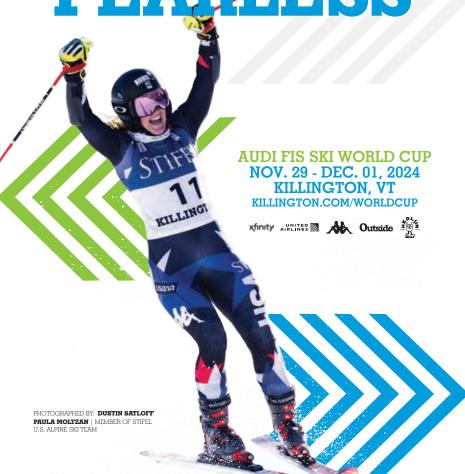






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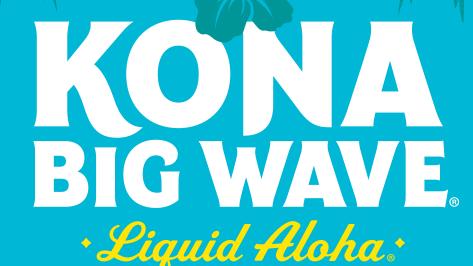




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For the eighth year, Killington Resort will host around 100 FIS World Cup athletes representing about 20 countries, who will race Slalom and Giant Slalom on Superstar over Thanksgiving weekend.

All eyes will be on Vermont-schooled superstar Mikaela Shiffrin who is expected to reach her 100th World Cup victory early this season. Could it happen at Killington? Yes! She began the season with 97 World Cup wins (the most of any Alpine athlete in history) and there are three races before the Killington Cup — one Giant Slalom and two Slalom races. If she wins two of those, it'll set her up to hit 100 here in Vermont! According to Olympics.com, Shiffrin has a 35.92% World Cup winning rate from 270 starts — so before the season starts, the odds are looking good!

Shiffrin has won six of seven past Killington Cup Slalom races. For past results at Killington, see page 35. For this season's World Cup schedule, see page 56-57.

The Stifel Killington Cup, a stop on the Audi FIS Ski World Cup, is always a popular event with attendance often topping 30,000 throughout the weekend. Additionally it puts Killington Resort on a big international stage with 2.1 million people in 60 countries tuning in to watch the race broadcasts on TV (page 26).

Now a fully ticketed event, proceeds from tickets sold benefit the Killington World Cup Foundation. Last year the Stifel Killington Cup raised \$330,000 for the organization, which will fund 33 winter sports programs this season reaching over 10,000 athletes throughout the Northeast (see page 106-109).

Pulling off a FIS race over Thanksgiving weekend requires massive amounts of horsepower and manpower. Snowmakers, groomers and the crew behind making Superstar a FIS compliant race course, put in countless hours at all times of the day and night leading up to the event (see page 62-65). Additionally, there are over 300 volunteers that 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 68-69).

In the Killington style of "work hard, play hard," (see page 154) surrounding the races will be a series of parties and world-class entertainment at the Festival Village as well as locations throughout town (see page 20-21).

This complimentary program is designed to enhance your experience 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, local businesses and volunteers, we welcome you to the eighth Killington Cup.

Polly and Jason Mikula Co-publishers of the Mountain Times

President & CEO of Killington/Pico Ski Resorts

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Get the most from your World Cup experience by being "in the know" on where to go. Find race schedules and events all three days surrounding the races, a map of the Festival Village, tips for the best spectating, profiles of top competitors, highlights from previous years' races, and more.

EASTERN SKIING

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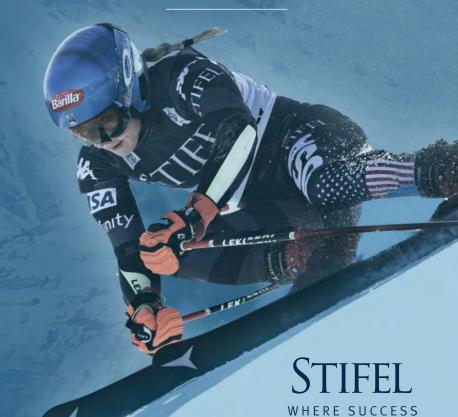
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Superstar trail rises up from the K-1 base area at Killington Resort. Spectators will gather in front the white VIP tent and line the slope to the right to watch the races.

RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 30

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, Dec. 1

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. 20-21

SUPERSTAR

The Stifel Killington Cup, the fourth stop on the women's Audi FIS Ski World Cup Tour, takes place on Superstar at the K-1 base of Killington Resort. The base is roughly 2,500 feet above sea level. While its elevation is lower than Killington's other early season offerings, the resort's snowmaking prowess makes the November races possible (see pages 62-65).

Other than the Stifel Killington Cup, Superstar is not used for racing due to its central location, popularity and crucial connections to other areas on the mountain. However, regional and international teams do stay to train on the course the week after the World Cup concludes at Killington — a unique opportunity that coaches and athletes relish.

Superstar's pitch, width, convenient access, and ease of spectating and broadcasting the event make it a perfect fit for a world-class FIS event.

Superstar Trail is 4,800 feet long with a 1,200 foot vertical drop and a pitch of 30 to 50 degrees.

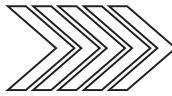
Anatomy of the course

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 from the top of Superstar to where Launch Pad intersects with it.
- 2. "The Fields" is the middle section from of Launch Pad to High Road. It's sometimes called Upper and Lower Fields.
- 3. The "Lower Headwall" (also known as "Preston's Pitch") is the steep bottom section that ends with the finish line.



Courtesy Killington Resort Head to the K-1 base area for all Killington Cup events. Map shows locations of key sections.



The Festival Village is located at the base of the Superstar trail on the slope side of the K-1 Lodge (which is 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). Additionally, there are two grandstand sections, the VIP tent and credentialed media zones.

Spectators can see approximately 40%-50% of the Slalom course and 30%-40% of the Giant Slalom course from the base area. Jumbo screens on the side of the finish area provide additional viewing coverage and are visible from all zones.

FESTIVAL VILLAGE

The Festival Village — located to the right of the finish area looking uphill — offers food and beverage options, vendor booths and the concert stage. It is open to all during all hours of the events, beginning at 3 p.m. Friday for the bib draw and fireworks show. On both Saturday and Sunday it opens at 7 a.m.

The general entry (\$10), grandstand (\$40-\$45), premier grandstand (\$90-\$100) and VIP (\$500) tickets help support the Killington World Cup Foundation, which in turn supports winter sports infrastructure and programs across the Northeast (see story on page 108).

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OFFICIAL KILLINGTON CUP **EVENTS**

Friday, Nov. 29

3 p.m.

Festival Village opens, K-1 Base Area

5:30 p.m.

DJ Ross One, 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, Nov. 30

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 Matt Quinn (lead singer from Mt. Joy), Kona Big Wave Stage, Festival Village

l p.m.

Giant Slalom run 2 on Superstar trail

Immediately following run 2 Giant Slalom awards at finish area

Saturday, cont.

2 p.m.

Live performance by Fitz and the Tantrums, Kona Big Wave Stage, Festival Village

3-8 p.m.

World Cup Rebels Apres Ski Party benefiting the World Cup Dreams Foundation (open to all), Pickle Barrel

6-7 p.m.

HERoic Women's panel, Snowshed Ballroom

7-8 p.m.

Movie: "Moving Right Along" and "Kindred," Snowshed Ballroom

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

After party with DJ Ross One, Wobbly Barn

Sunday, Dec. 1

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 Eve 6, 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. 28

9:30 a.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub - 12th Annual Killington Turkey Trot

Friday, Nov. 29

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

6 p.m. Rivershed - James Joel

6 p.m. Still on the Mountain - Nick **Bredice and Friends**

7:30 p.m. McGrath's Irish Pub - Mance 7:30 p.m. The Foundry - George

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8 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub – Royals

8 p.m. North Star Lodge - Arc Light

9 p.m. Jax Food & Games – Rhys Chalmers

9 p.m. Wobbly Barn - 3AM Tokyo



Schedule is subject to change. Pick up a copy of the Mountain Times newspaper (free) for the most up-todate events in the Killington area.

Saturday, Nov. 30

3 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub – World Cup Rebels Charity Apres Ski Party with G. Love and Friends (all ages)

6 p.m. Summit Lodge – Ramble Tree

6 p.m. The Foundry – Aaron Audet Band

6 p.m. Rivershed – Jeremiah Strauss

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

6:30 p.m. Still on the Mountain -James Joel

7:30 p.m. McGrath's Irish Pub -Mance

8 p.m. Pickle Barrel Nightclub – Royals

8 p.m. North Star Lodge - Arc Light

9 p.m. Jax Food & Games – Nick **Bredice and Rhys Chalmers**

9 p.m. Wobbly Barn – World Cup After-Party with DJ Ross One

11 p.m. Wobbly Barn - 3AM Tokyo

Sunday, Dec. 1

12 p.m. Rivershed - Brunch with Nick Bredice

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

7 p.m. Still On Mountain – Kendall

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





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By Jerry LeBlond

How to Killington Cup

Each year tens of thousands of spectators flock to Killington to cheer on 100 of the best Alpine skiers in the world. Here's what you need to know to have the most enjoyable experience at the Killington Cup. It's all about planning ahead and being prepared!

The festivities kick off with a bang on Friday night!

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)

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- 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.

6 spectating tips:

DON'T MISS FRIDAY NIGHT Yes, we know you came for the races, but the bib draw presentation is a real party! Watch the top 15 women's Giant Slalom athletes draw their bib for Saturday's race. It's also your first chance to visit with

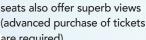
vendors in the village and fireworks at Killington are second to none! Dress appropriately for the weather.

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 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.

VIEW THE SCENE FROM VARIOUS VANTAGE POINTS

The best viewing is in the eye of the beholder. Some prefer a direct angle up through the finish line. Others (especially kids) love to be as high up along the course as is permitted (and then slide down the steep hill between runs). The grandstand and premier grandstand





By Paul Holmes.

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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 DJ Ross One playing Friday night at the Bib Presentations and at the Wobbly after-party Saturday night. Matt Quinn (lead singer from Mt. Joy) is performing between runs Saturday. Fitz and the Tantrums are playing Saturday after the second run. Eve 6 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 crowds like this 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. Getting off the couch at 8 p.m. could prove to be a herculean task, plus dinner at 5 p.m. is less crowded.

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GET SWAG SIGNED

Athletes will sign swag, posters and this program (pages 160-161) at the finish line and at special autograph signing events at Killington ski shops throughout the weekend.



