

FRANZ & Friends

Skiing with Champions

One Trip - Four Countries (Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France) and 20 Plus Villages!

Ischgl-Arlberg, Austria/Switzerland and Alta Badia, Italy
Sunday, January 18 - Sunday 25, 2015

(Three Add-On Days) ~ Verbier, Switzerland / France
Sunday, January 25 - Wednesday, January 28, 2015



Champion Ski Guides and Social Hosts

Franz Klammer

Olympic, World & World Cup Champion
4x Hahnenkamm Winner DH
The Greatest Downhiller of All Time!

Franz Weber

Olympian & 6x Consecutive
World Speed Skiing Champion

Andre Arnold

4x Overall World Pro Skiing Champion
Nina Arnold (Andre's daughter will also join)

Stephan Keck

Extreme Mountain Climber, Nanga Parbat 8125m
Shisha Pangma 8027m; GII 8045m
Manaslu 8156m

Christa Höllrigl

World Champion – Powder Ski & Technical Skiing

Patrick Ortlieb

Olympic, World and World Cup DH Champion

Karen Putzer

Olympian & World Champion Medallist
Winner of 8 World Cup Races

Peter Runggaldier

Olympian, World & World Cup Champion

Heinz Holzer

World Cup Super-G Champion

Ivo Rudiferia

Snowboard World & World Cup Champion

Swiss Olympians and World Cup Champions & Hosts

Martin Hangl, William Besse, Roland Colombin, Philippe Roux



Planned Agenda
 Ischgl – Alta Badia 2015
 with three add-on days in Verbier, Switzerland
 “Skiing with Champions”




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Level of Ability Recommended: Low-Intermediate to Expert





We can accommodate beginners with prior notice in order to hire qualified instructors.

<p>*Attire Recommendation:</p> <p>*C: Casual, Warm Layers, Outerwear, Gloves and Hats</p> <p>*S: Skiwear</p> <p>*ME: Mountain Elegant, Sports Coat, Business Casual</p>	<p>**T VIP Transportation</p> <p>Luxury Coach with Walk-In Humidor, Havana Room, Draft Beer and Fine Wines. Helicopter Transport.</p> <p>https://arlbergexpress.com/en/willkommen/</p>
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<p>Sunday January 18, 2015</p>	<p>Arrival at the Elizabeth Arthotel and Welcome Dinner</p>
 <p>ELIZABETH ARTHOTEL 6561 Ischgl / Tirol Österreich Tel.: +43 (0)5444 5411 Fax: +43 (0)5444 5585 E-Mail: info@elizabeth.at Webpage: http://www.elizabeth.at/</p>	<p>Individual arrival to Ischgl from Zürich, Munich or Innsbruck. It is a 2.5 hour transfer from Zurich Airport, a 3 hour plus transfer from Munich and a 1 hour transfer from Innsbruck.</p> <p>We are pleased to provide you with recommendations for ground transportation and/or the most pleasant way to travel.</p> <p>Check-in at the Elizabeth Arthotel.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Welcome cocktails at the hotel bar with Champions video presentation.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>Welcome dinner hosted by Franz Weber and champions at the hotel.</p>




<p>Monday January 19, 2015</p>	<p>Ski to Switzerland and explore the Ischgl ski arena.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Note: <i>Breakfast is included at the hotel and anything you could want is offered from fresh fruits, cold & hot cereals, jams, pastries & breads to specially prepared eggs, roasted/grilled meats and fish.</i></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>We will meet in the ski/boot room and start skiing from the doorstep of the hotel. Ski Ischgl (the “Aspen” of the Alps) and cover more than 5,500 vertical meters (17,000 feet) and at least 25 km. It is spectacular and we are looking forward to returning and have a chance to ski the newly developed runs and lifts. It is particularly special because of the diversity of terrain and tree skiing options when bad weather.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch mid mountain at a charming chalet – Austrian home cooking meets Austrian hospitality – simple but a hidden gem!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>We will ski through various valleys back to Ischgl.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Après ski at <i>Niki’s Stadl</i> http://www.nikis-stadl.com/ You may also wish to simply relax and enjoy the spa.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Cocktails at the hotel bar and a short indoor walk to the Hotel Madlein.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p> 	<p>Dinner at the gourmet restaurant MAD at the Madlein <i>is famously known for its extraordinary cuisine far beyond the borders of Ischgl and even Austria. The crossover-cuisine at the Madlein restaurant offers down to earth Austrian tidbits as well as modern. The essential qualities of simplicity, tastiness and clarity are reflected in the motto: “Everything but not boring”</i></p> <p>Guenther Alois, a passionate Ischgl resort proprietor, founder of several hotels, restaurants, nightclubs and the Ischgl Music Festival will be our host. If up for it, stop for a nightcap downstairs at <i>Pacha</i> nightclub.</p>

