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Giant Slalom at Beaver Creek**

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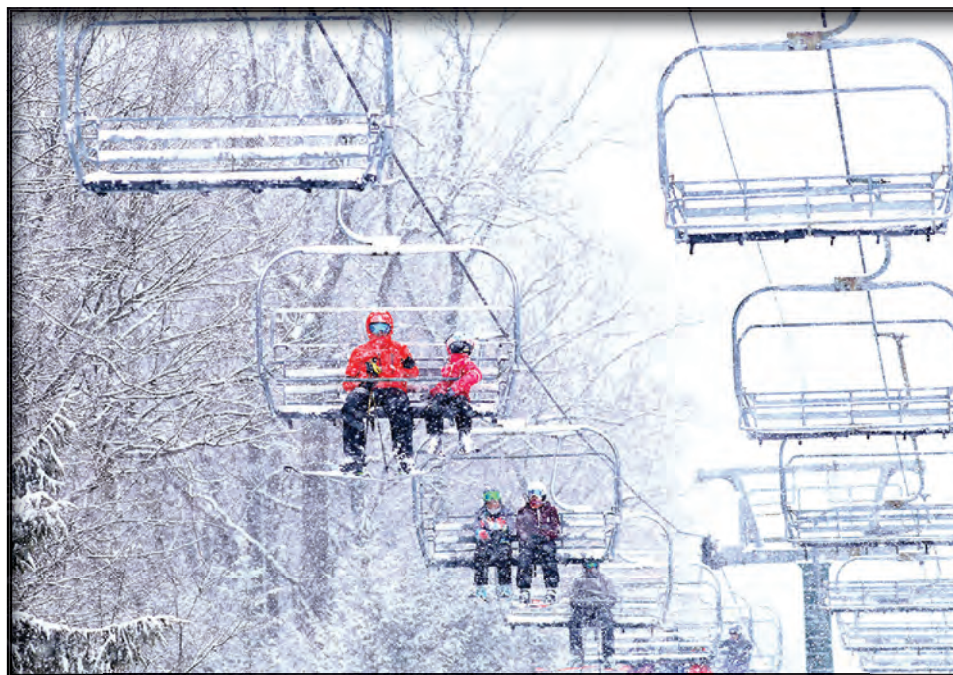
Blue Knob Mountain Resort

White Haven, PA – November 2019 -- The days are getting shorter and many resorts across PA have already started making snow. That means just one thing. It's time to get the skis waxed and ready for the start of the 2019/2020 ski and snowboard season. The Pennsylvania Ski Area Resorts have been busy improving their offerings both on and off the slopes. This year the resorts have made big investments to their snowmaking systems and grooming fleets, with the goal of offering earlier openings, more skiable terrain, enhanced snow coverage and a later season. New bars, trail offerings and upgrades to snow tubing parks and facilities have been added. And, new rental equipment inventory will make it even easier to find the latest gear this season. Finally, multi-resort ski passes, online ski perks and special packages will make it convenient and affordable to visit the Pennsylvania Ski Resorts this winter.

Following are some highlights of what's new on the Pennsylvania slopes for the 2019/2020 season from the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association:

CENTRAL

Blue Knob Mountain Resort, Claysburg Blue Knob continues to focus on upgrades and repairs to existing infrastructure and facilities. All chairlift towers have been sandblasted, primed and repainted for the upcoming season. Improvements to the snow making system continue, too, with the repairs and replacement of both water and air lines. Guests visiting the The Summit Lodge will notice new flooring in the cafeteria area. Those looking for a weekend getaway will appreciate great value on overnight packages this season. The "Stay & Ski" package, in effect on non-holiday weekdays, offers a one-night stay and an "open to close" lift ticket for \$85 per person. Blue Knob is also working with local hotels on offers that will provide room discounts for Blue Knob skiers & riders as well as discount coupons for lift tickets and tubing passes. Blue Knob is now



Roundtop Mountain Resort



Liberty Mountain Resort

part of the all new "Indy Pass", a multi-resort ski pass that has expanded to 44 ski areas across North America. Passes can be purchased at a discount for the 2019-2020 season at \$199 and includes two days of access – 88 total days – at 44 independently owned resorts. The price will go up to \$219 on December 1, 2019. For more information, visit, <http://www.blueknob.com>.