By Robin Alberti

Live broadcast schedule 2024

<u>NETWORK</u>	DAY	<u>EVENT</u>	TIME (ET)
Outside	Saturday	Women's GS Run 1	10 a.m.
NBC, Peacock, Outside	Saturday	Women's GS Run 2	1 p.m.
Outside	Sunday	Women's SL Run 1	10 a.m.
NBC, Peacock, Outside	Sunday	Women's SL Run 2	1 p.m.

(To watch on-demand, view on Outside+)



WORLD-CLASS 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's Base Area, which opens at 3 p.m. Live music with DJ Ross One begins at 5 p.m. with the Athlete Bib Presentation party at 5:45 p.m. followed by fireworks. There are prizes, a t-shirt gun, vendors, food and beverages and much more! The evening concludes with a fireworks display that is reflected on the snow-covered slopes.

Action continues with free concerts around the races Saturday and Sunday. Matt Quinn (lead singer of Mt. Joy) is performing between runs Saturday and Fitz and the Tantrums are playing Saturday after the second run of the Giant Slalom event. Eve 6 is preforming Sunday between Slalom runs.

Learn more about each of these performers on the following pages and get ready for some good shows!

DJ ROSS ONE

Fiden, Nov. 29

5:30 p.m. on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the K-1 Festival Village

DJ Ross One will keep the crowd and vibes going with his seamless mix of tracks, setting the perfect atmosphere for the night.

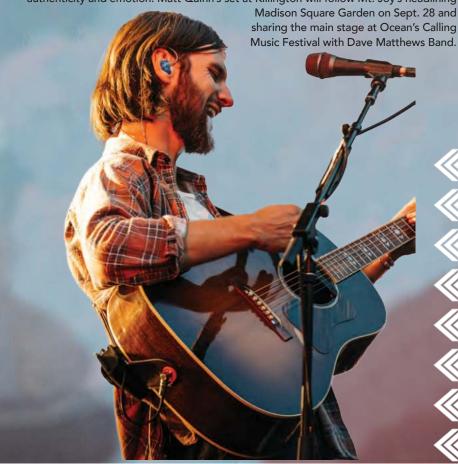
The entertainment kicks off on Friday with DJ Ross One who will perform during the athlete bib presentation and fireworks display. Ross One is considered one of the top open format DJ's in the world. A staple on the Hollywood party circuit, DJ Ross One has toured with artists such as Kanye West and Rihanna. He has earned the reputation as the go-to DJ for everything from

MATT QUINN

Saturday, Nov. 30

Between Giant Slalom Runs on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the K-1 Festival Village

Between runs on Saturday Killington will welcome a truly unique solo, acoustic set with Matt Quinn, lead singer of the indie folk rock group Mt. Joy. After releasing three very successful studio albums Mt. Joy returned in early 2024 with the poignant and deeply personal single "Highway Queen." His soulful vocals and heartfelt songwriting have earned Mt. Joy a dedicated fanbase, with hits like "Silver Lining" and "Strangers" defining their sound. His unique blend of indie rock, folk, and jam-band influences creates a powerful live experience, sure to resonate with audiences looking for authenticity and emotion. Matt Quinn's set at Killington will follow Mt. Joy's headlining



FITZ & THE **TANTRUMS**

Saturday, Nov. 30

After the Giant Slalom race on the Kona Big Wave Stage in the K-1 Festival Village

After the races conclude on Saturday, multi-platinum artists Fitz and the Tantrums will perform.

Fitz and the Tantrums bring their signature mix of neo-soul and indie pop to the stage, captivating audiences with energetic performances and infectious hooks.

Fitz and the Tantrums is a band who have energized popular music and culture with a series of unshakable, undeniable and ubiquitous anthems and albums.

Along the way, they've tallied just shy of 4 billion streams and counting powered by hits such as the 4x-platinum "Hand Clap," 3x-platinum "Out of My League," platinum "The Walker," and gold "Moneygrabber." The Los Angeles collective has magnified the scope of pop with a dash of indie, a dose of soul and a whole lot of dancefloorready bounce. Their latest album explores new sonic territory, while keeping the upbeat and feel-good vibe fans have come to love.





EVE 6

Sunday, Dec. 1

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

On Sunday, American punk-pop trio Eve 6 will take the stage mid-day following the first run of the Slalom race. For over two decades, Eve 6 has been a force in the alternative rock scene, captivating audiences with their infectious sound and compelling lyrics.

Eve 6, the iconic alt-rock trio, is back and bringing their 90s postgrunge sound to a new generation. With a discography that spans hit albums like "Eve 6" and "Horrorscope," the band has left an indelible mark on the music landscape. Known for their smash hits "Inside Out" and "Here's to the Night," Eve 6 combines introspective lyrics with a hard-hitting rock edge that has stood the test of time. Their live shows are a high-energy journey through nostalgia and modern rock. Eve 6 continues to resonate with fans, delivering a high-energy experience that transcends the boundaries of alternative rock.



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PODIUM PROWESS

Could the GOAT earn her 1000 win at Killington Resort? Odds are high

By Polly Mikula

Mikaela Shiffrin, who attended Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont, has won the Slalom race at Killington six of seven times since the Killington Cup began in 2016. Fans always want to see her defend her title but this year that victory could bring with it another massive milestone: her 100th World Cup win! A feat no other Alpine skier in history has done. She began the season with 97 World Cup wins and there are three races before the Killington Cup — one Giant Slalom and two Slalom races.

While the competition is always steep, with less than a quarter second often separating places on the podium, Shiffrin has proven her podium prowess over and over in the 14 years she's been on the World Cup circuit. She has a 35.92% World Cup

Shiffrin... has a has a 35.92% World Cup winning rate from 270 starts.

winning rate from 270 starts, according to Olympics.com. Of her 97 wins, she's won 60 Slalom World Cup events and 22 Giant Slalom events. Her podium rate is even higher at 56.29% with 152 World Cup podiums (84 in Slalom).

While she's more likely to win the Slalom, Shiffrin has also made the podium in Giant Slalom at Killington twice: in 2019 she placed third and in 2017, second. She also won the overall globe in Giant Slalom for the World Cup season in 2022-23.

The Killington Cup trophy

Simon Pearce in Quechee produces the Killington Cup trophies in crystal glass. "Since the first year we hosted the event, the trophies have been from Simon

Pearce," said Amy Laramie, Killington's vice president of brand marketing and events. "It's a different design each year."

Simon Pearce, just 22 miles east of Killlington, has earned international prestige for design and craftsmanship since it opened in 1981.

Like all of Simon Pearce's creations, the trophy begins as a blob of molten glass at the end of a pipe. It then gets molded, shaped on a lathe, trimmed and cooled using centuries old and perfected techniques. Each vessel is one of a kind. The trophies take three full days to produce.

Killington Resort chose to partner with local glassblowers at Simon Pearce to get something "unique and hand-crafted to represent our state," the resort said.



Courtesy Simon Pearce

This year's Stifel Killington Cup trophies will be the hand-blown Revere Hurricanes (right) in various sizes. Small Vermont Evergreens (left) will also be given to the athletes at the bib draw.

Past podiums at the Killington Cup

2023 Giant Slalom

- 1 Lara Gut-Behrami, SUI 1:53.05
- 2. Alice Robinson, NZL 1:53.67
- Mikaela Shiffrin, USA 1:53.86

2023 Slalom

- Mikaela Shiffrin, USA 1.
- 2. Petra Vlhova, SVK 1:42.35
- 3. Wendy Holdener, SUI 1:43.39

2021 Giant Slalom

Canceled due to weather conditions.

2021 Slalom

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

2019 Giant Slalom

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

2019 Slalom

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

2017 Giant Slalom

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

2017 Slalom

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





2022 Giant Slalom

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

2022 Slalom

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

2020 Races

2020 Killington Cup was canceled due to Covid

2018 Giant Slalom

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

2018 Slalom

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

2016 Giant Slalom

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

2016 Slalom

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



2024 Killington Cup
A pictorial review



How FIS racing works

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 four disciplines: 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. Super-G and Downhill are called the speed events.

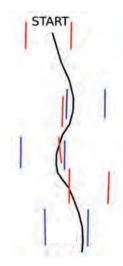
While World Cup racers often hit top speeds of 75-plus mph in Downhill competitions, speeds in technical races are considerably slower, as the courses require racers to navigate tighter turns and complex gate sequences. Still, racers can reach speeds up to 50 mph (which is more than double what most recreational skiers would feel comfortable hitting).

On Giant Slalom courses, vertical distances between gates on the World

Cup circuit can range from 24-28 meters, 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 average, depending on terrain, speeds, width and length of trail, and vertical drop.

On Slalom courses, the distance between gates is generally 9-11 meters. Offset distances 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.

A racer's ski tips and boots must pass through each "gate," breaking the imaginary line between the turning and outside pole (see graphic, right). If they fail to do so, they are disqualified.



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.

Equipment 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 ensure each racer's equipment complies after each run.

2023-24 World Cup season standings: Overall

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Skier</u>	<u>Downhill</u>	Super-G	<u>GS</u>	<u>Slalom</u>	<u>Total</u>
		8 races	9 races	11 races	11 races	
1	Lara Gut-Behrami	369	576	771	0	1,716
2	Federica Brignone	281	546	750	4	1,581
3	Mikaela Shiffrin	100	50	429	830	1,409
4	Sara Hector	0	0	583	339	922
5	Cornelia Hütter	397	516	0	0	913
6	Petra Vlhová	0	0	297	505	802
7	Sofia Goggia	350	237	205	0	792
8	Michelle Gisin	116	163	88	418	785
9	Marta Bassino	236	244	259	0	739
10	Stephanie Venier	346	380	0	0	726
11	Ragnhild Mowinckel	200	247	217	0	664
12	Alice Robinson	23	135	492	0	650
13	Zrinka Ljutić	0	0	239	321	560
14	Kajsa Vickhoff Lie	162	337	45	0	544
15	Mirjam Puchner	251	278	0	0	529
16	Lena Dürr	0	0	9	508	517
17	Paula Moltzan	0	0	236	237	473
18	Katharina Liensberger	0	0	122	325	447
19	Valérie Grenier	60	42	327	0	429
20	Camille Rast	0	0	122	290	412

2023-24 World Cup season standings: Giant Slalom

2023-24 World Cup season standings: Slalom

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Skier</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Skier</u>	<u>Total</u>	
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(tie)	Camille Rast	122		KILLINGTON CUP 202	24 39	





The start order for the first run for the top 15 racers (based on World Cup points) is determined by a random bib draw. The remaining racers' will race in order of their FIS point ranking the first run. For the second run, only the fastest 30 racers qualify. They start in reverse order based on finish times for the first run, so the fastest racer goes last.

