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# Welcome to the Stifel Killington Cup:

Dear ski racing fans,

It is truly an honor to welcome the World Cup each year to Killington. Watching world-class athletes racing down Superstar, encouraged by such a passionate crowd, is an unmatched experience.

For the seventh year, Killington Resort will host nearly 100 FIS World Cup athletes representing 20 countries, who are expected to race Slalom and Giant Slalom courses on Superstar over Thanksgiving weekend.

We all can't wait to see if Vermont-schooled superstar Mikaela Shiffrin will be able to regain her Slalom title! Shiffrin has won five of six past FIS World Cup Slalom races held at Killington, but gave up the top spot last year to Anna Swenn Larsson and Wendy Holdener who tied for the top spot.

Shiffrin is the clear crowd favorite — a true superstar with the most wins of any Alpine athlete in history coming into the season with 88 World Cup victories.

Shiffrin, along with her fellow World Cup rivals, has inspired many young racers from regional ski clubs and academies who will kick off the event Saturday morning with a parade before the Giant Slalom races. With role models so strong and dominant, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard began an initiative called HEROic, which kicked off at last year's Killington Cup. The initiative aims to highlight the power and potential of women in snowsports — from athletes to coaches to executive leaders (see page 76).

The Killington Cup is about the community as much as the competition and in the past, the number of fans in attendance has broken international records. Additionally, an audience of 2.1 million people in 60 countries will watch these women race live on TV. It's truly a HEROic event!

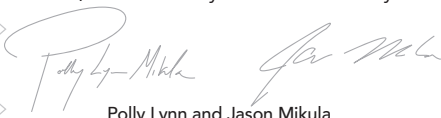
Tickets sold for the Killington Cup benefit the World Cup Foundation. Last year the Killington Cup raised \$270,000 for the organization, which will fund 29 winter sports programs this season reaching over 10,000 athletes throughout the Northeast (see page 110). Community support for the Killington Cup in turn supports snowsports communities across our region — a true win-win!

The Killington Cup also requires communities of volunteers and workers to pull off the event — especially being so early in the season. Snowmakers, and the crew that's behind making Superstar an FIS compliant race course, put in countless hours at all times of the day and night, making snow at all possible times leading up to the event (see page 62). Then there's the over 300 volunteers that come together each year to help with course maintenance, set up, break down, safety/security, wayfinding, credentials, and many other crucial tasks that help make the event run smoothly from start to finish (see page 70).

Just down the road from the World Cup venue is the planned Killington Village at the base of Snowshed and Ramshead! Stop by the Great Gulf booth in the Vendor Village and be among the first to see new renderings. It'll be iconic! (See page 88!)

In true Killington style, surrounding the races will be a series of parties and worldclass entertainment. Festivities kick off Friday night and continue through Sunday at the Festival Village as well as location throughout town (see page 22). Area businesses also love to host live music, entertainment and autograph signings, and offer a plethora of delicious food and unique shopping opportunities (local stores offer a much more enjoyable "Black Friday" experience).

This complimentary program is designed to enhance your experience both at the races and throughout the area. On behalf of our partners at Killington Resort, the Mountain Times, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, the International Ski Federation, the Killington World Cup Foundation, local businesses and everyone who helped to put together this event, we welcome you to the seventh year of the Killington Cup.



Polly Lynn and Jason Mikala  
Co-publishers of the Mountain Times



Mike Solimano  
President of Killington and Pico Resorts

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## EASTERN SKIING

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In this section, find out what makes skiing in Vermont unique. From technical advancements to historic records, feeder programs to the strong foundations that support those programs and their athletes, it's no wonder more skiers (and riders) choose Vermont than any other eastern state. And it's not surprising that Vermont is well-represented on the U.S. Alpine Ski Team! Plus, learn about Killington's new planned village, its iconic design and tentative timeline.



## REGIONAL OFFERINGS

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In this section, learn about some of the region's unique offerings, from education to economic opportunities, recreation to real estate, plus local hot spots for eating, drinking, shopping and lodging. You'll see why many of us came to Killington for the skiing but have stayed here for the lifestyle!

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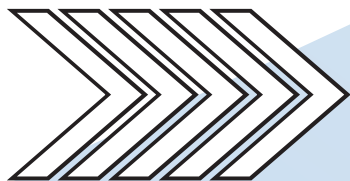
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Superstar trail rises up from the K-1 base area at Killington Resort. Spectators will gather in front of the white VIP tent and line the slope looking up to the right to watch the races.

# RACE SCHEDULE

## Saturday, Nov. 25

7 a.m. Festival Village opens  
10 a.m. Giant Slalom run #1  
1 p.m. Giant Slalom run #2  
Award ceremony will immediately follow

## Sunday, Nov. 26

7 a.m. Festival Village opens  
10 a.m. Slalom run #1  
1 p.m. Slalom run #2  
Award ceremony will immediately follow

See full list of events on pg. 22-23

## SUPERSTAR

The Stifel Killington Cup, a stop on the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Tour, takes place on Superstar, near the new K-1 lodge. The base is at roughly 2,500 feet above sea level. While it is lower in elevation than Killington's other early season offerings, the resort's snowmaking prowess makes the November races possible (learn how on pages 60-65).

Other than the FIS World Cup event, Superstar is not used for racing due to its central location, popularity and connections it provides between Killington's peaks.

When World Cup officials first came to Killington to assess the resort's race trail options prior to the 2016 races, all agreed that the Superstar trail was the best choice. The pitch, width, convenient lift access, and ease of spectating and broadcasting the event, made it a perfect fit for a world-class FIS event.

Superstar Trail is 4,800 feet long, and drops 1,200 vertical feet with a pitch of 30 to 50 degrees. For the safety of racers, more than five kilometers of safety fence are utilized on the race hill.

When watching the races, especially the Giant Slalom on Saturday, which starts near the top of Superstar, announcers might refer to three named sections of the course, color-coded in the graphic (left):

1. The **"Top Headwall"** is a steep section that begins at the top of the Superstar slope and ends where the Launch Pad trail intersects with Superstar.

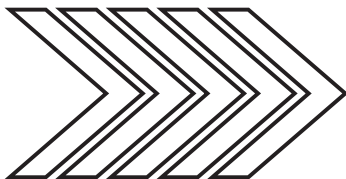
2. **"The Fields"** is the middle section that continues until the High Road trail intersects it, connecting Superstar to the trail Skyelark.

3. The **"Lower Headwall"** (also known as "Preston's Pitch") is the steep bottom section that ends with the finish line — surrounded by spectators.

"It's always exciting to welcome the best women ski racers in the world back to Killington," said Herwig Demschar, chair of Killington's World Cup local organizing committee.

“ It's always exciting to welcome the best women ski racers in the world back to Killington, ” said Herwig Demschar.

# FESTIVAL VILLAGE



The Festival Village is located at the base of the Superstar trail just outside the new K-1 Lodge at the top of Killington Road. Spectating areas are broken out by section. There is ample room for standing by the finish line and hillside to the right of the course (looking up the hill). Additionally, there are two grandstand sections, Great Gulf's livekillington.com VIP tent and credentialed media zones. The Festival Village, with food and beverage options, vendor booths and the outdoor concert stage are open to all.

Like last year all spectators must be ticketed to enter. There's a \$10 general entry fee. Grandstand (\$40-\$45), premiere grandstand (\$90-\$100) and Great Gulf livekillington.com VIP tent (\$500) tickets are also available. A portion of all ticket sales goes to the Killington World Cup Foundation, which uses the funding to support winter sports programs across the Northeast (see story on page 104).

Spectators can see approximately 40-50% of the Slalom course and 30-40% of the Giant Slalom course from the base area, depending on viewing section and specifically how the course is set. Jumbo screens on the side of the finish area will provide additional viewing coverage.

The Festival Village will open at 3 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

## Transportation

Marble Valley Transit ("The Bus") is offering FREE transportation along Killington Road and to and from Rutland Saturday and Sunday (see pages 138-139 for routes and schedule). Killington Resort provides parking shuttles between base areas.





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# 101: World Cup racing, what you need to know

By Polly Mikula

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) Alpine Ski World Cup is the top international circuit of Alpine ski racing.

FIS athletes compete in the World Cup series in: Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, and Downhill events. Those who finish in the top 30 are awarded points, 100 to the winner, 80 points for second, 60 for third, progressively winding down to 1 point for 30th place. The racer with the most points at the end of the season wins the overall World Cup; champions are also crowned for each discipline.

## Slalom and Giant Slalom

The Giant Slalom and Slalom make up the technical events in Alpine ski racing. Speed events are Super-G and Downhill.

While World Cup racers often hit top speeds of 75-plus mph in Downhill competitions, speeds in technical races are considerably slower, as the courses require racers to navigate more turns and complex gate sequences. Still, racers can reach speeds up to 50 mph (which is more than double what most recreational skiers would feel comfortable hitting — let alone on the steep icy slope of Superstar while speeding through gates)!

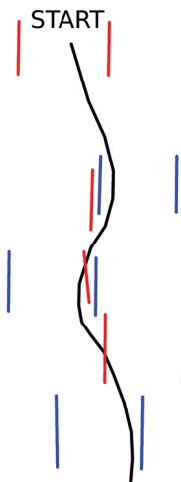
On Giant Slalom courses, vertical distances between turning poles on the World Cup can range from 24-28 meters depending on the venue, with an average around 26 meters, according to FIS/U.S. Ski & Snowboard course setting guidelines. The offset distances vary, but 10-12 meters is about average, depending on terrain, speeds, width and length of trail, and vertical drop requirements.

On Slalom courses, the distance between turning poles is generally 9-11 meters on the World Cup. Offset distances vary, but tend to average around 34 meters. Slalom courses are typically more arhythmical, with multiple combinations (delay into hairpin, hairpin into hairpin, flushes, etc.) according to FIS/U.S. Ski & Snowboard course setting guidelines. Combinations are frequently set with less than 6 meters of distance between poles.

A racer's ski tips and boots must pass through each "gate," breaking the imaginary line between turning and outside pole, in order to finish the course (see graphic, right).

Gate judges watch each gate and verify each racer's compliance. Additionally, an adjacent gate judge (usually a member of the jury or an official video controller) is also watching for compliance. If a competitor loses a ski without having committed a gate fault or without coming to a complete stop, she may continue, FIS rules state.

The equipment racers use is also strictly monitored by FIS regulations. At the base of the Superstar trail, there is a tent where FIS measurement experts use official tools to be sure a racer's equipment complies after each run.





## Start Order

The start order for the first run for the top 15 racers is determined by a random bib draw, which is based on World Cup start list points.

The remaining racers' start order is based on FIS point ranking for the first run.

For the second run, the fastest 30 racers start in reverse order based on their finish time for the first run, with 30th going first, 29th second, etc. so the fastest racer runs the course last. (Only the top 30 racers qualify for a second run.)

## Bib Draw

The top seven on the World Cup start list are placed in a double random draw (the order of who draws and which number are both random) to be placed in start positions 1-7. Then, athletes ranked 8-15 are entered in the double random draw for start positions 8-15. On Friday, Nov. 24 at 5:45 p.m. a bib draw presentation will be held at the K-1 Festival Village. It's a party!



## Scoring

The FIS scoring system awards points to the top 30 finishers at each race: 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points for second, 60 for third, progressively winding down to 1 point for 30th place. The racer with the most points at the end of the season in mid-March wins the overall World Cup for the discipline. The trophy consists of a 9 kilogram crystal globe. Prizes are also awarded in each individual race event, with smaller 3.5 kilogram crystal globes.

## Worldwide

World Cup competitions have been hosted in 25 countries worldwide including:  
Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.S.

# OFFICIAL KILLINGTON CUP EVENTS

## Friday, Nov. 24

**3 p.m.**

Festival Village opens, K-1 Base Area

**5 p.m.**

220 KID on the Kona Big Wave Stage,  
Festival Village, K-1 Base Area

**5:45 p.m.**

Athlete Bib Presentation K-1 Base Area

**Dusk**

Fireworks, K-1 Base Area

## Saturday, cont.

**2 p.m.**

Live performance by Young the Giant on the  
Kona Big Wave Stage, Festival Village

**6-7 p.m.**

"Doing it All" Female panel, Snowshed  
Ballroom

**7-8 p.m.**

Movie: "Advice for Girls," Snowshed Ballroom

**9 p.m.- 1:15 a.m.**

After party, The Wobbly Barn,  
live music by 220 KID

## Saturday, Nov. 25

**7 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

Festival Village opens, K-1 Base Area

**8 a.m.**

VIP Tent opens, Festival Village

**9 a.m.**

Opening parade, Festival Village

**10 a.m.**

Giant Slalom run 1 on Superstar trail

**Immediately following run 1**

Live performance by Mix Master Mike on  
the Kona Big Wave Stage, Festival Village

**1 p.m.**

Giant Slalom run 2 on Superstar trail

**Immediately following run 2**

Giant Slalom awards at finish area

## Sunday, Nov. 26

**7 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

Festival Village opens, K-1 Base Area

**8 a.m.**

VIP Tent opens, Festival Village

**10 a.m.**

Slalom run 1 on Superstar trail

**Immediately following run 1**

Live performance by Matisyahu on the Kona  
Big Wave Stage, Festival Village

**1 p.m.**

Slalom run 2 on Superstar trail

**Immediately following run 2**

Slalom awards at finish area

# OTHER EVENTS

## Music and festivities in Killington over the holiday weekend

By DJ Dave Hoffenberg

### Thursday, Nov. 23

9:30 a.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub - Annual Killington Turkey Trot

5 p.m. Moguls Sports Pub – Duane Carleton

### Friday, Nov. 24

3-5 p.m. Killington Mountain School party at the Killington Distillery, \$25 suggested donation benefits annual fund.

4 p.m. The Foundry – Jamie's Junk Show

6 p.m. Rivershed — Red River North

7:30 p.m. McGrath's Irish Pub – Mance

7:30 p.m. The Foundry - Jenny Porter

8 p.m. Moguls Sports Pub – Super Stash Bros

8 p.m. North Star Lodge Star Lounge – Jake Palatine

8 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub – Night Anthem

9 p.m. Jax Food & Games – Jamie's Junk Show

9 p.m. Wobbly Barn – Steal the Sky

*Schedule subject to change. Pick up a copy of the Mountain Times newspaper (free) for more up to date events in the Killington area.*



### Saturday, Nov. 25

3-7 p.m. KWCF & World Cup Dreams Foundation are hosting "Rock the Dream" party at Pickle Barrel

5 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub — Jamie's Junk Show

6 p.m. Summit Lodge – County Down

6 p.m. The Foundry — Aaron Audet Duo

6 p.m. Rivershed — Liz Reedy

6 p.m. Wobbly Barn — Apres Ski with the Krishna Guthrie Band

7:30 p.m. McGrath's Irish Pub — Mance

8 p.m. Moguls Sports Pub — Duane Carleton

8 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub — Night Anthem

9 p.m. Jax Food & Games — Jamie's Junk Show

9 p.m. Wobbly Barn — 220 KID

### Sunday, Nov. 26

12 p.m. Rivershed — Brunch with Liz Reedy

6 p.m. Rivershed – Trivia Night

6 p.m. The Foundry – Jazz Night with the Summit Pond Quartet

8 p.m. Jax Food & Games – Jenny Porter

8 p.m. Still on the Mountain – Comedy Night with Joe Pontillo



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## How to Killington Cup

Killington expects to welcome tens of thousands of spectators again this year to cheer on the 100 athletes from 20 countries who've come to race in this year's Slalom and Giant Slalom events. Luckily we're very well prepared to accommodate the crowds! So what do you need to know to have the most enjoyable experience at the Killington Cup? We'll tell you. It's all about planning ahead and being prepared!

The short answer is: You'll want to wear warm waterproof clothing and footwear, buy your food and drink, and attend as many of the events as you possibly can! The festivities at the Killington Cup are truly second to none and it kicks off with a bang, Friday night!

The Superstar race trail is very accessible for spectators (part of the reason it makes Killington uniquely attractive) as the run finishes at the base of the newly remodeled K-1 Lodge. The festival village and concert stage are in front of the lodge, slopeside.

