



SCIJ Event 2016

Thank you SCIJ France and Val Cenis



▲▲ Dog sleds follow the old road, once the most buzy route between France and Italy whatever their names were at the time.

▲ Italian-French border cuts Lake Mont Cenis in two. Popular route for especially morocyclists in summer goes around the lake.

▶ The southern Maginot line prevented Italy's troupes from advancing in the valley in WW2.

▶ Lanslevillard, the northernmost village in Val Cenis.



Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day, I chanted when we left Turin Airport. Esther, the goddess of rain would not listen but waived a certain finger to us and increased her fury washing almost all the snow away from Val Cenis, our Shan-gri-La of skiing to be.

However, the SCIJ atmosphere created by the reunion of old friends and new friends-to-be did its magic during the night, and in the morning the sunshine reflecting from half a meter of light powder snow nearly blinded us.

Powder skiing

B.T.W. someone mentioned that the opening ceremony had been great, but many were missed. At least three Swedes and I were fighting through the monsoon rain. Two late-landed Britons slept in their car that rested on a mattress of snow waiting for a snowplough.

Anyway, what could one do on a morning like this but rent wide flat skis, put on the darkest goggles and hit the off-pistes and spoil one's thigh muscles on the very first day.

Nations' Night

After 22 Scij meetings my menu on Finnish delicacies suitable of transporting 15 hours through

warm conditions have been tasted and ignored enough. So I decided to treat you with a vision of what you could have enjoyed.

Nations' Night went as it usually does. Caviar, pasta, cheese, vodka, sshalami, whisshkey, even be-be-beer. New members had no difficulties to integrate. No fights or lost shoes this time.

Enjoyin track skiing

On Monday the off-pistes had been ploughed through and in the morning it was time to change skis to more on-piste, particularly when a short GS track had been prepared for us.

Training doesn't much improve your track performance if you only ski six days a year, but it's fun. Wish we had a GS track for several days.

Fake news are important?

In the evening we probably had the best Think-Tank ever. Media, social media, news, fake news,



etc. A fruitful and lengthy conversation ended to a positive conclusion: knowing that fake news are fed to us all the time, people tend to turn to quality media.

Sponsors sponsored publishing

Paris 2024 Olympics application gave us more articles than no other ever. E.g. Ulli Brünger wrote an article that was syndicated to tens of newspapers in Germany. If we only had clippings or the number of readers of them all.

Another interesting subject was ski/sledge transformer. You climb a hill with the skis, then do some handymanism and you have a sledge to speed downhill.

Grrrand Slaloom!

Tuesday entertained us with one of the best GS track I've ever enjoyed On SCIJ meetings. The Italians did what they came for: collected half of the medals. We were all so happy for them because their happiness overflowed on all the rest of us. How can you not smile in front of that child-like, pure joy on their faces.

Great day, bad evening

Wednesday was another great skiing day.

1. In the evening the General Assembly dropped us back to the ground.
 2. We haven't reached the 50 % limit of clipping/participant.
 3. Too many teams don't publish at all.
 4. Too few countries organise meetings.
 5. We have no host for the 2019 meeting.
 6. Too few people want to work for SCIJ.
- Well, finally Ana Raic-Knezevic volunteered to run for vice president, and as nobody opposed she was elected.

Killer Cross Country

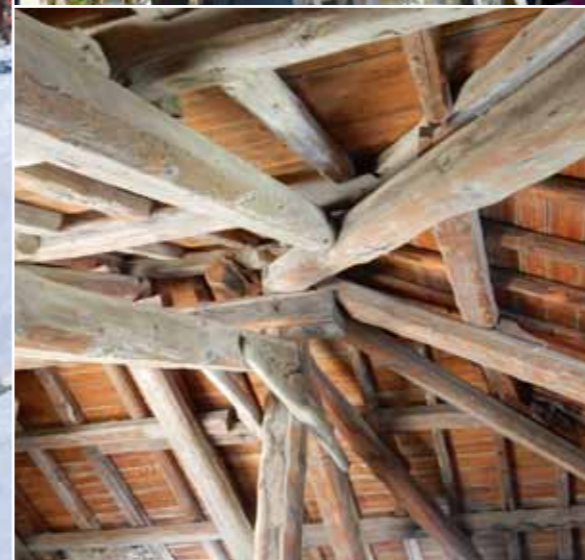
Thursday took us to the Bessans cross country stadium.

