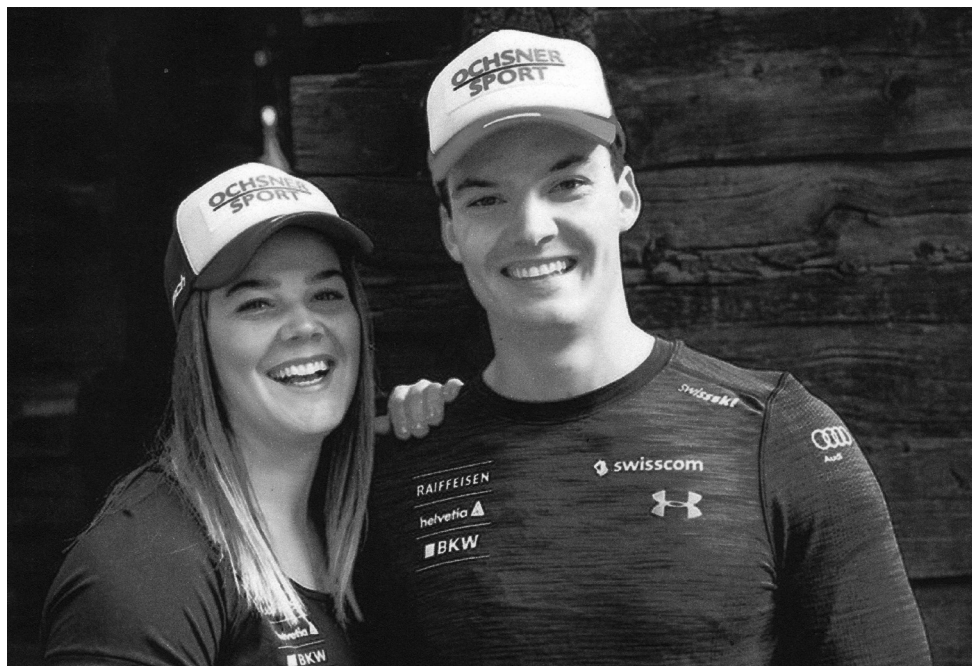
Snow sport enthusiasts can now access 10 of Aotearoa's ski areas with a single, flexible pass.

NZSki's named Superpass has had a major upgrade.

From now the pass which already included access to Coronet Peak, The Remarkables and Mt Hutt, expands to cover Tūroa, Whakapapa, Porters, Roundhill, Mt Dobson, Ōhau and Snowplanet.

Superpass offers flexibility to chase the best conditions and explore more mountains, says NZSki CEO Paul Anderson.

Prices range upward from \$120 per day for a six-day pass



**Upper:** The World slalom champion is Loic Meillard (Swiss), pictured with his sister Melanie who is also a talented ski racer. **Lower:** Federica Brignone (Italy) narrowly beat Alice Robinson (NZ) to win the World Championship giant slalom title.



For the first time ever, two NZ skiers were together on a World Cup podium. Luca Harrington (left) won silver and Ben Barclay (right) won bronze in slopestyle at Stoneham (Canada) in February. The winner was Mateij Svancer (Austria). Photo: FIS.



Fin Campbell Ives (NZ) celebrates his first gold medal in freestyle World Cup skiing. This event is part of the annual Calgary Stampede where the winners get to wear cowboy hats. Photo: FIS.





**Upper:** The Roca Jack ski lift at Portillo in Chile carries five skiers. **Lower:** The world's first rotating gondola is situated at Engelberg-Titlis in Switzerland.



## RSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2025	30	Happy Valley opens
	31	Turoa Alpine Meadow opens
June 2025	11	RSC AGM at Auckland
	14-15	Working parties
	28	Turoa ski season opens (upper mountain)
July 2025	?	Whakapapa upper mountain opens
Aug 2025	16-18	Waimarino Trophy junior interfield
	18-21	Club Week
	24-27	NIPS school racing at Whakapapa.
	31	Rangatira club race
Sept 2025 to be advised		RSC Club champs possible
	20	Ngauruhoe club race
Oct 2025	?	Ski season ends

## PETER FABIAN

Peter Fabian, who has died at Wellington aged 96, joined RSC in the 1950s and was one of the longest serving members.

He was on the RSC Committee for a while and as an NZ Herald journalist he was an Assistant Editor of the Bulletin. In later years he was a TV producer.

Peter liked to be involved in ski racing and once placed third in a high level cross-country championship.

