



## President's Letter

16th December 2021

**Dear Member**

I'm writing whilst travelling across France in trepidation that new rules and further potential restrictions might yet wreak havoc on our Season.

Under the Secretary's careful direction at the start of his last Season, the Seiler and Tower Teams have been very hard at work building a new Cresta Run, shovelling snow, dusting down the locker room, opening the bar and sorting all the administrative details we simply take for granted when we are on holiday.

We have (or hope to have, Covid rules willing) two full University events, various new races including the Marques de Portago Challenge (30th December – not forgetting the President's Welcome Back drinks that evening) and the Glattfelder Trophy (25th February). There is so much to look forward to, not least renewing our friendships and meeting our many enthusiastic new Members.

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### **Ladies applying for Active Membership**

One significant change this Season is that the Committee have agreed that Ladies may apply to become Active Members of the Club in exactly the same way as Gentlemen.

- Ladies should apply to the Secretary using the regular Application Form and will be evaluated in the same way as all the other Candidates at the May Committee meeting.
- All joining and annual fees will be the same as for men. Applicants seeking to become an Active Life Member should be at least 30 years old and a Member of at least five years standing, as it is with male applicants.
- Non Active Life Members (NALMs) that apply will, if successful, cease to be NALMs; if unsuccessful they will retain their NALM status. NALMs applying for Active Full Membership (AFM) will meet their joining fee by a deduction from their original NALM fee.

- NALMs applying for Active Life Membership (ALM) will have their original NALM fee deducted from their ALM fee.
- Should a NALM become an AFM and subsequently an ALM, any remaining balance from their NALM fee will be deducted from the ALM fee.
- During this Season there are specified dates when ladies are welcome to ride. In addition, the Secretary has the ability to use his discretion to permit ladies riding, as he did so successfully last Season. For the avoidance of doubt, ladies will be able to apply to enter a race field ( RnR ) in the same way as male SLs.
- From the following Season (2022/23), ladies who are not Active Members will ride as SLs on exactly the same footing as male riders.

If you have any questions whatsoever, or simply require an application form, please contact either [Bells Kettler](#) in St Moritz, or [Harriet Brabazon](#) in London. This is Harriet's last season as Membership Secretary. She and Brabs will be joining us for ten days in February. If you have not already done so, and should you wish to donate to her retirement fund, please email [Martin Greenland](#).

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A couple of pre-Season notices from Gary:

#### **Helmets**

The Club has bought 100 new helmets for use by riders, as announced at the AGM webinar last season. These conform to the latest safety standards. Many generous Members (and the Secretary knows who you are; thank you) have offered to contribute to the cost, but further contributions would be very gratefully received. Each helmet costs c. CHF 275 (£225). If you would like to help, please let [Harriet](#) know the amount you are willing to contribute, and this will be added to your bill. Every rider will be very grateful for your assistance.

#### **Covid, Disclaimers and the Kiosks**

In order to prove that we are policing the Covid 2G rules, it has been decided that this season all riders will need to go to the Secretariat in the Bar to:

- a) sign their disclaimers, and
- b) show proof of their Covid certification.

While your name may be entered on the riding list, you will not be added to ride on the display board until your disclaimer and Covid certificate has been checked and electronically signed by a member of the Tower Team. Non-riders & spectators will also need to have their Covid certificates checked on entry to the Clubhouse.

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Lastly, it only remains for me to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas, stay safe and let's hope and pray for a healthy and exciting Season.

As Ever.



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