<p>Tuesday January 20, 2015</p>	<p>Heli-skiing day from Ischgl to Arlberg covering multiple resorts, villages and valleys culminating at St. Anton's Mooserwirt known as the world's best après skiing spot.</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>8:30/9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Depending on weather and flight times there will be two options:</p> <p>Option 1: Our experienced off-piste skiers will meet the helicopter at Ischgl's Idalp and fly to the Mehsack (flower bag) at the Arlberg region – great off-piste ski run!</p> <p>Option 2: Our intermediate off-piste skiers will meet our helicopter at Ischgl's Idalp flying us to the Arlberg's Schneetäli (easy, gentle slopes, also suitable for not so experienced off-piste skiers). Our guides and champions will let you know what is suitable for you.</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>We will ski to our lunch location in Oberlech to meet Olympic, World and World Cup Downhill Champion, Patrick Ortlieb and his family, at the Hotel Montana in Oberlech.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch in the sun on the beautiful terrace is booked for our group. Let's see if the "Weather Gods" will favor us!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski the best of the area and our last run will take us to St. Anton and the Mooserwirt.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>An exhilarating day on the slopes ends with even greater fun at our après ski location the Mooserwirt offering the best après skiing in the world!</p> <p>We dance, we drink and are served a great Austrian dinner at the Restaurant Vinzenz – in the Hotel Mooser next door! We'll taxi back to our hotel in Ischgl.</p>

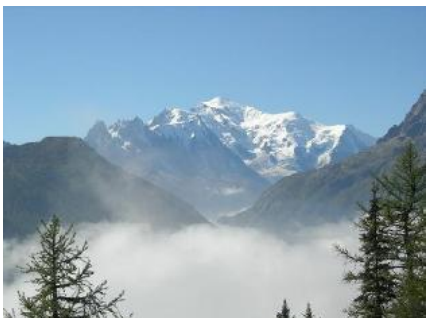


<p>Wednesday January 21, 2015</p>	<p>Ski the area of Ischgl, Austria and Samnaun, Switzerland.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Meet in the ski/boot room to ski the best of Ischgl and Samnaun with great off-piste opportunities.</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Our Champion hosts will have a giant slalom course ready for practice and our race. You will enjoy a unique <i>Franz and Friends</i> race format where everyone has a chance to win regardless of gender, ability, snowboarder or skier. It promises to be a lot of fun!</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch at the one of the Alps best restaurants, <i>Pardorama</i>, on top of Pardatschgrat mountain. Your palate will be spoiled with culinary delights!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski the best of the region and end up at our doorstep in Ischgl.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>An exhilarating day on the slopes ends in fun at <i>Schatzi</i> a unique après skiing experience! You may also wish to simply relax and enjoy the spa.</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Cocktails at the hotel bar and walk to the Silvretta gondola.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Farewell to Ischgl dinner. Take the gondola to the private mountain club <i>Alpenhaus</i> on the Idalp, which offers wonderful panoramic views, excellent cuisine with a superior range of wines.</p> <p>Following dinner, we will toboggan back to our hotel.</p>