As a journalist and photographer, he and two others trekked to the Ruapehu crater and were the first to view and photograph the lake outlet a few days after the lahar that caused the Tangiwai disaster.

He did substantial work on building RSC Lodge in the 1950s and in 2003 attended its 50th birthday party.

## CHARLOTTE MILL

Charlotte Mill, an RSC ex-member and prominent businesswoman, has died at Queenstown following a battle with cancer.

She was the daughter of RSC ex-President the late Sandy Mill, and Joan Mill, and the wife of RSC ex-member Nik Kiddle.

Charlotte and Nik, an ex-diplomat, ran an upmarket tourist hotel in Queenstown and were involved in local political issues.

When Covid hit the travel business Charlotte became an environmental entrepreneur and established Rangi Nui Rabbits,

This enterprise aimed at helping with rabbit control in Central Otago by producing luxury eco-fur and gourmet meat products.



*The 11km La Ventina ski run at Cervinia in Italy.*

## LA VENTINA SKI RUN

One of the world's greatest ski runs is La Ventina in Italy which is 11km long.

It starts on the Swiss border at Plateau Rosa at 3480 metres and descends to the resort town of Cervinia at 2050 metres.

The run is classified as blue or red which means it is good for intermediates.

Children can ski or snowboard it, but it is best to give them a stop or two for a rest in mid-run.

Known locally as Run 7, La Ventina has curves, flats, and a range of gradients. The variety gives skiers a chance to ski fast down sections and recover on the cruisy cat tracks.

Cervinia gets its name from Cervin which is Italian for the Matterhorn which oversees La Ventina.

Many people think of Matterhorn as being Swiss, but half of it is in Italy.

Cervinia is also known as Breuil-Cervinia, taking in its old French name.

You can easily reach the top of La Ventina by ski lift from Zermatt in Switzerland, but be careful to catch the last cable car uphill to the border crossing, as it is an expensive taxi ride back home.

In addition to its cable cars Cervinia has a wide range of surface lifts for skiing and snowboarding.

In summer, the plains of Breuil-Cervinia are home to alpine pastures with cows whose milk is used to produce the Aosta Valley cheese, Fontina.

La Ventina was the setting for a 1972 heist movie *The Snow Job* starring the French skiing legend Jean-Claude Killy and his wife Daniele Gaubet.

FOOTNOTE: Bulletin Editor Alan Graham and his wife Jo skied La Ventina top to bottom in 1972. Lovely soft new snow.



The World champion downhill racer is Franjo von Allmen (Swiss).



**Left:** Ester Ledecka (Czech) is unique in that she wins World Cup medals in both skiing and snowboarding. **Right:** The World slalom skiing champion is Camille Rast (Swiss).







**Upper:** RSC folk Mandy Burling and Jenn Moffat at Silverstar (Canada). **Lower:** RSC youngsters Madeline, EJ, Claudia and Louis having fun at the Red Antler.





*Carl Burling, Brent Moffat (Mop), Mandy and Jenn at the top of the Comet chair.*

## SKI TRIP TO CANADA RSC STYLE

During a disappointing 2024 Ruapehu ski season, we made the decision to take a ski trip to Canada with our good RSC friends, the Moffats. We were keen to do an adult-only trip, but our young adult kids had other plans.

We all headed to Silverstar Resort, which was highly recommended by our RSC mate Graeme Parr. It's a short flight from Vancouver, and we heard our names called out at the airport.

Another RSC family, the Davidsons, are also bound for Silverstar to visit their daughter, Emily. She was working in rentals for the season on her Uni break.

Silverstar Village is a picturesque ski-in, ski-out village at the base of the Silverstar skifield. There are bars, cafes, restaurants, shops, and the legendary Bugaboo's bakery. The bars were a favourite with our kids.

The skifield has 132 runs with a variety of terrain, groomers, bowls, and glades.

We would meet in the morning for first tracks on the Comet chair. Huge long groomers, like Whiskey Jacks and Big Dipper, to warm up. They're like the Gut on steroids.

The back side (the cold side) of Silverstar is packed with black and double black chutes and runs. Great for the adrenalin

junkies like our kids, they skied the steepest run on the mountain called Freefall, it looked terrifying.

The locals apologised for the lower than average snow year. It was still amazing, no rocks and very little ice! We had a few days of freshies which was great, especially in the tree runs.

Silverstar have an app which tracks your runs and distance per day and there is a leaderboard.

Some of our group were very competitive (Jenn Moffat) and always featured in the top 10 each day. It was a lot of fun.