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. For this winter season, Liberty has made major snowmaking system upgrades with the goal to be able to open earlier and with more terrain than ever before. In addition, the plan is to move up the historic start date for snow tubing operations at Boulder Ridge. The core of the upgrade is the installation of a new pumphouse adjacent to the main snowmaking pond. With three pumps and a 36-inch intake line, Liberty will be able to increase the

water flow to the mountain from 4,500 to 6,500 gallons per minute. Increasing the water flow and pressure will benefit every gun on the mountain, allowing the resort to make snow across the entire mountain faster. In addition, the resort has replaced older snowmaking pipes on Whitney's Way and has installed additional pipe in the First-Class area to handle this added water capacity. Liberty has also installed new state-of-the-art fan guns and low-energy snowguns in various locations. By improving system reliability and increasing the system's pumping power and water capacity, the resort will be able to better take advantage of favorable early-season temperatures, as well as snowmaking weather windows throughout the season. Liberty Mountain is now part of the Vail Resorts family of resorts. For the winter of 2020, all Vail resorts Epic Pass holders will

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Ski/Snowtubing Getaways

Winter has come ahead of schedule in the Pocono Mountains and some of the region's ski resorts have started opening earlier than ever before! With 185 trails, the Poconos offer terrain for beginners and experts. The Poconos six ski areas all cater to families with kid-specific ski schools that make learning to ski or snowboard enjoyable. Teens who can't get enough of rails and jumps will find plenty of terrain parks. No skis or snowboard? No problem! The resorts rental shops have you covered. All six resorts also have snowtubing hills that welcome young and old. Everyone's fingers get cold at some point, and in the Poconos there's still plenty to do once you leave the slopes.

Blue Mountain Resort

Blue Mountain Resort has 40 ski trails, five terrain parks, 16 lifts and up to 34 snow tubing lanes. The mountain boasts the state's highest vertical drop, 1,082 feet, for a thrilling downhill experience. Blue Mountain maintains Slopeside Pub & Grill, a full-service scenic mountaintop restaurant.

Camelback Mountain

Camelback features 39 trails, 16 lifts and 100% snowmaking with the recent purchase of 377 new snow guns. The mountain boasts 15 acres of beginner terrain and award-winning instructional programs. Last season brought a brand-new terrain park and two restaurants with ski-in/out access. Camelback is also home

to the biggest snow tubing park in the USA with up to 42 lightning-fast lanes, two magic carpets and Galactic Snowtubing after dark.

Big Boulder

At Big Boulder, you'll find supreme skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. With 16 slopes, Big Boulder devotes nearly 70% of its overall terrain to park features. The mountains of Jack Frost and Big Boulder complement one another and offer guests two discount experiences on the same lift ticket.

Jack Frost Mountain

With up to 20 pristine trails, Jack Frost Mountain provides a variety of inviting terrain. Runs range from beginner to black diamond. Two terrain parks are featured.

Shawnee Mountain Ski Area

Shawnee Mountain features 125 skiable acres, 23 trails, the Tomahawk Express high-speed quad lift, two terrain parks and a snow tubing park with 100% snowmaking and daily grooming. A family and beginner-friendly ski resort, Shawnee Mountain offers excellent children's programs, complete beginners' packages and some great terrain for the advanced skier and rider.

Ski Big Bear

at Masthope Mountain

Specializing in private beginner lessons, Ski Big Bear offers something for all abilities. The mountain is open for skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing with 100% snowmaking. Eighteen trails, seven lifts and a terrain park provide great family winter recreation.



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Tommy Ford Wins Xfinity Birds of Prey, Giant Slalom



Tommy Ford Victorious in FIS Ski World Cup Men's Giant Slalom at Beaver Creek. (Getty Images/Matthew Stockman)



Tommy Ford Celebrates his First Career World Cup Victory in Sunday's Birds of Prey Giant Slalom (Getty Images/Matthew Stockman)

By Megan Harrod - December, 8 2019

Tommy Ford wowed the home crowd and absolutely annihilated the field to win his first podium and first FIS Ski World Cup win - by a massive .80 seconds - at the Xfinity Birds of Prey World Cup at Beaver Creek to lead three Land Rover U.S. Alpine Ski Team members into the top 30.

With snow coming in and out and visibility a challenge with thick fog wreaking havoc and causing delays on the Birds of Prey track, Tommy's cool and calm disposition enabled him to crush his first run to take the .20 lead over two Norwegians - Henrik Kristoffersen and Leif Kristian Nestvold-Haugen - with teammate Ted Ligety sitting in fourth.