### WHAT TO BRING:

- Warm clothing
- Sturdy footwear (conditions will be variable — snow and mud; thawed and frozen.)
- Warm socks
- Waterproof footwear
- Layers (weather can change rapidly)
- Waterproof outer layers (for snow)
- Credit card and ID
- Water bottle (in a plastic or metal container)
- Camera (with a better zoom than a phone)

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Chairs (ADA accessible viewing available)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Glass containers (plastic or metal allowed)
- Weapons (including knives)
- Laser pointers
- Pets
- Illegal drugs
- Drones
- Smoking (allowed only in K-1 parking lot)
- Overnight parking

*Doing any of the above will result in expulsion. Additional items may be prohibited.*

# 7 pro spectating tips:

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## **DON'T MISS FRIDAY NIGHT**

Yes, we know you came for the races, but the bib draw presentation is a real party! It's your first chance to visit with vendors in the village and fireworks at Killington are second to none! Dress appropriately for the weather.

2

## **ARRIVE EARLY, LEAVE BAGS AT HOME**

While it's tempting to pack extra clothing and supplies, we strongly recommend packing as light as possible. Wear your layers, instead! All guests are required to go through a security checkpoint in front of K-1 Base Lodge to enter the Festival Village, K-1 Lodge and spectator areas and those without bags get through quicker! Plus, you won't want to be lugging your pack around — or put it down on the wet ground.

3

## **STAKE YOUR SPACE**

For the best viewing, arrive early and stake out your spot in the finish area at the base of Superstar. The Festival Village area opens at 7 a.m. both weekend days. This year the first run is at 10 a.m. and the second run at 1 p.m. both days.

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## **WEAR WARM, WATERPROOF BOOTS**

Standing outside on snow in November for most of a day can be cold and wet. And when thousands of people are walking on the same snow, the surface will vary from snow to mud often! Wear warm, waterproof boots with your warmest socks — trust us, warm dry feet will improve your experience!

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## **JAM WITH THE BANDS**

Don't miss the FREE outdoor concerts in the Festival Village Friday-Sunday. Kicking off the entertainment is 220 KID is playing Friday night at the Bib Presentations and at the Wobbly After party Saturday night. Mix Master Mike is performing between runs Saturday. Young the Giant is playing Saturday after the second run. And Matisyahu is performing Sunday between runs.

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## **MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS**

Killington has lots of options for dinner, but they do fill up when this many people come to town, so plan ahead and make reservations. We suggest going early, here's why: 1) You're going to be hungry after spending all day outside. 2) You're going to be tired. Rallying for dinner at 8 p.m. could prove to be a herculean task, plus dinner at 5 p.m. is less crowded.

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## **#KILLINGTONCUP**

Connect with others and see what's happening in and around the World Cup event at Killington. Use #KillingtonCup on social media to join the conversation, post photos and share your World Cup experience.





Top: by Paul Holmes. Bottom: by Robin Alberti

## Broadcast schedule 2023

NETWORK	DAY	EVENT	TIME (ET)	LIVE
Outside+	Saturday	Women's GS Run 1	10 a.m.	Live
NBC	Saturday	Women's GS Run 2	1 p.m.	Live
Outside+	Sunday	Women's SL Run 1	10 a.m.	Live
NBC	Sunday	Women's SL Run 2	1 p.m.	Live



Courtesy Killington Resort

# WORLDCLASS ENTERTAINMENT

## *Kona Big Wave Stage is party central*

By Polly Mikula

The action begins Friday on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the Festival Village at K-1 Base Area, which opens at 3 p.m. Live music with 220 KID begins at 5 p.m. with the Athlete Bib Presentation party at 5:45 p.m. followed by fireworks. It's quite a kickoff — don't miss it! There's an emcee pumping up the crowd and the athletes, prizes, a t-shirt gun, vendors, food and beverages and much more! The evening concludes with a bang as the fireworks display is enhanced by the reflections off the snow cover slopes.

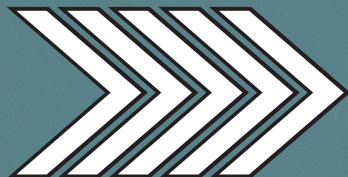
Action continues with free concerts around the races Saturday and Sunday. Mix

Master Mike is performing between runs Saturday and Young the Giant is playing Saturday after the second run of the Giant Slalom event. Matisyahu is performing Sunday between Slalom runs.

"The Killington Cup is much more than a race, it is also one of the biggest parties of the year," said Killington President and General Manager Mike Solimano. "With great music all weekend long, spanning genres, this year's line up is sure to keep fans' toes tapping between heart-pounding runs on the course."

More about the performers page 30-33.

# 220 KID



**Friday, Nov. 24**

5 p.m. on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the Festival Village

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

Wobbly Barn Party  
post-race party

Kicking off the entertainment on Friday, which includes the athlete bib presentation at 5:45 p.m. and a fireworks display, will be 220 KID.

Peaking at over 15 million monthly listeners and with over 900 million streams under his belt, 220 KID's musical ascent has been stratospheric. The double Brit-nominated, multi-platinum selling songwriter and producer is a unique artist not only mixing and producing but also writing hit after hit helping launch the careers of upcoming artist.

His series of hits have made it No. 1 in the UK and Germany as well as Top 10 for his debut single "Don't Need Love."

Tastemakers and legion of fans, the state is set.





# MIX MASTER MIKE

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

**Between Giant Slalom Runs  
on the Kona Big Wave Stage  
in the Festival Village**

On Saturday, between runs, catch Mix Master Mike. He's been called "the world's greatest DJ" by USA Today and the "Jimi Hendrix of the turntables" by MTV's Kurt Loder. His skillful, hard-hitting scratch work has rightfully earned him the status of a pioneer in the hip-hop and DJ communities. The Grammy-award-winning DJ was inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in 2012 with the Beastie Boys and has toured with Cypress Hill, Metallica and more. He's also made waves in the VR world and created music featured on major television networks such as the theme music for Cartoon Network's Team Titans. From his early days in the Bay Area until now, Mix Master Mike has always been looking for new ways to create art that challenges the status quo, keeping his brand relevant and exciting for fans of all ages.



# YOUNG THE GIANT

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

After the Giant Slalom race on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the Festival Village

After the races conclude on Saturday, critically-acclaimed, multi-platinum selling artist Young The Giant will headline.

The band's latest album, "American Bollywood" tells the multi-generational saga of the American immigrant, and the origins, exiles, battles, and denouement

of reclaiming their collective identity while spanning genres from traditional Indian sounds to more western rock and pop.

Young the Giant's 2023 headline tour was the biggest to date with over 60 shows that saw the band performing to 238K+ fans across 10 countries.



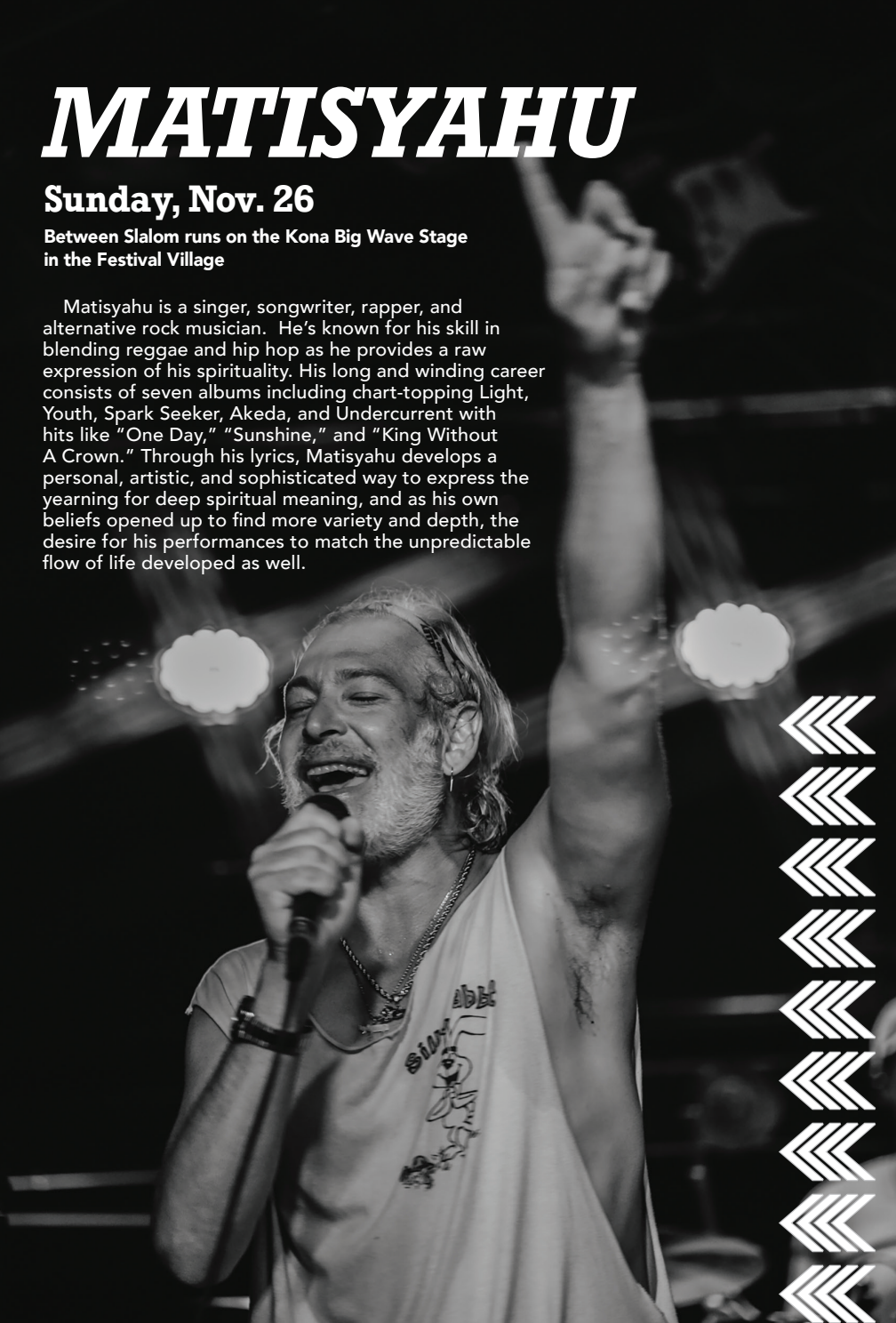


# MATISYAHU

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

Between Slalom runs on the Kona Big Wave Stage  
in the Festival Village

Matisyahu is a singer, songwriter, rapper, and alternative rock musician. He's known for his skill in blending reggae and hip hop as he provides a raw expression of his spirituality. His long and winding career consists of seven albums including chart-topping *Light, Youth, Spark Seeker, Akeda, and Undercurrent* with hits like "One Day," "Sunshine," and "King Without A Crown." Through his lyrics, Matisyahu develops a personal, artistic, and sophisticated way to express the yearning for deep spiritual meaning, and as his own beliefs opened up to find more variety and depth, the desire for his performances to match the unpredictable flow of life developed as well.



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By Jerry LeBlond

Left: The 2022 Killington Giant Slalom podium (l-r): Marta Bassino, Lara Gut-Behrami, Sara Hector. Right: the Slalom podium (l-r): Anna Swenn Larsson, Wendy Holdener, Katharina Truppe.

# LOOKING BACK

## A review of the Killington Cup over the past 6 events at Killington Resort

By Polly Mikula

Mikaela Shiffrin, who attended Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont, has won the Slalom race at Killington five of six times since the Killington Cup began in 2016. But last year, she gave up the top spot to Anna Swenn Larsson and Wendy Holdener who tied for first! Shiffrin had the top first run finish, but couldn't keep the lead after the second run, finishing fifth, 0.59 seconds behind the winning time. Can she regain her title this year?

The competition is always steep, with less than a quarter second often separating places on the podium. Still, Shiffrin is the clear favorite, as she has continued to climb in her dominance, not only in the Slalom but also in Giant Slalom, Super G, and Alpine Combined. Shiffrin has also made the Killington Cup podium in Giant Slalom twice: in 2019 she placed third and in 2017 she took second.

The Killington Cup is known internationally for its huge crowds that turn up to cheer on the World Cup athletes. The largest single-day attendance record was set Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 with 19,500 spectators for the giant slalom event.

"I can hear the crowd the whole second run, from the start to the finish," Shiffrin has said about racing Slalom at Killington. "The crowd really carries me down the hill, and it's just amazing to race here in front of everybody. The atmosphere is incredible."

The first Killington Cup event in 2016 was the first FIS Ski World Cup held in the eastern USA since 1991 when it was held at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, and the first in Vermont since 1978 when it was held at Stratton Mountain.

"The Killington Cup has become a fan and athlete favorite," said Eric Webster, senior director of events at U.S. Ski & Snowboard. "It's a true celebration of ski racing excellence, the international race community, and inspires the next generation. Since bringing World Cup ski racing back to New England, Killington Resort and Vermont has set a new precedent for ski racing internationally, boasting the largest World Cup crowd for women on the entire circuit."

"The Northeast's passion for ski racing runs deep," said Mike Solimano, president and general manager of Killington Resort. "The athletes, fans and volunteers bring a level of energy that is unmatched by anything else we experience at the resort."

“I can hear the crowd the whole second run, from the start to the finish,” Shiffrin said. ”

# Past podiums at the Killington Cup

## 2022 Giant Slalom

1. Lara Gut-Behrami, SUI  
1:44.08
2. Marta Bassino, ITA  
1:44.15
3. Sara Hector, SWE  
1:44.28

## 2022 Slalom

1. Anna Swenn Larsson, SWE  
1:42.97
1. Wendy Holdener, SUI  
1:42.97
3. Katharina Truppe, AUT  
1:43.19

## 2021 Giant Slalom

Canceled due to weather after nine racers skied in difficult conditions, with 30 mph wind, whipping snow and poor visibility.

## 2021 Slalom

1. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:38.33
2. Petra Vlhova, SVK  
1:39.08
3. Wendy Holdener, SUI  
1:39.16

\* 2020 Killington Cup races were canceled due to Covid

## 2019 Giant Slalom

1. Marta Bassino, ITA  
1:38.19
2. Federica Brignone, ITA  
1:38.45
3. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:38.48

## 2019 Slalom

1. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:50.45
2. Petra Vlhova, SVK  
1:52.74
3. Anna Swenn Larsson, SWE  
1:53.18

## 2018 Giant Slalom

1. Federica Brignone, ITA  
1:51.33
2. Ragnhild Mowinckel, NOR  
1:51.82
3. Stephanie Brunner, AUT  
1:52.11

## 2018 Slalom

1. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:43.25
2. Petra Vlhova, SVK  
1:43.82
3. Frida Hansdotter, SWE  
1:44.33

## 2017 Giant Slalom

1. Viktoria Rebensburg, GER  
1:57.63
2. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:58.30
3. Manuela Moelgg, ITA  
1:59.12

## 2017 Slalom

1. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:40.91
2. Petra Vlhova, SVK  
1:42.55
3. Bernadette Schild, AUT  
1:43.58

## 2016 Giant Slalom

1. Tessa Worley, FRA  
1:59.26
2. Nina Loeseth, NOR  
2:00.06
3. Sofia Goggia, ITA  
2:00.37

## 2016 Slalom

1. Mikaela Shiffrin, USA  
1:27.95
2. Veronika Velez Zuzulova, SVK  
1:28.68
3. Wendy Holdener, SUI  
1:28.81



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## 2022-23 World Cup season standings: Overall

Rank	Skier	Downhill	Super-G	GS	Slalom	Total
		9 races	8 races	10 races	11 races	
1	Mikaela Shiffrin	221	240	800	945	2,206
2	Lara Gut-Behrami	272	413	532	0	1,217
3	Petra Vlhová	9	0	486	630	1,125
4	Federica Brignone	218	368	476	7	1,069
5	Sofia Goggia	740	176	0	0	916
6	Ragnhild Mowinckel	226	366	311	0	903
7	Wendy Holdener	0	74	129	655	858
8	Marta Bassino	34	200	515	0	749
9	Elena Curtoni	308	358	0	0	666
10	Sara Hector	0	0	393	243	636
11	Ilka Štuhec	551	51	0	0	602
12	Corinne Suter	309	259	3	0	571
13	Michelle Gisin	140	198	61	153	552
14	Cornelia Hütter	165	347	0	0	512
15	Paula Moltzan	0	0	209	297	506
16	Tessa Worley	0	172	328	0	500
17	Lena Dürr	0	0	0	493	493
18	Anna Swenn-Larsson	0	0	0	470	470
19	Mirjam Puchner	273	189	0	0	462
20	Thea Louise Stjernesund	0	0	236	170	406



## 2022-23 World Cup season standings: Giant Slalom

Rank	Skier	Total
1	Mikaela Shiffrin	800
2	Lara Gut-Behrami	532
3	Marta Bassino	515
4	Petra Vlhová	486
5	Federica Brignone	476
6	Sara Hector	393
7	Valérie Grenier	354
8	Tessa Worley	328
9	Ragnhild Mowinckel	311
10	Thea Louise Stjernesund	236
11	Paula Moltzan	209
12	Alice Robinson	207
13	Maryna Gąsienica-Daniel	199
14	Ana Bucik	146
15	Ricarda Haaser	138
16	Mina Fürst Holtmann	136
17	Wendy Holdener	129
18	Franziska Gritsch	120
19	Coralie Frasse Sombet	101
20	Katharina Liensberger	94
	Maria Therese Tviberg	94

## 2022-23 World Cup season standings: Slalom

Rank	Skier	Total
1	Mikaela Shiffrin	945
2	Wendy Holdener	655
3	Petra Vlhová	630
4	Lena Dürr	493
5	Anna Swenn-Larsson	470
6	Leona Popović	349
7	Paula Moltzan	297
8	Ana Bucik	259
9	Sara Hector	243
10	Hanna Aronsson Elfman	240
11	Katharina Truppe	222
12	Zrinka Ljutić	190
13	Franziska Gritsch	172
14	Thea Louise Stjernesund	170
15	Martina Dubovská	168
16	Laurence St. Germain	158
17	Ali Nullmeyer	156
18	Michelle Gisin	153
19	Katharina Liensberger	138
20	Jessica Hilzinger	133





# 2023 Killington Cup

A pictorial review



By Paul Holmes



# MIKAELA SHIFFRIN

By Jerry LeBlond



“ This season was absolutely incredible, there was a lot of talk about records ... but it's not important to break records or reset records. What's important is setting the tone for the next generation, to inspire them, ” said Shiffrin accepting the 2023 Best Female Athlete ESPY Award. ”

**28**   
USA

Birthday: March 13, 1995

Mikaela Shiffrin, a New Hampshire native and Burke Mountain Academy graduate, made her World Cup debut on March 11, 2011. That April, just a few weeks after her 16th birthday, she won the Slalom title at the U.S. National Championships at Winter Park, becoming the youngest U.S. ski racer to claim a national Alpine crown.