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) for bibs 1-7. Then. athletes ranked 8-15 are entered in the double random draw for bibs 8-15.

Scoring

KILLINGTON

By Paul Holmes

The winner of each race receives a "trophy," which can vary from reindeer in Finland (Mikaela has seven!) to Simon Pearce glass vases at Killington to crystal globes. The top 30 finishers receive points: 100 to the winner, 80 for second, 60 for third, winding down to 1 point for 30th place. Cumulative points in each discipline determines the overall World Cup winner.

Worldwide

World Cup competitions have been hosted in 25 countries: 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.



MIKAELA SHIFFRIN



Birthday: March 13, 1995

Mikaela Shiffrin is on the cusp of reaching yet another huge milestone as she begins her 15th season: her 100th World Cup win.

In January 2023, Shiffrin broke the women's record of 82 World Cup wins held by Lindsey Vonn (2018), then two months later she broke the men's record of 86 accumulated by Swede Ingemar Stenmark in the 1980s. She started this season with 97 after she tacked on nine more wins last season.

Shiffrin is tied with Stenmark and

Lindsey Vonn for most season titles in a single discipline, with eight, and her 60 total World Cup Slalom wins are the most by any skier in a single discipline, (22 were in Giant Slalom, 5 in Super-G, 4 in Downhill, 1 Alpine Combined, 3 City Events, and 2 Parallel Slaloms). She's also the first to win a race in six different Alpine disciplines.

In total Shiffrin has stood atop the World Cup podium 152 times (84 in Slalom, 43 in Giant Slalom, 10

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in Super-G, 7 in Downhill, 1 in Alpine Combined, 5 in City Events, 2 in Parallel Slalom).

In one season (2018-19) she accumulated 17 wins, which is the most by any skier, male or female.

She has also won the Overall season title five times (2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023), which is one shy of the female record set by Austrian Annemarie Moser-Pröll in the 1970s — a record she may tie this year.

The overall title is determined by adding points from results in all 37 World Cup races across Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom, While Shiffrin has chosen to bow out of Downhill races this season, she's still the heavy favorite.

Last season, Shiffrin was sidelined for an 11-race stretch after a crash in a Downhill event in late January at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, when she sprained left leg ligaments. Shiffrin returned in March and won her last two races, both Slaloms, and still won the Slalom season and finished third in the overall standings.

The first seven races this season are all technical events — Giant Slalom and Slalom — Shiffrin's best. This means the chances of her hitting her 100th win in the U.S. is high. Her first chance will be the two races in Killington, followed two weeks later by a Super-G in her home state of Colorado — it's the first time a women's race has been held in Beaver Creek since 2013.

Of the 37 World Cup races this season, 10 are in Slalom, 10 Giant Slalom, 9 Super-G and 8 Downhill.

Early years

Shiffrin, grew up in Colorado then attended Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont. She made her World Cup debut

on March 11, 2011. That April, just a few weeks after her 16th birthday, she won the Slalom at the U.S. National Championships at Winter Park, becoming the youngest U.S. ski racer to claim a national Alpine crown.

Shiffrin racked up many records as the youngest Alpine skier, including: the youngest Slalom champion in Olympic Alpine skiing history, at 18 years old and the youngest skier to win 50 World Cup races, at age 23.

Killington Cup

At the Killington Cup, Shiffrin has won six of the past seven Slalom races.

Shiffrin's best finishes at the Killington Giant Slalom were in 2017 when she placed second and in 2019 and 2023 when she placed third.





Birthday: June 13, 1995

Petra Vlhova has been Shiffrin's primary challenger in the Slalom for the last six years. She has placed second at the Killington Cup in Slalom five of the seven past races.

In the past 66 World Cup Slaloms (since March 2017) Shiffrin has won 36 and Vlhova has won 21, leaving only nine for other FIS athletes to claim.

She began the season with 31 World Cup Wins.

Additionally, she won the World Cup overall title in 2021, the Slalom title in 2020 and 2022 and the gold medal in Slalom at the 2022 Winter

In total, she has earned 73 World Cup podiums (46 in

Olympics.

Slalom, 19 in Giant Slalom, 6 in Parallel Slalom and one in Alpine Combined).

At the Killington Cup, in Giant Slalom, her best finish was in 2022 when she finished fourth.

Vlhova won three races last season before a season-ending fall in a World Cup Giant Slalom on Jan. 20. She tore ligaments in her right knee.

She's had to bow out of the first two races of this season as her recovery continued — a Giant Slalom in Sölden, Austria, Oct. 26, and a Nov. 17 Slalom in Levi, Finland — and may miss the Slalom in Gurgl, Austria, on Nov. 23.

"Over the next six weeks, until the end of November, she'll be working on her physical condition," her team said in a statement.



LARA GUT-BEHRAMI

Birthday: April 27, 1991

Lara Gut-Behrami is the reigning overall World Cup Champion, having won the 2024 season overall. She also won the Giant Slalom and Super-G disciplines her sixth discipline title win. (It was her first in Giant Slalom, fifth for Super-G.)

She began this season with 45 World Cup wins, which is second only to Shiffrin's record of 97 among active women racing. (Petra Vlhova follows with 31).

Gut-Behrami specializes in the speed events with 22 wins in Super-G and 13 in Downhill, with an additional 9 in Giant Slalom, and 1 in Alpine Combined.

In total, she's stood on the World Cup podium 90 times (39 in Super-G, 23 in Downhill, 25 in Giant Slalom, 2 in Alpine Combined, and 1 in Parallel Giant Slalom.

Gut-Behrami won the gold medal in Super-G at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, her second Olympic medal (in 2014, she took the bronze in Downhill).

She's also the two-time defending winner of the Killington Cup Giant Slalom having won in 2022 and 2023.

FEDERICA BRIGNONE

Birthday: July 14, 1990

Federica Brignone won the season opener this year, a Giant Slalom in Sölden, Austria, on Oct. 26.

She began the season with 27 World Cup wins, with Sölden extending that to 28 (13 in Giant Slalom, 10 in Super-G and 5 in Alpine Combined).

In total she has 70 World Cup podium finishes (37 in Giant Slalom, 20 in Super-G, 7 in Downhill and 6 in Alpine Combined). She has four World Cup season titles (1 Overall, 1 Giant Slalom, 1 Super-G, 1 Alpine Combined.)

At the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, she won silver in Giant Slalom and a bronze in the Alpine Combined, adding to her Olympic medal count, having won the bronze in 2018 in Giant Slalom.

She won the Killington Cup Giant Slalom in 2018 and placed second in 2019. Then, after the Killington Cup last year, she won consecutive races in Giant slalom in Tremblant, Canada.





LENA DÜRR

33 GERMANY

Birthday: Aug. 4, 1991

Lena Dürr finished the 2024 World Cup season in second place overall in Slalom. It was the best season standing of her career. She finished the 2023 season in fourth place and the 2022 season in third place.

Last season, she earned four podium finishes in Slalom: four seconds and one third. In total she has 13 World Cup podiums (12 in Slalom, 1 in a City Event).

Her best career finish was on Jan. 29, 2023, when she edged out Mikaela Shiffrin to win her second ever World Cup victory (her first was a City Event in Moscow, Russia in 2013).

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

Dürr is a contender for the podium at the Killington Cup. She just missed it last year placing fourth and in 2021 finished fifth.

SARA HECTOR

32 SWEDER

Birthday: Sept. 9, 1992

Sara Maria Hector is the reigning Olympic champion in Giant Slalom. Her win at the Beijing Olympics was the first Olympic gold for Sweden in the women's Giant Slalom event in 30 years.

She finished the 2024 season third in Giant Slalom with four podium finishes (one first place finish, one second and two third place finishes). She also finished the season sixth in Slalom.

In total she has stood atop the World Cup podium 18 times, 17 of which were in Giant Slalom and once in Slalom. She's reached the top spot five times in Giant Slalom in her career.

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

At the Killington Cup, she finished in fourth place in the Giant Slalom last year and secured a third place podium finish in 2022, just 0.20 seconds behind the winner.





MICHELLE GISIN

Birthday: Dec. 5, 1993

Michelle Gisin is a two-time Olympic gold medalist. She won the women's Alpine Combined event at the 2018 winter games (following in the footsteps of her sister, Dominique Gisin, who won gold in downhill in the 2014 Games). Then, at the in Beijing Olympics four years later, she defended her title with the gold in the Alpine Combined and also added a bronze medal in Super-G.

In total, she has stood atop the World Cup podium 21 times (9 in Slalom, 4 in Downhill, 3 in Giant Slalom, 3 in Super-G and 2 in Alpine Combined).

She finished the past World Cup season fourth for Slalom with two third place finishes. Her best season was 2021, when she placed third overall and fourth in both Slalom and Giant Slalom.

At the Killington Cup: She finished sixth in the Slalom and 14th in the Giant Slalom last year. Her best finish in Killington was in 2019 when she finished fourth in Giant Slalom.

ALICE **ROBINSON**

Birthday: Dec. 1, 2001

Alice Robinson took second in the season opener this year, a Giant Slalom in Sölden, Austria, on Oct. 26. She was just 0.17 seconds behind Federica Brignone.

She also finished second at the Killington Cup last year 0.62 seconds behind Lara Gut-Behrami and 0.81 seconds ahead of Shiffrin.

She finished the World Cup season in fourth in Giant Slalom with four second place finishes and one third.

In total she's stood atop the World Cup podium 10 times (all in Giant Slalom), with three career wins.

She made her World Cup debut in a Giant Slalom race in Slovenia, Jan. 6, 2018. Then three days later, she won her first Giant Slalom World Cup race in Austria, beating Shiffrin by 0.06 seconds.



ANNA SWENN-**LARSSON**

Birthday: June 18, 1991

Anna Swenn-Larsson won the Killington Cup Slalom in a tie with Wendy Holdener in 2022. It was her first World Cup victory. Neither could defend that title, however, and Shriffrin regained the top spot last November.

In total Swenn-Larsson has stood atop the World Cup podium 13 times (11 in Slalom, two in Parallel Slalom). Three of those podiums were earned last season: with a first and two third place finishes.

She finished the 2024 World Cup season fifth in Slalom. She also finished the 2020 and 2023 season in fifth and the 2019 season in fourth.

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

At the Killington Cup, she tied for the Slalom win in 2022, and finished third in 2019





VALERIE **GRENIER**



Birthday: Oct. 30, 1996

Valerie Grenier finished the past World Cup season sixth in Giant Slalom with one podium finish — winning a Giant Slalom race Jan. 6, 2024, in Kranjska Gora. That win was almost exactly one year after her first World Cup podium, also first place in Giant Slalom, also in Kraniska Gora.