If the sun could get any sunnier, it did. Getting ready on the bench watching the mountains behind the skiing area, waxing faces and skis.

Slowly, in a relaxed mood we forced ourselves towards the ski trails.

- Look out, look out! Get off the ski trail!

The early birds glid downhill attacking us late ones. Disaster. Rolling, cursing bodies hitting innocent people. No brakes on these skis.



▲ Roof construction of Fort Victor Emmanuel. The chapel of Saint Sebastian is full of comic strips of Bible
▲ A house of observation and defense for the entrance of the Mont-Cenis railway tunnel, was blown up during the German withdrawal in 1944 by two wagons stuffed with explosives. It literally jumped to drop off a bit further almost intact, but not really horizontal.
▲ Ladies! How can you tolerate this macho behaviour? The Swedes seem to enjoy the party.



The ski trails in shadow were ice and more slippery than a dance floor in the fifties. You couldn't kick forward. You couldn't brake. Going downhill you could do nothing but yell but yell.

We were much too early on the ski trails. But the show had to go on.

It's the juniors' duty to go avant garde.

Casualties we were bound to have.

Danish rookie Rasmus with a dislocated shoulder was the one to get all of ours sympathy.

The war is cruel and the cavalry barbarous, my mother used to say.

So the race went on. The sun came from behind the mountain. The ski trail softened. No more casualties but still close encounters with the terrain. Nothing like in Jasna though, where we had more casualties than skiers.

Still Blaz, responsible for the race tracks, looked a bit worried. Nobody sued him, though. The GS track had been a great success. So, the average was about O.K.

Again the medals went to the best ones. No-one was disqualified. Luckily that kind of nationalistic farce has never taken place after Font Romeu.

Comic strips in a church

On Thursday I had a very interesting afternoon.

The Forts of Esseillon: they enclose the valley of the Haute-Maurienne in a succession of buildings attached to the rock. This system of defense, which has never really been used, has been completely transformed into a center of tourism and leisure with in par-

ticular two vertiginous zip lines.

After seeing the frescos of Chapelle Saint Sebastian you simply cannot deny knowing what Easter is all about.

Paaartyyy!

On Thursday night all the stress was gone. Even the Italians seem to know how to party. After dinners in the multi-purpose hall of Lanslevillard the dance floor was full all the time. When the hall was closed the hotel lounge hosted half of us till 3 o'clock.

Wasted snow

On Friday morning there were not many skiers waiting to the ski lift to open. It's a pity. It was maybe the second best skiing day of the week. I skied till the ski lift refused to take me up anymore.

Gala and fare thee well

The formula is about the same, but e.g. food and drinks differ. Always very good, this time excellent. I should know. I sat between two noted food columnists.

Post tour

I had my own in Turin. I wrote such an excellent article of Turin last year, that simply had to spend another week there. So, I had a flat in the very center by the Piazza Castello, and realised that every word I had written was true and more.