The second run story was the same, with weather coming in and out, and snow falling. It was a straight-set, and the guys knew they'd have to send it. "I felt little raindrops in there, so that's going to be interesting," Tommy said after the second run inspection. "The weather is coming in and out so that always makes things interesting. The snow conditions still feel good and it's pretty smooth. The Talon Crew is already pushing the snow off so it should be good."

Rounding out the podium was the Norwegian pair of Henrik (.80 seconds back) and Leif (1.23 seconds off the pace). Tommy became the first American male to win a World Cup since teammate Travis Ganong won a downhill on Jan. 27, 2017, and the first American male podium finisher since Ted in January of 2018 in Garmisch, Germany. This result ended the longest drought for the Land Rover U.S. Alpine Ski Team since the late 1990s. Tommy also joins Ted and Bode Miller as the only Americans to have won a World Cup tech (slalom/giant slalom) since Phil Mahre's last World Cup win in March of 1983.

Beaver Creek has been a special place for Tommy, as he scored his first top-10 result on the track in 2017, and from then on kept rolling with career-best results. In 2019, Tommy had a steady stream of consistent results, with two sixth-place finishes, and a career-best fifth place at Alta Badia, Italy. He started the season off this year in Soelden, Austria finishing just off the podium (.07 seconds) in fourth - another career-best.

Tommy missed the 2014 Olympics due to a fractured femur sustained while free skiing in France. He returned to the U.S. Ski Team but was sidelined for the 2013 World Championships and the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. It's been a long, challenging road back - but Sunday was a particularly sweet taste of victory in front of a home crowd, his girlfriend and teammate Laurene Ross, and his family and friends.

"Nothing beats doing it [winning] here. I've been working hard," Tommy said. "There's

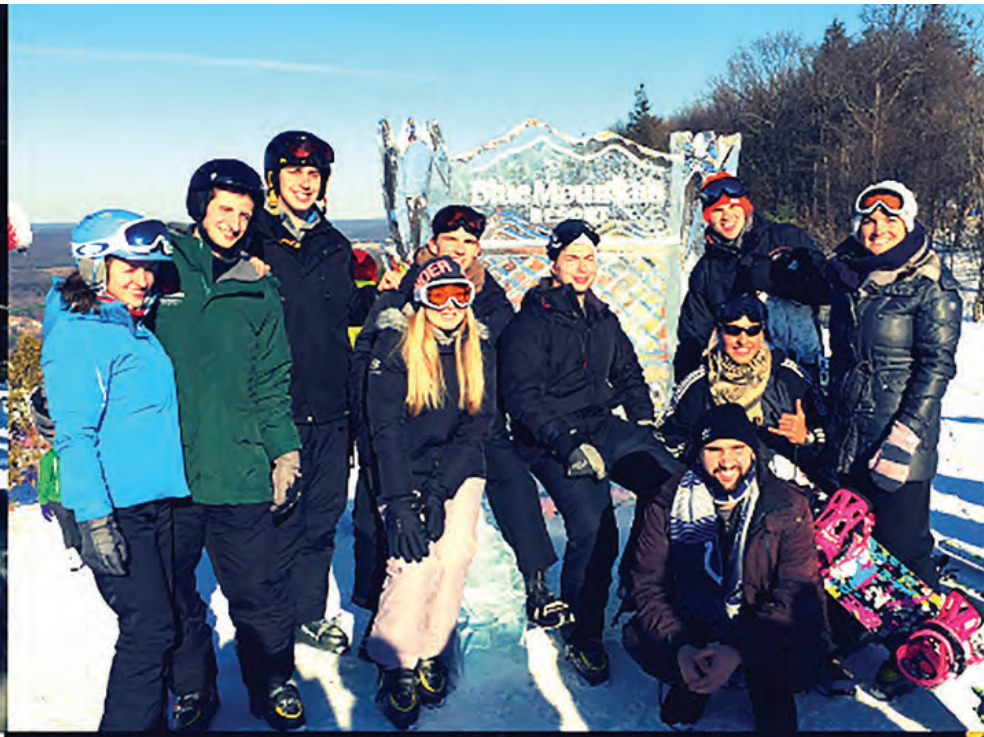
no secret, just kept it simple and really trusted what I was doing, with solid and clean skiing. I am happy to be here in Beaver Creek, the Talon Crew is awesome, my friends and family are here - I feel so grateful. There were nerves coming and going - they always kind of are - but just letting them go is the key. I am just fortunate to have such great coaches, family and a great supporter in Mt. Bachelor back at home - which is all coming through in the skiing that I put down."

