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for 2018- 2019 Ski Season**

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in St. Moritz, Switzerland**

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White Haven, PA – October 2018 – Autumn leaves have fallen and with it the advent of cooler weather has found its way to the Pennsylvania mountains. The start of the 2018/2019 ski and snowboard season is near. And, the Pennsylvania Ski Area Resorts (SkiPA) are busy improving their resort offerings to ensure another exciting season for families on the slopes. In total ski resorts across Pennsylvania have made more than \$15 million in capital improvements. Skiers, riders and tubers can look forward to enhancements both on and off the slopes. New restaurants, tubing parks and facilities have been added. And, more snowmaking power and coverage along with new trail offerings will accent the slopes. Additionally, visitors can also look forward to more ski perks, special packages and learn to ski and snowboard discounts.

Following are some highlights of what's new on the Pennsylvania slopes for the 2018/2019 season:

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Liberty Mountain Resort, Carroll Valley Located near historic Gettysburg, Liberty Mountain offers something for all winter sports enthusiasts from skiing, snowboarding and tubing to ice skating on the Alpine Courtyard Skating Rink.



Roundtop Mountain Resort

For this winter season, the most noticeable change is the transformation of the Alpine Lodge and base area buildings to a more natural look. The blue roofs have been repainted with neutral tones and the Alpine Rooms received a new shingled roof and an interior facelift. New ceiling, paint, wrought iron chandeliers, carpets and blackout shades bring the overall style more-in-line with the Highland Lodge. The chairlifts have also been recoated with classic silver-gray paint reinforcing the natural surroundings of the property. On the slopes, Liberty has replaced 5,200 feet of pipeline on Dipsy Doodle, which will allow for more efficient snowmaking capabilities. On the spa front, the Laventide Salon & Day Spa has expanded with three new rooms of pampering. Finally, snow tubers can rejoice with unlimited snowtubing now offered every Tuesday through Thursday, during non-holiday periods at Boulder Ridge from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. for only \$26. For more information, visit, <http://www.libertymountainresort.com>.

Roundtop Mountain Resort, Lewisberry Located near the state capitol, the big news at Roundtop Mountain is additional snowmaking at the base on Lower Lafayette's Leap, Patriot and the Snow Tubing runs. The resort has expanded its snowmaking capabilities for the 2018/2019 season with the addition of HDK fan guns and impulse guns. For more information, visit, <http://www.skiroundtop.com>.

Tussey Mountain Ski Resort, Boalsburg Located in the heart of State College attractions and home to the Penn State Ski Team, Tussey Mountain is a popular winter recreation destination for students and locals alike. This year Tussey has invested \$145K in improvements. For starters, the resort has enhanced its snowmaking operation with the addition of a new pipe and hydrants to its beginner slope. It has also added to its grooming capabilities

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Shiffrin Surprise - Super-G Victory No. 2



Mikaela Shiffrin won her second-consecutive FIS Ski World Cup super-G in Saint Moritz, Switzerland, Saturday. (Getty Image/AFP - Fabrice Coffrini)



Mikaela Shiffrin is surprised to once again be in the "Hot Seat" in FIS Ski World Cup Super G (US Ski and Snowboard - Megan Harrod)

By Tom Horrocks - December, 8 2018

St. Moritz, Switzerland –Sunshine and grippy snow feel like home for Mikaela Shiffrin (Avon, Colo.), and so does the top step of the podium. For the 47th time in her career, Shiffrin enjoyed the view from the top step following her second-consecutive FIS Ski World Cup super-G victory in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Coming out of the 12th starting position, Shiffrin watched three starters in front of her DNF, and that proved a huge advantage as she squeaked-out a 0.28-second victory over Switzerland's Lara Gut-Behrami in second, with Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein in third.

"I did not expect to win today," Shiffrin said. "I just tried to execute the right plan based on what my coaches said, and my skis were perfect and the feeling was good. So it worked out in the end!"

"Two-tenths, that's not a lot of time, but I'm on the right side of the green light today, so I can enjoy that," she added.

While Shiffrin's back-to-back super-G wins may have surprised a lot of people, it's been a calculated effort for her and her team following a summer that included super-G and downhill training in Chile. But most importantly, her comfort level has increased with speed events.