Her 2023 win was a historic moment for Canadian Alpine athletes as it was the first World Cup Giant Slalom win by a Canadian in 49 years.

In total she has stood atop the World Cup podium four times (3 in Giant Slalom and 1 in Downhill).

Her best finish at the Killington Cup was last year when she finished fifth in the Giant Slalom, 1.44 seconds back from winner Lara GutBehram.



KATHARINA **LIENSBERGER**

Birthday: April 1, 1997

Katharina Liensberger finished the World Cup season seventh in Slalom. In total she's stood atop the World Cup podium 15 times (14 in Slalom and 1 in Giant Slalom).

At the 2022 Beijing Olympics she defended her 2018 Olympic title winning gold in the team event and earned silver in Slalom.

Her first World Cup victories came in March 2021 when she won two Slalom races back-to-back. She then won the World Champion in the Slalom and Parallel Giant Slalom before going on to win the World Cup season title in Slalom.

Her best finishes at the Killington Cup were in Slalom. In 2019 she finished sixth and in 2021 she placed fourth.

THEA LOUISE **STJERNESUND**

Birthday: Nov. 24, 1996

Thea Louise Stiernesund made her World Cup debut in October 2018 in the season opener at Sölden, and collected her first points with a ninth-place finish. At this year's season opener at Sölden, Oct. 26, she finished sixth, just 1.38 seconds behind the winning time.

In total she has stood atop the World Cup podium three times (two in Giant Slalom, one in parallel Giant Slalom).

She finished the past World Cup season seventh in Giant Slalom with one podium placement, a third place finish on March 17. In 2022 she finished the season second in Parallel.

At the 2022 Beijing Olympics she won bronze for the Team Event. finished sixth in Giant Slalom and 15th in Slalom.

Her best finishes at the Killington Cup were in 2022 when she finished 10th in Giant Slalom and 13th in Slalom.





SOFIA GOGGIA

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Birthday: Nov. 15, 1992

Sofia Goggia is a two-time Olympic downhill medalist — earning gold at the 2018 Olympics and silver in the 2022 Olympics.

In 2018 she won the World Cup season title in downhill, edging out Lindsey Vonn by three points, then went on to win the title three more times (2021—2023).

Goggia attained her first World Cup podium in November 2016, earning a third place finish in Giant Slalom at Killington.

She's won 24 World Cups (18 in Downhill and 6 in Super-G).

In total she's stood atop the World Cup podium 54 times (34 Downhill, 14 Super-G, 5 Giant Slalom, and 1 Alpine Combined).

Her best finishes at the Killington Cup were in : In 2016 she placed third in Giant Slalom.

MARTA BASSINO

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Birthday: Feb. 27, 1996

Marta Bassino's 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 single season.

In 2021, she won four of the first five Giant Slalom races and clinched season title in that discipline. In 2022, she was back on the Killington podium in second place in the Giant Slalom — just 0.07 seconds behind the winner.

In total she's stood atop the World Cup podium 30 times (20 in Giant Slalom, 5 in Super-G, 2 in Alpine Combined, 2 in Downhill, 1 in Parallel Giant Slalom). Seven of those podiums she earned first place (six in Giant Slalom, 1 in Downhill).

Her best finishes at the Killington Cup were in 2019 when she won the Giant Slalom, in 2022 when she took second, and in 2016 when she placed fourth.



WENDY **HOLDENER**

31 SWITZERLAND

Birthday: May 12, 1993

Wendy Holdener tied with Anna Swenn-Larsson for the Slalom win at the 2022 Killington Cup. It was her first World Cup Slalom win. Before her Killington Cup victory, she had made it on the Slalom podium 30 times without a win.

Holdener is a five-time Olympic medalist. At the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics she won three medals: gold in the Alpine Team event, silver in Slalom, bronze in Alpine Combined. Four years later in Beijing, she won a silver medal in the Alpine Combined and a bronze medal in Slalom.

In total she has stood atop the World Cup podium 49 times (35 in Slalom, 5 in Parallel Slalom, 5 in Alpine Combined, 2 in Giant Slalom, 2 in Super-G.)

Her best finish at the Killington Cup was her Slalom win in 2022. She also podiumed in 2016 and 2021, placing third in both Slaloms.





CAMILLE RAST

Birthday: July 9, 1999

Camille Rast, a former junior World Champion in Slalom, finished ninth in Slalom for the 2023-2024 World Cup season. She was in the Top 10 five times, including two 4th place finishes.

At the Beijing Olympics she placed 7th in Slalom and 16th in Giant Slalom.



KATHARINA HUBER

Birthday: Oct. 3, 1995

Katharina Huber finished tenth in Slalom for the 2023-2024 World Cup season. Her best finishes include four Top 10 finishes with one fifth and one sixth place.

At the Beijing Olympics she won gold in the Team event.



AJ HURT

Birthday: Dec. 5, 2000

AJ Hurt made her World Cup debut in November 2017 at the Killington Cup.

She earned her first World Cup points in 2021 and then last season stood on the World Cup podium twice, placing third last season in Slalom at Kraniska Gora, Slovenia, and in Giant Slalom at Soldeu. Andorra.

She finished the 2023-2024 World Cup season 15th in the Giant Slalom discipline.

She competed in the 2022 Beijing Olympics finishing 34th in Slalom.

AJ Hurt has competed in the Giant Slalom and Slalom races at the Killington Cup each year since her debut in 2017. Her best finish was last year, when she placed 19th in Giant Slalom.

PAULA MOLTZAN

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Birthday: April 7, 1994

Paula Moltzan lives in Waitsfield. Vermont, where she trains at the Green Mountain Valley School (GMVS). Moltzan raced collegiately for the University of Vermont in Burlington where she won the NCAA title in Slalom in 2017. She rejoined the World Cup circuit for the 2018-19 season. This will be her 11th season on the circuit.

She since stood on the World Cup podium three times, twice in Slalom and once in Parallel Giant Slalom.

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

Her best season standing was at the end of the 2022-2023 World Cup season when she finished seventh in Slalom, Last season she finished 11th in Giant Slalom and 12th in Slalom.

Last year she had her best Killington Cup finish placing 8th in Slalom and 8th in Giant Slalom.



NINA O'BRIEN

27

Birthday: Nov. 29, 1997

Nina O'Brien has started this season off fast placing seventh at the season opening Giant Slalom race at Sölden her career best at a World Cup race. It was her return to the World Cup after breaking her leg in the Beijing Olympics and then re-breaking it last summer.

Nina O'Brien attended Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont, then raced for Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, before making her World Cup debut at the first Killington Cup race in 2016.

She earned her first top 10 World Cup finish, placing ninth in a Slalom in Austria in the 2021-2022 season.

She competed in the 2022 Beijing Olympics finishing sixth place in the Giant Slalom after the first run, but crashed near the finish of the second run.

At the Killington Cup in 2018 she earned her first World Cup points placing 23rd in Slalom, which is her best finish in Killington to date.





Katie Hensien had her best World Cup finish at the first race of this season — a Giant Slalom race at Sölden where she finished fourth. A particularly impressive feat given that she's only started in 13 Giant Slalom World Cup races, thus far, preferring Slalom.

Katie Hensien raced her first World Cup event in Killington in 2017. She earned her first World Cup points in 2021. She is currently on the Alpine B Team.

ALINULLMEYER



Aug. 21, 1998

Ali Nullmeyer attended grades 9-12 at Green Mountain Valley School in Vermont, then joined the Canadian Alpine Ski Team in 2015.

At the end of the 2023-2024 World Cup season she finished 11th in Slalom with four Top 10 finishes.

At last year's Killington Cup she finished 13th in Slalom.



ZRINKA LJUTIĆ

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Birthday: Jan. 26, 2004

Zrinka Ljutić finished the past World Cup season in eighth place in Slalom (with three consecutive second place finishes) and 10th in Giant Slalom.

In total she's stood atop the World Cup podium four times. In addition to the three second place finishes last season she earned a third place finish in January 2023 at a Slalom in Czechia.

She made her World Cup debut at age 16 in December 2020. Two years later she competed in the Beijing Olympics in Slalom and Giant Slalom finishing 25th and 28th, respectively.

At the Killington Cup last year she finished 13th in Giant Slalom and 10th in Slalom.

LEONA POPOVIĆ

27

Birthday: Nov. 13, 1997

Leona Popović specializes in Slalom. She's had two recent World Cup podiums: both second place finishes. The first was at Soldeu, Andorra, March 18, 2023. The second, Nov. 12, 2023, at Levi, Finland.

She finished the 2022-2023 season in sixth place for the Slalom discipline. Last year she finished 14th.

In the 2022 Olympics in Beijing she finished 23rd in Slalom.





KATHARINA TRUPPE

Birthday: Jan. 15, 1996

Katharina Truppe made her World Cup debut in 2015. She secured her first podium, a third place finish in Slalom, in November 2019 in Levi, Finland.

In total she has stood atop the World Cup podium four times, all third place finishes and all in Slalom. The first two were in 2020, then in 2023 and 2024.

Her best season standings were sixth and seventh in Slalom for the 2019 and 2020 seasons, respectively.

At the Beijing Olympics in 2022 she won gold in the Team Event and just missed another medal with a fourth place finish in Giant Slalom.

Her best finish at the Killington Cup was in 2022 when she made the podium in third place in Slalom. Prior to that her best finish was in 2018. when she placed ninth in Slalom.

MELANIE **MEILLARD**



Birthday: Sept. 23, 1999

Melanie Meillard made her World Cup debut at age 17 in 2015. She has since stood atop

the World Cup podium once taking third in Parallel Slalom in 2018. She finished the 2018 season in eighth place in Slalom, her best season on the circuit. Last season she finished 13th, her second best finish.

Meillard's best finish at the Killington Cup was 16th last year in Slalom. She finished 17th the year prior.

CLARA DIREZ



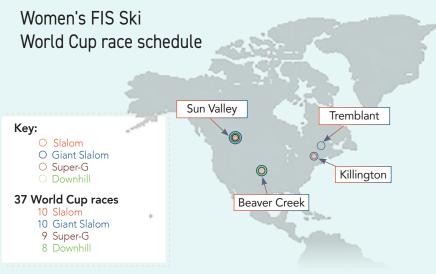
Clara Direz made her World Cup debut in the Giant Slalom at Maribor. Slovenia, in 2013.

Seven years later, in January 2020, she scored her first World Cup win and achieved her first and only podium in the Parallel Giant Slalom in Sestriere, Italy.