Ted, who was fourth after the first run, ended up 11th, while Ryan Cochran-Siegle was 23rd. River Radamus, Brian McLaughlin, and George Steffey - who made his World Cup debut on Sunday - all started but did not qualify for a second run. Sam Dupratt started but did not finish the first run.

Up next for the men is a giant slalom and slalom in Val d'Isere, France - a venue that has been good to Tommy. He scored a sixth place finish there last season, and it's a track that suits Tommy's style. He'll be bringing the red leader bib with him, as he's currently leading the giant slalom standings with 150 points over Frenchman Mathieu Faivre's 120 points.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2019/20 BEAVER CREEK, (USA) MENS' GIANT SLALOM

	NSA	Run 1 Time/Rank	Run 2 Time/Rank	Total	Diff.
FORD Tommy	USA	1:16.40 (1)	1:14.85 (2)	2:31.25	
KRISTOFFERSEN Henrik	NOR	1:16.63 (3)	1:15.42 (4)	2:32.05	0.80
NESTVOLD-HAUGEN Leif Kristian	NOR	1:16.60 (2)	1:15.88 (11)	2:32.48	1.23
KRANJEC Zan	SLO	1:17.11 (5)	1:15.89 (12)	2:33.00	1.75
MUFFAT-JEANDET Victor	FRA	1:17.58 (9)	1:15.45 (5)	2:33.03	1.78
FAIVRE Mathieu	FRA	1:17.47 (7)	1:15.84 (9)	2:33.31	2.06
PHILP Trevor	CAN	1:17.19 (6)	1:16.15 (15)	2:33.34	2.09
ZUBCIC Filip	CRO	1:18.43 (17)	1:14.92 (3)	2:33.35	2.10
CAVIEZEL Gino	SUI	1:17.86 (12)	1:15.70 (7)	2:33.56	2.31
MURISIER Justin	SUI	1:17.58 (9)	1:16.06 (14)	2:33.64	2.39



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Whitetail Resort

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Roundtop Mountain Resort, Lewisberry Roundtop Mountain Resort offers 20 trails on 103 skiable acres that cater to all skill levels and is located just two hours from Philadelphia and Washington D.C. The resort features night skiing seven nights a week and 100% snowmaking delivering great conditions all season, making it a popular winter ski destination. For the 2019/2020 ski season, Roundtop has expanded its snowmaking capabilities and expects a 25% increase in snowmaking power with the addition of 46 HKD Impulse Snow Guns, 3 SMI Fan Guns, 1000 GPM Pump and a 5000 GPM Booster Pump. Additionally, Roundtop has invested in its rental inventory by replacing all rental skis and boots. Roundtop is also now part of the Vail Resorts family of resorts and guests can purchase the Epic Pass or upgrade their already purchased Peak Pass at epicpass.com. For more information, visit, <http://www.skiroundtop.com>.

Whitetail Resort, Mercersburg Located on Two Top Mountain in the Tuscarora Mountains of Southern Pennsylvania, Whitetail Resort features skiing and snowboarding on 23 trails, a 935-foot vertical drop, eight lifts, a halfpipe and two terrain parks. Whitetail's largest project this summer was to its snowmaking capabilities with the installation of over 40 TechnoAlpin fan guns on both Snowpark and Bold Decision trails. This will have a positive impact on the resort's ability to open these trails earlier and to maintain snow coverage throughout the season. Whitetail is pleased to announce it has been given the approval for the sale of alcohol at the ski resort and golf course. With the addition of the alcohol license, the resort has opened a new bar at the Solstice Restaurant. The Solstice Bar is a full-service bar featuring 12 beers on tap, a variety of adult beverages, and four televisions. Whitetail has also remodeled the Patrol Headquarters Building at the top of the mountain. And, finally, guests



Seven Springs Mountain Resort



Hidden Valley Resort

will notice a change to the resort signage as Whitetail unveiled a brand-new logo this year. Whitetail is also now part of the Vail Resorts family of resorts and guests can purchase the Epic Pass or upgrade their already purchased Peak Pass at epicpass.com. For more information, visit, <http://www.skiwhitetail.com>.