"In Lake Louise, I felt good; my skis felt great," she said. "The inspection in the morning we chose a really great line and then I was just going down the mountain the way that I wanted. I could do what I wanted with my skis. So I came to this race thinking 'OK, I have this confidence and I know what I'm doing with my skis,' now we can see if we can do the same tactic. But, it was tricky with some of the sections in this course. If you were off balance, then there was no chance. But with a good position, you were OK."

For Saturday's race, Shiffrin was attempting to approach it with the same mentality, "I was trying to forget that I won a race, and forget the expectations and just ski my best with the right line. It was a bit trickier today, there were some spots on the course so I tried to be a bit smarter. My coaches gave me a really good report - I was going bib 12, so that was also lucky...and I'm grateful that I had some time to think about the course and exactly what I wanted to do. When things are going in a good direction and I feel confident, then every race I feel better and better and my skiing can go from slalom to super-G to GS to downhill to city event [she giggles] and it kind of works. It doesn't always stay, and it's a tricky balance, but I'm trying to enjoy it and we'll see what happens."

While World Cup super-G victory No. two came in only her 10th-career super-G start, don't expect Shiffrin to dive into a full speed schedule. "I'll pick and choose

which ones seem to be appropriate," she said.

Laurenne Ross (Bend, Ore.) was 27th and Alice Merryweather (Hingham, Mass.) was 39th.

Shiffrin, the two-time defending overall World Cup Champion, extended her World Cup overall lead to 293 points over Michelle Gisin of Switzerland, and 324 points over Norway's Ragnhild Mowinkel. Shiffrin also leads the World Cup super-G and slalom standings.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2018/19 ST. MORITZ (SUI) 2ND LADIES' Super-G OFFICIAL RESULTS

	NSA	Run 1 Time/Rank	Diff.	Distance	Race Points
SHIFFRIN Mikaela	USA	1:11.30			0.00
GUT-BEHRAMI Lara	SUI	1:11.58	0.28	7.63	4.67
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:11.72	0.42	11.42	7.01
MOWINCKEL Ragnhild	NOR	1:11.97	0.67	18.15	11.18
GISIN Michelle	SUI	1:12.06	0.76	20.57	12.68
GAGNON Marie-Michele	CAN	1:12.82	1.52	40.70	25.37
HAEHLEN Joana	SUI	1:12.85	1.55	41.49	25.87
REBENBURG Viktoria	GER	1:12.88	1.58	42.27	26.37
SCHMIDHOFER Nicol	AUT	1:13.04	1.74	46.45	29.04
VENIER Stephanie	AUT	1:13.06	1.76	46.98	29.37
HOLDENER Wendy	SUI	1:13.15	1.85	49.32	30.88
HOERNBLAD Lisa	SWE	1:13.16	1.86	49.58	31.04
CURTONI Elena	ITA	1:13.18	1.88	50.10	31.38
STUHEC Ilka	SLO	1:13.25	1.95	51.91	32.55
HUETTER Cornelia	AUT	1:13.26	1.96	52.17	32.71
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with an additional Pisten Bully 400 machine, as well as, made improvements to the ski rental shop. For more information, visit, <http://www.tusseymountain.com>.

Whitetail Resort, Mercersburg A popular weekend destination for Baltimore and Washington skiers and riders, Whitetail Resort has invested more than \$1.6 million into capital upgrades this season. For starters, the Limelight trail will have significant improvement to its snowmaking coverage with the addition of 16 high output TechnoA01pin fan guns, resulting in an increased coverage and better reliability for the snow making system that covers this trail. On the snow tubing front, the Whitetail Adventure Tubing area will feature a new snow tubing plaza area with covered pavilion and a fireplace with seating for observation of the snow tubing hill. Another highlight is the permanent addition of a new Prinoth Winchat Groomer, which will increase the grooming capabilities on the steeper terrain. Finally, snowboard renters will find a fully upgraded and stocked inventory of 200 Burton boards complementing the rental ski inventory upgrade from last year. For more information, visit, <http://www.skiwhitetail.com>.