<p>Thursday January 22, 2015</p>	<p>Helicopter to Alta Badia, Italy and ski the Dolomites. Participate in the Chefs Cup showcasing more than 50 of the world's best chefs!</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Please settle all personal charges (ski shop charges, massages, telephone, etc.). We are dressed ready to ski and will helicopter from Ischgl/Samnaun to the Seceda Mountain in the Dolomites (envision the helicopter being your first lift ride)! This is a 30-40 minute heli-ride and group departures will be announced.</p> <p>Your luggage will take the 3.5 hour drive to the Hotel Rosa Alpina and will be waiting in your room. To insure proper delivery, please have all your bags packed with a name tag and placed at the end of your bed for pick-up.</p>
<p>9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m</p>	<p>After landing, we'll enjoy a typical Italian champagne welcome followed by morning skiing at the Seceda Dolomite region.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Lunch at the sunny <i>Sofie Hütte</i> – a local treasure. Markus and his family spoil us with our first great Italian meal!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski dramatic mountain regions from village to village and valley to valley to San Cassiano.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>  <p>Rosa Alpina Hotel & Spa Strada Micurá de Rù, 20 39030 San Cassiano in Badia (BZ) Italia T: +39 0471 849 500 http://www.rosalpina.it/</p>	<p>Arrive in San Cassiano at our hotel. Simply pick up your key at the front desk and you will be escorted to your room.</p> <p>The <i>Rosa Alpina Hotel & Spa</i> (www.rosalpina.it) is a luxurious hotel where traditional spirit meets contemporary style and is the ultimate 5-star hotel in the Dolomites. An excerpt from their website, "<i>The Hotel & Spa Rosa Alpina is a haven of discretion in the Dolomites. Discover the essence of quiet glamour, poised service and elegant interiors. Their approach is both timeless and imbued with contemporary accents featuring informal and family dining as well as Michelin-starred cuisine.</i>"</p>
<p>Time to be Announced</p> 	<p>Following R&R, you will be driven by the Audi VIP service minutes away to the <i>Chef's Cup</i> race arena to watch your champions and other legendary racers compete followed by dinner prepared by some of the world's best chefs. It's a culinary experience you will not want to miss (last year's event had a combined 54 Michelin stars)!</p> <p>Following dinner, there will be fun entertainment and dancing!</p>


<p>Friday January 23, 2015</p>	<p>Sella Ronda Day! Ski the total round with lunch at Comici Hut and dinner at Club Moritzino high above La Villa.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski several Dolomite passes, valleys and villages, all the way to the Selva region to the Comici Hut. Not bad!</p> <p>If the Zürs race was cancelled due to weather, we will use this day for an alternate race option. Our Champion host, Peter Runggaldier, will have a slalom course ready for practice and our race prior to lunch. You will enjoy a unique <i>Franz and Friends</i> race format where everyone has a chance to win regardless of gender, ability, snowboarder or skier. It promises to be a lot of fun!</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch at the <i>Comici Hut</i>. The best fish restaurant in the Alps. Fresh fish is delivered daily directly from Venice. Quite a culinary experience!</p> <p><i>Comici Hut</i> is a favorite of many F1 drivers and is a great location for photos. Pictured is Fernando Alonso, F1 World Champion, with one of our guests.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski to Corvara, and by now, we will have nearly finished the Sella Ronda!</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Sella Ronda back to the hotel. • Après ski in Corvara's L'Murin. • Taxi back to the hotel for some R&R.
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Meet in the lobby in ski clothes for a short shuttle transfer to La Villa.</p>
<p>7:45 p.m. (*ME)</p> 	<p>Snowcats will take us up the mountains to our dinner location the famous Club Moritzino – cocktails, dinner, dancing, thrilling snow cat rides – and for the daring, another night skiing experience!</p>