THE WEST

Hidden Valley Resort, Hidden Valley Hidden Valley Resort is an ideal winter destination for families. With 26 slopes and trails and three terrain parks on 110 skiable acres, a vertical drop of 470 feet, and a first-class Snowsports school, Hidden Valley offers a comfortable environment to learn to ski or snowboard. This season the resort is boosting its snowmaking and grooming capabilities with the addition of a new Techno-Alpin T510 Fan gun and a Prinote 350 Bison groomer. Other on-mountain improvements include repairs to the Avalanche Chairlift. 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 year is the addition of a new pump house at the top of the hill for more water and even more powerful snowmaking capabilities. Mount Pleasant is already making plans to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in the 2020/21 season.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs Conveniently located off the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Seven Springs Mountain Resort is the state's largest four-season family resort and winter adventure headquarters. The resort has invested in its snowmaking capabilities by replacing 1,200 feet of snowmaking water pipe, adding three snowmaking stations at the bottom of North Face, mounted fan guns on Wagner Slope and near the top of the Polar Bear Express and the addition of six new HKD tower guns. Seven Springs has also renovated the Cat drives on Tyrol, Southwind and Polar Bear Express lifts, installed new grip parts on the Polar Bear Express and a new haul rope on North Face chairlift. Slope lighting has also undergone repairs and updates. Seven Springs is also pleased to welcome John Boburchuk as the new Ski Patrol Director this season. The resort is kicking off a special Wednesday night "Family Four Pack" deal this winter, which includes (4) night session lift tickets, equipment rentals, beginner lessons, hotdogs and soda for \$120. For more information, visit, <http://www.7springs.com>.

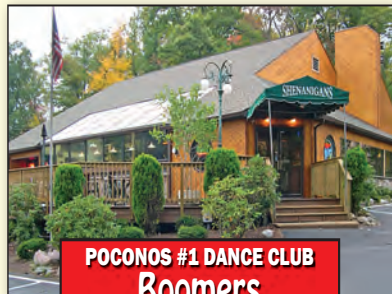
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- Jan 4, 2020 - Big Boulder Park Slopestyle # 1 & Rail Jam # 1
- Jan 5, 2020 - Big Boulder Park Slopestyle # 2
- Jan 11, 2020 - Camelback Slalom # 1 & # 2
- Jan 12, 2020 - Camelback Giant Slalom # 1 & # 2
- Jan 25, 2020 - Mountain Creek Slopestyle # 3 & Rail Jam # 2
- Feb 1, 2020 - Blue Mountain Skier/Boardercross # 1 & # 2
- Feb 2, 2020 - Blue Mountain Skier/Boardercross # 3 & # 4
- Feb 8, 2020 - Roundtop Slalom # 3 & # 4
- Feb 9, 2020 - Roundtop Giant Slalom # 3 & # 4
- Feb 23, 2020 - Camelback Slopestyle # 4 & Rail Jam # 3

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Shiffrin Grabs Victory 64 To Sweep Lienz Series



Mikaela Shiffrin Sweeps Slalom in Lienz, Austria with second run. (Getty Images)



Mikaela Shiffrin, winner of an alpine ski, women's World Cup giant slalom, listens to the national anthem, in Lienz, Austria. (AP Photo/Piermarco Tacca)

By Megan Harrod - December 29, 2019

LIENZ, Austria – On December 29, 2011, Mikaela Shiffrin earned her first World Cup podium in Lienz, Austria. Fast forward eight years to the exact day—December 29, 2019—in Lienz, where Mikaela won her 64th victory and her 43rd slalom victory on Sunday.

Wow. Just WOW.

Slovakia's Petra Vlhova skied two strong runs on Sunday, but despite giving it her all, she just couldn't best Mikaela—who was on a mission and skiing out of her mind, after a disappointing result in Courchevel, France a week ago. Switzerland's Michelle Gisin rounded out the podium in third with her first-career World Cup slalom podium. Michelle has been struggling of late, posting on Instagram after Saturday's race, "Going through kind of a rough time right now...but you know, this too shall pass." And pass it did.

Mikaela and Petra have a friendly rivalry, and in this rivalry both competitors push each other, learn from each other, and—as a result—elevate the sport of alpine ski racing together. "Petra has been one of the girls who has been able to beat me when I've been skiing really well," Mikaela spoke of their rivalry. "Her skiing is super strong, and she's motivated and she has this fire. I have a lot of respect for her and what her team does to be able to push her level, because that pushes my level too."

The conditions on Sunday were great, and the surface was fast. Both courses were quick sets, and there were some tricky combinations the athletes don't normally see. Mikaela was watching Petra from the start, "When I saw Petra go on the second run, I was watching from the start and I was thinking, 'Oh no, I can't ski it that fast, well...I guess all I can do is try.' When I have that mindset just to go for it, and I can feel the good skiing, then it's always really, really satisfying to come into the finish and see it worked out."