THE WEST

Hidden Valley Resort, Hidden Valley Hidden Valley is a perfect winter destination for families offering 26 slopes and trails, two terrain parks on 110 skiable acres and a first-class snow sports school. This season the resort is boosting its snowmaking and grooming capabilities with the addition of two new TechnoAlpin fan guns and a Prinoth BR350 snowcat. Other on mountain improvements include upgrades to the Avalanche Chairlift with new paint, haul rope and seats. For more information, visit, <http://www.hiddenvalleyresort.com>.

Mount Pleasant of Edinboro, Cambridge Springs Nestled in the snowbelt region of northwestern Pennsylvania in Erie County, Mount Pleasant of Edinboro offers family-friendly winter fun for all ages. Most of the trails are lit up at night to allow for safe night skiing and snowboarding. The big news this season at Mount Pleasant is more snow with an investment of \$90K made to the snowmaking system, including new electrical service for a future pump and a transfer

pump to move water between reservoirs. Additionally, the resort made a \$20K investment of improvements to the lodge bathroom, exterior siding, signage and vehicles. For more information, visit www.skimountpleasant.com.

Mystic Mountain at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort, Farmington Mystic Mountain is Western Pennsylvania's ideal learning environment for first-time skiers and snowboarders, with 25 acres of fun, short lines, friendly trails and experienced instructors. Mystic Mountain is pleased to announce that its ski school is now affiliated with PSIA. And, the tubing park now has a tube shaper, as well as double tubes allowing shorter participants to ride, 33"- 41", accompanied by an adult 42" or taller to ride solo. For more information, visit, <http://www.nemaocolin.com/activities/snowsports>.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs Conveniently located off the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Seven Springs Resort is the state's largest four-season family resort and winter adventure headquarters. Snowmaking, grooming and lighting improvements are what's new at Seven Springs this season. The resort has invested in its snowmaking capabilities by adding 19 HKD Impulse R-5 tower snow guns to the Avalanche slope and converting all snowmaking stations on the lower half of North Face Slope to a high-pressure system. Three additional snowmaking stations are being added to Tyrol Slope. Both North Face and Avalanche Slopes will also receive new LED lighting and a new Pisten Bully 400 ParkPro Snowcat is being added to the grooming fleet. On the terrain front, Seven Springs Parks and Pipes will be building new entrances to the parks, and the team will also be adding a fresh collection of creative new features. Off mountain, Seven Springs is completely renovating Festival Hall to be a coveted elegant venue for weddings and banquets. Additionally, the rental center had added 500 pairs of Rossignol Experience Skis to its fleet. For more information, visit, <http://www.7springs.com>.

PA SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
The Pennsylvania ski Areas Association (PSAA), consisting of member ski areas statewide, is a non-profit association that was developed to promote and serve the Pennsylvania Ski Industry. PSAA works to encourage participating and enjoyment of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and cross-country skiing in Pennsylvania.

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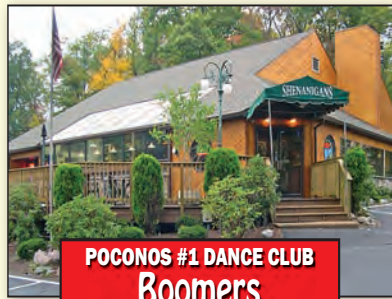
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Camelback Mountain Resort, PA -	Giant Slalom #1 & #2 -	January 6, 2019
Big Boulder Park, PA -	Slopestyle & Rail Jam -	January 12, 2019
Big Boulder Park, PA -	Slopestyle & Rail Jam -	January 13, 2019
Mountain Creek Resort, NJ -	Slopestyle & Rail Jam -	January 26, 2019
Blue Mountain Resort, PA -	Skier/Boardercross -	February 2, 2019
Blue Mountain Resort, PA -	Skier/Boardercross -	February 3, 2019
Roundtop Mountain Resort -	Slalom #3 & #4 -	February 16, 2019
Roundtop Mountain Resort -	Giant Slalom #3 & #4 -	February 17, 2019
Big Boulder Park, PA -	Skier/Boardercross -	February 23, 2019
Big Boulder Park, PA -	Skier/Boardercross -	February 24, 2019