In the 13 years since then, Shiffrin has become the World Cup's greatest Alpine racer. She ended last season with 88 total World Cup wins (53 of which were in Slalom) and has made it onto the podium 138 times.

She's won 15 World Cup Season titles (5 overall, 7 Slalom, 1 Super-G, 2 Giant Slalom); seven World Championship titles (4 Slalom, 1 Super G, 1 in Giant Slalom, and 1 Alpine Combined); and 3 Olympic medals (Gold in Slalom 2014, Gold in Giant Slalom 2018 and Silver in Alpine Combined 2018).

She currently holds the records for:

- The youngest Slalom champion in Olympic Alpine skiing history, at 18 years old.
- Tied for the most Olympic gold medals ever won by an American in Alpine skiing.
- The most decorated American Alpine skier in the history of the World Championships. She now has 14; seven of them are gold — a

new record.

- The only Alpine skier with wins in all six FIS Alpine Ski World Cup disciplines — Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Downhill, and Alpine Combined.
- The youngest skier to win 50 World Cup races, at age 23.
- The most all-time World Cup victories. (Last season she beat Lindsey Vonn's record of 82 and Ingemar Stenmark's record of 86).
- The only athlete to have won 17 races in the same calendar year, 2019 season.

In the past seven years, Shiffrin has won the Overall World Cup five times. Last season, Shiffrin won the overall World Cup, as well as the Slalom and Giant Slalom discipline titles.

Shiffrin is the recipient of the 2023 Best Female Athlete ESPY Award for her Excellence in Sports Performance.

At the Killington Cup, Shiffrin has won five of the past six Slalom races. Last year, she finished 5th despite having the fastest first run.

Shiffrin has yet to top the podium in Giant Slalom at the Killington Cup, but placed second in 2017 and third in 2019. She remains a strong bet this year.



# PETRA VLHOVA



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“I think it’s important to work on your mind as much as you do on your skis,” Vlhova said in an Olympics.com interview. “There’s a lot of pressure from outside, also from the media...

Of course we have a talent and we know how to win, but we are still human, not machines.”

”

**28**

Birthday: June 13, 1995



By Jerry LeBlond

Petra Vlhova won the World Cup overall title in 2021 and the gold medal in Slalom at the 2022 Winter Olympics, becoming the first Slovak skier to achieve these feats.

Her World Cup racing career began in 2012 and her first podium came in 2015 — winning Slalom. In 2019, she placed second in Slalom and Giant Slalom with a second place overall ranking.

In 2020, she won the World Cup season title in Slalom and Parallel and placed second in Giant Slalom. She placed third overall for the season.

In 2021, she was the overall World Cup season winner. She also won the season title in Parallel and took third in Slalom.

In 2022, she won the overall World Cup title in Slalom and finished fourth in Giant Slalom for the season.

Last season she finished the World Cup circuit third overall and third in Slalom.

In total, she has earned 66 World Cup podiums, 28 of which were first place finishes.

At the Killington Cup, Vlhova has been the runner up in Slalom four times: 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 — only missing the podium the first year in 2016 and last year, 2022.

She has never reached the podium in Giant Slalom at the Killington Cup but just missed it last year coming in fourth.

# WENDY HOLDENER

**30**  SWITZERLAND

Birthday: May 12, 1993

Wendy Holdener is last year's Killington Cup Slalom winner. It was her first win in a World Cup Slalom and she tied for that top spot with Anna Swenn-Larsson. Before her Killington Cup victory, she had made it on the Slalom podium 30 times, just not the top spot.

She finished last season in second for the World Cup Slalom.

Holdener is a five-time Olympic medalist. At the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang she won three medals: she won the Alpine Team event, placed second in Slalom, third in Alpine Combined and ninth in Giant Slalom. Four years later in 2022, she won a silver medal in the combined and a bronze in Slalom.

She is also two-time World Champion in the Combined event (winning that race in 2017 and 2019).

In total she's earned 48 World Cup podiums (34 in Slalom, 5 Parallel Slalom, 5 Combined, 2 Giant Slalom, 2 Super-G.)

At the Killington Cup: In 2016 she placed third in Slalom; in 2018 she placed sixth in Slalom and Giant Slalom (her best Giant Slalom finish at the Killington Cup). In 2021, she placed third in Slalom and last year, 2022, she tied for the win.



# ANNA SWENN- LARSSON

**32**  SWEDEN

Birthday: June 18, 1991

Anna Swenn-Larsson is last year's Killington Cup Slalom winner. It was her first World Cup victory and she shared the top spot with Wendy Holdener.

Swenn-Larsson made her World Cup debut in Slalom in 2010; her first podium came in her homeland at Åre, Sweden, in March 2014, with a third place finish.

At the 2018 Olympics she finished fifth in Slalom. At the 2022 Olympics she finished ninth.

In 2019, she finished the World Cup season fourth in Slalom and the next year, 2020, she finished one back in fifth.

In 2021 she did not race due to a broken ankle she suffered in training early in the season, which required surgery.

In 2022, she finished the World Cup season in 10th in Slalom and in the 2023 season she improved her season standings to fifth in Slalom.

In total she's earned 11 World Cup podium finishes (nine in Slalom, two in Parallel Slalom). Four of those podiums were earned last season: with a first at the Killington Cup, a second and two third place finishes.

At the Killington Cup, prior to last year's win, her best finish was third in 2019. In 2017 she placed sixth, in 2018 she placed seventh, in 2021 she placed ninth.



## LEONA POPOVIĆ

**25**   
CROATIA

Birthday: Nov. 13, 1997

Leona Popović is a Croatian Alpine ski racer who specializes in Slalom. She has podiumed once on the World Cup circuit, thus far, finishing second at Soldeu, Andorra, March 18, 2023.

Popović's first major competition was the 2015 World Championships in Beaver Creek, USA, where she competed in all disciplines at age 17; her best finish was 27th in Slalom.

Injuries to her left leg have sidelined her multiple times since. In 2015, she broke her tibia while training Slalom, then in 2018 she tore her ACL and MCL (knee ligaments) in a crash at the Olympics in the second run of the Giant Slalom.

She competed in the 2022 Olympics in Beijing finishing 23rd in Slalom.

## LENA DÜRR

**32**   
GERMANY

Birthday: Aug. 4, 1991

Lena Dürr, a German ski racer, had her best Slalom season last year. During a Slalom in Czechia Jan. 29, 2023, she edged out runner-up Mikaela Shiffrin to win her second ever World Cup victory. Dürr then won the bronze medal in Slalom at the 2023 World Championships Feb. 18. She finished the World Cup season in fourth place in Slalom, one back from her third place finish in 2022.

In the 2022 Winter Olympics, Dürr placed fourth in Slalom and earned a silver medal in the Mix Team Parallel.

Dürr made her World Cup debut in February 2008. Her first World Cup win was in Parallel Slalom in 2013.

In total she's earned nine World Cup podiums (eight in Slalom, one in a City Event.)

Dürr has not yet made the podium at the Killington Cup. In 2016, she placed sixth in Slalom, in 2017 she placed 16th, in 2018 she placed 10th, in 2019 she placed 25th, in 2021 she placed fifth and in 2022 she placed 28th.



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## MARTA BASSINO

**27**   
ITALY

Birthday: Feb. 27, 1996

Marta Bassino earned second place on the Giant Slalom podium at last year's Killington Cup — just 0.07 behind Lara Gut-Behrami.

She went on to win the Giant Slalom Dec. 10 and five more podium finishes before the season was over, earning her third for the season in Giant Slalom World Cup racing.

Bassino made her World Cup debut in March 2014 at age 18. Her first World Cup win was in Giant Slalom at Killington in 2019. That year, Bassino became the first Italian skier to podium in five disciplines in a season.

In 2021, she won four of the first five Giant Slalom races and clinched season title (her first), as well as fifth in Parallele, and sixth in both Super G and Overall.

In 2022, she finished the season fifth in Giant Slalom and fourth in Parallele.

At the 2022 Winter Olympics, Bassino placed eighth in the Mixed Team Event and 17th in Super-G.

At the 2018 Olympics she had placed fifth in the Giant Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2016 she placed fourth in Giant Slalom; in 2017 she finished 12th; in 2018 she placed 11th; in 2019 she won the Giant Slalom. The 2020 races were canceled due to the pandemic and the 2021 Giant Slalom was canceled due to high winds. Last year, 2022, she podiumed in second.



## LARA GUT-BEHRAMI

**32**   
SWITZERLAND

Birthday: April 27, 1991

Lara Gut-Behrami is the reigning champion of the Killington Cup Giant Slalom. She's also the reigning Olympic champion of Super G, having won the gold medal at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

She also competed in the two Olympics prior. In 2014, she took the bronze in Downhill, finishing 0.10 seconds behind two racers who tied to win the gold that year. In 2018 she just missed the podium finishing fourth in Super G.

She has earned five World Cup season titles (one overall, four in Super G).

Gut-Behrami began placing atop the podium in World Cup events at age 17. Six years later, in 2014, she claimed seven World Cup wins and her first World Cup title in Super G, finishing the season third overall. In the 2016 season she won the Overall World Cup. She won Super G again in 2021 and placed second Overall. Last season, 2023, she again finished with the title in Super G and second overall and in Giant Slalom.

In total she earned 74 World Cup podium finishes with 37 of those being the top spot.

At the Killington Cup: In 2017 she placed 23rd. In 2018 and 2019 she placed 19th in the Giant Slalom. In 2022 she won.



# RAGNHILD MOWINCKEL

**31**   
NORWAY

Birthday: Sept. 12, 1992

Ragnhild Mowinckel started competing on the World Cup in 2012 — her breakthrough season. Mowinckel's first World Cup win was secured in Giant Slalom in Ofterschwang, Germany in March 2018.

She suffered two ACL injuries in 2019 — one in March and another the following fall, forcing her out of the 2019-20 season.

In 2022, she finished the World Cup season fourth overall, fourth in Super-G and sixth in Downhill. In 2023, she finished the season third in Super-G, fifth Overall and seventh in Giant Slalom.

In total she has earned 12 World Cup podiums (five in Giant Slalom, six in Super-G, one in Downhill); of those three were wins (3 wins (one Giant Slalom, two Super-G.)

At the 2018 Winter Olympics in Korea, Mowinckel won two silver medals in Giant Slalom and Downhill. She also finished fourth in Combined and 13th in Super-G. At the 2022 Winter Olympics, Mowinckel placed fifth in Giant Slalom, 14th in Downhill and sixth in Super-G.

At the Killington Cup. She finished 11th in Giant Slalom in 2016 an 2017. In 2018, she placed second. She did not race in 2019, 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic and the Giant Slalom Race in 2021 was canceled due to high winds. In 2022, she finished sixth.



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# FEDERICA BRIGNONE

**33**   
ITALY

Birthday: July 14, 1990

Federica Brignone is an Italian Alpine racer specializing in Giant Slalom and Super-G.

In total she has 56 World Cup podium finishes and 21 of those are first place (eight wins in Giant Slalom, eight in Super-G and five in Combined.) She has four World Cup season titles (one Overall, one Giant Slalom, one Combined, one Super-G.)

In 2020, she won the overall World Cup title as well as the title in Giant Slalom and Alpine Combined. She finished that season second in Super-G and third in both Downhill and Parallel. In 2022, she finished third overall and first in Super-G. In 2023, Brignone finished the World Cup season second in Super-G, fourth overall and fifth in Giant Slalom.

At the 2018 Winter Olympics, she won bronze in Giant Slalom, placed sixth in Super-G and eighth in the Alpine Combined. Then at the 2022 Winter Olympics she won silver in Giant Slalom.

At the World Championship last year she won the Combined and took second in Giant Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2016, she placed eighth in Giant Slalom; in 2017 she placed fifth; in 2018 she won the Giant Slalom, in 2019 she placed second. The 2020 races were canceled due to the pandemic and the 2021 Giant Slalom was canceled due to high winds. In 2022, she finished ninth.

# PAULA MOLTZAN

29   
USA

Birthday: April 7, 1994

Paula Moltzan is an American Alpine ski racer and specializes in Slalom.

Her hometown is Prior Lake, Minnesota, where she raced for the Buck Hill Ski Team, then the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail before racing collegiately for the University of Vermont in Burlington. There, she won the NCAA title in Slalom in 2017.

She rejoined the World Cup circuit for the 2018–19 season, and finished 18th in Slalom at the World Championships in 2019.

She's had two World Cup podium races, both in Austria: on Nov. 26, 2020 she placed second in Parallel and on Dec. 29, 2022 she finished second in Slalom, right behind right behind Mikaela Shiffrin.

At the 2022 Olympics she finished eighth in Slalom, 12th in Giant Slalom and fourth in the team event.

At the end of the 2023 World Cup season she finished seventh in Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2018 she finished 17th in Slalom. In 2021, she placed seventh, in 2022 she did not qualify for a second run.



# ANA BUCIK

30   
SLOVENIA

Birthday: July 21, 1993

Ana Bucik made her World Cup debut at age 16. She earned her first and only World Cup podium, thus far, in Super-Combined in January 2018.

She attended her first Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea in 2018, where she finished 24th in Slalom and 21st in Giant Slalom.

At the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, she improved to finish 11th in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom.

In 2022 she finished the World Cup season sixth in Slalom and in 2023 she finished eighth in Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2016, she finished 13th in Slalom. In 2017, she finished 17th. In 2019, she finished 19th. In 2021, she finished 12th in Slalom. In 2022, she had her best finish with seventh place — just 0.02 second behind Mikaela Shiffrin (in fifth) and 0.71 behind the winning time.



## SARA HECTOR

**31**   
SWEDEN

Birthdate: Sept. 9, 1992

Sara Maria Hector is a Swedish World Cup Alpine ski racer who is the reigning Olympic champion in Giant Slalom. She also podiumed at last year's Killington Cup, securing a third place finish.

Hector gained her first World Cup victory in December 2014 in Giant Slalom in Austria. In 2015 she placed fourth for the World Cup season in Giant Slalom. The next season she placed 4th in Giant Slalom for the season.

In 2022 she finished the season second in Giant Slalom and seventh overall. In 2023, she finished sixth in Giant Slalom; tenth overall.

In total she has earned 13 World Cup podiums, all in Giant Slalom. She reached the top spot four of those times.