Petra was building on her already over nine tenths lead throughout the entire course, crossing the finish line with a 1.11 lead over Michelle. All indications were pointing towards a victory with the run Petra laid down. But Mikaela had other plans. Skiing clean and strong to cross the finish line with a .61 margin of victory, Mikaela screamed and through her hands up in celebration while Petra stood, seemingly stunned and confused, like a deer in the headlights. In the post-victory press conference, Petra said she thought after her run, "Wow, maybe today I could beat Miki."

After what Mikaela describes as a "heartbreaking" day in Courchevel, Mikaela came to Lienz rested and well-prepared with some solid giant slalom and slalom training under her belt. The realization that she "wasn't really strong enough to go to Val d'Isere and race the way that I wanted to and I had to pull back," was a tough pill for Mikaela to swallow.

Throughout the week, fans and media posted both words of encouragement as well doubt on social media. "Has she lost her touch?" "Maybe she won't actually ever reach Stenmark's record!" and "It's lame that she skipped the races—ski racing is her job!" were just a few of the

comments that were shared on social. Mikaela tried to maintain her focus during her training block, as well as spend some "soul-healing" time with family and her team over Christmas to drown out the noise. And then she did what Mikaela does when the noise gets loud...she skied faster. Not only did she win...she won in a BIG way.

Not only did Mikaela sweep the Lienz series, but she won all four runs—a level of dominance so rare in a sport that comes down to hundredths—and she won by a collective margin of almost two seconds. Again, a rarity in a sport where the winner and fourth place can be decided in the time span of a blink of the eye.

To say that Mikaela made a statement in Lienz, would be an understatement. Mikaela laid down some of the best skiing in the history of the sport, to walk away with back-to-back victories and prove to the world that, yes—ski racing is her job, and she does a better job at her job than anyone else. "I don't really have words," reflected Mikaela. "Last week the training was really good. I think that the work my team did—what we all did together—was really strong and I think it's just special to come here and show that. Today was, again, a really special day and I knew that nothing less than 110% was going to be fast enough for this race and I know how strong Petra is skiing, so I was trying to keep myself focused and not get nervous." But, as we know, Mikaela has learned to manage her nerves.

Mikaela has extended her lead in the overall standings to 295 points over Italy's Federica Brignone and sits first in the slalom standings, with 300 points—140 points ahead of Petra. Sunday's Stats: Mikaela Shiffrin has won an all-time record 43 World Cup slalom races, tied with Lindsey Vonn (43 in downhill). Only Ingemar Stenmark (46 in giant slalom) has won more than 42 World Cup races in a single discipline. On 29 December 2011, Shiffrin claimed her first World Cup podium in any discipline as she finished third in the Lienz slalom at age 16.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2019/20 LIENZ, (AUSTRIA) WOMENS' SLALOM

	Nation	Run 1	Run 2	Total Time	Diff.
SHIFFRIN Mikaela	USA	54.54	54.35	1:48.89	
VLHOVA Petra	SVK	54.80	54.70	1:49.50	+0.61
GISIN Michelle	SUI	55.75	54.86	1:50.61	+1.72
LIENSBERGER Katharina	AUT	55.30	55.47	1:50.77	+1.88
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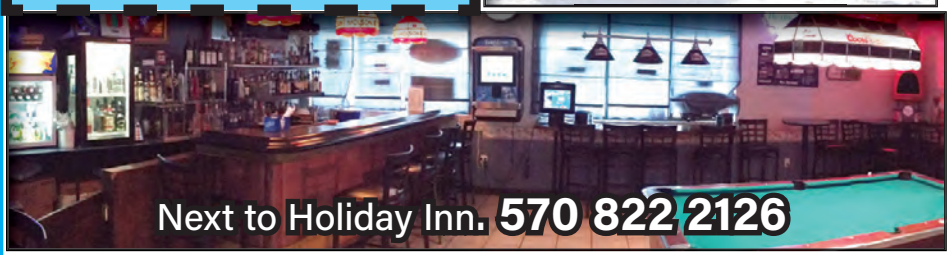
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13th Annual JFBB "Ski for the Cure", breast cancer awareness event that will take place February 29, 2020.



Skiers at the Annual JFBB "Ski for the Cure", breast cancer awareness event from 2019

On Saturday February 29, 2020, JFBB will proudly present the thirteenth annual "Ski for the Cure" Breast Cancer Awareness Day at Jack Frost Ski Area, White Haven Pa. The event culminates a month long campaign as February is declared Breast Cancer Awareness month at JFBB. The event benefits Susan G. Komen Greater Pennsylvania. 100 % of the net proceeds are donated to the organization. 75% stays local, providing much needed breast health services for medically underserved and uninsured women and men in our local community. The remaining 25% will fund the Susan G. Komen National Research Grant Award Program.