We had purchased season passes which included access to ice skating and tubing. Much fun was had watching our kids trying to ice skate (a few injuries later...).

A highlight was a bus trip into Vernon to a hockey game which was very exciting (and quite violent). Carl realised his dream to own a hockey jersey.

We also had prebooked a groomer ride to and from the restaurant on top of the mountain. It was a lovely three course meal with karaoke in the groomer on the way back.

A highly successful holiday was had by all. It definitely ticked all the boxes. Snow, skiing, après ski, hot tubs, friends what more could you want in a holiday!

RSC friends for life!

**Mandy Burling**

## FREERIDE WORLD TOUR

Freeriding is a discipline of skiing and snowboarding that involves three basic elements: alpine skiing/snowboarding, park tricks, and backcountry.

These skills, combined with the unique aspect of having no course and no time limit, creates an exciting sport that allows for unlimited creative freedom.

The annual 6-stop showcase travels to mountain resorts around the world, including NZ, with the last destination consistently staged in Verbier (Switzerland.)

There are four categories: snowboard women, snowboard men, ski women and ski men.

An inspection takes place before competition day. With a combination of binoculars, cameras and drones, the athletes take a look at the face of the mountain to determine what line they will take down the mountain.

The athletes are not allowed to ski or snowboard down the mountain until game day to make the competition more challenging and to keep the venue from being skied out.

The lines the riders choose will make or break their score, as they will want to balance the creativity of their line with technique, fluidity, control and style.

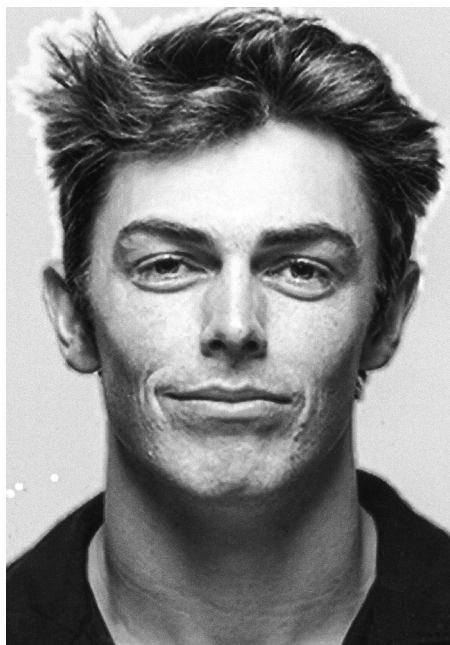
Directly linked to all other elements of criteria, control can largely make or break a rider's score. The control that is exhibited throughout the various features and stylistic choices down the face of the mountain is a huge catalyst to the rest of the scoring system.

There are four judges plus a video judge who can replay a run for the others to analyse.

## MEDAL FOR BEN

Ben Richards (NZ) secured his second podium finish of the 2025 Freeride World Tour, finishing third at the Kicking Horse stop in British Columbia (Canada).

Richards, 25, delivered a high-energy



*Ben Richards.*

performance, landing a stylish 360 off the upper cliff band before stomping a massive front flip on his final feature.

Marcus Goguen (Canada) thrilled the home crowd, scoring a massive 96.67 to take the win. Abel Moga (Spain) was second.

Kicking Horse Pro takes place on the famous Ozone face, a technical venue that has been part of the tour since 2018.

Starting at 2504 metres, riders face a vertical drop of 324 metres, navigating steep pitches with gradients up to 44 degrees. The face is packed with tight chutes, cliffs and technical lines.

\*\*\* Ben was fourth in the next stop on the tour, in Georgia. He was fifth in the season's final at Verbier (Switzerland) which gave him fourth overall for the season.

\*\*\* Jess Hotter from Ohakune has been women's freeride world No 1 in recent years but is not competing at present. She recently won a movie award for her role in a freeride ski film.

## WHITE KNUCKLE SKIING NATURAL SELECTION

Skiing has this year joined snowboarding in the Natural Selection Tour extreme snow sports event.

Now in its fifth year, the tour has become a benchmark for progression, creativity and jaw-dropping moments.

The fields of 12 skiers, eight men and four women, include Craig Murray from NZ. Others come from freeride and also the Olympics.

The first main event this year was in Alaska where after a 20-minute helicopter trip, riders and skiers faced a 500 metres vertical drop, with steep slopes up to 55 degrees.