She has competed in three Olympics: 2014, 2018, and 2022 when she won the gold medal in Giant Slalom.

Her first Killington Cup race was in 2018 when she placed 22nd in Giant Slalom. In 2021, the Giant Slalom Race was canceled due to high winds but she placed sixth in Slalom. In 2022 she placed third, 0.20 seconds behind Lara Gut-Behrami who won the event.

# LAURENCE ST-GERMAIN

**29**   
CANADA

Birthday: May 30, 1994

Laurence St-Germain is the current World Champion in Slalom and an alumna of the University of Vermont.

She made her World Cup debut in November 2015 racing Slalom at Aspen and finished 27th. She scored her first World Cup points in November 2017 at Levi with a 17th-place finish in the Slalom.

While she has yet to make a World Cup podium, she has had 14 top 10 finishes. Her best World Cup season rank was eighth in Slalom in 2021. Last season she finished 14th.

St-Germain made her Olympic debut in 2018, finishing 15th in the Slalom. At the Olympics in 2022 she finished 17th in Slalom.

At her first World Championships in 2019, she was sixth in Slalom, in 2021 she finished 17 and in the 2023 World Championships in Méribel, St-Germain won the gold medal in the Slalom.

St-Germain raced collegiately for the Catamounts of the University of Vermont, in Burlington; she was a three-time All-American and the national runner-up in the Slalom in 2016.

At the Killington Cup: In 2016 she did not qualify for a second run. In 2017 and 2018 she finished 14th. In 2021 she finished 13. In 2022 she did not qualify for a second run.



# VALERIE GRENIER

**27**   
CANADA

Birthday: Oct. 30, 1996

Valerie Grenier got her first World Cup podium last season, on Jan. 7, 2023, in Giant Slalom. She posted the best time in both runs. That was an historic moment for Canadian Alpine athletes as it was the first World Cup Giant Slalom win by a Canadian in 49 years.

In addition to her Giant Slalom win, Grenier has had nine top 10 finishes in the World Cup in her career, (seven were in Giant Slalom, two in Super-G).

Last year she finished the World Cup season in ninth for Giant Slalom.

Last year in the World Championship she finished third in the Team Event.

At the Olympics in 2018, she finished sixth in the Combined, 21st in Downhill and 23 in Super-G. In 2022 she DNF Giant Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2016 she placed 24th in Giant Slalom.

\* Note: DNF stands for Did Not Finish



## HANNA ARONSSON ELFMAN

**20**   
SWEDEN

Birthday: Dec. 29, 2002

Hanna Aronsson Elfman made her World Cup debut at age 17 in February 2020. She is the 2021 and 2023 Junior World Champion in Giant Slalom, as well as the 2023 Junior World Champion in Slalom.

She finished the 2023 World Cup season in seventh place for Slalom.

Her best World Cup finish to date was fourth in Slalom Dec. 11, 2022 in Sestriere, Italy.

She competed in the 2022 Olympics racing Giant Slalom but did not finish her second run. She finished 13th in the Team Event.

At the Killington Cup: In 2021, the Giant Slalom Race was canceled due to high winds but she placed 15th in Slalom. In 2022 she did not qualify for a second run in Giant Slalom but finished 11th in Slalom.

## THEA LOUISE STJERNESUND

**27**   
NORWAY

Birthday: Nov. 24, 1996

Thea Louise Stjernesund is a Norwegian World Cup Alpine ski racer who specializes in Slalom and Giant Slalom events.

Stjernesund made her World Cup debut in October 2018 in the season opener at Sölden, and collected her first points with a ninth-place finish.

In total she's earned four World Cup podiums: In 2023 her team, the Norwegians, won the Team Parallel in Soldeu, Andorra and she placed second in the Giant Slalom there. She also placed second in Parallel events in 2019 and 2021.

For the World Cup season, she earned second in Parallel in 2022 and last year finished the season 10th for Giant Slalom and 14th for Slalom.

At the World Championship race in 2021 she took the top spot for Team Event.

In the 2022 Olympics she won bronze for the Team Event, finished sixth in Giant Slalom and 15 in Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: In 2018 she tied for 14th in Giant Slalom. In 2019 she finished 15th in Giant Slalom and 12th in Slalom. In 2021, the Giant Slalom Race was canceled but she placed 27th in Slalom. In 2022 she finished 10th in Giant Slalom and 13th in Slalom.





# MARYNA GAŠIENICA- DANIEL

**29**  POLAND

Birthday: Feb. 19, 1994

Maryna Gašienica-Daniel started competing in the World Championships in 2013. Since then, she's had success in Giant Slalom and Super-G events.

She started competing on the World Cup circuit in 2017. In 2021, she finished 14th in Giant Slalom. In 2022, she finished seventh in Giant Slalom.

Gašienica-Daniel has competed in three Winter Olympic Games: 2014 she finished 32nd in the Giant Slalom, 2018 her best finish was 16 in the Combined and at the 2022 Olympics, she finished eighth in Giant Slalom and 26th in Super-G.

At the Killington Cup: In 2017, she DNF in the Slalom or Giant Slalom. In 2018, she did not qualify in Giant Slalom and DNF in Slalom. She did not race in Killington from 2019-2021. In 2022 she finished eighth — 0.90 off the winning time.

# AJ HURT

**22**  USA

Birthday: Dec. 5, 2000

AJ Hurt is an American World Cup Alpine ski racer who competes in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, and Alpine Combined events.

Her hometown is Carnelian Bay, California and she raced for Team Palisades Tahoe before attending Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

She made her World Cup debut in October 2018, with her first World Cup points earned last season.

At the World Championships in 2021, she placed 29th in Super G.

Her best World Cup finish was Dec. 14, 2020, when she took 18th in the Giant Slalom in France.

She competed in the 2022 Olympics finishing 34th in Slalom; she did not finish her Giant Slalom run.

At the Killington Cup: In 2017 she had her first World Cup start in Giant Slalom but did not qualify for a second run, in 2018 she did not finish her first run, and in 2019 she did not qualify for a second run in Giant Slalom. The 2020 races were canceled due to the pandemic and the 2021 Giant Slalom was canceled due to high winds. In 2022 she DNF her first run.



# ALICE ROBINSON

**21**  NEW ZEALAND

Birthday: Dec. 1, 2001

Alice Robinson is a New Zealand ski racer who specializes in Giant Slalom and Super-G.

She made her World Cup debut in a Giant Slalom race in Slovenia, Jan. 6, 2018, where she missed the cut to qualify for a second run by less than a second. Three days later, she won in Giant Slalom in Austria.

At the 2018 Winter Olympics, she competed in Giant Slalom and Slalom at age 16 and in doing so became New Zealand's youngest Winter Olympian. She finished 35th in Giant Slalom and did not finish her first run of Slalom.

In October 2019, Robinson gained her first World Cup win in Austria, 0.06 seconds ahead of runner-up Shiffrin. In 2020, her World Cup season standing improved to fifth in Giant Slalom — her best.

In total she's earned five World Cup podiums (all in Giant Slalom), with three of those being wins.

Robinson had her debut Killington Cup race in 2019 when she competed in Giant Slalom, but DNF. In 2022, she finished 14th.



# LARA COLTURI

**17**  ALBANIA

Birthday: Nov. 15, 2006

Lara Colturi is an Italian-Albanian World Cup Alpine skier competing for Albania.

On Nov. 19 2022, she made her debut in the World Cup skiing Slalom in Levi, Finland. The following week at Killington she earned her first World Cup point finishing 17th in the Giant Slalom.

She is the winner of the 2022 FIS Alpine Ski South American Cup.

She also won Super-G at Junior World Championships 2023, becoming the third youngest athlete to do so.

Lara Colturi is the daughter of former Olympic champion Daniela Ceccarelli and ski coach Alessandro Colturi. Her mother started consulting for Albanian Ski Federation in 2020/2021, and became Technical Director of the Alpine women team the following season.

At the Killington Cup: In 2022 she finished 17th in the Giant Slalom.



# 2023-24

## Women's FIS Ski World Cup race schedule

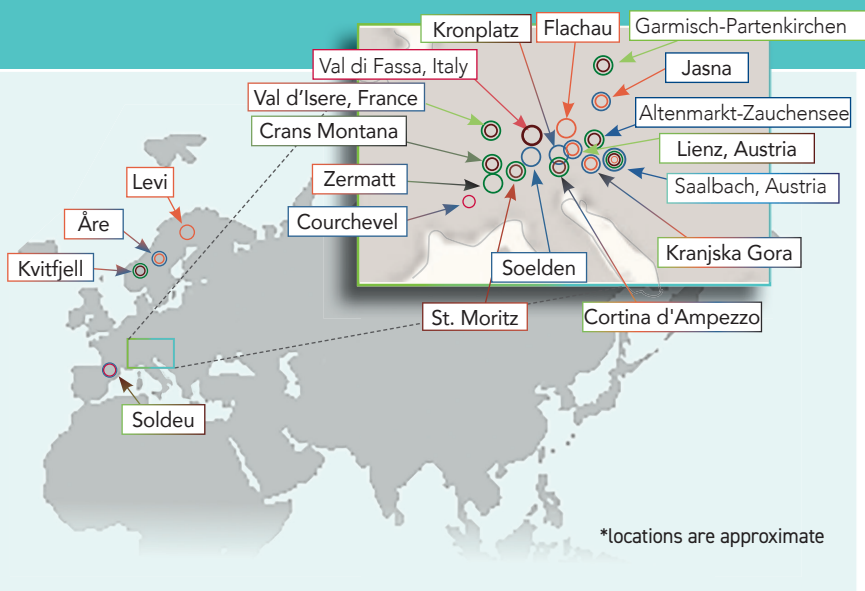


### Key:

- Slalom
- Giant Slalom
- Super G
- Downhill

Event	Date	Venue	Type
	1. Oct. 28, 2023	Soelden, Austria	Giant Slalom
	2. Oct. 29, 2023	Soelden, Austria	Giant Slalom
	3. Nov. 11, 2023	Levi, Finland	Slalom
	4. Nov. 12, 2023	Levi, Finland	Slalom
	5. Nov. 18, 2023	Zermatt-Cervinia, Italy	Downhill
	6. Nov. 19, 2023	Zermatt-Cervinia, Italy	Downhill
	7. Nov. 25, 2023	Killington, USA	Giant Slalom
	8. Nov. 26, 2023	Killington, USA	Slalom
	9. Dec. 2, 2023	Tremblant, Canada	Giant Slalom
	10. Dec. 3, 2023,	Tremblant, Canada	Giant Slalom
	11. Dec. 8, 2023	St. Moritz, Switzerland	Super G
	12. Dec. 9, 2023	St. Moritz, Switzerland	Downhill
	13. Dec. 10, 2023	St. Moritz, Switzerland	Super G
	14. Dec. 16, 2023	Val d'Isere, France	Downhill
	15. Dec. 16, 2023	Val d'Isere, France	Super G
	16. Dec. 21, 2023	Courchevel, France	Slalom
	17. Dec. 28, 2023	Lienz, Austria	Giant Slalom
	18. Dec. 29, 2023	Lienz, Austria	Slalom
	19. Jan. 6, 2024	Kranjska Gora, Slovenia	Giant Slalom
	20. Jan. 7, 2024	Kranjska Gora, Slovenia	Slalom
	21. Jan. 13, 2024	Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria	Downhill
	22. Jan. 14, 2024	Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria	Super G
	23. Jan. 16, 2024,	Flachau, Austria	Slalom





\*locations are approximate

Event	Date	Venue	Type
24.	Jan. 20, 2024	Jasna, Slovakia	Giant Slalom
25.	Jan. 21, 2024	Jasna, Slovakia	Slalom
26.	Jan. 26, 2024	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Downhill
27.	Jan. 27, 2024	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Downhill
28.	Jan. 28, 2024	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Super G
29.	Jan. 30, 2024	Kronplatz, Italy	Giant Slalom
30.	Feb. 3, 2024	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Downhill
31.	Feb. 4, 2024	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Super G
32.	Feb. 10, 2024	Soldeu, Andora	Giant Slalom
33.	Feb. 11, 2024	Soldeu, Andora	Slalom
34.	Feb. 16, 2024	Crans Montana, Switzerland	Downhill
35.	Feb. 17, 2024	Crans Montana, Switzerland	Downhill
36.	Feb. 18, 2024	Crans Montana, Switzerland	Super G
37.	Feb. 24, 2024	Val di Fassa, Italy	Super G
38.	Feb. 25, 2024	Val di Fassa, Italy	Super G
39.	Mar. 2, 2024	Kvitfjell, Norway	Downhill
40.	Mar. 3, 2024	Kvitfjell, Norway	Super G
41.	Mar. 9, 2024	Are, Sweden	Giant Slalom
42.	Mar. 10, 2024	Are, Sweden	Slalom
43.	Mar. 16, 2024	Saalbach, Austria	Slalom
44.	Mar. 17, 2024	Saalbach, Austria	Giant Slalom
45.	Mar. 22, 2024	Saalbach, Austria	Super G
46.	Mar. 23, 2024	Saalbach, Austria	Downhill

# U.S. to host 11 World Cups this year, the most ever

FIS has scheduled 11 FIS World Cup races in the U.S. for the 2023-24 season—the most World Cups hosted in U.S. history.

The U.S. World Cup circuit begins in November and goes through early March, spanning coast to coast with four Alpine events, one Cross-Country, three Freeski and Snowboard events, two Freestyle, and one Ski Jumping.

The U.S. circuit kicks off at the Killington Cup, Nov. 25-26 and will return to the Northeast two more times with races in New York and freestyle in New Hampshire. The FIS Ski Jumping World Cup circuit will head to Lake Placid, New York, for the second time since 1990, Feb. 9-12. The event will feature two men's individual competitions and a team event. Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, known as the birthplace of freestyle



“We broke records when we announced nine World Cups last season, and having 11 this season shows our commitment to bringing elite skiing and snowboarding competition to the states,” said Goldschmidt. ”

skiing, will host World Cup moguls and dual moguls Jan. 26-27—the mountain's first freestyle World Cup in its history.

Also, a new location for a World Cup race, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will host the first cross-country World Cup in the states in more than 20 years.

“We are so excited to have such a robust lineup of World Cups in the United States this season. We broke records when we announced nine World Cups last season, and having 11 this season shows our commitment to bringing elite skiing and snowboarding competition to the states to inspire audiences from coast to coast,” said President and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sophie Goldschmidt.

## Schedule:

1. Nov. 25-26, 2023: Stifel Killington Cup; Alpine women's Giant Slalom and Slalom
2. Dec. 1-3, 2023: Xfinity Birds of Prey, Beaver Creek, Colorado; Alpine men's Super-G and Downhill
3. Dec. 13-16, 2023: Toyota U.S. Grand Prix, Copper Mountain, Colorado; freeski and snowboard halfpipe
4. Dec. 13-16, 2023: Visa Big Air by Toyota, Copper Mountain, Colorado; freeski and snowboard big air
5. Jan. 26-27, 2024: Freestyle World Cup, Waterville Valley, New Hampshire; freestyle moguls and dual moguls
6. Jan. 31- Feb. 3, 2024: Toyota U.S. Grand Prix, Mammoth Mountain, California; freeski and snowboard slopestyle and halfpipe
7. Feb. 1-3: Intermountain Health Freestyle, Deer Valley, Utah; freestyle aerials, moguls and dual moguls
8. Feb. 9-12: FIS Ski Jumping World Cup, Lake Placid, New York; ski jumping large hill and super team large hill
9. Feb. 17-19, 2024: Loppet Cup by Stifel, Minneapolis, Minnesota; cross country sprint and distance
10. Feb. 24-25, 2024: Stifel Palisades Tahoe Cup, Olympic Valley, California; Alpine men's Slalom and Giant Slalom
11. March 2-3, 2024: Stifel Winternational by United, Aspen, Colorado; Alpine men's Slalom and Giant Slalom

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# INSPIRING ASPIRING RACERS

## KMS ALPINE WOMEN ON THE POWER OF THE KILLINGTON CUP

By Rhiannon Lubaszewski, Killington Mountain School

Female athletes and a coach at Killington Mountain School weighed in on how the Killington World Cup inspires them and what it means to have the races here at their home mountain. Most answered by being able to see powerful women succeed. These athletes are heroes who inspire generations of female athletes.



"It's special to see them in person rather than on TV, it gives more of a personal connection," said Claire Cardismenos, KMS '28.