JFBB is pleased to have donated over \$300,000 to Susan G. Komen Greater Pennsylvania over the past twelve years through our fundraising efforts and as a result have become the second largest fundraising event in the Northeastern region.

Our event includes a Pledge Drive Ski-A-Thon, Pink Olympic race gates, Dedication Run, raffle ticket sales, tricky tray, selfie station, tee shirt sales and lots more.

Registration begins at 8 am in the main lodge guest services area at Jack Frost for the Pledge Ski-A-Thon and Pink Olympic race gates. We ask skiers/riders/tubers to participate in the Pledge Drive Ski-A-Thon and get donations from friends and family to support them as they ski /ride/tube for the Cure on February 23. Pledge sheets are available at Jack Frost guest services

or on line at jfbb.com/events February 29, Ski for the Cure). Pink Olympic timed race gates are from 9am to 10:30am on the Ridge Run trail for a \$5.00 donation. Medal ceremony for the best times takes place at 3:15 pm. "Pink Olympics" is open to skiers and boarders of all ages.

The main event is the Dedication Run at 11:15 am. We gather together for a Dedication Service and Run. The Dedication Run remembers all those who lost their battle to breast cancer and honors those in treatment and breast cancer survivors.

Raffle tickets, tricky tray and more are available on weekends during the month of February at the donation table located at the Jack Frost guest services area. Drawings takes place on the day of the event February 29.

Please join us for Breast Cancer Awareness Day and give your support to help those in our own community as well as finding a cure for breast cancer. Together we can and will make a difference. Don't forget to wear PINK.

For further information please contact Bernie Oldroyd, Chairperson of "Ski for the Cure" at 570 443-8425 X 2671. Donations can be made payable to "JFBB Ski for the Cure" and mailed to JFBB Ski for the Cure, P.O. Box 1539, Blakeslee Pa., 18610 or you can donate on line at www.jfbb.com/event/new-event-55/ or log onto JFBB events February 29, Ski for the Cure.



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SkiPA Resorts Unveil Discounted Beginner Packages All Month-Long White Haven, PA – December 2019 – Gov. Tom Wolf has officially declared January 2020 Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month in Pennsylvania with the Senate also making a proclamation. For the entire month, members of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association (SkiPA) are offering special discounts on learn to ski packages, which makes it affordable and convenient for first-timers to get started and hit the PA slopes.

“The Pennsylvania ski resorts are dedicated to providing diverse winter recreational opportunities to help families spend quality time outdoors together, said Linda Irvin executive director of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association. “Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month is a perfect time for families to learn a new winter sport and take advantage of tremendous savings.”

First-timers can take advantage of a \$5 discount off of an adult or child mid-week learn to ski and snowboard package at any SkiPA resort. The 21-member resorts encompass all regions of the state from the Endless Mountains to the Philadelphia suburbs, central Pennsylvania from the Maryland to New York borders throughout the Alleghenies. Package includes beginner lift ticket, rental equipment and beginner group lesson, visit, <https://www.skipa.com/deals/learn-to-ski-and-snowboard> to download coupon.

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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: www.SkiPA.com or call (570) 443-0963

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Shiffrin Grabs Third in St. Moritz Super-G to Extend Overall Lead



Mikaela Shiffrin wins Killington in a more aggressive second run. (Getty Images)



Mikaela Takes 3rd in Women's Super G at St. Moritz
Photo by (Reese Brown)

By Megan Harrod - December 14, 2019

St. Moritz, Switzerland—After a week of questionable weather reports, both the classic unpredictability of St. Moritz, Switzerland and the sunshine shone through on Saturday during a super-G where Mikaela Shiffrin led three women into the points for the Land Rover U.S. Alpine Ski Team with a third-place finish.

Prior to Saturday's race, Mikaela told NBC, "It doesn't matter what the conditions are or what the weather is, the most aggressive, cleanest skier is going to end up on top." On Saturday, that honor went to Italy's Sofia Goggia.

With St. Moritz's typically technical super-G, featuring a fair amount of terrain, it was no surprise that Italy's fiery and fast Federica Brignone - who was bib 9 - was the early leader. Mikaela stood in the start gate, the clouds parted and the sun came out. She came out of the start - guns blazing - bib lucky number 13 and though it appeared she'd take the lead, a couple of small mistakes in the mid-section of the course cost her some time and she skied into second behind Federica, by a mere .12 seconds. She saw the time, stuck out her tongue playfully and thanked the crowd. All eyes on Sofia, bib 16. After struggling with a DNF in the season super-G opener in Lake Louise, Canada, Sofia stayed true to her wild style, always keeping fans on the edge of their seats, cutting line and even losing a pole along the way, to sneak ahead of Federica by .01 and take the lead.