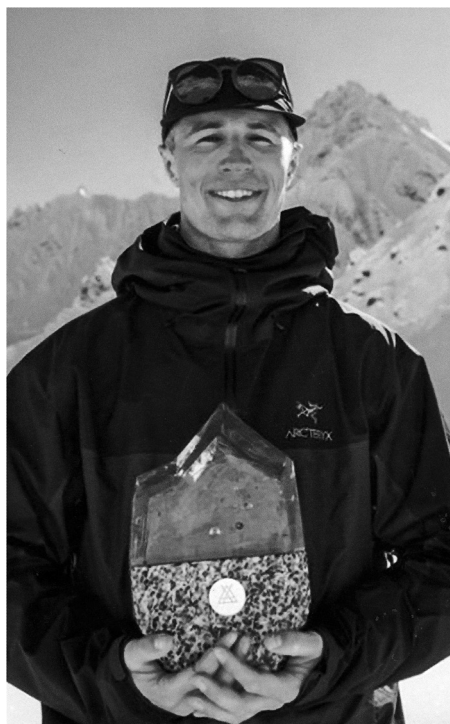
The judging system, dubbed CREDO, considers Creativity, Risk, Execution, Difficulty and Overall Flow.

One thing that separates this tour from other events is that mistakes are overlooked if the great moments are that great. In other words, the CREDO judging criteria encourages risk-taking.

The tour was designed by Reed Hastings, an American software mogul and billionaire now aged 64, a co-founder of Netflix.

He is also the co-owner of Powder Mountain, in Utah, said to be the skifield for billionaires. It is large, with 3500 skiable hectares and an annual snowfall of more than 13 metres.

Hastings is active in educational philanthropy and politics. One of the issues he most strongly advocates is charter schools, publicly funded, privately-run elementary or secondary schools.



*Craig Murray in Alaska.*

## MURRAY WINS GOLD

Craig Murray (NZ) won the gold medal when the extreme skiing Natural Selection Tour visited Valdez in Alaska.

Sam Kuch (Canada) was second and Markus Eder (Italy) was third.

Craig started skiing aged two in the Canterbury hills and made his way through the freeride freestyle ranks.

Then he won a gold medal in the junior Freeride World Championships and another gold in open company at Fieberbrunn (Austria).

Meanwhile he had shifted to Wanaka and was named Otago Sportsman of the Year. He has also tried adventure racing in a team with his parents and brother.



## **SUCCESSFUL APPEAL**

The owners of Whakaari/White Island volcano have successfully appealed the conviction of their company.

Whakaari killed 22 when it erupted in 2019, with 25 survivors badly injured.

The offshore island in the Bay of Plenty has been owned since 1936 by the Buttle family of Auckland who in 2008 established Whakaari Management Ltd (WML).

WML granted licences to commercial tour operators who conducted guided walking tours on the island.

In the wake of the eruption it was fined \$1,045,000 and ordered to pay reparation of \$4.88 million.

On appeal in the High Court, Justice Simon Moore ruled the company did not have a duty under the relevant law to ensure that the walking tour workplace was without risks to health and safety.

He agreed with the company's lawyers that the firm only granted access to the bare land to tourism business and should not have been legally considered the entity that managed or controlled the workplace.

## **MINOR ERUPTIONS**

More frequent ash emissions and occasional explosive activity at Whakaari/White Island suggest a general increase in activity.

It is also believed that some occasional, more explosive activity has recently occurred, ejecting ballistic rocks up to 600 metres from the active vent.

On April 17th the Volcano Alert was lifted to level three on a scale of 0-5, meaning there have been minor volcanic eruptions.

Ash came ashore in May, causing flight cancellations on several days at Tauranga.

## **LAW CHANGE COMING**

The Government is changing health and safety protocols by introducing policies that absolve owners of volcanoes, geothermal hot pools, and other potentially hazardous natural features, from some responsibilities to visitors.

Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Brooke van Velden said this clarification is needed to quell fears from landowners that, like the Whakaari owners, they could be charged for a health and safety issue.

## **CRATER LAKE**

Te Wai ā-moe (Ruapehu Crater Lake) recorded 7 degrees C in October, its lowest temperature for 55 years.

Since then it has slowly been warming to 20 degrees C.

Lake swimming: This was popular up to the 1960s, but is outlawed today due to nasty toxic chemicals such as arsenic in the water.

## **DEEP SOUTH QUAKE**

A 6.8 earthquake with moderate shaking was felt in March, 167 km west of Rakiura Stewart Island.