"It brings a dream of mine to life," said Lily Rogers, KMS '24.



"The World Cup sparked my love for ski racing and I wouldn't be racing today if I wasn't in Killington for Thanksgiving in 2017," said Kay Roberts, KMS '24.



"Women who compete at the Killington World Cup are particularly powerful for our female athletes. The ability to envision themselves competing at a high level is more relatable and inspiring," said Thea Young, KMS U16 women's Alpine coach.



"It makes you think that maybe one day it could be you," said Chanah Katz, KMS '24.



# Who sets the course?

By Katy Savage and Polly Mikula

Setting the race course is a skill in and of itself — and an opportunity.

The course setters are designated before the season begins by a World Cup coaches' working group. Each run is set by coaches from a different county.

In 2023, the Giant Slalom on Saturday, will be set by Swiss coach Alois Prenn for the first run and German coach Markus Lenz for the second.

For Sunday's Slalom race, the first run will be set by Swedish coach Walter Girardi and the second run by Italian coach Roberto Lorenzi.

The course setter decides where to put each gate, with an eye for interesting and challenging terrain. Safety is a big factor.

The distance between the gates ranges between 7 and 13 meters. The course setter takes into account the distance and vertical drop of the hill to decide how many gates are needed to meet International Ski Federation standards.

Superstar is 4,800 feet long and drops 1,200 vertical feet with a pitch of 30 to 50 degrees. It typically has about 60 gates in the Slalom and 40 gates in Giant Slalom.

Local coaches carry gates, screw them into the ground and handle the physical work for the course setter. It takes about an hour to set a course.

Additionally, about 180 people are responsible for maintaining the course throughout the race.

The goal is to make sure the last racer down has the same opportunity as the first racer through the gates.

A key part of maintaining the racing path are the "slippers." The 40-person slip team — mostly made up of advanced local ski coaches and skilled racers from local clubs — ski the course between each racer snowplowing out ruts to make sure the snow is scraped and smooth.

Chief of Race Chuck Hughes aims to make sure the hard surface doesn't get broken up. If it does, a team with shovels and rakes fixes up the race course as best they can, as quickly as they can.

Additionally, U.S. Ski and Snowboard provides Killington with around two dozen airbags, each costing about \$20,000, to comply with FIS safety protocols.

"It's like quadruple protection," said Hughes.

Both sides of the race course are also lined over five kilometers of safety fence to protect racers should they blow out of the course, per FIS specifications.

Blue dye at the edge of the course is another safety feature, helping racers when visibility is difficult.

A six-person dye crew carries backpacks with a blue dye mixture during the race and can re-apply the dye, as necessary.



By Paul Holmes

Tom Sell, KMS head Alpine coach, holds a drill as he slides down Superstar helping to set the course.



# MAKING SNOW

## A crucial component in pulling off a World Cup race in November

By Katy Savage

Making snow in Vermont in November isn't always ideal.

The Killington Resort crew operates with a "no regrets plan" when it comes to snowmaking for the World Cup. Sometimes preparing the mountain for the World Cup comes down to the wire.

"We're ready Oct. 1 to start making snow anytime we have the temperatures," said Steve Reynolds, the snowmaking control room supervisor at Killington Resort. "It always seems to come down to the last week."

“ The Killington Resort crew operates with a “no regrets plan” when it comes to snowmaking for the World Cup. ”

Crews check the forecast, every day, twice a day starting Oct 1, hoping the temperature drops to about 31 degrees. When the forecast looks favorable, crews are lined up 24/7 to start the snowguns as soon as possible.

"We spend a lot of time looking at the forecast wondering if things are going to change. Last year was the closest we've come to not being able to pull it off," Reynolds said, explaining last year's unusually warm, rainy temperatures made snowmaking especially difficult.

"There are days we spend just hoping, waiting and praying it's going to drop down to 31 degrees so we can start doing something," he said.

Unlike other resorts, Killington doesn't have a set opening date — the mountain could open at a drop of a hat as soon as there's snow.

The massive snowmaking infrastructure features about 90 miles of pipeline between Killington and Pico (45 miles of air and 45 miles of water).

Snow is made by the combination of high pressure water and high pressure air. The mixture of the two atomizes the water, causing it to freeze before it hits the ground. There are 3,200 locations between Killington and Pico where snowmakers can hook up a snowgun.

For the early season, opening day is all temperature dependent.

The colder the weather, the quicker the resort can make snow. Reynolds remembers opening a trail called Rime on 16 hours of snowmaking before, but if the weather is in the high 20s to low 30s, it takes a couple days to cover a trail with snow.

"If we see a window of opportunity where we can start making snow, even if it's not

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Courtesy Killington Resort

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enough to open, we'll go for it," Reynolds said.

Superstar, the trail that hosts the World Cup, is one of the resort's steepest and it stays open the longest. The trail alone has 92 hydrants plus a fan gun (a large wifi-enabled machine that automatically turns on and off) at the bottom.

In preparing for the World Cup, crews bring in up to 120 snowguns, spaced about 20 feet apart on the trail. The snowguns create a surface that's 2 to 4 feet high before it's groomed.

"The World Cup folks want it heavy and wet — they want it almost ice," Reynolds said.

After the snow is made, the course can be built. Advisor Tom Johnston, from U.S. Ski and Snowboard, typically arrives in Killington mid-November and rides the Superstar trail in a groomer. Johnston is then tasked with building the terrain — adding rollers beneath the snow and giving the course definition where he sees fit to make the surface more challenging.

If temperatures allow, the course is hosed with water the weekend before the race. Then, a couple of days before the race, the course is injected with more water using long pipes with numerous "needles" on them spaced out every few inches (see page 59). Crews inject water down into the surface every 6 inches or so all the way down. This typically takes almost a day to accomplish, said Jeff Temple, the director of planning at Killington. The surface is then groomed immediately.

The goal is to make the course rock hard. When done, the race course is so slippery that most average skiers cannot get their edges into the surface to remain vertical.

A week before the World Cup, it's "snow control day." Johnston makes sure the race course is groomed to FIS racing standard. If Killington (or any FIS World Cup venue) fails "snow control day," the race could be canceled or postponed.

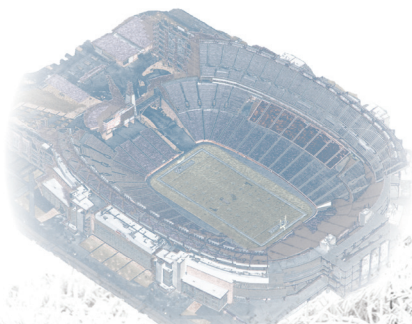
## 120 Snow guns

spaced about 20 ft. apart on Superstar to maximize snow production.

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## INJECTING SUPERSTAR

The firmer the course the better it will hold up through the lineup of racers and through various weather events that otherwise could lead to postponement of races.

When a course is injected, high-pressure hoses force water 1 or 2 feet deep into the snow through small nozzles along long metal bars.

Injection can be used on portions of a race course or on the whole thing. It is more common for a full course injection to be used for the technical races (Slalom and Giant Slalom) where the courses are shorter and the gates closer together.

In two-run races — like the Giant Slalom and Slalom races at the Killington Cup — the top 30 skiers from the first run go in reverse order in the second, so if the course doesn't hold up well, the lower-ranked skiers could have an advantage.



Photos by Paul Holmes

# HORSEPOWER

## *Snowmaking and grooming allow trails to open sooner with better conditions*

Killington complements Mother Nature's average of 250 inches of natural snow each winter with a world-class snowmaking system that is capable of covering 600 acres of skiable terrain. It accomplishes this with about 90 miles of pipe and 1,700 snow guns (including more than 500 low-energy guns).

At full capacity, Killington is able to cover 60 acres with 1 foot of snow in just 24 hours!

Snowmaking begins in earnest in October as soon as temperatures allow. The focus is on North Ridge, which serves the Rime and Reason ski trails, and on Superstar where the FIS Women's World Cup race is held Thanksgiving weekend.

The base of Superstar sits at 2,500 feet above sea level, and nearby Killington Peak — the second highest peak in the state — reaches 4,241 feet. There are cooler temperatures at these high elevations.

The size of the snowmaking infrastructure ensures that if something fails in one location, crews can work around it.

The resort has made numerous investments in snowmaking to ensure it's using the latest technology. Last year alone, Killington Resort invested \$1.7 million in snowmaking improvements and upgrades, including adding 163 new low energy tower snow guns. This not only improved the resort's environmental sustainability, but also allowed the resort to open terrain much more quickly and efficiently.

The resort now has 12 automated fan guns around the mountain — the most visible of which is at the bottom of Mousetrapp. There are also 12 pump houses between Killington and Pico, which push water up the mountain — around 30,000 feet of air compressors work to efficiently get water up the hill.

"That's the future: more technology and more efficiency, being able to turn the guns on as soon as you have the temperatures," said Steve Reynolds, the snowmaking control room supervisor at Killington Resort.

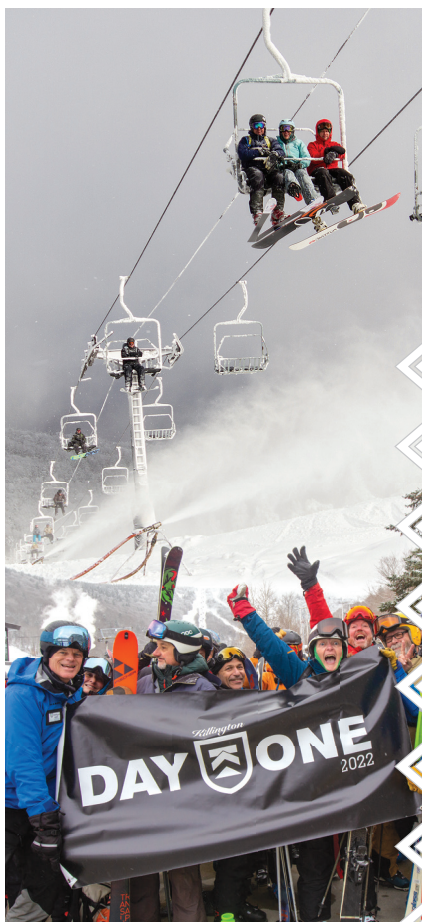
The crews remain busy in the summer and fall prepping for the next season.

They recently replaced about 2,000 feet of pipe on Lower East Fall and Wildfire trails.

"Every year we try to replace the worst of

the worst," Reynolds said.

Devil's Fiddle, a premier double black diamond trail in New England, will also have snowmaking capabilities this season for the first time in about seven years with the help of new guns.



Courtesy Killington Resort

*Killington Resort is usually the first to open in the East due to its arsenal of snowmaking guns and eagerness to turn them on as soon as conditions/temperatures allow.*

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# VIVACIOUS VOLUNTEERS

## A CRITICAL KILLINGTON CUP COMPONENT

By Victoria Gaither

The saying, 'ready or not' doesn't apply to fans of the Stifel Killington World Cup because they are always ready!

"Are you kidding me? When the World Cup is over, I am ready for next year," laughed Susan Anderson of Burlington, Vermont.

Anderson is among thousands of spectators attending the popular FIS Women's World Cup Giant Slalom and Slalom events over Thanksgiving weekend.

"The roar of the crowd is an incredible feeling. You can feel the bleachers moving, and when Mikalea comes, it's awesome," said Anderson, a skier and snowboarder.

No doubt fans want to see Mikaela Shiffrin, who's won five of the six FIS World Cup Slalom races held at Killington.

Vermont real estate broker Ed Herson of Killington Pico Realty remembers when Killington first got the World Cup, "So when I heard about the World Cup on NBC, I had an overwhelming sense this resort is growing up because I use to be a ski teacher here from 1985 to the 1990s," said Herson.

Herson added, "When I showed up and saw the grandstands and 40,000 people cheering for Mikaela Shiffrin, it brought tears to my eyes to see. I just really got emotional about it."

If the World Cup were an engine, its power drive would be the volunteers who dedicate time, energy, and on-day support

to the event.

The Stifel Killington Cup is supported by a team of nearly 300 volunteers — known as the Beast Crew they are separated into 13 volunteer teams.

It's a big undertaking.

"We ask 20 hours per volunteer and there are teams, especially race crew team members, who volunteer more than 20 hours so the number is probably higher," Meg Laferriere Horrocks explained, who

manages the volunteer Beast Crew for the Killington Cup.

The work of the volunteers doesn't go unnoticed, said Dave Manning, owner of Black Dog Sports.

Manning said of the volunteers, "I think it's very important

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“I think it's very important to acknowledge the volunteers and community effort” that goes into making the World Cup a world-class event, Manning said. ”





By Paul Holmes  
Top: Beast Crew volunteers on the Race Course  
Maintenance team wave from the Superstar  
chairlift. Below: race team volunteers inject the  
slope with water to firm up the surface.

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to acknowledge the volunteers and community effort” that goes into making the World Cup a world-class event.

The volunteers have collectively recorded over 32,000 volunteer hours of work from the past six Killington Cup events. They assist with the race course, set up, break down, maintenance, and crowd control. In a nutshell, the volunteers help things go smoothly for athletes, coaches, support staff, and spectators.

There seems to be no shortage of volunteers at the World Cup; maybe it's the prize ski jacket? More likely it's simply the pride and excitement of the World Cup itself.

Whatever the reason, they come back every year, and for spectators like Herson, the volunteers help create a magical feeling in the grandstands.

Horrocks is proud of the Beast Crew, its members' dedication and what it is able to accomplish each year at Killington. “Without [the crew] we could not pull off a solid race venue,” she stated, and she is always quick to pass on credit and accolades for the Crew's success. Even noting that The Beast Crew name was something “they voted it in 2017 (post-event), selecting from three choices. So, it's self-named!”



# Discover the Killington Community

“It’s an exciting time to be in Killington;  
the public-private partnership has  
allowed for a win-win-win for the  
residents, resort and developer.”

- Town Manager Michael Ramsey

The symbiotic relationship between private investment and public infrastructure can be a difficult balancing act. The Town of Killington has helped to build partnerships that will catapult the community beyond what either entity could have accomplished alone.



The Town of Killington cut the ribbon Oct. 4, 2023, officially kicking of the Killington Forward initiative.



# Killington Forward initiative

The Town of Killington has received approval as a master TIF District and has signed a development agreement with Great Gulf who will be developing the Killington Village at the Snowshed/Ramshead base. This partnerships will allow for:

**Clean water** via a new municipal water system that will serve residents and businesses on Killington Road.

**New Killington Road** the reconstruction of this central roadway will make it safer and more bike and pedestrian friendly with bus pull-offs, sidewalks and bike paths.

**Workforce housing**: The Town is actively pursuing plans in order to bring both affordable and workforce housing to the community.

**Resiliency**: Killington Town has taken a proactive approach toward roadway infrastructure by adapting a 50-year storm design calculation.



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# HEROIC INITIATIVE: ONE YEAR LATER

By Katy Savage

It's been a year since the U.S. Ski & Snowboard launched the HEROic initiative, geared at supporting the power of female athletes and elevating all women in the snowsports industry.

The program, which began at last year's Killington Cup, hosts leadership summits, creates mentorship programs, raises funds, gives out awards, and attempts to get more women involved in coaching and leadership positions.

"If you look at our roster, our best athletes are women," said Courtney

Harkins, director of marketing and communications at U.S. Ski & Snowboard. "We

have Mikaela Shiffrin who is quite literally the best in the world. We have Jessie Diggins on the cross country team who's won three Olympic medals. We have Chloe Kim in snowboarding who's also the best in her sport ... there's so many incredible women on our team, so it makes sense for us to celebrate them as much as we can and then use any kind of funds that are garnered through this [HEROic initiative] to put back into women's sports."

U.S. Ski & Snowboard has used funds raised through the HEROic initiative to increase the amount women coaches at all levels of the sport from club to elite teams.

"If you look at it, about 25% of the coaches in our sports are women [all levels, for both men and women athletes], but when you get to the national team it's less than 2% of all the coaches," Harkins said. "We really want to be able to help increase the number of women coaches at all levels, but especially on the national team."

One element under consideration is allowing a woman coach to step in for another woman coach when needed and creating a child care fund, so women will feel that it's possible to bring children on the road.

One year after its debut at the Killington Cup, we reached out to U.S. Ski & Snowboard to see how the program is going.

**What are some of the takeaways and accomplishments from the HEROic initiative this past year?**

Courtney Harkins: Our focus this year was on coaches, specifically increasing the amount of women in coaching roles, from the grassroots to elite level. And on the elite side, we went from having only two women coaches to seven in just one year. We held several panels across the country and at our domestic World Cups that featured women leaders across various industries.