Rauli Storm

VAL CENIS

Combined WOMEN JUNIOR

| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|----------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| Ros Kanellopoulos Maja | 1974 | SLO | 1:05.62 | 2 | 00:12:10 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Wendlandt Astrid Wendlandt | 1973 | FRA | 1:03.94 | 1 | 00:14:20 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| Salajková Linda | 1986 | CZE | 1:08.23 | 6 | 00:12:19 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| Anne Fournier | 1974 | SUI | 1:05.76 | 3 | 00:14:04 | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| Grgić Maja | 1974 | SLO | 1:09.44 | 7 | 00:12:45 | 5 | 12 | 5 |
| Lesjak Tusek Petra | 1975 | SLO | 1:06.88 | 4 | 00:15:56 | 10 | 14 | 6 |
| Milasevic Lorence | 1974 | SUI | 1:15.75 | 10 | 00:13:44 | 6 | 16 | 7 |
| Bizjak Marisa | 1987 | SLO | 1:32.76 | 15 | 00:12:00 | 1 | 16 | 8 |
| Pavesi Julia | 1991 | FRA | 1:07.29 | 5 | 00:17:59 | 13 | 18 | 9 |
| Nováková Dana | 1973 | CZE | 1:14.73 | 9 | 00:17:26 | 11 | 20 | 10 |
| Raic-Knezevic Ana | 1973 | CRO | 1:13.17 | 8 | 00:18:47 | 15 | 23 | 11 |
| Strbac Barbara | 1976 | CRO | 1:20.96 | 13 | 00:17:35 | 12 | 25 | 12 |
| Fimbry Myriam | 1973 | CAN | 1:18.79 | 12 | 00:18:21 | 14 | 26 | 13 |
| Malnar Travas Nina | 1989 | CRO | 1:16.78 | 11 | 00:20:16 | 16 | 27 | 14 |
| Lorraine Fournier | 1981 | FRA | 1:27.28 | 14 | 00:21:58 | 17 | 31 | 15 |
| Naumetskaya Anastasiya | 1973 | KAZ | 1:33.38 | 16 | 00:22:29 | 19 | 35 | 16 |
| Herskovits Eszter | 1976 | HUN | 1:34.33 | 17 | 00:23:23 | 20 | 37 | 17 |
| Alphan Melis | 1978 | TUR | 1:43.74 | 19 | 00:22:12 | 18 | 37 | 18 |
| Çiyan Deniz | 1987 | TUR | 2:23.91 | 20 | 00:27:29 | 23 | 43 | 19 |
| Curea Liliana | 1982 | ROU | 3:09.81 | 21 | 00:25:29 | 22 | 43 | 20 |

Combined WOMEN SENIOR

| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| MOTTA Gisella | 1968 | ITA | 1:03.16 | 1 | 00:13:46 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| FREROT SÖDERGREN Elisabet | 1964 | SWE | 1:10.39 | 3 | 00:13:35 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| ARNAL Sonia | 1972 | SUI | 1:08.40 | 2 | 00:14:30 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| WEINBERGER Stefanie | 1968 | GER | 1:24.24 | 7 | 00:13:05 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| MEHL Birgit | 1970 | GER | 1:22.71 | 6 | 00:18:01 | 5 | 11 | 5 |
| MARINOVA Veselina | 1963 | BUL | 1:20.62 | 4 | 00:23:48 | 11 | 15 | 6 |
| PIGAREVA PIGARIOVA Tatiana | 1965 | ESP | 1:24.64 | 8 | 00:20:12 | 8 | 16 | 7 |
| KOKOVINETS Larissa | 1963 | KAZ | 1:31.40 | 10 | 00:25:10 | 13 | 23 | 8 |
| BAZHENOVA Irina | 1965 | KAZ | 1:37.99 | 11 | 00:24:52 | 12 | 23 | 9 |
| DUSMEZ Gamze | 1968 | TUR | 2:26.09 | 16 | 00:23:34 | 10 | 26 | 10 |
| PENCHEVA-BALINSKA Hristinka | 1965 | BUL | 1:47.23 | 13 | 00:25:35 | 14 | 27 | 11 |
| BIANCHI Federica | 1972 | ITA | 1:22.02 | 5 | | | | |
| PERNA Laura | 1969 | ITA | 1:31.04 | 9 | | | | |
| SCHARLOO Mieke | 1964 | HOL | 1:38.74 | 12 | | | | |
| NEAG Mirela | 1968 | ROU | 1:49.46 | 14 | | | | |
| MARTÍNEZ Montserrat | 1969 | ESP | 2:23.29 | 15 | | | | |