It was felt widely throughout the lower South Island and generated a small tsunami.

## SKI WORLD CHAMPS

Saalbach in Austria hosted the 48th edition of the FIS alpine ski World Championships.

Racers were 250 women and 380 men from 70 nations with 100,000 ski fans attending and TV audiences of 116 million.

World alpine ski champions for 2025 were:

Men's downhill: Franjo von Allmen (Swiss).

Men's super-g: Marco Odermatt (Swiss).

Men's giant slalom: Raphael Haaser (Austria).

Men's slalom: Loic Meillard (Swiss).

Women's downhill: Breezy Johnson (US).

Women's super g: Stephanie Venier (Austria).

Women's giant slalom: Federica Brignone (Italy).

Women's slalom: Camille Rast (Swiss).

\*\*\* Alice Robinson (NZ) was second in the ladies giant slalom. (See photo on page 29.)

\*\*\* The World Champs are held every second year, avoiding Winter Olympics years.

## BEST OF BRITISH

Dave Ryding scored Gt Britain's best men's alpine ski World Championships result since 1934 by finishing sixth in the slalom.

Ryding, 38, follows CS Hudson who was fifth 91 years ago.

## SKIING WORLD CUP

The alpine skiing World Cup tour is held every year and consists of up to 34 races for men and 34 for women, ranging from slalom to downhill

Points are awarded for the first 30 skiers home in each race.

The racer with the most points at the end of the season in March wins the cup, represented by a 9 kilogram crystal globe. Sub-prizes are also awarded in each race discipline, with a smaller 3.5 kg crystal globe.

There are parallel World Cup tours for all the other recognised forms of skiing and snowboarding, and they also carry crystal globes.

World Cup alpine ski tour placegetters for 2024-25 were:

### Men

Marco Odermatt (Swiss)	1721
H Kristoffersen (Norway)	1116
Loic Meillard (Swiss)	1076

### Women

Federica Brignone (Italy)	1594
Lara Gut-Behrami (Swiss)	1272
Sofia Goggia (Italy)	931

Alice Robinson (NZ) was seventh with 700 points, made up of 520 in GS, 176 in super-g and 4 in downhill. All told 121 women scored points. Lindsey Vonn (US) in her comeback year was 38th.

\*\*\* Brignone broke a leg in several places when she crashed in the Italian champs at the end of the season. She will now battle to make a start in the Olympic Winter Games on her home snow in February.

## SNOWY SCOREBOARD

### THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS

World Championships for snowboarders and freestyle skiers were held at Engadin (St Moritz) at the end of March.

Three NZ stars, Zoi, Luca and Fin are now world champions.

**Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (NZ)** won the women's snowboard slopestyle World Championships gold medal at St Moritz.

She scored 90.15 points to beat Kokomo Murase (Japan) on 87.02 and Reira Iwabuchi (Japan) on 83.55.

It was Zoi's third slopestyle World Championships victory.

Zoi was also the top qualifier for the big air title but withdrew after a crash in training an hour before the final.

**Luca Harrington (NZ)** aged 21 won the World Championships freeski big air at St Moritz. He won a by a big margin with three magnificent jumps.

Luca scored 192 points while Elias Syrja (Finland) was second on 184.25 and Birk Ruud (Norway) was third on 183.

"This season has been just incredible for me and to top it all off with the World Champs win is such an honour," Luca said.

**Ben Barclay (NZ)** was seventh in big air. Luca was also sixth in slopestyle.

**Finley Melville Ives (NZ)** aged 18 won the gold medal in the men's halfpipe at the freeski World Championships in St Moritz.

In the final Fin beat his great rivals and role models Nick Goepper and Alex Ferreira (both US). Fin scored 96.00, Nick 94.50 and Alex 92.00. **Luke Harrold (NZ)** was fourth.

**Ruby Star Andrews (NZ)** was fifth in the women's freeski slopestyle.

**Cam Melville Ives (NZ)** was fifth in the snowboard halfpipe.

These NZ folk also made a World Champs final in one or more events: Mischa Thomas, Madeleine Disbrowe, Tiarn Collins, Dane Menzies.

### FIN WINS CUP GOLD

Wānaka teenager Finley Melville Ives beat two of his idols to win a gold medal in a freestyle halfpipe World Cup event at Calgary (Canada).

Fin was joined on the podium by two legends of the sport, multi-Olympic medallists Nick Goepper and Alex Ferreira (both US).

"Both of them were my heroes growing up. I have watched them on the TV and at the Olympics. I can't believe it," Melville Ives said.