They were inspiring and have left us with many new thoughts and strategies moving forward. The number of women coaches at the elite level is less than 5%, which we need to change, and we need to create a culture where women don't have to sacrifice to be able to work in this industry.

**Have there been any unforeseen challenges or opportunities?**

CH: Opportunities are endless because we're so early into this initiative.

**I know the focus of the first year was on coaching. What sort of efforts have been put in place to get more women involved in coaching?**

CH: We have hired a number of additional women coaches, both on the sports side and the strength and conditioning side, and it's been very well-received by athletes. We are also working with the Women's Ski Coaches Association to figure out strategies in developing, retaining and advancing women in ski coaching.

**What are some of the barriers to getting women involved in coaching?**

CH: There are barriers to entry in any industry, but ski coaching involves a significant amount of time away from home. If a coach is a mother, we need to focus on finding ways to provide childcare or ways for

“If you look at our roster, our best athletes are women,” said Courtney Harkins.

# HEROIC PANEL

## 'Doing it all: Women leaders'

By Karen D. Lorentz



By Dawsy Portillo, courtesy U.S. Ski & Snowboard

mothers to travel with their children to work. The industry is also heavily male-dominated, and we are working to make sure that women feel supported and heard when going to work.

### **One goal of the program is to destigmatize menstrual cycles. Why is that important?**

CH: It should not matter if a woman is or is not menstruating during competition, and by openly speaking about it, it is destigmatizing a topic and normalizing something that millions of people have.

### **What are some goals of the HEROic initiative this year and in future years?**

CH: Our main goal is to celebrate and empower the women in our industry and provide leadership opportunities and mentorship to all women in our sport. Each year our focus may shift to something more specific, like coaching, but the main goal remains the same.

### **How are the programs of HEROic being implemented?**

CH: There are regular meetings to ensure that our goals are being worked towards or met, and during those meetings, we're always brainstorming new ways to expand the initiative, whether through a commercial partnership lens, marketing and communications or even athletic opportunity lens.

### **Has the program provided any fellowships so far or partnered with any other organizations? If so, can you share the specific fellowship awardees and organizations?**

CH: HEROic is now supported by United and Stifel, two of the organization's largest partners. With their support, we can think more broadly on what is possible and expand into new areas.

"The Heroic Initiative was created because U.S. Ski & Snowboard is committed to providing more leadership, opportunities, and mentorship for women to achieve further greatness in our sports," stated Sophie Goldschmidt, President and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

Last year, at the Killington Cup, the inaugural HEROic Panel consisted of ski industry women leaders who discussed the challenges women face, changes that have occurred, and opportunities for those wanting to work in the ski and snowboard industry after they retire from racing or graduate from college. The HEROic panelists — with ties to Vermont via education, ski racing, coaching, and management positions — stressed the importance of coaching, mentoring, education, and a passion for snow sports in addressing the roles that women can play in the industry. They included Diann Roffe, a BMA alumna '85, Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist, and World Champion who directs the Junior Program at BMA; Kelly Pawlak, National Ski Areas Association President since 2018 and former General Manager of Mount Snow; Anouk Patty, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport who was on the U.S. Alpine Ski Team and raced for Dartmouth College, where she was a three-time All-American and won the NCAA Skiing Championship; Megan Fearnow, Senior Vice President Marketing Services for Killington's parent company POWDR; and Julie Woodworth, Executive Director, Vermont Alpine Racing Association.

This year the panel discussion will focus on the topic: Doing It All: Women Leaders.

The panelists will include: M'Lisa Ward, the first black woman pilot for United Airlines; Amy Laramie, director of events and marketing for Killington Resort; an athlete from the ski movie; and a ski coach.

Goldschmidt, who will serve as moderator, notes that the Heroic Initiative aims to empower, inspire and lead women in their fields on and off the snow and that the excitement and awareness of women generated by the Killington Cup provides a fitting avenue for the panels as the women's slalom and GS events at Killington are the best attended of all the Women's World Cup races.



# A HEROIC LEADER

**CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard**  
**Sophie Goldschmidt promotes opportunities for athletes, women, partnerships**

By Karen D. Lorentz



“Hosting the Stifel Killington Cup for another year is a huge opportunity for our organization to grow the sport of Alpine skiing in front of a historically large and exuberant crowd of fans. Not only do we get the chance to shine a spotlight on our talented athletes and inspire the next generation, but we are also fortunate to highlight our HEROic initiatives at this women’s World Cup where we can amplify the progress and success of women in the ski industry on this large platform,” commented Sophie Goldschmidt, the President and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, the Olympic and Paralympic National Governing Body of ski and snowboard sports in the USA.

An avid skier with a passion for snow sports and vast experience with sports organizations, Goldschmidt became the second woman to lead U.S. Ski

& Snowboard on October 18, 2021. Previously she was CEO of the World Surf League and prior to that held leadership, commercial and marketing roles at the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Women’s Tennis Association, the Rugby Football Union, the PGA European Tour, Adidas and the global sports marketing & entertainment agency CSM.

Since joining U.S. Ski & Snowboard U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Goldschmidt has helped arrange a host of partnerships and sponsorships. One of the most impactful deals was a four-year sponsorship by Stifel, an investment banking company,

announced in October 2022. Stifel became the title sponsor of the U.S. Alpine Ski Team, which was renamed the Stifel U.S. Alpine Team. The deal supports Alpine skiers from the development level to the World Cup and through every level of elite competition in North America—World Cup, NorAms, and national championships.

In March 2023, the sponsorship was expanded to include the freestyle, freeski and cross-country teams. “Partnerships of this level are crucial to the overall success of our programs and initiatives,” Goldschmidt said.

““Hosting the Stifel Killington Cup for another year is a huge opportunity... to grow the sport of Alpine skiing in front of a historically large and exuberant crowd and to highlight our HEROic initiatives,” said Goldschmidt.”

U.S. Ski & Snowboard also entered into a major streaming deal with Outside Interactive to stream all U.S. FIS World Cup alpine, cross country, freestyle, snowboard and freeski events in the U.S. Other partnerships include: a broadcast extension with NBC Sports; a new technical apparel partnership with Kappa;

new race suits with a climate change theme through environmental partner POW (Protect Our Winters); new team eyewear supplier Vuarnet; and new airline partner United Airlines.

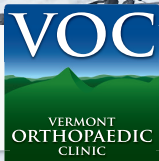
Goldschmidt also introduced the female empowerment effort known as the HEROic Initiative at last year’s Killington Cup.

Addressing the gender gap that remains in the coverage some women’s sports receive in comparison to men, Goldschmidt cited skiing and snowboarding as examples of where “the playing field is more equitable,” noting “elevating women’s sports has been a priority” during her entire career.

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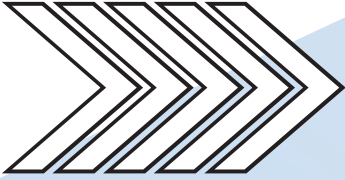
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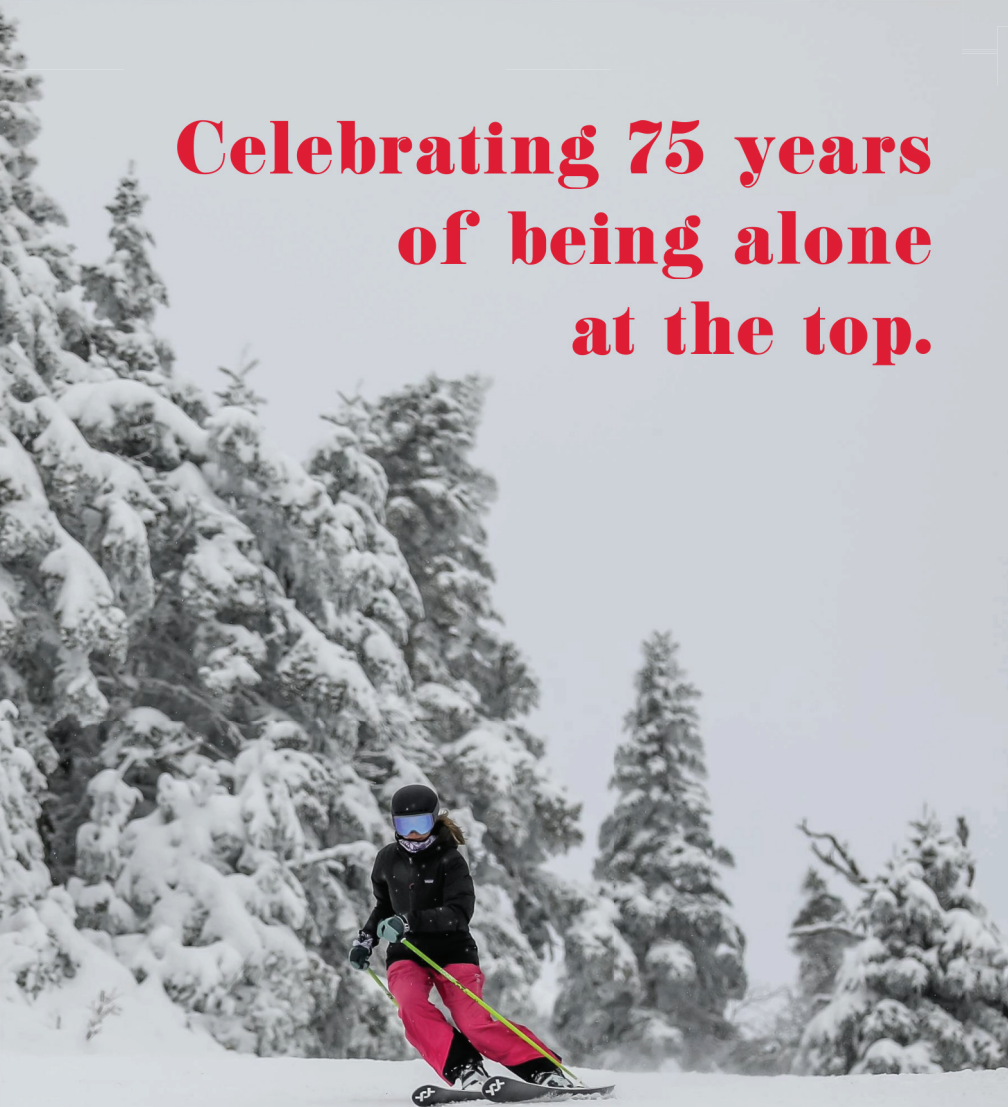
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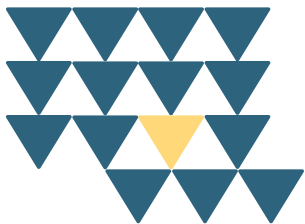
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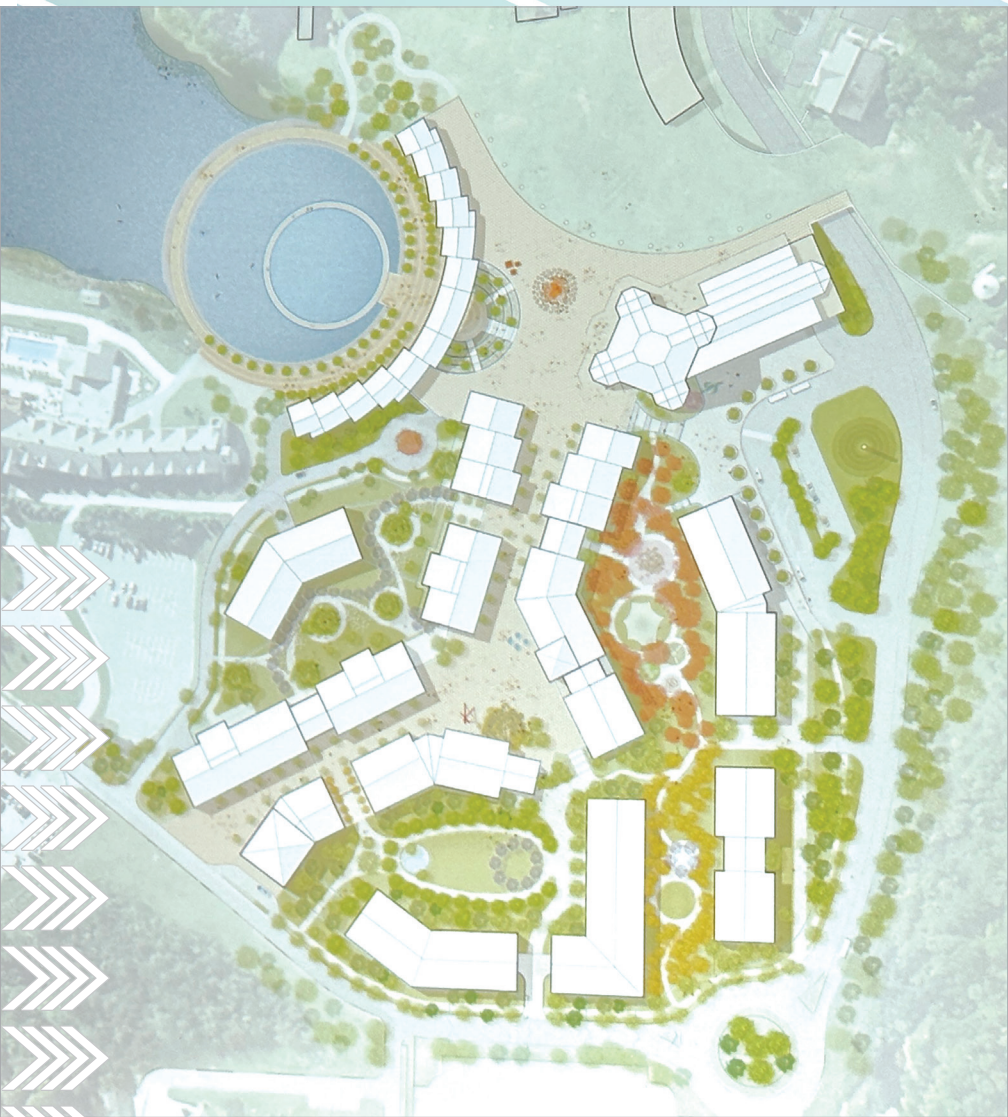
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# SKI VERMONT





Courtesy Great Gulf

The new Killington Village design features an iconic new base lodge with the nation's largest snow beach outstretched in front, two main plazas, a well defined main street, a pond within a pond and luxury condos and amenities overlooking the water. The 45-acre village is also punctuated by many small parks.



# 'ICONIC'

## A VISION FOR KILLINGTON VILLAGE

By Polly Mikula

Great Gulf bought the rights and permitted plans to develop a village at the base of Killington Resort in May setting in motion a plan that's been decades in the works. The new village is permitted to replace Snowshed and Ramshead lodges, as well as build condos and retail spaces at the base of the mountain on 1,095 acres of development land (the village portion will be on 45 of those acres). Permits for Phase 1 include about 32,000 square feet of commercial space and 225 new units of housing with a mix of condos (193 units), townhomes, and single-family homes.

“ We think Killington deserves something better than very good. We believe this ski village should be better than any other ski village,” said Michael Sneyd. ”

Michael Sneyd, president of the Resort Residential Division of Great Gulf called the original permitted plans “a substantial foundation,” and “a very good plan” when speaking at a community meeting, Oct. 19, adding, “but we think Killington deserves something better than very good. We believe this ski village should be better than any other ski village.”

The re-envisioned village design aims to capture the spirit and character of a Vermont village, with a collection of buildings arranged to maximize access to daylight and views of the surrounding mountains, and connect the residents and guests to nature. A pedestrian-only Main Street serves as a powerful spinal axis that facilitates movement between residences and the village squares, Continued to pg. 90 >



Courtesy Great Gulf  
The new Killington Village design features a prominent pedestrian Main Street.



Courtesy Great Gulf

*Snowshed Pond will be celebrated and highlighted as an attraction unto itself. It could even be a venue for skating performances. Luxury condos (Phase 2) will overlook the water.*

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and leads to the base of the mountain, where a crystalline lodge acts as a chandelier to those descending from the mountain slopes. A second axis provides connections to Snowshed Pond, which is ringed by a waterfront promenade featuring all season activities, and to the walking trails beyond.

The vibrant, mixed-use mountainside resort community will add new housing units, as well as shopping, dining, entertainment, and recreational amenities for a multigenerational community. The goal is to create an active year-round destination with a unique sense of place that perfectly blends bespoke architecture, landscape, and programmed spaces that support quality living.

