



## President's Letter

20th May 2020

### Dear Member

Hooray - St Moritz has reopened, and as last Season's wonderful Cresta Run melts away, the hoteliers are hoping for a beautiful summer to entice their Covid weary friends back to their breathtaking valley.

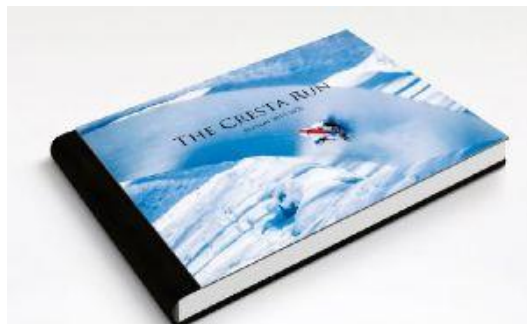
### Summer Events

The Jazz Festival will take place, but sadly the **Cresta Summer Golf and Cricket** will not, although the golf club at Samedan has kindly agreed to reserve some tee times on Friday 10th July if there is appetite for an informal event. Sort out your golfing partner(s) and contact [Martin Greenland](#) if this is of interest. When and whether British members will be able to travel remains a mystery.

In hindsight, we were incredibly fortunate Covid-19 did not strike sooner and we could successfully conclude an exceptional Season (see the statistics [here](#)), but one tinged with huge sadness at the tragic loss of our Guru Emeritus, THE Nigel Broadhead. Andrew and Kathelijne Marritt have spent hours transcribing the huge numbers of memories and condolences into a Memorial Book for Judy and the family; these are testament to the fact that he was a much loved and much mourned pillar of the Club. Sadly, we have been informed of the deaths of a further two Members: John Edwards and Richard Strong.

### 100th Edition of the Annual Report

Our Secretaries are busy recording last Season's events with a very special 100th leather bound edition of the Annual Report for those who have requested one - it's not too late to advertise in what will be a superb and unique historical record. To **order a copy or take a page of advertising**, complete this [online form](#) and Harriet will be in touch.



### Season Photobook

Our talented photographer, [Melissa Michel](#), has compiled a Season's Album through her lens; attached are details about this [stunning production](#) which she hopes to produce every year in future. She can also produce personal photo books to order.

### Committee Meeting

What we don't expect to do every year is hold virtual Committee meetings as we did a fortnight ago. The key topics we discussed were:

- a. As explained at the AGM, we are in the final stages of creating a **new legal structure** which will ensure that we comply with all regulations both in the UK and in Switzerland. This process has been going on for some time and upon reaching a conclusion will be presented in full to the Membership in the near future – we certainly hope this will be before next season. The structure may be different but the most important point to emphasise is that there will be no noticeable change for Members.
- b. The **survey**, also discussed at the AGM. The data about riding numbers, Members, SLs, etc., is being “mined” and we have appointed a specialist to collate questions for Members to answer. We hope the survey will be completed during the summer.
- c. A scenario, however unlikely, that we cannot build the Cresta Run next winter. Financially, I’m pleased to confirm the Hon Treasurer assures me we could weather that storm.
- d. The **Calendar** for next season, which you can see [here](#), extends to Sunday March 7th. This elongation should allow more days in January for Beginners and SLs to have plenty of rides. You will spot the lovely addition of a new Junction Handicap in memory of Tazi (Jack) Glattfelder, to be run on the same day as the Marsden Cup. There will an event to attempt to break one of the oldest sporting records in the Portago Stream Cup on 30th December. There is also a Family Day on Tuesday January 2nd when fathers, daughters, brothers, and sisters, can all ride together.

### **New Members**

We have elected a terrific group of new Members and you can see the full list [here](#). Surprisingly two-thirds of the candidates are impoverished Brits. Next season, hopefully the European quotient of applicants will be much higher. We will also be tweaking the application process so that every candidate has the prior support of a Committee member as well as their Proposer and Secunder.

### **Prizes**

We now have some really beautiful prizes, almost all solid silver, thanks to many generous Members; may I suggest to all winners that thanking the race sponsor might not go amiss. Also, should you be interesting in supporting the provision of prizes for a race please will you let the Secretary know: [gary.lowe@cresta-run.com](mailto:gary.lowe@cresta-run.com)

### **Tik Tok Competition**

To wrap up, something completely different....”**Cresta Tik Tok Lock Down**”....a wee competition initiated by our very own Scottish farming thespian, Alan Cuthbert (whose wife, Noni, is heroically taking charge of the Shop next season). Follow this [link](#) for the entry rules to be submitted by June 1st - the winning prize is a Sunny Bar lunch with the President.

Keep safe, and remember.... thinking about tobogganing can be dangerous!

As ever

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