Luke Harrold (NZ) aged 16 was fourth in this event.

\*\*\* Campbell Melville Ives (NZ) was fourth in a snowboard World Cup halfpipe at Calgary.

\*\*\* The Calgary Stampede is held every year in Alberta (Canada), with skiing one week and snowboarding in the second. The Winter Olympics were held here in 1988.

### TWO ON THE PODIUM

NZ had two skiers on the one World Cup podium when Luca Harrington came second and Ben Barclay came third in freeski slopestyle at Stoneham (Canada).

The event was won by Matej Svancer (Austria). There were 56 starters.

Barclay's performance was the second podium of his World Cup career.

### RUBY STAR MEDAL

NZ freestyler skier Ruby Star Andrews won her third World Cup medal with a bronze in a slopestyle event at Tignes (France) in March. Ruby Star is 20 and comes from Queenstown.



## SPEED SKIING

Tawny Wagstaff (NZ) won a silver medal in a World Cup event at Vars (France) with a speed of 188km/h. There were 32 starters.

## MEDALS FOR ALICE

NZ ski racer Alice Robinson had a fine alpine World Cup season, finishing on the podium in all but two giant slaloms on the famous White Circus.

Her results were: 2, DNF, 3, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, DNF.

This placed her second on the season's rankings, narrowly behind Federica Brignone (Italy) who won four races.

## FOURTH IN SUPER-G

Alice Robinson (NZ) finished fourth on March 2nd in an alpine World Cup super-g at Kvitjell (Norway). It was easily her best result in her backup event. There were 52 starters

Lindsey Vonn (US) aged 40 won the silver medal in this race.

## MICHAELA SCORES 100

Mikaela Shiffrin (US) claimed an historic 100th alpine skiing World Cup win with victory in the slalom in the Italian resort of Sestriere in February.

The win means the 29-year-old is the first skier, male or female, to reach 100 alpine World Cup race wins.

It was her 156th career World Cup podium, a new outright record for any skier, surpassing Ingemar Stenmark's total of 155.

\*\*\* She subsequently won her 101st World Cup victory, a slalom at Sun Valley (US).

\*\*\* Sestriere is where Hannibal crossed the Alps in 218 BC with his 37 elephants. The Winter Olympics were held here in 2006.

## WORLD CUP RESULTS

Recent top 10 results by NZ snow sports competitors in World Cup events.

### SNOWBOARDS

Cam Melville Ives fourth in halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

Zoi Sadowski-Synnott GOLD MEDAL in slopestyle at Flachau (Austria).

### FREESKI

Fin Melville Ives GOLD MEDAL in halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

Luke Harrold fourth in halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

Ruby Star Andrews seventh in slopestyle at Stoneham (Canada).

Luca Harrington SILVER medal in slopestyle at Stoneham (Canada).

Ben Barclay BRONZE MEDAL in slopestyle at Stoneham (Canada).

Luca Harrington BRONZE MEDAL in big air at Tignes (France).

Ruby Star Andrews BRONZE MEDAL in slopestyle at Tignes (France).

Ben Barclay sixth in slopestyle at Tignes (France).

### ALPINE SKIING

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in giant slalom No 1 at Sestriere (Italy).

Alice Robinson BRONZE MEDAL in giant slalom No 2 at Sestriere (Italy).

Alice Robinson fourth in super-g at Kvitjell (Norway).

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in giant slalom at Are (Sweden).

Alice Robinson eighth in super-g at Sun Valley (US).

### PARA SKIING

Corey Peters BRONZE MEDAL in super-g at Bardonecchia (Italy).

### SPEED SKIING

Tawny Wagstaff SILVER MEDAL at Vars (France).

Tawny Wagstaff fifth at Vars (France).

## WORLD SKI NEWS

A ski helmet that incorporates a wool beanie is on the market.

It is made by Rob Joseph, a snowboarder and medical engineer from Queensland, Australia.

In 2016, while on a university trip to New Zealand as an engineering student, he took a big crash while not wearing his helmet and got a concussion.

He wrote his senior thesis on helmet safety, putting helmets from big-name brands to the test, before creating a new technology.

***The Nordic ski World Championships in March were rocked by a cheating scandal in which two Norway team members were disqualified for wearing illegal suits.***

*The suits had extra seams stitched in them to make them more stable and help improve performance.*

*The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) said its Ethics and Compliance Office would investigate the disqualifications of two ski jumpers.*

*One comedian said disqualifications are usually for drug offences involving a different kind of needle.*

A field of 15,800 skiers turned out in Sweden for the 101st running of the world's largest cross-country ski race **the Vasaloppet** which attracts both elite and recreational athletes on a 90km course.