Combined WOMEN SUPER SENIOR

| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|--------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| JERMANN Barbra | 1961 | SLO | 1:07.04 | 1 | 00:15:27 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| LANCÔT Martine | 1953 | CAN | 1:09.94 | 3 | 00:14:51 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| GOIO Barbara | 1961 | ITA | 1:09.33 | 2 | 00:16:52 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| SALAJKOVA Hana | 1961 | CZE | 1:20.23 | 5 | 00:14:42 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| FINNSIÖ Marica | 1961 | SWE | 1:13.86 | 4 | 00:18:14 | 6 | 10 | 5 |
| JOUAULT Catherine | 1953 | FRA | 1:21.99 | 6 | 00:19:35 | 7 | 13 | 6 |
| DUCHARME Andree | 1957 | CAN | 1:23.35 | 8 | 00:17:10 | 5 | 13 | 7 |
| TOTH Ágnes | 1949 | HUN | 1:35.66 | 10 | 00:21:35 | 8 | 18 | 8 |
| DIMITROVA Milena | 1961 | BUL | 1:54.78 | 17 | 00:27:15 | 10 | 27 | 9 |
| WEINREB WYATT Risa | 1951 | USA | 3:16.43 | 20 | 00:24:00 | 9 | 29 | 10 |

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Combined MEN JUNIOR

| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|----------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| H Petr | 1975 | CZE | 1:01.15 | 1 | 00:21:45 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| NIK Blaz | 1977 | SLO | 1:03.72 | 2 | 00:22:16 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| AR Christophe | 1976 | SUI | 1:04.18 | 3 | 00:26:00 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| BA Vladimir | 1974 | CZE | 1:12.88 | 9 | 00:26:30 | 5 | 14 | 4 |
| WITZ Bruno | 1984 | BEL | 1:11.60 | 7 | 00:29:57 | 9 | 16 | 5 |
| CHETTE Alexandre | 1975 | CAN | 1:18.50 | 13 | 00:27:00 | 6 | 19 | 6 |
| David | 1978 | SLO | 1:27.39 | 17 | 00:24:50 | 3 | 20 | 7 |
| ICA Marko | 1975 | SRB | 1:16.38 | 10 | 00:34:05 | 11 | 21 | 8 |
| OYAVLENSKI Alexander | 1976 | BUL | 1:19.87 | 15 | 00:27:10 | 7 | 22 | 9 |
| CEVIC Mirko | 1975 | SRB | 1:17.72 | 11 | 00:36:42 | 14 | 25 | 10 |
| MSON Sam | 1980 | GBR | 1:23.66 | 16 | 00:34:23 | 12 | 28 | 11 |
| K Serkan | 1982 | TUR | 1:49.44 | 20 | 00:30:54 | 10 | 30 | 12 |
| A Vsevolod | 1987 | RUS | 1:40.83 | 19 | 00:43:03 | 15 | 34 | 13 |

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| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|---------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| EUERER Ralf | 1964 | GER | 1:00.07 | 1 | 00:21:02 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| VENUTI Daniele | 1968 | ITA | 1:04.99 | 2 | 00:25:42 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| RANCESCHI Stefano | 1965 | ITA | 1:06.91 | 4 | 00:31:11 | 6 | 10 | 3 |
| LACE Frederick | 1968 | CAN | 1:13.87 | 8 | 00:30:20 | 4 | 12 | 4 |
| ADJIEV Lubomir | 1972 | BUL | 1:17.54 | 10 | 00:24:37 | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| ANOV Julian | 1965 | BUL | 1:05.55 | 3 | 00:34:52 | 15 | 18 | 6 |
| NCIC Srdan | 1965 | CRO | 1:07.73 | 5 | 00:35:06 | 16 | 21 | 7 |
| VIC Bojan | 1964 | SLO | 1:14.49 | 9 | 00:33:59 | 12 | 21 | 8 |
| MONA Sergio | 1965 | ESP | 1:18.95 | 12 | 00:32:18 | 9 | 21 | 9 |
| THA Csaba | 1963 | ROU | 1:24.28 | 15 | 00:31:22 | 7 | 22 | 10 |
| AN Hegedzs | 1966 | HUN | 1:20.74 | 13 | 00:32:26 | 10 | 23 | 11 |
| LACE Lars Christian | 1964 | NOR | 1:31.91 | 18 | 00:30:59 | 5 | 23 | 12 |
| ERSKI Philippe | 1970 | BEL | 1:17.70 | 11 | 00:35:31 | 17 | 28 | 13 |
| MIROVIC Miljan | 1971 | SRB | 1:30.43 | 17 | 00:32:43 | 11 | 28 | 14 |
| NKÁS Norbert | 1972 | HUN | 1:28.56 | 16 | 00:36:45 | 18 | 34 | 15 |
| YARY Yoav Alexandre | 1965 | ISR | 1:49.66 | 20 | 00:34:33 | 14 | 34 | 16 |