Last season she had four Top 10 World Cup finishes in Giant Slalom and finished the season 16th.

At last year's Killington Cup she placed 27th in Giant Slalom.

2024-25



Event	Date	Venue	Туре
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	. 12, 2025 . 14, 2025	St. Anton, Austria Flachau, Austria	Super-G Slalom (night)



Even	t Date	Venue	Туре
19.	Jan. 18, 2025	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Downhill
20. 21.	Jan. 19, 2025	Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	Super-G Giant Slalom
22.	Jan. 21, 2025 Jan. 25, 2025	Kronplatz, Italy Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Downhill (1)
23.	Jan. 26, 2025	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Super-G
24.	Jan. 30, 2025	Courchevel, France	Slalom (night)
25. 26.	Feb. 22, 2025 Feb. 23, 2025	Sestriere, Italy Sestriere, Italy	Giant Slalom Slalom
20. 27.	Feb. 28, 2025	Kvitfjell, Norway	Downhill
28.	Mar. 1, 2025	Kvitfjell, Norway	Downhill
29.	Mar. 2, 2025	Kvitfjell, Norway	Super-G
30.	Mar. 8, 2025	Åre, Sweden	Giant Slalom
31. 32.	Mar. 9, 2025 Mar. 14, 2025	Åre, Sweden La Thuile, Italy	Slalom Downhill
32. 33.	Mar. 15, 2025	La Thuile, Italy	Super-G
34.	Mar. 22, 2025	Sun Valley, Idaho, USA	Downhill
35.	Mar. 23, 2025	Sun Valley, Idaho, USA	Super-G
36.	Mar. 25, 2025	Sun Valley, Idaho, USA	Giant Slalom
37.	Mar. 27, 2025	Sun Valley, Idaho, USA	Slalom





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Who sets the course?

By Katy Savage

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.

The first run of the Giant Slalom on Saturday will be set by Norwegian coach Hannes Zöchling and the second run by Swedish coach Walter Girardi.

For Sunday's Slalom race, the first run will be set by Austrian coach Klaus Mayrhofer and the second run will be set by Swiss coach Jörg Roten.

The course setter decides where to put each gate, with an eye for interesting and challenging terrain.

Safety is also 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 (FIS) standards.

Superstar is 4,800 feet long and drops 1,200 vertical feet with a pitch of 30 to 50 degrees. At Killington, there are typically 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 & 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 with over five kilometers of safety fence to protect racers should they blow out of the course.

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 of blue dye during the race and can re-apply the dye, as necessary.





MAKING SNOW

A crucial component gets a major investment with 1,000 new low-e guns

By Katy Savage and Polly Mikula

The Killington

Resort crew

operates with a

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the World Cup.

Making snow in Vermont in November isn't always ideal — or even possible.

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 make 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."

Crews check the forecast, every day, twice a day starting Oct 1, hoping the temperature drops to about 31 degrees.

The resort's snowmaking infrastructure is among the largest in the U.S. featuring about 90 miles of pipeline between

Killington and Pico. Additionally, this October it announced that it'll add 1,000 new low-energy snowguns over the next two years (454 were already installed over the summer and fall).

Once completed, the resort will have 1,695 total tower guns and 764 "portable" guns for a total arsenal of 2,459 snow guns to service 3,500 sets of hydrants between both mountains. The new snow guns represent some \$7 million of capital investment.

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

Superstar, the World Cup race course, 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.

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Courtesy Killington Resort



INJECTING SUPERSTAR

The firmer the course the better it will hold up through the entire lineup of racers. 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. Injection is most crucial for 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 Stifel 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.



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"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 & 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 64). 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 VP 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. Thus, only experts are allowed on the course.

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.

The base of Superstar sits at 2,500 feet above sea level, while the top of the K-1 Gondola on Killington Peak — the second highest peak in the state — reaches 4,241 feet. There are cooler temperatures at these high elevations.

In addition to the new snowmaking equipment, Killington Resort will transition to a new control and hydrant tracking system for the 2025/26 season, which ensure maximum efficiency.

"This is the most transformative snowmaking project since Killington expanded over to Bear Mountain in the late 70s," said Snowmaking Manager Greg Gleason. "The low energy snow guns, not only will it save on costs, it will allow us to expand terrain at a much faster rate in the early season."





















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VIVACIOUS VOLUNTEERS

A CRITICAL
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By Victoria Gaither

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

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 volunteers assist with the race course, set up,

break down, maintenance, and crowd control. In a nutshell, the volunteers ensure the event runs smoothly for all: 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? Or it's simply the pride and excitement of the World Cup itself.



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

"I think it's very important to acknowledge the volunteers and community effort" he said of the work

that goes into making the World Cup a world-class event.

Horrocks added. "Without [the crew] we could not pull off a solid race venue," she stated, quick to pass along credit and accolades for the crew's success to her team and the volunteers themselves. Even noting that the Beast Crew name was voted upon in 2017, "So, it's self-named!"

THE HEART OF THE KILLINGTON CUP:

Volunteers like Tim Lefebvre make it possible

By Katy Savage

Tim Lefebvre has been a dedicated volunteer for the Killington Cup for the past seven years, where he holds a unique role — setting up giant inflatable airbags.

Lefebvre's team sets up 14 inflatable airbags on sections of the hill that are beyond the protective netting. These airbags, located near lift towers, must be skied down, anchored in place, and inflated with backpack blowers in case the ski racers crash.

"They never hit them, thank god," Lefebvre said.

Each bag measures about 30 feet long by 8 feet high and weighs several hundred pounds. Two skiers are needed to carry them down the mountain, tying ropes to the bags and sliding them into position.

"They have to be young, strong expert skiers," he said. "It's kind of scary, and hill conditions are race conditions."

Lefebvre volunteers just to be part of ski racing.

"I love ski racing, and I love the show," Lefebvre said. "The Killington show is just amazing. You get to go to nationals, but nothing compares to a World Cup in Killington, where there are people screaming their lungs out at the bottom."



Submitted
Tim Lefebvre

In total, the World Cup relies on about 350 volunteers who assist in various roles, from parking to race crew, course setup, and hospitality.

"Sometimes you have to be very experienced in what it is you're searching for," said Stacy Eder, the volunteer consultant.

"When you envision 20,000 people coming into the area, like the base of Killington, there's a lot of infrastructure that needs to be set up. It really takes a village to do this," Eder said. "The volunteers are appreciated year in and year out. We wouldn't be able to pull this off without them."



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"If you look at our roster, our

best athletes are women."

said Courtney Harkins.

By Katy Savage and Karen Lorentz

The HERoic Initiative, first launched at the Killington Cup in 2022 by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, has succeeded at supporting female athletes and elevating all women in the snowsports industry.

Through hosting leadership summits,

fostering mentorship programs, raising funds, giving out awards, and recruiting more

women to be involved in coaching and leadership positions, the program has seen immediate results.

"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."

Sophie Goldschmidt, the president and CEO of U.S. Ski & Snowboard, added, "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."

Addressing the gender gap that remains in the coverage of 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.

HERoic panel

The inaugural panel of ski industry women leaders discussed the challenges women face, changes that have occurred, and opportunities for women wanting to work in the ski and snowboard industry after they retire from racing or graduate from college.

The 2023 HERoic panel focused on: Doing It All: Women Leaders. Goldschmidt moderated a panel that included: M'Lis Ward, the first black woman captain (pilot) for United Airlines; Amy Laramie, vice president of brand marketing and events at Killington Resort; Kalen Griffin and Wynter McBridge, athletes in the allfemale film Advice for Girls; and Lori McClallen, race program director Pico Ski Club.

This year's HERoic panel presentation will continue that awareness. It is open to World Cup ticket-holders and takes place in the Snowshed Ballroom from 6 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30.

For more information, visit: Killington.com/worldcup.

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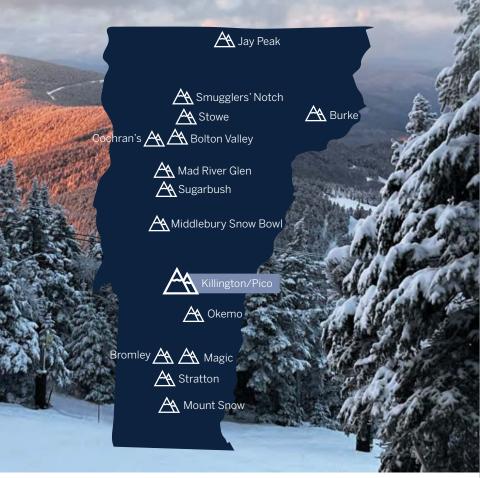


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Bromley Mountain

Sun Mountain Mountain, often o

Bromley Mountain, often called the "Sun Mountain," offers southeast-facing slopes, meaning skiers enjoy sunshine all day. It is a family-friendly resort known for its diverse terrain, including 47 trails and a top-notch ski school, making it ideal for beginners and families.



Burke Mountain Shiffrin's start

In Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Burke Mountain is known for its oldschool, no-frills vibe, catering largely to locals and hard-core skiers. It's also home to Burke Mountain Academy, an elite training ground for Olympic and worldclass athletes, including Mikaela Shiffrin.



Cochran's Ski Area

For families and first-timers

A small, family-run operation, Cochran's mission is to make skiing accessible to everyone. As the nation's first nonprofit ski area, it has produced a long list of Olympic skiers and remains an affordable spot for families to learn the sport.



Jay Peak Resort

Glades & a waterpark

Jay Peak boasts some of the best snow in the East due to its location near the Canadian border, receiving over 350 inches annually. Known for its glade skiing and snowboarding, it also features an indoor waterpark, making it a destination for winter sports enthusiasts and families.



Killington Resort

Beast of the East

Nicknamed "The Beast of the East," Killington is the largest ski area in the East, with over 1,500 skiable acres and 6 peaks. It's known for its extensive terrain, high-speed lifts, après-ski scene, and the longest season in the East, staying open until late May and sometimes June!



Mad River Glen

Ski it if you can

Mad River Glen, known for natural snow and challenging terrain, is famous for its "Ski It lif you can" motto. It's one of the few skier-only resorts in the U.S. It also features the last remaining single chairlift in Vermont, adding to its throwback vibe. It's also community-owned.



Magic Mountain Local love

Magic Mountain has rugged terrain and an independent spirit, is known for its old-school feel. With fewer crowds, it offers an alternative to large commercial resorts. Magic also boasts a strong backcountry scene, with adventurous locals.



Middlebury College Snow Bowl Small but mighty

Middlebury College operates the Snow Bowl, a charming, smaller resort known for its laid-back vibe and college-town atmosphere. It offers affordable lift tickets and terrain suitable for all abilities and is a favorite among locals and students alike.