During the race skiers burn many calories, so Sweden's favourite blueberry soup is served at every checkpoint.

The modern Vasaloppet started in 1922 but the first Vasalopp was carried out as early as 1521 by Gustav Eriksson as he fled from the Danish king.

Gustav Eriksson eventually united the realm and became Sweden's first king, better known under the name Gustav Vasa.

***Japanese ski jumper Noriaki Kasai*** continued rewriting the records books at the age of 52, extending his own Guinness World Record for the most individual World Cup appearances to 579.

*He failed to advance to the second round, which consisted of the top 30 jumpers. In the qualifying round Kasai placed 47th with a jump of 108 metres in a field of 56.*

*He has competed in the Winter Olympics a record eight times and is a three-time Olympic medallist.*

**Ski ballet:** A new film aims to convince people that ski ballet is alive and well.

Dancing on the Edge: A Ski Ballet Story takes viewers through three generations of the sport from its heyday to the ending of competition.

Ski ballet saw its peak in the 1970s and 1980s and was included in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Winter Games as a demonstration sport. However, the sport's popularity declined rapidly after 1992 due to the rise of other ski disciplines and all competitions had ceased by 2000.

The film's release was celebrated by the second annual Winter Waltz Event at Verbier, which welcomed 30 former professional ski ballet athletes in the largest gathering of the sport in 25 years.

*Did you know that snow sports has a yellow card and red card regime like football or rugby?*

*It applies to skier cross and snowboard cross where four runners race head to head on the same track.*

*One penalty brings a yellow card. A second penalty brings a red card and a one race suspension.*



*Alice Robinson (NZ) with her silver medal in giant slalom at the alpine ski World Champs 2025. Photo: FIS.*



*Racing in the alpine ski World Cup downhill at Kitzbühl (Austria) in 2025. A crowd of 50,000 attended.*



## ACROSS THE SKIING WORLD

**The Duke of Edinburgh (Prince Edward)** skied at Whakapapa in 1982 when he was in NZ for six months as a housemaster and tutor at Whanganui Collegiate School.

He said that skiing on Ruapehu was one of the highlights of his stay here.

“You can ski the good snow and look down to see the rest of the North Island enjoying a lovely spring day. The view is quite sensational.”

Edward has remained a regular skier. So have his wife Sophie and their children Louise and James.

**German skier Oliver Kern has set a new world record for skiing 101 separate lifts in a day.**

Kern set his record at Sweden’s Sälen resort, one of the few on the planet with enough lifts in reasonable proximity to be able to achieve the feat.

The passionate skier began his record attempt at 7.30 am, taking advantage of an early bird opening. Later in the day there was no stop at the world’s only McDonald’s ski-in, as time was running out.

In fact there was no time for any break during the 11-hour ski day and it was only possible to eat and drink on the lifts.

**Norway’s melting ice has exposed a ski that is 1300 years old. This hidden relic from the Iron Age is one of a pair. The first was discovered in 2014.**

*The second ski is more preserved than the first because it was buried deeper in the ice.*

*Scientists used GPS coordinates and photographs from 2014 to locate the second ski. At 187 cm long, the ski is 17 cm longer and 2 cm wider than the first one.*

*The skis are crafted from wood and feature twisted birch bindings with leather straps. Both skis have a hole through the*

*tip which was used to connect the ski to the user’s footwear.*

**Over the course of a 25-year career as a ski journalist, Alf Alderson has skied at 250 resorts. Here are his choices.**

Best for beginners: La Plagne, France.

Best for intermediates: Cervinia, Italy.

Best for experts: Red Mountain, Canada.

Best all-rounder: Les Arcs, France.

Best value: Livigno, Italy.

Best ski resort you’ve never heard of: Brundage Mountain, US.

Best luxury destination: Lyngen Alps, Norway.

**Switzerland recorded 10 avalanche-related deaths during the 2024–25 winter season, well below the 20-year average of 19 fatalities.**

*Officials registered 172 avalanches involving damage to people or property, of which 156 were triggered by individuals.*

*Only 21 avalanches caused material damage, compared with a 20-year average of 84.*

*The season was marked by unusually mild temperatures and a lack of snow, especially in eastern districts.*

**Norway’s Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo** completed an unprecedented sweep of all six cross-country skiing gold medals at the World Championships, capping it in the gruelling 50km race in front of 50,000 spectators in his hometown.

