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Dear Member

Natalino and his team, thanks to their immensely hard labour and skill, have been coaxing the Run out of its summer somnolence and it now weaves its way down the valley looking as serenely seductive as ever. Photographs of the early stages of the Run building can be seen by scrolling down on the home page of the website. The weather has been perfect – cold and clear – and while some snow for the falling areas would be welcome (and some is forecast towards the end of the week), we anticipate opening on the due date, at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 19th December. It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Bartley Bear.

Some news and information:

**a) Cresta Website.**

- *My Times*: view all your times, and filter the settings so that you get the results the way you want them. Hours of endless fun await – include/exclude split times, falls, practice, races, Top or Junction and view sorted by date, time, start place, speed as well as the ability to export the details. Great thanks are due to Olaf Kroege, the architect of this much-requested and desired addition.

- *Fixture Card*: Olaf (blessings be upon him) has also created a downloadable Fixture Card (Member Area ->News) which you can import into Outlook or Google calendars.

- *Equipment for Sale or Wanted*: In addition to toboggans & helmets, there is a new Miscellaneous section. It's easy to get details posted – just download the appropriate form, complete it and email it to me.

If you have not registered for the Members' Area, or have forgotten your log in and/or password, please email me.

**b) Dinner after the Fairchild's Auction, Saturday 28th December.**

After the auction, stay at the Sunny Bar. Get a jolly table together to dine in the Club's home from home. There is a special menu (which includes prosecco beforehand) for CHF 63 per person, together with a list of wines at reduced rates. Book (and pay) with me or Richard in the Clubhouse.

**c) Clubhouse Insurance.**

The Clubhouse insurance for riders is exactly the same as last year – the rates have not changed and neither have the conditions. Remember it is **accident** not **travel** insurance and it only covers the Cresta, the Bob and Bob-Skeleton. If you do not have an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) do get one. If applying in the UK, remember that it's free from the NHS site and do not get lured into applying via the commercial sites that charge you. (<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>)

**d) Inaugural British and International Mono Bob Event St Moritz 27-30 January 2014.**

Mono bob - very similar to \*2 man bobsleigh but for one person. The driver, starts, drives and stops the mono bob. This relatively new version of bobsleigh is becoming increasingly popular with Cresta riders, particularly those who want to have more opportunity for ice sliding.

Motivated by popular request: SYS the Ultimate Event Company have liaised with the Olympia Bobrun St Moritz - Celerina to organise the inaugural British and International Mono Bob event 2014. For those who are not already qualified to drive a mono bob on the St Moritz bob run, you are required to attend the mono bob school (run over \*3 days - 2 coached runs a day).

The programme for beginners will start with the Mono Bob school (Monday 27 - Wednesday 29 January 14). The Mono Bob school is being held in the afternoon to allow Cresta riders to ride the Cresta in the morning. An open race with a number of different categories (e.g. Open, Beginner, Lady, Handicap) is scheduled for PM Thursday 30 January and there will be an awards party held in Dracula on the evening of 30 January 14.

Any one who would like to participate in this event - beginner or qualified mono bob driver - should contact Tony Wallington - [tony.wallington98@gmail.com](mailto:tony.wallington98@gmail.com) for additional information and registration form.

The cost of entry:

Beginner: Mono Bob School and race £1,086.00 incl VAT and 7 days travel and activity insurance / Race (30 Jan 14)

Mono bob owner £355.00 incl VAT not incl Insurance / Race (30 Jan 14)

Hired mono bob £405.00 incl VAT not including insurance.

We look forward to a happy season and to welcoming all our Members, SLs and Beginners to St Moritz and the Cresta Run.

Best wishes

Harriet Brabazon