Mount Snow

Southern charm

Mount Snow is Vermont's southern most resorts, known for its extensive snowmaking capabilities. The resort is home to Carinthia Parks, one of the East's largest terrain parks, attracting freestyle skiers and snowboarders.



Okemo Mountain Resort

Slopeside, family-fun

Okemo, owned by Vail Resorts, is renowned for its family-friendly atmosphere, grooming, and snowmaking. With 123 trails, it's a favorite among intermediate skiers. The resort also features a mountain coaster at its Jackson Gore base and yearround activities, too.



Pico Mountain Pico-Hiko

Pico Mountain, a smaller, quieter alternative to nearby Killington, is known for its local vibe and less crowded slopes. It offers challenging terrain, including steeps and glades, as well as a beginner areas. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays, locals also enjoy skinning up the mountain!



Saskadena Six First in the U.S.

Saskadena Six (formerly Suicide Six) claims historical fame as the earliest ski resort in the U.S. In January 1934 it installed an improvised rope tow powered with a Ford Model T engine. It also hosted the first ski race in in U.S. in 1934.



Smugglers' Notch Resort Smuggs

Smugglers' Notch, affectionately known as "Smuggs," is famed for its family-friendly environment and extensive children's programs with lessons beginning at age 2½. It also offers challenging terrain, with steep trails, deep glades, and robust activities.



Stowe Mountain Resort Top of Vt

Stowe, owned by Vail Resorts, sits beneath Mount Mansfield, the state's highest peak. It offers a mix of luxury, history, and challenging terrain, including frontside steep and glades.



Stratton Mountain Resort

Birth of snowboarding

Stratton's claim to fame is being the birthplace of snowboarding, as Jake Burton first debuted his boards there. It also has a lively village at it base area.



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Killington investors Phill Gross (left) and Michael Ferri (right) stand with resort President/ CEO Mike Solimano (center) in front of the K-1 Gondola after the investors officially closed the deal with POWDR to purchase the resort, Friday, Sept. 27.

LOCAL INVESTORS TAKE THE REIGNS AT KILLINGTON RESORT

NEW OWNERS GROUP TO INVEST \$30M IN ON-MOUNTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Killington Resort finalized its sale from POWDR to local, independent ownership on Friday, Sept. 27. The sale closed without debt. Immediately, the new ownership group, led by Phill Gross and Michael Ferri, announced its plan to invest \$30 million in on-mountain improvements in the first two years. The group also pledged to reinvest all profits into capital improvements "for the foreseeable future." Later clarifying that to be at least a decade.

"We are all looking forward to a bright future of independence, which would not be possible without many successful years under the POWDR

umbrella," said Killington President and CEO Mike Solimano. "POWDR's investment and management set the tone for the great years to come."

Even before the transfer of ownership was official, the new owners worked with POWDR to begin the installation of low-energy snowguns so they could be ready before the start of the season. About 500 new guns were installed at Killington and Pico ahead of the 2024-25 season, with 500 more being installed next summer. Four new fully automated fan guns were also installed at the bottom of the Superstar trail before this season began as well.

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In addition to the 1,000 new snowguns and four fan guns, the new owners group plans to:

- Replace the Superstar lift converting the quad to a high-speed six-pack. Installation is expected to happen in summer 2025.
- Replace all 116 Skyeship Gondola cabins with new cabins (which will look similar to the K-1 Gondola cabins) as well as a gondola storage barn.
 - Invest in more summer infrastruc-

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ture including mountain bike trail expansion.

"The timing of what's going on here is really exciting: the timing of the village and the new housing in conjunction with investment in the mountain itself. I think it's really going to be great to see over the next several years," said Ferri.

Price of the sale was not disclosed: but the list of investors was. It included Great Gulf and POWDR among its 16 minority investors, with no single person or entity owning more than a 20% share. A nine-member board of directors was also announced.

"Everyone is a Killington skier, this is their home; they're not financially motivated," said Gross. "They've bought into the idea of reinvesting fully."

Ferri said the Killington Independence Group, LLC, had to turn investors away at one point because it had already raised more than enough.

"The successful sale of Killington Resort represents a significant milestone for the mountain, and we are excited to play a role in its future," said Michael Sneyd, president of Great Gulf Resort Residential. "With the new ownership

group's deep-rooted passion for Killington and the significant investments planned in the coming years, together with our vision for a four-season village, Killington will become the world-class destination for residents and visitors alike."

Guests can expect the same high level of quality and service from the new ownership group in the coming seasons, the owners stated in a Sept. 30 news release.

> "We are happy to leave operations in the capable hands of the management team at Killington," said Phill Gross. "The third party we used to help vet Killington told us they were 'one of the best in the business.' And this tells us to basically leave them alone and

let them do what they do to continue to make the customer experience and operations of Killington and Pico the best they can possibly be."

Superstar replacement and the 2025 Killington Cup

Superstar lift replacement will affect spring skiing this season and potentially the 2025 Stifel Killington Cup.

"We do plan to make more snow in the North Ridge and Canyon areas to offer late-spring skiing and riding and are working with the lift manufacturer to finalize the construction plan for the lift before making the call on the 2025 Killington Cup and announcing firm details of our spring operations plan," Solimano said.

Gross is a member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Trustees, and has been a huge supporter of the World Cup races at Killington.



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The Stifel U.S. Alpine Ski Team for the 2024-2025 competition season has deep roots in the Green Mountain

State. In fact, three of the seven women on the Alpine A Team this season trained in Vermont before making the national team.

Mikaela Shiffrin, 29, who trained at Burke Mountain Academy, leads the team as the winningest Alpine athlete in history.

She is joined on the A Team by fellow Burke alumna Nina O'Brien. 27, and Paula Moltzan, 30, who raced for the University of Vermont.

AJ Hurt (who raced for Dartmouth

College) from California, Lauren Macuga and Isabella Wright from Utah, and Jacqueline Wiles from Oregon, round out the women's side of A Team.

In addition to AJ Hurt on the A Team, six more alumnae of Dartmouth

College (just 34 miles east of Killington)

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Members of the Stifel U.S. Alpine Ski Team women's team shouldered Mikaela Shiffrin Jan. 8, 2023 after she made history winning her 82nd career Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup and tying Lindsey Vonn's record. She's since become the winningest Alpine athlete in history. This season she's aiming for her 100th win!

U.S. Ski & Snowboard welcomes Ella Andrews of KMS to its freeski team

Killington Mountain School (KMS) is thrilled senior Ella Andrews, 17, has made the Stifel U.S. Freeski Team for the upcoming 2024-25 season where she competes in Big Air Slopestyle and Halfpipe events.

Andrews earned her first podium on the World Cup last March, placing second in Slopestyle at Mammoth Mountain in California. She also had a top-five finish at the Youth Olympic Games and a top-10 finish at Junior Worlds.

"Andrews, a rising star in the world of freeskiing, has shown exceptional talent and dedication, earning a well-deserved spot on the prestigious team." KMS said in a statement. "Ella has been making waves in the skiing community with



Flla Andrews

impressive performances in recent competitions."

Some highlights from last season include: a podium finish at her first World Cup event, a topfive place at the Youth Olympic Games and a top-10 finish at Junior Worlds, and numerous wins at the national level.

"I am incredibly honored to be part of the Stifel U.S. Ski Team," said Andrews, "This has been a dream of mine, and I

am excited to compete alongside such talented athletes. I look forward to representing my country and giving my best in every competition."

Peter DuBois, director of the Freeski Program at KMS and Andrews' coach, said, "Ella is one of the hardest-working students at school, both athletically and academically. She doesn't take coaching personally but thrives on it to improve her technical skills." DuBois added. "Ella is kind, humble, a positive influence on other athletes, and an all-around great teammate."

Andrews started skiing at a young age on weekends at Killington Resort with the KSC/KMS **Development Program** and quickly advanced, eventually attending KMS.

O&A: ELLA ANDREWS

What does it mean to you to have the World Cup come to Killington?

Ella Andrews: Having the World Cup in Killington is a really cool opportunity for young girls in our community to see the pros. They are such good role models and I know that personally seeing these amazing athletes up close definitely influenced me when I was younger. I wanted to be just like them and it showed me how strong and amazing female skiers can be.

What got you into skiing, how did you first discover your passion for the sport?

EA: My mom originally wanted me to be able to ski anything on the mountain so she put me into an all-mountain program. There, I discovered my love for park skiing and started to specialize. When we moved to Killington, I joined the

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made the B, C and Development Teams. They include: Tricia Mangan, Elisabeth Bocock, Mary Bocock, Stella Johansson, Kaitlin Keane and Emma Resnick.

Additionally, Dasha Romanov raced for the University of New Hampshire, Kjersti Moritz race for Middlebury College in Vermont and Ava Sunshine raced for Burke. Collectively, 13 of the 22 women on the U.S. Women's

Alpine team — or 60% — have trained in Vermont or New Hampshire.

"This is a dedicated and determined group of athletes ready to compete at the highest level as we head into a World Championship season," said U.S. Ski & Snowboard Chief of Sport Anouk Patty. "These skiers are poised to enter the winter season ready to race. We cannot wait to see what they achieve."

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park team at KMS. They've helped me to foster and grow my love for the sport and my team. My passion for the sport slowly built over time and I grew to love the competition environment and seeing how hard work can pay off. It's truly such a fun sport and I am so grateful for the opportunity to do it everyday and pursue free skiing. What are your future goals for the sport (for your own race career or for any other career in skiing)?

EA: My main two goals results wise have always been to make the Olympics and the U.S. Pro Team. However, I've always said that my goal is just to keep improving and loving the sport, which is the most important thing.

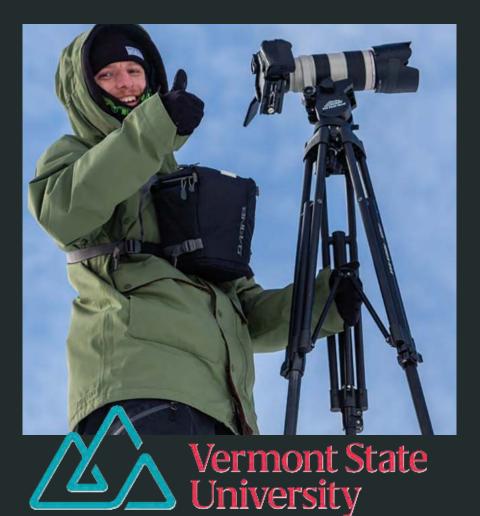
Are there any female ski racers or athletes who have inspired you to pursue your goals? What have you learned from them?