Klaebo, the world’s top male skier for much of the last decade, won the 50km freestyle 1 hour, 57 min, 47.1 sec.

He pulled away from Swede William Poromaa in the closing sprint by 2.1 seconds at Granasen Ski Centre in Trondheim, about 10 minutes from where he lives.

Klaebo, 28, became the first cross-country skier to win all six events at Worlds since the programme was expanded from five events to six starting in 2001 for men and 2003 for women.

*Authorities in the United States have offered a \$US10 million reward for information that leads to the arrest of a Canadian former Olympic snowboarder turned-international drug kingpin.*

*Police in Los Angeles said Ryan Wedding, also known as “El Jefe” or “Giant”, is wanted for his role in a billion-dollar cross-border drug trafficking operation and for several homicides linked to his drug sprawling network. The FBI said he was probably hiding in Mexico.*

*The 43-year-old competed for Team Canada in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games where he placed 24th in the parallel giant slalom.*

**Former Olympic athlete Sven Coomer**, widely known as the “Father of the modern ski boot”, has died aged 84, at Carbondale, Colorado.

Coomer was responsible for making plastic ski boots for Nordica work well just as the popularity of skiing took off in the early 1970s.

He was raised in Sydney and at age 16, he became the youngest competitor at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, representing Australia in the Modern Pentathlon.

He was a brilliant natural athlete who mostly taught himself to ski during a break from his university studies. Emigrating to the US he became ski school director at Solitude, Utah, and then Mt Rose, Nevada.

***Kiwi brand Kathmandu** will design and produce New Zealand’s Olympic and Commonwealth Games uniforms and village kit for the next four years.*

*Kathmandu-designed uniforms will be worn by athletes at the 2026 Winter Olympics and at the Commonwealth Games, Youth Games and Summer Olympics which follow.*

**Domen Prevc (Slovenia)** has set a new ski jump world record of 254.5 metres in a World Cup jump on his home snow at Planica.

It was a metre further than previous

record of 253.5 metres set by Stefan Kraft (Austria).

A crowd of 17,000 fans were packed into the HS240 Ski Flying Hill venue to watch the jumping.

Ryōyū Kobayashi (Japan) jumped 291 metres on a specially-created ramp in Iceland last year, but the attempt didn’t meet several conditions laid out by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS)

*Many top ski racers are wearing an extra layer of protection under their race suits to guard against the dangers of sharp skis, especially runaway ones after crashes.*

*For now, it is optional clothing. Next season, cut-resistant pants will be a mandatory requirement by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation.*

A new six-seater chairlift at **Perisher skifield (NSW)** will take skiers and riders up Australia’s new highest lift-served point at 2040 metres.

The Doppelmayr lift will increase capacity on the route by 60 percent and will open up access to a lot of new terrain.

Perisher says 27 towers from the old Mt P Double and Triple chairs have now been replaced with just 10 towers.

The chairlift will deliver a 44 percent faster ride time up (5½ minutes down from 10 minutes).

***The new Jandri cable car in Les Deux Alpes (France)** is the fastest ski lift in the world, moving up the mountain at a speed of 8 metres per second, the maximum ski lift speed allowed under French law.*

*It cost 140 million Euros. It took four years of planning and eight months to construct, and will take a mortgage term of 24 years to pay it back.*

*This lift can operate in wind speeds of up to 100km/h. It takes skiers from 1650 metres to 3200 metres in 17 minutes.*



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### Lockers

Ski and gear lockers are available in the Hut, Lodge and Turoa buildings.

Please email [admin@rsc.org.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.org.nz) for current availability.

### Annual Locker Rental Rates:

Charged at the date of allocation.

Ski Locker       \$63.25

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

Name Badge (free to new members)   \$12

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Annual senior subscription               \$310

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### 2025 RATES

Member type	NEW Catered Lodge only	NEW Non-Catered
Senior	\$66.00	\$47.00
Young Adult	\$66.00	\$47.00
Teen	\$57.00	\$41.00
Junior	\$43.00	\$31.00
Member's Child	\$33.00	\$24.00
Senior non-member	\$119.00	\$85.00
Junior non-member	\$77.00	\$55.00

“All subscriptions and accommodation fees are paid through Clubman, our new booking system, and will have an additional Stripe surcharge of 2.7% and a 30 cents transaction fee.”