<p>Saturday January 24, 2015</p>	<p>Ski the region near Cortina D'Ampezzo and the "Giro della Grande Guerra" followed by our farewell dinner at the "two Michelin star" restaurant Hubertus.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>8:45 a.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Take a short bus ride to Armentarola to ski the area of Cortina D'Ampezzo and also part of the Giro della Grande Guerra (WWII tour) enjoying the quaint, relaxed atmosphere of this region. After two hours of nostalgic skiing, via the Falzarego (false king) Pass, we move to the top of Lagazoi mountain and descend a 7.5 km scenic run to our lunch spot. No worries, we will have a snack/coffee break along the way!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Our next great Italian lunch will be at the <i>Scotoni Hut</i> located in the middle of magnificent mountains. This hut lies in spectacular yet peaceful surroundings, has a huge wine list and offers a terrific selection of grilled meats prepared to perfection by the owner Christian.</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Continue to ski back to the little village of Armentarola where a horse drawn "people lift" will transport us back into the present time – and onto the next chairlift! We'll finish the round and ski back to enjoy après skiing in Corvara or the new après ski pub Sieia in San Cassiano.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Meet at the hotel bar for a cocktail.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p> 	<p>Dinner at the "Two Michelin Star" <i>Restaurant Hubertus</i>. A quote from Italy's top Chef Norbert Niederkofler:</p> <p><i>"When I was 18 years of age, I wanted to see the world, and I have seen it. At least I have visited the interiors of all the big kitchens - but this I did very accurately. For the last few years, I have been resting because I have returned home. My home is South Tyrol.</i></p> <p><i>Nowhere else in the world am I surrounded by this exciting symbiosis of the northern "precise" mentality and the southern "Mediterranean" easy-going nature. Only rarely, has a chef had better prerequisites. In my dishes, I try to communicate this mix exactly."</i></p>
<p>Sunday January 25, 2015</p>	<p>Departure Day</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and check-out by noon. Please make sure to settle all personal charges (ski shop charges, massages, telephone, etc.). If you prefer to ski that day, we will provide you with a ski pass.</p> <p>Alta Badia is an area where all of our past participants can't wait to return!</p>

For guests joining us in Verbier, following are details for our transfer day.

<p>Sunday January 25, 2015</p>	<p>Spectacular helicopter flight from Alta Badia over the scenic Alps to the region of Aosta. Heli-ski the area of Valgrisenche, Italy or Cervinia Italy/Zermatt Switzerland. Heli or shuttle transfer to Verbier Switzerland via the beautiful Gran San Bernard Pass.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (*S)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Map of Verbier, Switzerland</u></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Please settle all personal charges (ski shop charges, massages, telephone, etc.). We are dressed ready to ski and will meet our helicopter near the Hotel Rosa Alpina. This is a 45 minute to an hour heli-ride and group departures will be announced.</p> <p>Your luggage will take the 6 hour drive to Verbier and will be waiting in your room. To insure proper delivery, please have all your bags packed with a name tag and placed at the end of your bed for pick-up.</p> <p>Heli-ride to Aosta region landing either at Valgrisenche, Italy or Cervinia, Italy/Zermatt, Switzerland located in the middle of the Swiss/Italian/French Alps. Europe's tallest mountain, the towering Mont Blanc, will be in sight most of this day!</p> <p><i>(In case of inclement weather, we will arrange for private planes to take us from Bolzano to the airport of Sion 50 km from Verbier (the heli-ski day in the Aosta valley, Italy will be replaced by a helicopter day in Verbier, Switzerland).</i></p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p> 	<p>Two helicopter skiing experiences in small groups of maximum 5 guests. Each group will be paired to their ability with a local guide to ensure the best skiing experience the valley has to offer. Depending on conditions, we may even ski the back side of Valgrisenche into La Thuile or to Cervinia/Zermatt followed by an awesome Italian or Swiss 2 p.m. lunch. No worries, we will have a snack/coffee break along the way!</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Late lunch on the mountain.</p>
<p>3:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Bus or heli transfer to Verbier and check into our hotel.</p>
 <p>W Verbier Address: Rue de Médran 70, 1936 Verbier, Schweiz ph:+41 27 472 88 88 Webpage: http://www.wverbier.com/en</p>	<p>The <i>W Verbier</i>, the newest and finest ski-in/ski-out hotel in town, is conveniently located next to the ski run/gondola and will be our home for the next three nights. This stylish hotel offers excellent cuisine, a variety of music and entertainment, uniquely designed rooms and a welcoming atmosphere with a friendly and enthusiastic staff.</p> <p>Simply pick up your key at the front desk and you will be escorted to your room. Enjoy some relaxation in the hotel's new AWAY Spa or check out the village of Verbier as the hotel is located in the center of town.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Cocktails in the <i>Living Room</i> bar of the hotel.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Dinner in the <i>Arola Restaurant</i> in the hotel.</p>