"I think times have really changed over the past 15 years since the vision for this project originated," Sneyd said. "Since then, we've learned a lot about best practices for village developments."

Including the importance of the village being pedestrian-friendly and having an energizing main street focused on the visitor experience.

Great Gulf has lots of experience in this domain and is a multifaceted company that includes commercial, mixed-use, and residential development, construction management, manufacturing, and more. The company has built more than 90,000 homes in 20 cities across the U.S.

Great Gulf has hired Safdie Architects to lead the redesign of the village in collaboration with PWP Landscape Architecture.

"We knew early on, only a world-class design team could realize our vision for the four-season mountain resort we believe is the future of Killington," stated Elly Reisman, chairman of Great Gulf on LiveKillington.com.

### **Safdie Architects**

Safdie Architects is a design studio driven by a spirit of innovation and idealism, founded upon the principles that architecture should be inherently timeless, connected to nature, and profoundly humane.

"Their design philosophy is rooted in the metaphor, 'For Everyone a Garden,' perceiving architecture as a generous act of creating meaningful spaces that serve

as catalysts for vibrant public life," Sneyd summarized.

Architect and founding partner Moshe Safdie said his "goal is to capture the spirit and character of a Vermont village in a contemporary rendition of vital public spaces for all seasons."

Safdie established his firm in 1964 to realize Habitat '67, an adaptation of his undergraduate thesis and a turning point in modern architecture. In 1978, Safdie relocated his residence and principal office to Boston when he became director of the urban design program and the Ian Woodner Professor of

Architecture and Urban Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Over more than five decades, Safdie has explored the essential principles of socially responsible design through a comprehensive and humane design philosophy. He has built some of the world's most influential and memorable structures—from Habitat '67, the radical modular housing scheme in Montreal; Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Israel; the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Arkansas and Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Missouri, to extraordinary projects in Singapore such as the iconic integrated resort Marina Bay Sands and Jewel at Changi Airport which features an indoor rainforest and waterfall.

#### **PWP Landscape Architecture**

Safdie Architects has collaborated with PWP Landscape Architecture on a number of projects internationally. PWP is perhaps best known for their work on the National September 11 Memorial in New York City, creating the world's largest indoor waterfall at the Jewel Changi Airport in Singapore, designed by Safdie Architects, and the 5.4-acre rooftop Salesforce Park in San Francisco.

"We're going to celebrate everything Vermont has to offer with different landscaped elements," Sneyd summarized.

#### **Village attractions**

New plans for the Killington Village call for a "very prominent pedestrian Main Street where people will want to meet, promenade, shop, and stop in cafes,"

Sneyd explained. Additionally, there are "two significant gathering areas: the Main Town Square in the middle of the village and the Snowbeach Square that celebrates the biggest ski beach in the East."

The ski beach connects the Snowshed lift and the Ramshead lift. "And it's flat the whole way," Sneyd explained. Killington Road will be depressed underneath it and the skiers will go over it on a wide flat bridge. Killington Road will then continue up to K-1 via Vale Road.

The new plans are more modern (and safe), with well thought-out details (like prioritizing lines of sight up to the slopes and across the

pond) and will feature the iconic new base crystalline lodge.

Future phases plan to fill out the village with more amenities for activities, public parks and walking paths, and luxury condos constructed in a crescent along the pond.

#### **Crystal Mountain Lodge**

"As spectacular as the K-1 Lodge is, just wait!" said Sneyd of the plans for the new base lodge. "People will come from afar just to see this architecture!"

Safdie Architects has designed a Crystal Mountain Lodge, which will be made of cladding and joined glass at various angles. It will be visible from both the slopes and the village, Sneyd explained. And its design will reflect the natural landscapes — picking up the colors of every season.

#### **Year-round activity**

The architectural designs will enhance Killington Village to be fully actualized and enjoyed year-round and that is what gets leaders at Great Gulf, Killington Resort and town officials most excited.

"We're going to celebrate water and we're going to celebrate snow and we want to celebrate gathering by having activities, amenities and events that provide interest beyond just being on snow. We want to provide interest all year long," said Sneyd.

"The village will be a hub of activity," Killington Resort President and CEO Mike Solimano added. "Whether it's something like ice skating or concerts, this will give people in the area a great

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place to come together and hang out, not to mention improving the availability of real estate and infrastructure in the Killington region."

### Timing to build

Because Great Gulf is planning for a major change to the permitted village plan, the new plans will now have to be approved by Act 250 — Vermont's land use/development law.

Sneyd expects to submit the new plans for review in January 2024. Timing from there is "hard to say... I mean, we would love it to take six to nine months."

If the permitting process goes quickly, construction could start as early as spring 2025, Sneyd said. Once it gets started it will take two years to build out Phase 1. "Then, as soon as we get Phase 1 on its way, we'll be working on the next phase," he explained. "We're excited to begin; to build something absolutely iconic."

Sadfie and PWP got together and created a new village design "that is elegant in its simplicity," said Sneyd,

“The village will be a hub of activity,” said Killington Resort President and CEO Mike Solimano

"We're participating with the community, town, resort and state to make Killington the best ski village of the future," he explained. "Right now Killington is the biggest ski mountain in the East, it's got the best snowmaking, it's got the best lifts, grooming equipment, etc ... but it doesn't have the best village — and that's where we're coming in to be part of the future of Killington."

### World Cup launch

Great Gulf plans to unveil full renderings of its newly envisioned village at its booth at the World Cup — go check them out!

"It is going to be a big launch for us," Sneyd said. "We'll have a registration process where people can express their interests and where we can learn more about what it is they particularly are looking for. Is it two bedrooms? One bedroom? Studio? Townhome? Single-family home? We're able to offer them all right now."

For more information about Killington's future village development, visit: [LiveKillington.com](http://LiveKillington.com).



Courtesy Great Gulf

The new iconic Crystal Mountain Lodge (right) and snowbeach square leading onto the slopes will provide an inviting atmosphere to gather even after the lifts close for the day.



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# Vermont is well-represented on U.S. Alpine Ski Team

The U.S. Alpine Ski Team for the 2023-2024 competition season has deep roots in the Green Mountain State. In fact, three of the five women on the Alpine A Team this season raced in Vermont before making the national team.

Mikaela Shiffrin, 28, who trained at Burke Mountain Academy, is the best-known and most-decorated athlete on the women's team.

She is joined on the A Team by fellow Burke alumna Nina O'Brien, 26, and Paula Moltzan, 29, who raced for the University of Vermont.

Breezy Johnson, 27, from Idaho, and Isabella Wright, 26, from Utah, round out the women's side of A Team.

Another Dartmouth alumna is Alice Merryweather, 27, who raced at Stratton Mountain School before attending

Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, is currently is on the U.S. B Team. Along with fellow Dartmouth alumnae AJ Hurt, 23, and Tricia Mangan, 26.

On the Alpine C Team, Zoe Zimmermann, 21, raced for both Burke Mountain Academy and Dartmouth College. Allie Resnick, 23, and Stella Johansson, 20, also attended Dartmouth, and Ava Sunshine Jemison, 21, attended Burke Mountain Academy.

"Our group of athletes across speed and tech made big strides last season and the work continued this summer," said Alpine Director Patrick Riml when the new 2023-24 Stifel U.S. Alpine Ski Team was announced, Oct. 9. "We are confident they will impress on the World Cup tour and bring home solid results for our organization and nation."



Courtesy US Ski & Snowboard FB

Members of the U.S. Alpine women team shouldered Mikaela Shiffrin Jan. 8, 2023 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, after she made history winning her 82nd career Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup and tying Lindsey Vonn's record.



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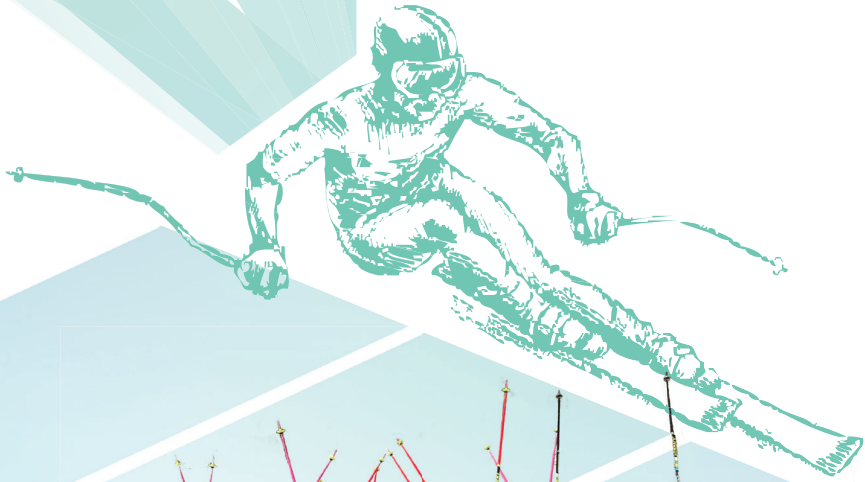
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*Young skiers practice initiating a turn during a group lesson at Pico.*





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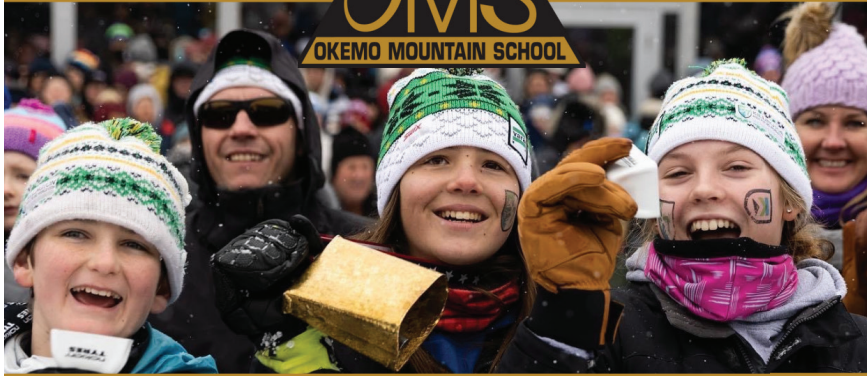
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# WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMS RECEIVE \$270,000 IN GRANTS

## 29 NORTHEASTERN NONPROFITS WILL BENEFIT FROM KWCF WORLD CUP FUNDRAISING

The Killington World Cup Foundation (KWCF) has awarded 29 grants totaling \$270,000 to Northeast area nonprofits in nine states for the upcoming ski season (2023-24). Grant amounts ranged from \$1,500 to \$18,000, and all recipients are registered nonprofit organizations or have a fiscal sponsor.

The KWCF grants were created with the aim of promoting winter sports and enriching communities. In order to increase diversity and equity in sports, KWCF supports initiatives that focus on creating opportunities for underrepresented groups. This includes initiatives that help remove barriers to entry, such as providing equipment and training opportunities.

Additionally, KWCF aims to create new growth by improving safety mechanisms and infrastructure, as well as funding events that promote winter sports to a wider audience. By doing so, KWCF hopes to foster a love for winter sports and to promote a healthy and active lifestyle in a diverse population of ages and backgrounds.

One example is the Mt. Abram Ski Club (MASC) which partnered with Mt. Abram Ski Resort to fund a Youth Community Pass Program available to public school students in Maine. Winter season passes are provided to Mt. Abram for students aged 6-18. Although many children live near local ski areas, few have the opportunity to ski or ride without financial assistance.

MASC remarked, "The KWCF grant has provided us with the resources needed to provide access to skiing and snowboarding for the youth in western Maine. When

children are engaged in outdoor activities they are healthier and happier and become more engaged within their community and their futures."

Another example of how this funding is used to promote and expand winter sports comes from Hanover's Oak Hill, which is a vital part of the cross-country skiing community in the Upper Valley (New Hampshire). The recent experience with the global pandemic has only increased interest in promoting a healthy lifestyle through sport. To cater to this increased interest in cross-country skiing, trail lights were requested for the facility. These lights will improve access to the trails for more kids to use after school in an effort to combat the early sundowns of New England winters. Further, the elementary and middle schools have direct trail access to the system without even setting foot on a sidewalk or a road. With the KWCF grant, organizers will be able to maximize productive ski hours for the next generation.

KWCF's contribution towards athletic excellence is also evident through the support of the New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA). Currently, 2,642 youths are participating in NENSA's "NENSA Nordic Rocks introductory youth XC ski program" across 28 schools in the Northeast. The Nordic Rocks (NR) program was developed to introduce a new generation of children in grades K-6 to the joy of cross country skiing. NR provides elementary school students with an opportunity to experience cross country skiing during the school day with their teachers and classmates, usually



during PE class, to learn about the health and lifestyle benefits associated with exercise and outdoor fun.

KWCF's grant supports the funding of NENSA's youth and introductory program director who organizes and implements the Nordic Rocks program for NENSA, and supports the Bill Koch Youth Ski League, which is the next-level-up program.

Yet another way is exemplified with the Share Winter Foundation, which aims to expand its program with the Association of Africans Living in Vermont (AALV) by increasing support to 90 youths

by winter 2024. To support the existing and future programming, they planned to purchase hard and soft goods to alleviate capacity issues and facilitate higher rates of improvement.

Last year, AALV staff and youth were new to skiing and the winter sports industry; through the guidance of Share Winter, AALV is currently in year 2 of their learn to ski/snowboard program at Sugarbush, which has been wildly successful.

For more information about the KWCF and the programs it supports, visit: [kwcfivesback.org](http://kwcfivesback.org).

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# WINTER4KIDS

## KWCF FUNDS TO HELP INTRODUCE 100,000 KIDS TO WINTER SPORTS

By Victoria Gaither

Since 2016, the first Killington Cup, Schone Malliet, CEO and president of Winter4kids, makes the trip from New Jersey to Killington Resort to watch the world's best females race.

"I will be at the World Cup this year. It's some of the most exciting Alpine ski racing you will see," said Malliet.

Malliet's love of racing is seen in his Winter4kids program based on a mountain in Vernon, New Jersey, known as the National Winter Activity Center.

He explained, "A key component is competition, so any kid in the program can choose to compete recreationally or nationally. We have actually developed this hill out there so they can support high-level competition."

A few years ago, Malliet took some of his athletes to experience the FIS Ski World Cup Slalom at Killington. It was a chance for the kids to see what Slalom action is all about up close and in person.

Outside of the cold weather and trying to keep track of the racers flying down the hill, he said the experience was good for his students from all different backgrounds.

Winter4kids is a recipient of the Killington World Cup Foundation.

According to its website, The Killington World Cup Foundation (KWCF) awarded over \$270,000 in grants to 31 nonprofits

across nine states for the 2023-24 season.

A portion of all ticket sales for the Killington Cup go to the KWCF, which in turn supports snowsports programs.

"The tickets are reasonable, and we like that the funds help programs," said Emily Hinders, a mom of two from New York.

Winter4kids changes lives. "Thank you for providing a character development opportunity for next gen leaders," said a mother of twins whose kids were part of the program and are now cadets at West Point.

Winter4kids isn't just about teaching kids to ski but equipping them with life lessons that will help them. Malliet explained: "Winter4kids dedicates outdoor winter facilities, programs, and environment to change and save lives of youth. Fun, program values, activities, and our campus make the difference as participants develop better attitudes of self, health, opportunity, mastery, and the outdoors."

Winter4kids, Malliet, and his dedicated team of volunteers and staff are on a mission to introduce 100,000 kids to winter activities. Since the pilot in 2015, they have made a difference in the lives of over 13,000 kids. By 2027, they hope to serve 11,000 kids annually. The popular program is growing! To learn more about Winter4kids, visit: [Winter4kids.org](http://Winter4kids.org).



**1909** Vermont Academy in Saxton's River holds its first winter carnival.

**1924** First National Championships (all Nordic) in the East are staged in Brattleboro.

**1934** Robert and Elizabeth Royce install the country's first rope tow on Gilbert's Hill, Pomfret.

**1936** First J-Bar in the country is built at Bromley Mountain. Mt. Mansfield Ski Club establishes first local ski patrol.

1900

**1937** The Fisk Trophy race, the longest ongoing trophy race in the country, is held at Suicide Six (now renamed Saskadena), in Pomfret.