6th Annual Cancer Awareness Weekend at Shawnee Mountain SAT. & SUN. - FEB. 9 & 10, 2019



By: Rebecca Adelman

Shawnee Mountain and the American Cancer Society will be teaming up on February 9 and 10, 2019 to increase awareness for cancer prevention and raise money for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services. Two events will be held at Shawnee Mountain Ski Area: Paint the Mountain Pink and the Joe Riesle Memorial Ski Race Against Cancer. Paint the Mountain Pink, a breast cancer awareness event, will be held on Saturday, February 9. All

Shawnee Mountain guests are encouraged to show their support and wear pink. The first 200 lift ticket purchasers will receive a free pink baseball cap featuring an embroidered pink ribbon and Shawnee Mountain logo.

The Joe Riesle Memorial Ski Race Against Cancer will take place on Sunday, February 10 at 10 a.m. This race was named in honor of Joe Riesle, a long-time Shawnee Mountain Ski School Supervisor who passed away in 2012. The intermediate-level course will be set up on the Upper Tomahawk Trail and will use the traditional NA-



STAR format. Skiers can take two runs on the course for \$7 or five runs for \$14. Guests can also contribute to the Race Against Cancer by purchasing a donation card at the Ski School desk or in Guest Services. All of the race and donation card proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Raffles will also be held throughout the weekend featuring some great prizes. "We raise a lot of money every year for the American Cancer Society," said Tamy Galfo, Food & Beverage Director at Shawnee Mountain. "Cancer Awareness Weekend is a great event for an important cause!"



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Another Victory And A Huge Milestone For Shiffrin



Mikaela Shiffrin won her first FIS Ski World Cup giant slalom of the season Friday in Courchevel, France. (Getty Images/Agence Zoom - Christophe Pallot)



Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates her 50th FIS Ski World Cup victory following Sunday's slalom win in Courchevel, France. (Getty Images/Agence Zoom - Christophe Pallot)

By Tom Horrocks -December 22, 2018

Courchevel, France – Skiing her best is the most important thing to Mikaela Shiffrin (Avon, Colo.), but numbers, not so much. Saturday's slalom victory may not have been her best skiing, but it resulted in a huge win - FIS Ski World Cup victory number 50 in Courchevel, France.

"I was trying as hard as I could not to focus on that today because it's so distracting to think about those numbers for me and it's always a mental battle just to focus on my skiing," Shiffrin said. "I'm really happy, and maybe a bit lucky today with the win again. I was watching the first run - Petra (Vlhova, Slovenia) skied better than I did. I don't know how I snuck away with the lead on the first run, but it was a big battle with Frida (Hansdotter, Sweden) second run, Petra second run, so I'm lucky and I'm grateful."

And pretty darn fast too! Shiffrin took slim .04-second first-run over lead over Vlhova. In the second run, she dropped .06-seconds behind Vlhova at the first intermediate split. But in her typical fast-finishing fashion, Shiffrin hit the gas and edged-out Vlhova by .29 seconds for the victory. Hansdotter was third, at .37 back.

How big is her 50th career World Cup victory? Huge! Just look at the stats:

She is the youngest racer to ever win 50 World Cup races

She tied the great Italian racer Alberto Tomba on the all-time win list with her 50th World Cup victory

She has 35 World Cup slalom wins, which equals that of her childhood hero Marlies Schild, whom she now shares the record with for the most World Cup slalom victories

Her 50th World Cup win also launched her to a massive 501-point lead in the overall World Cup standings

She has won five World Cup races in a row, in four different disciplines (slalom, parallel slalom, giant slalom and super-G) in the last 21 days

She is tied with Marcel Hirscher for a record 14 wins in a calendar year

But again, these are just numbers that don't necessarily motivate Shiffrin but do bring a smile to her face.

"I have to focus on my skiing and those numbers can be a really big distraction for me. It's not really motivating, it feels more like pressure," she said. "But now after the race, I can say it's really an incredible thing, and I'm happy."

Regardless of the milestones, Shiffrin admits that her success is not hers alone. It belongs to a solid team of supporters, and especially her coaches.