<p>Monday January 26, 2015</p>	<p>Ski the best of the 4 Vallées surrounding Verbier. Enjoy local Valais specialties for dinner followed by a fun night sledding experience.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Meet in the ski/boot room where we'll receive our ski passes and meet with our new local champion guides. Take Médran gondola to the top of the mountain.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski various villages and passes from Verbier to the village of Thyon back to Verbier (lots of thrilling on and off-piste possibilities and spectacular views)! Verbier has 90% modern/10% nostalgic style ☺ Once reaching the back side of the mountain, there are fewer people, wide open runs with an older lift system including T-bars – almost a country club skiing experience! To rest your legs, you can always take the gondola.</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (*S)</p> 	<p>Lunch at <i>Le Dahu</i> at La Chaux – a hearty mountain restaurant where our non-skiers will meet us. Le Dahu offers great local specialties, international food and absolutely fantastic pizza!</p>
<p>Non-Skiers Morning</p>	<p>After a relaxing breakfast, we may take the Médran Gondola to les Ruinettes mountain and either go for a winter hike (45 minutes to the lunch spot) or ride with a husky-drawn dog sled.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>We will ski following the sun and explore the La Chaux part of the valley ending up at the base of the mountain – right at our hotel.</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Your choice – visit the spa, enjoy local shopping or explore the village!</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*C)</p>	<p>Meet in the lobby to depart for dinner followed by night sledding (depending on weather and snow conditions).</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*C)</p> 	<p>Dinner at <i>Le Marlenaz</i> on Savoleyres mountain or <i>Chez Dany</i> on La Chaux mountain. Both venues offer a great atmosphere, local traditional food and fun tobogganing experiences. Recommended are the world-famous fondue and raclette paired with two wines from the Valais region – Fendant white wine and Dole red wine.</p>
<p>11:00 p.m. (*C)</p>	<p>Following sledding, enjoy a nightcap to wind down at the hotel's <i>Living Room</i> lounge with music entertainment.</p>

<p>Tuesday January 27, 2015</p>	<p>Ski Savoleyres, Verbier and the Bruson mountain region.</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Meet in the ski/boot room with your champion guides/hosts. Take the Le Châble gondola and ski to Bruson mountain.</p>
<p>9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Ski the home mountain of Roland Colombin (one of Franz Klammer's top rivals) and meet the champion!</p>
<p>1:00 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Lunch at <i>le Carrefour</i> restaurant one of Verbier's favorites!</p>
<p>Non-Skiers Morning</p>	<p>Following a relaxing breakfast, you can choose:</p> <p>Option I. Take Médran gondola to Les Ruinettes and dare yourself to tandem paraglide down to our lunch spot.</p> <p>Option II. Transfer by gondola and/or snowshoe to our lunch place.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (*S)</p>	<p>Enjoy more of Verbier's slopes followed by après skiing at the bar across from our hotel. We'll drop our skis and boots off and enjoy one or two hot shots!</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. (*ME)</p>	<p>Gather in the <i>Living Room</i> lounge for a cocktail and walk over to our dinner restaurant.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. (*ME)</p> 	<p>Farewell dinner at <i>Le Rouge</i> restaurant. The unexpected refined menu is inspired by fresh, quality produce from Burgundy to the Aosta valley. We will dine in the belly of the restaurant's private wine cellar surrounded by the collection of grands crus, superior local wines and a certain number of little gems from smaller estates across Europe. A wonderful experience!</p>
<p>After Dinner</p>	<p>To burn off calories, we'll explore Verbier's night life – recommendations are the restaurant's club or hit the town to enjoy a couple of drinks in <i>The Farm</i>, which is Verbier's night spot.</p>
<p>Wednesday January 28, 2015</p>	<p>Departure Day</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and check-out by noon. Please make sure to settle all personal charges (ski shop charges, massages, telephone, etc.). If you prefer to ski that day, we will provide you with a ski pass.</p> <p>Departure: The nearest International Airport is Geneva Cointrin, 160km from Verbier. The airport of Sion, 50km from Verbier can be accessed by private aircraft and SWISS International Airlines has flights from Sion to London, UK. The SWISS service is limited to the ski season and is infrequent.</p>