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**14th December 2022**

**Dear Member**

**From the President, James Sunley**

When there is so much doom and gloom in the world of December 2022, I thoroughly recommend you lift your spirits and cast your minds to the glorious Engadine and particularly to next Monday 19th December when our beautiful Run will unveil her latest secrets. And soon thereafter our younger sibling, The St Moritz Bobsleigh Club, will celebrate the start of its own 125th anniversary.

There have been a myriad of off season excitements, with Members seeking adventure all over the globe, but now the serious business begins again. The Racing Calendar may be familiar but with such a wonderful group of aspiring young riders I wonder whose name will adorn the biggest trophies? Or who will foil the handicapping Committee?

So much to look forward to, so many ways to invest in our Club and the famous valley, all of us now under the watchful eye of new Secretary and Chief Executive Martin Greenland, supported by new Membership Secretary Tilly MacDonald, St Moritz Membership Secretary Bells Kettler, and of course the naval duo Andrew Mills and Jamie Summers. Not forgetting Matteo in the dressing room and Luigi, Mario and all the Kulm Hotel teams who look after us so well. We wish them all good luck for a sensational 2022/23 Season.

I have asked Martin now to paint the scene from St Moritz where I am headed on Thursday. Until we meet in the valley, I send love and Christmas greetings to all Members, asking that we especially remember those less fortunate than ourselves, or who are facing this happy period without a loved one for the first time.

Yours Ever  
James

### From the Secretary, Martin Greenland

Following on James' words, The Team is in full swing getting ready for the season. Our Clubhouse looks resplendent after the summer renovations against a backdrop of snowy mountains and crystal clear Engadine skies. St Moritz looks festive decked in Christmas lights. Natalino and his men are putting the final touches to that iconic ice sculpture which leads us down to the charming village. We have cold nights, crisp mornings, in other words perfect conditions.

Noni Cuthbert is busy stacking the shelves of the Club Shop. She promises us a wide palette of new items as well as old favourites. The Tower "Kinder", Alice Lloyd, Borja Albers-Schoenberg and Ludlow Morris have been flexing their muscles clearing the stairs and shovelling the snow from the Clubhouse roof. Mario and Luigi will be on hand to provide appropriate sustenance behind the Bar. Matteo has the changing room in perfect order. All that is required is that you, our Membership rock up and bring the place to life. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please also note that the Lowe Portago dinner held on the evening after the Race (December 28<sup>th</sup>), will be at Paradiso (operated by the Badrutt's Palace) not as published in Badrutt's Palace. It promises to be a fun event. More details will follow.

It has come to our attention that many of our Swiss Members have yet to receive their Annual Reports. It would appear there is a problem with the Swiss post and we are working to rectify this.

Best wishes on behalf of the whole Tower Team.

Martin



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