"Behind every athlete is such a big structure of people who are helping, sponsors, and family and friends, and especially the coaches," Shiffrin said. "And for me when I'm looking at my coaches...I know that they have a one-thousand-percent belief in me. (Friday) and (Saturday) I believed in myself, but I could look at them and say 'you did your job, now it's time for me to

do mine.' It's just the coolest feeling knowing our team is always working so hard. It's not just me, it's everybody...and they do their job so well and I'm really grateful for that."

Paula Moltzan (Burlington, Vt.) may be racing in the shadow of one of the greatest racers of all time in Shiffrin, but the World Cup leader was pretty stoked to see her put down a career-best World Cup result in 15th place. In fact, Moltzan - who skis for the University of Vermont, in addition to representing America on the global stage - posted the fourth-fastest second run, just 0.16 behind Shiffrin.

"We saw that her skiing was really good in Killington (Vermont), and she always has this style that's...really athletic," Shiffrin said of Moltzan. "And today I was watching her second run and...I was thinking 'that, was amazing, really nice skiing.' She was smooth, she was accelerating, she was calm...and that's super cool to see and I'm excited for her."

Up next, the women's World Cup circuit takes a few days off for the Christmas holiday,

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2018/19

COURCHEVEL (FRA) 4th LADIES' SLALOM OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	1st Run Time/Rank	2ndRun Time/Rank	Total	Diff.
SHIFFRIN Mikaela	USA	47.70 (1)	49.02 (3)	1:36.72	0.00
VLHOVA Petra	SVK	47.74 (2)	49.27 (5)	1:37.01	0.29
HANSDOTTER Frida	SWE	48.44 (5)	48.65 (1)	1:37.09	0.37
HOLDENER Wendy	SUI	48.25 (4)	49.61 (10)	1:37.86	1.14
LIENSBERGER Katharina	AUT	49.04 (9)	48.98 (2)	1:38.02	1.30
HAVER-LOESETH Nina	NOR	48.66 (6)	49.55 (9)	1:38.21	1.49
SWENN LARSSON Anna	SWE	49.20 (11)	49.40 (6)	1:38.60	1.88
MIELZYNSKI Erin	CAN	48.88 (7)	49.90 (16)	1:38.78	2.06
COSTAZZA Chiara	ITA	48.96 (8)	50.10 (17)	1:39.06	2.34
LYSDAHL Kristin	NOR	49.93 (13)	49.51 (8)	1:39.44	2.72
TRUPPE Katharina	AUT	49.04 (9)	50.76 (25)	1:39.80	3.08
HOLTMANN Mina Fuerst	NOR	49.42 (12)	50.44 (21)	1:39.86	3.14
SAEFVENBERG Charlotta	SWE	50.59 (23)	49.41 (7)	1:40.00	3.28
CURTONI Irene	ITA	50.17 (16)	49.87 (15)	1:40.04	3.32
MOLTZAN Paula	USA	50.94 (27)	49.18 (4)	1:40.12	3.40
DANIOTH Aline	SUI	50.53 (22)	49.63 (11)	1:40.16	3.44
REMME Roni	CAN	50.44 (19)	49.86 (14)	1:40.30	3.58
MUGNIER Adeline	FRA	50.86 (25)	49.63 (11)	1:40.49	3.77
SKJOELD Maren	NOR	50.02 (14)	50.57 (24)	1:40.59	3.87
ST-GERMAIN Laurence	CAN	50.04 (15)	50.55 (23)	1:40.59	3.87

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Association member resorts are found in all regions of the state from the Endless Mountains to the Philadelphia suburbs, central Pennsylvania from the Maryland to New York borders and throughout the Alleghenies.

TIPS FOR FIRST TIME SKIERS/BOARDERS

Dress Warmly and in layers

Wear a good hat that covers the ears

Driving gloves are for driving – Ski gloves are for skiing

Take time for a short period of stretching exercises before going on the slopes

The Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association (PSAA), consisting of member ski areas statewide, is a non-profit association that was developed to promote and serve the Pennsylvania Ski Industry. PSAA works to encourage participation and enjoyment of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and cross country skiing in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association visit:

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