As often is the case in St. Moritz, the weather can be tricky, and no one ever knows when the dreaded "Maloja Snake" will rear its ugly head. The forecast called for wind and potential snowfall for Saturday, though the weather gods were kind to the FIS Ski World Cup this year, parting the clouds and allowing the sun to shine through on the women for a perfect day of super-G. It was an American course set, by women's speed Head Coach Chip White. With the venue hosting the recent Europa Cup, the track was awesome, buff - like Colorado snow. In other words, it was a complete 180 from last weekend's soft surface at Lake Louise, and much like what the women had been training on at U.S. Ski Team Speed Center at Copper Mountain, Colo. in November.

At Friday evening's team meeting, Head Coach Paul Kristofic told the women that the snow was "super familiar, Colorado-type snow." "You've had the best training in the world [at Copper Mountain], so translate that into the best skiing you've ever done. Do not worry about the weather, rise above it. Wherever the start is, accept it and go, go go." The word on the mountain was that wind gusts would be strong, so it was likely that at least one of the reserve starts would be utilized. On Saturday morning, there was some light snow and clouds were coming in and out, but the weather was relatively clear despite some wind out of the start gate.

"It was really, really nice to ski today, and the surface was very good," reflected Mikaela in the post-race press conference. There was slightly more air time off the jump than the women thought. "Sofia was really aggressive on the pitch going into the jump, so she carried a lot of speed, and I did a similar thing and I felt like when I was in the air I was like, 'Hmm, maybe I'm not going to land on the ground before the next gate,' so I was trying to rush to get back to the ground so I could actually make the next turn, but it was building up a lot and for a moment I thought I'd maybe not finish," Mikaela continued.

It was a great collective team showing for the Americans, with both Alice Merryweather and Alice McKennis (29th) in the points for the fourth straight race, and Alice Merryweather coming from bib 44 to 20th. Jackie Wiles also started for the Americans, but finished outside of the points. In just her second World Cup race series back from an injury that had her sidelined for 22 months, Jackie will look to take what she learned from Saturday into the next speed series in Val d'Isere, France—a favorite stop of the American women.

Mikaela now leads the overall standings by 271 points, with 532 points to Germany's Viktoria

Rebensburg's 261 points. Up next is a parallel event on Sunday, an event that Mikaela has excelled in previously but she has opted to sit out on Sunday, so she can manage energy levels and focus. Mikaela, who is one of the few athletes to compete in all disciplines (and the only athlete to win in all six currently contested FIS World Cup disciplines), is heading into a busy next couple of weeks on the World Cup tour that includes five races across four disciplines in the next 15 days. She announced the news in an Instagram post on Saturday after the super-G race:

Today was so much fun and the surface was perfect!! Congrats to Sofia Goggia and Federica Brignone, and to my teammates for an awesome collective result. I've been asked a couple times if I'm skiing the parallel tomorrow - obviously it's not an *easy* decision, but I'm opting out of the race tomorrow. There are quite a few reasons for this but at the top of the list is that for several years I have been longing to race Val d'Isere but have never been able to because the @fisalpine schedule is always too tough (for those who race in all disciplines), but one of my goals this season is to get on that track and to race a little more speed in general so I'm trying to manage energy and focus accordingly! It's always a day to day process, and tough to make these decisions but I'm looking forward to Courchevel! And good luck to the girls tomorrow especially USA

Mikaela Shiffrin Instagram

Balancing all of the events in what proves to be a challenging and busy FIS schedule is still something Mikaela is working on, but she's finding enjoyment across all of the events—and she continues to prove she is a podium contender every time she steps into the start gate. "I don't really have a favorite event anymore, but for sure in slalom it's still where I'm the most comfortable or I have the most experience or the best feeling, so I don't need as much training to feel 100% anymore," reflected Mikaela. But, this time of year is probably the biggest push—from Copper to Levi to Killington to Lake Louise to here—and trying to feel like I can really push for a podium every time, with no training basically. So that's the most difficult thing. But it's also really nice to race like that, because you build your momentum and just keep going."

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SCHMIDHOFER Nicole	AUT	1:13.26	+0.30	4.89	50
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