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| Name | Nat | Time GS | GS | Time CC | CC | GS + CC | Comb | |
|------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| CCIAROLI Luigi | 1961 | ITA | 58.27 | 1 | 00:13:25 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| A VALLE Mauro | 1960 | ITA | 1:08.24 | 3 | 00:13:54 | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| KA Petr | 1955 | CZE | 1:12.46 | 8 | 00:13:08 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| ALIERE Dario | 1961 | ITA | 1:05.76 | 2 | 00:15:45 | 14 | 16 | 4 |
| -COUTTET Hubert | 1951 | SUI | 1:09.56 | 4 | 00:15:10 | 12 | 16 | 5 |
| MAND Jean-Baptiste | 1958 | SUI | 1:16.26 | 12 | 00:14:39 | 8 | 20 | 6 |
| ODERO Alberto | 1962 | ITA | 1:22.55 | 19 | 00:10:40 | 1 | 20 | 7 |
| LEYS Emmanuel | 1950 | FRA | 1:15.35 | 10 | 00:14:51 | 11 | 21 | 8 |
| IEBÉ Renaud | 1960 | FRA | 1:10.25 | 5 | 00:17:00 | 17 | 22 | 9 |
| SLE Pierre | 1944 | SUI | 1:12.48 | 9 | 00:16:35 | 16 | 25 | 10 |
| Mettan | 1956 | SUI | 1:23.50 | 21 | 00:13:29 | 5 | 26 | 11 |
| MANY Pierre | 1951 | CAN | 1:28.53 | 23 | 00:13:15 | 3 | 26 | 12 |
| NGER Ulli | 1961 | GER | 1:10.87 | 6 | 00:20:27 | 23 | 29 | 13 |
| IC Jaroslav | 1950 | CZE | 1:24.68 | 22 | 00:14:45 | 9 | 31 | 14 |
| WSE Michael | 1953 | GBR | 1:19.09 | 14 | 00:17:35 | 18 | 32 | 15 |
| ERO Gianni | 1950 | ITA | 1:16.04 | 11 | 00:19:50 | 22 | 33 | 16 |
| RM Rauli | 1947 | FIN | 1:32.31 | 26 | 00:15:23 | 13 | 39 | 17 |
| ri Fritz | 1955 | SUI | 1:20.47 | 16 | 00:21:58 | 26 | 42 | 18 |
| SINS Michael | 1962 | GBR | 1:22.43 | 18 | 00:21:36 | 25 | 43 | 19 |
| OVIC Danijel | 1948 | CRO | 1:36.66 | 29 | 00:16:17 | 15 | 44 | 20 |
| IL Smail | 1961 | KAZ | 1:44.84 | 36 | 00:14:45 | 10 | 46 | 21 |
| IO Sergio Renato | 1956 | ARG | 1:31.96 | 25 | 00:21:19 | 24 | 49 | 22 |
| ISTENSEN Peter Moeller | 1958 | DEN | 1:39.05 | 31 | 00:18:02 | 19 | 50 | 23 |
| UE Guillermo Omar | 1960 | ARG | 1:35.56 | 27 | 00:29:01 | 27 | 54 | 24 |
| OV Nikolay | 1939 | RUS | 1:40.73 | 35 | 00:18:14 | 20 | 55 | 25 |
| HMAN Rom | 1957 | ISR | 2:07.76 | 40 | 00:18:52 | 21 | 61 | 26 |



◀ Hannibal is said to have, Constantine did, as did Charlemagne cross Col de Mont Cenis.
▶ Napoleon had the road prepared for his troops. Later the road became a blue slope of a ski resort.
▼ Leonardo had Mona Lisa in his saddle bag.



▲ Empress Eugenie, the daughter-in-law of Bonapartes brother travelled the route by an English mail train.

◀ In 1940 Italian troops try to invade France through e.g. Col Mont Cenis without luck.



▶ 73 years later the troops of Giro d'Italia climb the Napoleonic road and cross the high road of Col Mont Cenis.
▶▶ Four years later we with SCIJ ski there.