EA: Older teammates on my various teams have always been my biggest inspiration over time. Looking up to them and seeing them ski up close gave me examples of what I can be if I try hard. Being on the U.S. rookie team right now, Rell Harwood, Marin Hamill, and Grace Henderson are the oldest pros on the U.S. Team and they are so cool to see out on the hill. I've learned from them that women can lift weights and train just as hard as men and can be so courageous. I remember their encouraging words while I am skiing all the time.

What does it mean to you to be part of a growing community of female athletes in freeskiing?

EA: Female freeskiing has always been a small group of people, and we all have to stick together and support each other. It's been growing so quickly and the progression I have seen over the past few years has been incredible. I am so excited to push the envelope along with some of my closest friends who have always pushed me to be my best. It's very exciting and I can't wait to see where the sport goes! How do you think the freeskiing community can further support and uplift women in the sport?

EA: I would love to see more female ski movies or female features in ski movies. I think girls have just as much of a place in those film areas of skiing as the men do. It would be really great to be able to inspire more younger girls in the sport and would hopefully grow the sport. If we can get more girls into skiing, we will have more visibility and progression.



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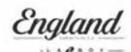




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academies. Club level programs typically kick off with athletes 6 years old or older as the programs focus on developing fundamental skills in a fun and challenging environment, while introducing each athlete to a range of snow sports disciplines. Programs focus primarily on technical training on-snow and participation in competitions both at the home mountain and statewide.

SNOWSPORTS SCHOOLS

For the skiers and riders new to the sport, snowsports schools are the place to start. Programs are organized by age and group sizes are limited. Practice begins at the terrainbased learning areas often serviced by magic carpets, then progress to groomed cruisers. The primary goal is confidence gliding, controlling speed and stopping.



Courtesy of Pico Young skiers practice initiating a turn during a lesson at Pico.

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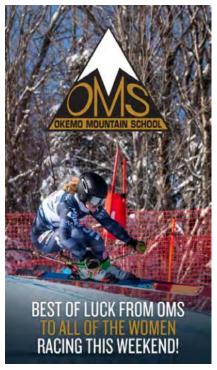
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WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMS RECEIVE \$330,000 IN GRANTS

33 NORTHEASTERN PROGRAMS BENEFIT FROM KILLINGTON WORLD CUP FOUNDATION

The Killington World Cup Foundation awards over \$330,000 in grants to 33 nonprofits.

The Killington World Cup Foundation (KWCF) awarded 33 grants totaling \$330,000 to Northeast area nonprofits in eight states, with five of this year's grantees being new to KWCF. KWCF also donated \$170,000 to support athlete housing at the Stifel

Killington Cup. These grants were made possible as a result of last year's 2023 Stifel Killington Cup.

In the past four years
KWCF has donated
more than \$2 million in
incremental resources
to the winter sports
infrastructure and youth
snow sport programs in the region.

The Killington World Cup
Foundation grants ranged from
\$1,500 to \$25,000. All of the grant
recipients are registered 501(c)(3)
nonprofit organizations or have a
fiscal sponsor. Awarded projects
included: supporting and expanding
youth community snowsport
programs in rural North Carolina,
funding for the Nordic Rocks
program enabling more youth to
experience Nordic skiing, helping
to grow the program for the Share
Winter/Association of Africans
living in Vermont, and providing

trail expansion and equipment for Nordic, Adaptive, Alpine and Snowboarding youth organizations.

Grants were awarded June 15, and funding began Sept. 15, 2024.

"The KWCF is critical to not only the success of the Killington World Cup events each year, but it has changed the lives of so many young ski racers across the Northeast with its goal of benefiting

> local and regional youth development programs. KWCF continues to provide opportunity and critical help to clubs to help them support the dreams of their athletes," stated Doug Lewis, a former World Cup alpine ski

In the past four years KWCF has donated more than \$2 million ... to the winter sports infrastructure and youth snow sport programs.

racer with the U.S. Ski Team and two-time Olympian in 1984 and 1988 from Vermont. He has been an announcer at the Killington Cup since its inception.

"We appreciate so much the Committee's support and recognition of YES's work in making snowsports an accessible and comfortable destination for Boston youth!" said Bryan Van Thorpe, executive director, Youth Enrichment Services (YES).

Grant applications were reviewed by a committee that included: Tiger

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Shaw, CEO Wasatch Peaks Ranch Club: Grace Macomber Bird. volunteer, Kelly Brush Foundation; Harry Ryan, Facey, Goss & McPhee, P.C.; John Casella, chairman and CEO of Casella Waste Management; Kenneth Graham, founder and chairman

of Inverness Graham; Phill Gross, lead investor in new ownership group of Killington Resort and managing director, Adage Capital Management and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors.

For more information, visit: kwcfgivesback.org.

2024 awardees include:

- 1. Abenaki Outing Club
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- 27. Smugglers Notch Ski Club
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- 29. Stride Adaptive Sports
- 30. Vermont Adaptive
- 31. Winter4Kids
- 32. Woodstock Ski Runners
- 33. YES



KWCF FUNDS HELP INTRODUCE 100,000 KIDS TO WINTER SPORTS

By Victoria Gaither

Since the first Killington World Cup in 2016, Schone Malliet, CEO and president of Winter4kids, makes the trip from New Jersey to Vermont to watch some of the world's best Alpine racing.

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

"A key component of us 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," he said.

A few years ago, Malliet took some of his ski students to experience the women's Giant Slalom race at Killington.

It was a chance for the kids to see what the highest level of racing 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 positive for his students from all different backgrounds.

Winter4kids is a recipient of a Killington World Cup Foundation grant. The fact that the World Cup gives back to the community and supports area snowsports programs is why Emily Hinders, and her family go, "The tickets are reasonable, and we like that the funds help programs," said the mom of two from New York.

Malliet's program is already changing lives. "Thank you for providing a character development opportunity for next general leaders," said a mother of twins whose now are cadets at West Point.

Winter4kids isn't just about teaching kids to ski but equipping them with life lessons that will help them thrive.

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Malliet explains, "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."

To that, Winter4kids, Malliet and his dedicated team of volunteers and staff are on a mission to introduce one hundred thousand kids to winter activities.

One program, Fast Tracks, exemplifies how Malliet takes kids from start to finish through different disciplines while instilling life lessons.

W4K First Tracks

Malliet said, "Our First Tracks program involves outdoor winter activities, skills for living, and W4K values that enable youth to develop better attitudes about self, health, opportunities, mastery, and the outdoors. It consists of multiple sessions over multiple years consisting of on-snow skills, skills for living, healthy meals, appropriate clothing, and equipment.

"A First Tracks season is six four-hour sessions over three weekday or weekend visits for school and youth-serving organizations. It typically lasts three years and is a progressive experience," he said. "In the first year, the participant has two sessions of Alpine skiing, two sessions of Nordic Skiing, and two sessions of Snowboarding. After this first season, they are rising intermediates in all three [disciplines]. When they return the next year, they choose the one they want to focus on for their subsequent participation," he explained.

To create a continuous, welcoming community, every participating organization creates a Winter Activity Club where program graduates can receive



Courtesy Winter 4 Kids

a season pass at a participating local resort for a few years.

Team W4K

Team W4K represents the program that lets participants apply their onsnow skills in an athletically progressive community. Participants can choose to participate in local or regional leagues, track personal progress, or even join a high school team. Age-based development and competitive opportunities are available in Alpine skiing beginning at 7 years old through high school. Malliet says he is hoping to offer this for Nordic and Snowboarding, too.

"All of our activities are about fun with equal or better attention to the impact we have on the lives of kids," he said. "Our outcome of having participants better attitudes of self, health, opportunities, mastery and the outdoors is important redirection away from the negative behaviors caused by isolation, disconnectedness, bullying, food insecurity, and PTSD as a result of violence, family, etc."

Winter 4 Kids has made a difference in the lives of over 13,000 children. By 2027, the organization hopes to serve 11,000 children annually.

For more info visit: winter4kids.org.

SHIFFRIN PARTNERS WITH SHARE WINTER

AIMS TO HELP MORE PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE WITH WINTER

By Polly Mikula

On Oct. 23, Mikaela Shiffrin announced a partnership with Share Winter, a foundation that brings winter sports to kids and communities that historically have not had access to them.

"As I head into the @fisalpine World Cup kickoff week in Sölden, I am honored to share today that I am officially joining the Share Winter team as an Ambassador," Shiffrin posted on her Instagram account. "Share Winter's

efforts have always been near and dear to my heart, and as I head into the last few seasons of my career, it's important to me that I amplify and elevate causes that transcend the sport and create more access to this sport that is so near and dear to my heart," she wrote.

Constance Beverley, CEO of Share Winter, said that Shiffrin is the first official ambassador in the program, but noted that the organization also works with three-time Olympic medalist cross country skier Jessie Diggins, the most accomplished U.S. cross-country skier in history, who'll also join it.

"We're super lucky that we get to work with the best women in the sport," she said. "We're doing a good thing and really awesome people recognize that."

The mission at Share Winter is to create "opportunities for people who have been historically denied access to skiing and riding, the opportunity to fall in love with winter," Beverley explained. The organization focuses

on learn-to ski and ride programs funding and coordinating opportunities across the U.S. (mostly in areas that are within an hour and a half of skiing and snowboarding).

Beverley explained that as an Ambassador "Mikaela will utilize her platform, her time and her notability to shed light on the fact that access to skiing and riding is not easy here in the United States. That for families

that aren't traditional ski families, they're not going to have the same opportunities that she had to get up on skis at age 2. So it involves raising awareness ... and serving as inspiration and as a connection to the competitive side of skiing and racing ... she's kind

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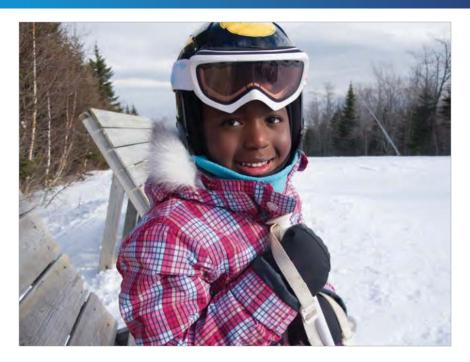
are," said Shiffrin

of our bridge to the alternate universe that is competitive sport."

In addition to Shiffrin announcing her ambassadorship for Share Winter, she's also planning an announcement with the organization to coincide her 100th win, "to help bring visibility and greater access to snow sports," she wrote.

Shiffrin, who shies away from talking about records and goals, has said she's excited to instead use her spotlight to shine light on the efforts of Share Winter, acknowledging that not everyone is given the opportunity to fall in love with snowsports as she has.