**1938** Minnie Dole inspires the creation of the National Ski Patrol on Mt. Mansfield.

**1940** The concept of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army is born near Bromley.

**1940** The nation's first T-Bar comes to Pico.

**1940** Led by Roland Palmedo, investors erect the longest chair lift in the country on Mt. Mansfield.

**1952** At Oslo, Norway, Andrea Mead Lawrence, whose parents ran Pico ski area, becomes the first and only U.S. woman to win Olympic gold medals in Slalom and Giant Slalom, age 20.

**1953-54** Middlebury College Snow Bowl and Suicide Six (now Saskadena Six) are among the first ski areas to install Poma lifts.

1950

**1960** Middlebury College student Penny Pitou becomes the first American Olympic medal winner in Downhill with a silver in Squaw Valley. She also takes the silver medal in Giant Slalom.

**1963** CB Vaughan of Manchester sets a world speed record of 106.53 mph in Portillo, Chile. He later established CB Sports in 1969.

**1964** Billy Kidd, from Stowe, wins the nation's first men's Olympic silver medal in Slalom at Innsbruck. He adds a bronze in Alpine Combined.

**1966** Vermont boasts over 80 ski areas and a No. 1 ranking in national skier visits.

**1968** John Bower, a Middlebury College graduate, stuns the Nordic community with a win in the Holmenkollen Nordic Alpine Combined in Oslo, Norway.

**1969** Richmond's Marilyn Cochran wins the first World Cup Giant Slalom discipline title, and adds a World Championship bronze in Alpine Combined in 1970.

1970

**1970** Founded by Warren Witherell, Burke Mountain Academy becomes the nation's first ski racing academy.

**1972** Barbara Ann Cochran of Richmond takes the gold medal at the Sapporo Olympics; siblings Bobby and Lindy also win multiple U.S. titles.

**1977** The country's first halfpipe is built at Stratton Mountain, which also hosts the first U.S. Open Snowboarding Championship.

**1977** Jake Burton Carpenter starts a snowboard company in Londonderry, where he tests his boards at nearby Stratton Mountain, the first area to allow snowboarding.

**1982** Suicide Six ski area in Woodstock (now Saskadena Six) hosts the first snowboard national championship.

**1985** Mike Holland, from Norwich, sets the world distance record in ski jumping with a leap of 186 meters.

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**1992** Donna Weinbrecht, skiing out of Killington, wins the first gold medal awarded in the first Olympic mogul competitions in Freestyle skiing.

**1995** Mad River Glen becomes the country's first cooperatively owned ski area.

**2002** Ross Powers (Stratton Mountain School) and Kelly Clark (Mt. Snow) take inaugural half-pipe titles at Salt Lake City Olympics.

**2011** Mikaela Shiffrin at age 16 becomes the youngest racer to win a national Alpine Slalom title. She also becomes the youngest to claim a World Championship title (2013, age 17); and Olympic gold medal (2014, age 18).

**2018** Vermont sent 30 athletes (either from or schooled in the state) to the Olympics in South Korea. The state boasted the most participants per capita.

**2019** Shiffrin surpasses the Slalom win record (40), making her the most decorated Slalom skier of all time.

**2022** At the 2022 Winter Olympics, Shiffrin was favored to win gold in at least three of the six events she was planning to compete in (especially her signature Slalom and Giant Slalom); however, she uncharacteristically Did Not Finish (DNF) either event. She finished fourth in the team event and ninth in the Super-G. Teammate and former University of Vermont racer Paula Moltzan, however, finished the games eighth in the Slalom, 12th in the Giant Slalom, and fourth in the team event.

**2023** Shiffrin started the year out with a bang. On Jan. 8 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, she won her 82nd career World Cup, tying Lindsey Vonn's record, but didn't stop there. In March, Shiffrin won her 87th World Cup race, overtaking Ingemar Stenmark (86) for the most World Cup wins by any alpine skier. She ended the 2022-23 season with 88th World Cup victories, plus the overall Giant Slalom and Slalom season titles. Shiffrin was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine in 2023.

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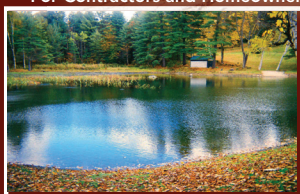
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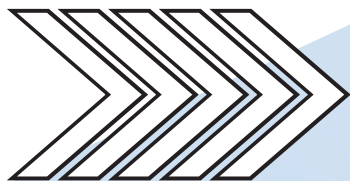
  
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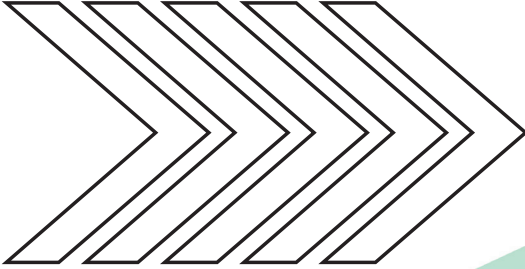
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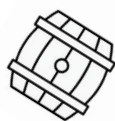
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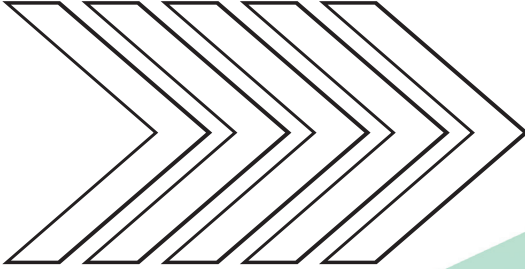


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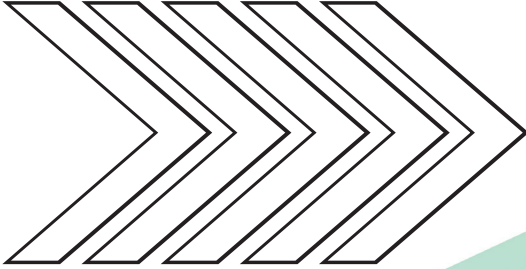
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# KILLINGTON PROUD

## Area business owners chip in, cater to the crowds

By Victoria Gaither

The excitement of the Stifel Killington Women's Audi FIS World Cup Giant Slalom and Slalom events held over Thanksgiving day weekend starts well before anyone thinks about turkey.

"I have been checking out Killington's website, waiting for tickets to go on sale. It's a tradition in my family to brave the cold and watch the ladies race," said Amy Williams, who lives in New Jersey.

It's also tradition for local ski shop owners to prepare for spectators like Williams by making sure winter essential items are available.

"We just make sure that all of our product is out and ready to go; we put the easy-to-forget items out front, hats, gloves, beanies, face masks, balaclava, head and toe warmers, all of those types of things that you need when standing outside without a lot of movement," explained Ben Colona, owner of Base Camp Outfitters.

“ It puts Killington on the map, which is huge for any business in town,” said Gaspar. ”

On Killington Road, Rick Gaspar, general manager at Northern Ski Works, sells everything from cowbells to hats, but for him, it's the selling of Killington and what the Stifel World Cup brings to the town and businesses.

Gaspar explained, "It puts Killington on the map, which is huge for any business in town. If you don't benefit directly from that weekend, then the town benefits from the notoriety of it."

Gaspar added, "It's a good party and great time. It's always a good time."

Further up the access road inside Mountain Green Resort, Black Dog Sports owner Dave Manning helps facilitate World Cup logistics.

"Since there has been a World Cup here, my store has done logistics. Logistics is a fancy word for providing equipment from manufacturers for the technicians and the coaches, so we work with the U.S. Ski team, we have worked with the Austrian

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By Victoria Gaither

Ben Colona, of Base Camp Outfitters, smiles as he prepares for the Killington Cup.



Courtesy Killington Resort



By Victoria Gaither

*Pictured (l-r): Dave Manning, of Black Dog Sports; Casey McNeil, of McNeil and Reedy; and Rick Gaspar of Northern Ski Works; always look forward to the World Cup.*

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team in the past, and we have worked with Mikaela Shiffrin's program."

He said two days before the big event, his shop gets busy. Manning has been serving the mountain for 30 years and said it's a real community effort to put on a first-class World Cup event.

"I am proud to be here in Killington and the great job the community does to pull off this event. It's a real community effort with all the volunteers. It's not just the ski area; it's the town, even down into Rutland and Woodstock."

Casey McNeil, a third generation business owner at McNeil and Reedy in Downtown Rutland, feels the ripple effects of the Stifel World Cup at his family's men's shop, "I have been the last two years and also just seeing the amount

of people in town is always fun you can actually feel it all the way down into Rutland."

Casey said they sell a line of Stetson hats because that cowboy Aspen look at the World Cup is popular.

So when the spectators are waving a cowbell from Northern Ski Works, wearing a Stetson hat from McNeil and Reedy, keeping warm in gloves from Base Camp Outfitters, and skis are ready to go thanks to Black Dog Sports, it's just a taste of all that Killington and the people behind the scenes do starting well before Thanksgiving Day to make it all a success!

"We are very lucky in Killington to have a World Cup event," said Ben Colona. "Their great job of marketing has a lasting effect on the entire community."

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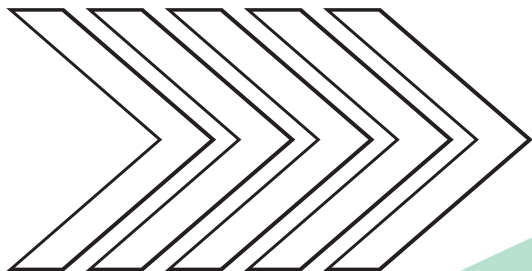
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**TRAINS:** As the historic rail hub of the region, Rutland city boasts significant rail transportation infrastructure. The downtown Amtrak station serves leisure and business rail travel with daily connections to New York City to the south and Burlington to the north.

**AUTOMOBILES:** Rutland is strategically located at the crossroads of U.S. routes 4 and 7. Rutland also offers convenient access to interstates 89, 91, and 87, putting the major population centers of the East Coast within a half-day's drive.

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"I came for the winters, but I now stay for the summers," many locals say. Or "I used to commute from the city to the

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# Trails Day



## Outdoor recreation is around every corner

Enjoy hiking, biking and skiing at Killington and Pico resorts or on community trails including the Sherburne, Gifford Woods and Base Camp trails in Killington, the Pine Hill Park trails in Rutland, the Green Mountain Trails in Pittsfield or on hundreds of other trails throughout the region.

Ski/ride, skin or snowshoe the trails in the winter; bike, hike or run them in the summer! Many folks lucky enough to live here regularly take a few runs before going to work, during lunch break, and/or after work — fresh air and exercise invigorate the body and the mind!

Locals and visitors find all kinds of recreational opportunities just minutes away. Each season brings new adventures.

# GROWING HERE WORKING HERE

## Family life ‘exceeds expectations’

The abundance of recreational opportunities, natural resources, local food, strong communities, safe living, healthy lifestyles and some of the best public schools in the nation all contribute to making central Vermont an ideal place to raise a family.

“I grew up in Massachusetts and I had a great childhood there, but I came to college at [the former] Green Mountain College in Poultney and knew I wanted to stay,” said Lindsey Rogers, who has lived in Chittenden for the past decade.

“Now raising my two boys here in Vermont has far exceeded my expectations —again,”



she added. “They can ride, fish, climb trees and explore right out the back door all year long. We go skiing/riding as a family nearly every weekend in the winter and I’ve even gotten involved

in coaching soccer this fall — something that’s a bit outside of my comfort zone, but being involved in the community means everyone steps up! I can’t imagine a better place to raise a family!”

## Work-life balance *is* possible here

“It’s used to take me 30 minutes to drive my kids to school — 5 miles away...” said Jason Mikula who moved to Killington from Denver. “Now it takes 5 minutes.”

“Sure, grocery shopping, banking etc. is a bit further away, but at least the 13 miles to Rutland only takes about 20 minutes, going 3 miles could take that long in Denver — and it’s a nice drive, not stop and go traffic the whole way.”

“Now, instead of being frustrated in a car, always late, I’m on the slopes! What an upgrade!” he said.

With remote work proven to work during the pandemic more people have realized they too can “live the dream”

and move to the mountains.

While striking a perfect “work-life balance” is an ongoing pursuit, it seems to be just a bit easier in Vermont, where families recreate together outdoors all year round.

“I don’t think there’s a better family sport than skiing,” said Amy Spear, vice president of tourism for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and a Killington resident. “I moved to Vermont by mistake (I followed my then boyfriend) and it’s the best mistake I’ve ever made! ... My husband and I now have a 4-year-old, and we’re enjoying the perks of living here in all new ways. I feel so lucky and so grateful, we really have it all!”

# Region seeks growth

## Accessibility, affordability, housing addressed

Jobs of all kinds are plentiful across the region with some employers in desperate need of help. For that reason among others, the area is hoping to attract new residents.

Rutland County alone is home to a dozen companies with over 100 employees, 25 companies with 30-99 employees, and hundreds more small and mid-sized companies.

Rutland Regional Medical Center and GE each employ over 1,000 employees, making them the largest employers in the region, followed by Killington and Pico ski resorts with over 1,600 employees during the winter season.

The region also boasts active downtowns filled with shops, restaurants, bars, breweries, art galleries and theaters.

The Rutland region is also home to a thriving young professionals organization that has helped launch many successful careers statewide.

Laura Pierce Galster, a Vermont native who went off to Yale and worked in Chicago for years before returning, is just one example.

"I loved big-city life, but Rutland County has given me professional and personal opportunities and a sense of community beyond what I could have ever hoped for," Galster said, who works as the senior director of information services at Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland.

Rutland "is big enough to provide high-quality arts and entertainment, world class skiing and amazing restaurants, along with great professional opportunities, but small enough that I was able to connect with peers and the business community seamlessly," she said.

Less than a year after moving to the area, Galster became a key leader of Rutland Young Professionals, was named a Rising Star by Vermont Business

Magazine and joined the Vermont Futures Project (VFP) board of directors.

VFP promotes the long-term economic health of Vermont. Through leadership, research and education the Vermont Futures Project seeks to inform the conversation about Vermont's economic future and demonstrate how a healthy economy contributes to Vermont's vibrant communities and unique quality of life. The Vermont Futures Project is currently embarking on a statewide tour to inform the 2024 Economic Plan for Vermont.

Central to this work is the goal of increasing Vermont's population to 802,000 (from 645,000) by 2035 and increasing housing inventory to 350,000 non-seasonal units by 2035.

“Vermont needs more people, and more people need Vermont,” said Kevin Chu.

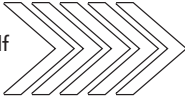
"It's essential that we invest in strategies and remove barriers to strengthen our economy, scale up Vermont's impact on sustainability, and make progress on social equity," stated Kevin Chu, executive director of the Vermont Futures Project. "Vermont needs more people, and more people need Vermont."

Killington Resort President and CEO Mike Solimano is a new member of the Vermont Futures Project board of directors, joining the ranks last winter, according to the Jan. 6, 2023 announcement.

"I am so excited to join the VT Futures Project to help with their mission to provide data to support the evolution of Vermont's economy. Killington Resort is located in Rutland County, where the population continues to decline, and I want to work with the VT Futures Project to help our county as well as the entire state to have a thriving economy. I believe the outdoor recreation industry can have a major impact in helping to attract people to Vermont and I look forward to helping achieve this in the coming years," stated Solimano.

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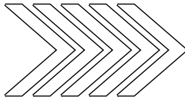
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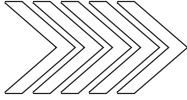
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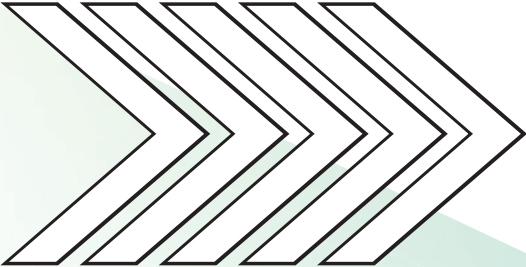
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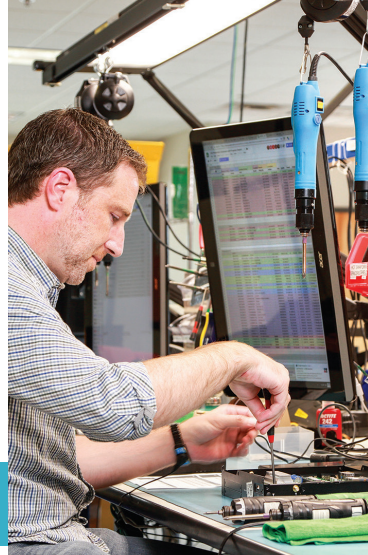
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