
Here we are with the new Skieda

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How much did he bother you with brochures, letters!?! Well we really hope it has been worth and you can have a wonderful free heel week.

If the Skieda is such a great event is thanks to all this work but also thanks to you passing the word.

Abroad Pat and Baiba Morrow have helped with their article on Powder. Last year they were with us, this year they send their regards. You can read their opinion on the Skieda in their article.

This year on our newspaper you will be able to find articles by the most famous free heel journalists and opinion leaders.

The most interesting ones are some years old. The authors are Lito Tejada Flores, Steve Barnett, Paul Parker. What has amazed me is how clear their opinion about this wonderful style of skiing. None judges which is the best and correct kind of telemark, all them agree that the real place where to free heel is the backcountry. A form of skiing long away from any human track.

I'm a ski instructor and spend my season surrounded by noise, skiers going down at full speed, people going up and down dozens of times a day. Frequently my sight goes to all those picks where the silent reign, where nobody has already skied down. How many times with bad weather, when clients complain about the temperature, the bad visibility I try to explain the beauty of cruising in a wood with our skis may be dropping in a deer or in a squirrel.

In the articles you will find this year I hope you can find something that will help you reading this beautiful environment which surround us, something that will help you understanding that the most important thing is to be self-sufficient in judging. Judging the best form of style for that snow, the best form for us, the best for that day. We have the freedom we must use it.

After all this boring speech just few recommendations. We are fond of all our week but we believe very much in the cultural program and the daily excursions. For the excursions please go to the Skieda office every evening at 5 PM. John Falkiner and Giuseppe Lafranconi will inform you about the tomorrow trip. For the ones without Bips - Arva - we can rent them to you or sell them.

About the slides shows there's very little to say: just read the names of the photographers here in Livigno this year. Don't get lost trying to choose who is the best, they are all fantastic. Ace Kvale, Mark Shapiro, Micheal Brakenhofer, Mick Wheeler, just the best.

The collection of old skies and old technical ski books is worth a visit.

Last but not less important, on the map which was given to you the day of the accreditation, you can find the day program. On the map you can spot the places where the events will be held. For more informations go to the office or ring us.

What else: Enjoy yourself!!!

The "father" of Modern-day Telemark Skiing of Steve Barnett

Steve Barnett is recognised as one of the true instigators of the telemark boom, but ironically his skiing began on downhill boards. It wasn't until 1968 that Barnett started touring as a means to expand his world of skiable terrain. E: When you wrote Cross-Country Downhill Skiing, did you anticipate the oncoming telemark boom?

B: No, it was the right book at the right time, but that was luck rather than design. When I wrote it, I didn't know how many people would be interested in the techniques. I only knew that other books hadn't mentioned a word about telemarking in over 40 years. I wanted people to know it offered a workable, lightweight system for skiing the backcountry.

E: How did you get introduced to telemarking?

B: Very slowly: Since I came from a downhill background, I started touring on a wide pair of

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