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"Looking back on my career to this point—from my very first turns to my 97th World Cup victory—I feel like a million different stars aligned to help me get to where I am," she wrote on Instagram. "A thousand different people assisted me in my dreams and showed me support at the most crucial times. I've come across hundreds of different moments where the path in front of me diverged (...in a yellow wood...) and I either chose to take or was guided down the 'right' path to this point now. It's actually pretty incredible when I think about it, and even though it has taken a lot of hard work and I like to think that 'luck' isn't part of the equation, I still can't help but feel incredibly lucky. I know that not everyone is blessed with the good fortune I have come across, in fact very few are, and over the years the lack of accessibility for a diverse group of people in winter sports has funneled

us into a very *not* diverse community. I love this community, but can't help but wonder how much more potential there is for it to be stronger if we could help #sharewinter with everyone, rather than just those of us who have the means, the access, or the background (and bloodlines) to support it."

Beverley from Share Winter will be at the Killington Cup with members from the Association for Africans Living in Vermont (AALV). AALV with organizes two four-week courses at Sugarbush Resort, which provides free ski and snowboard lessons, equipment, and lunch to AALV's youth members. The program started in 2022 and is part of a national partnership with Alterra resorts.

The AALV ski program has also received Killington World Cup Foundation grants.

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

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

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

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

1900

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

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

1940 The nation's first T-Bar was installed at Pico.

1950

1940 The first chair lift in Vermont (a single chair) was installed on Mt. Mansfield (Stowe) it was the longest in the country at this time (6,330 feet).

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

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

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

1963 CB Vaughan of Manchester set a world speed record of 106.53 mph in Portillo, Chile. In 1969, he established CB Sports.

1964 Billy Kidd, from Stowe, won the nation's first men's Olympic silver medal in Slalom at Innsbruck. He also got bronze in Alpine Combined.

1966 Vermont had over 80 ski areas and ranked No. 1 in national skier visits.

1968 John Bower, a Middlebury College graduate, won the Holmenkollen Nordic Alpine Combined in Oslo, Norway.

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

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

1972 Barbara Ann Cochran of Richmond took the gold medal at the Sapporo Olympics; siblings Bobby and Lindy won multiple U.S. titles.

1970

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

1977 Jake Burton Carpenter started his company in Londonderry. He tested his boards at Stratton Mountain, the first to allow snowboarding.

1982 Suicide Six ski area (now Saskadena Six) hosted the first snowboard national championship.

1985 Mike Holland, from Norwich, set the world distance record in ski jumping at 186 meters.

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

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

115 YEARS OF VT SKIING

Timeline of Vermont firsts in the evolution of U.S. snow sports

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

1990

2011 Mikaela Shiffrin at age 16 became the youngest racer to win a national Alpine Slalom title. She also became 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 surpassed the Slalom win record (40), making her the most decorated Slalom skier of all time.

2022 At the 2022 Winter Olympics, Shiffrin finished fourth in the team event and ninth in the Super-G. University of Vermont alumna racer Paula Moltzan, finished eighth in the Slalom, 12th in the Giant Slalom.

2020

2023 Shiffrin won her 82nd career World Cup, tying Lindsey Vonn's record, on Jan. 8 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia. 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.

2024

2024 Mikaela Shiffrin tied Lindsey Vonn, and Ingemar Stenmark for the record of eight discipline Crystal Globes. She won it in Slalom March 10, 2024. Shiffrin ending the 2023-24 season with 97 World Cup wins — extending her own record. This season she'll have the chance to break 100!





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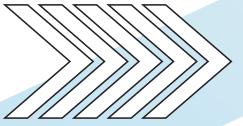
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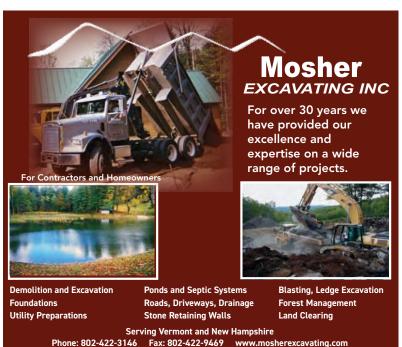




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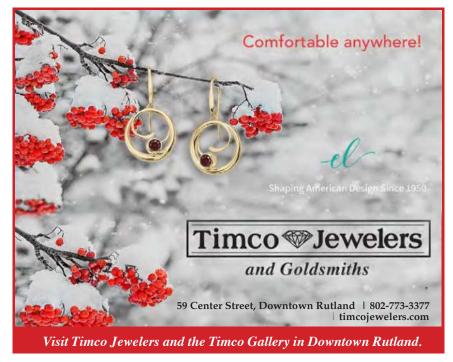
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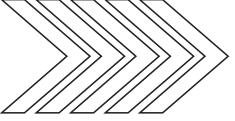


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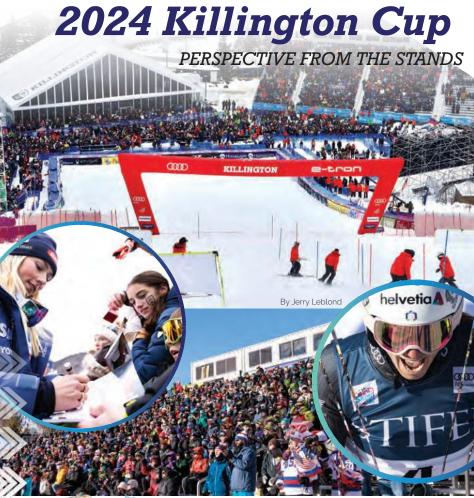
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Municipal water

A new municipal water system will serve residents and businesses on Killington Road, providing clean, reliable water which is necessary for growth and redevelopment.

New Killington Road

The reconstruction of Killington Road will make it safer for drivers as well as bikers and pedestrians with bus pull-offs, sidewalks and bike paths.

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KILLINGTON PROUD

Area business owners chip in, cater to the crowds

By Victoria Gaither

The magic of the Stifel Killington Cup Giant Slalom and Slalom, held over Thanksgiving weekend, brings excitement to fans of the sport and to local business owners.

Casey McManus, who owns the newly renovated Après Inn with her husband Brett, said, "With this being our first season open for the World Cup and my first time attending the races, I anticipate a high-energy weekend, which I am looking forward to ... Being a part of the community that hosts the World Cup is exciting."

Jennifer Iannantuoni, who owns the Greenbrier Inn and Gift Shop with her husband Steve, said the World Cup ushers in the holiday season, "The World Cup is a fabulous driver of business for the entire region. It brings thousands of visitors to the area and helps mark the start of the holiday and ski season."

Besides the business aspect of the World Cup, lannantuoni likes how the event brings families back to the area: "There are families who bring their children up from the Boston or New York area for the day to see their first-ever ski race, and local individuals who volunteer to make every aspect of the World Cup such a success."

Once tickets for the World Cup go on sale, local businesses begin

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stocking their store shelves with winter essentials and World Cup merchandise.

"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.

On Killington Road, Rick Gaspar, the general manager at Northern Ski Works, sells everything from cowbells to hats, but for him, it's the selling of Killington that most excites him.

Gaspar said, "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."

When asked what he likes most about the scene at the Killington Cup, he said, "It's a good party and great time. It's always a good time."

Further up the road inside Mountain Green, Black Dog Sports owner Dave Manning has helped facilitate World Cup "logistics" since the World Cup first came to Killington in 2016.

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

Manning said his shop gets busy two

days before the big event.

With over 30 years at his business in Killington, he said it's a real community effort to put on a first-class World Cup.

What's different about this year's World Cup is that Killington Resort now has local owners and is independent; Manning said, "The owner group has

> been involved with securing the World Cup over the past years, and supporting Killington Mountain School; it's nothing but a great thing."

The World Cup arm reaches down to Rutland, too. Casey McNeil, a third

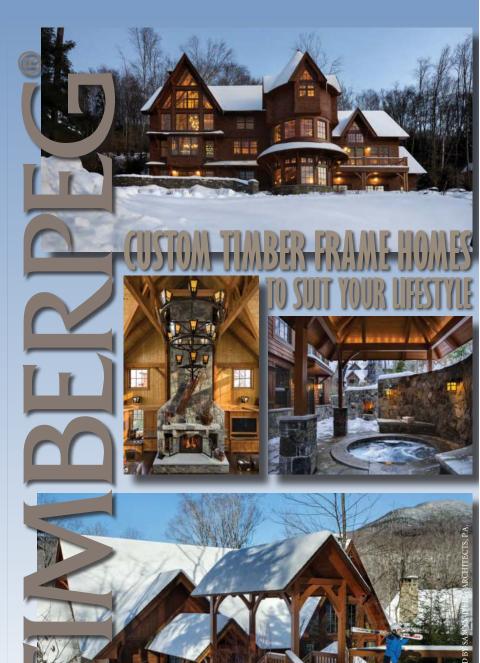
generation owner at McNeil and Reedy in downtown Rutland, said the ripple effects can be felt at his family's men's shop. "I have been the last two years and also just seeing the amount of people in town is always fun. You can actually feel it all the way down into

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

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, athletic skis are ready to go thanks to Black Dog Sports, guests are getting event ready at Après Inn, and familiar faces stop by Greenbrier Inn and Shop; it's all Killington the people behind the scenes working well before Thanksgiving weekend arrives to make it the success it's been for each of the past eight years!









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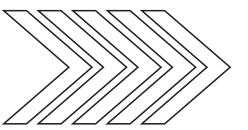




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In short: It's a beautiful, expansive playground that's hard to tire of — even for the die-hard locals in the 100 Day Club — some even making the 1,000 Day Club (skiing 100 days each season for 10 seasons in a row!!!)

While the resort is a big draw, it's certainly not the only one — in fact, it may not even be the one that entices most to stay.

"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 mountains to play every weekend; now I live where I play!"

It's the quality of life in the mountains, particularly the immediate access to recreation all year long that make "weekend warriors" into the state's newest (and sometimes most passionate) residents.

Additionally, folks are impressed to learn that the region boasts some of the nation's best public schools, world class theatre, award-winning hospitals, fresh local foods and safe communities.

The high peaks, clean rivers and lakes beckon you outside every day, every season — while most of us still have to find time to work, knowing adventures await makes us feel lucky to live here!





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.

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. And can be shared with your kids (and/or pets), too!

Whether the mountain peaks, the slopes or frozen lake or river covered in deeps snow calls to you, adventures await around every corner.

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WORKING HERE PLAYING HERE

Perfecting a work-hard, play-hard life balance

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, ride bikes, and ski right out the back door all year long. We go skiing/riding at Pico as a family nearly every weekend in the winter ... I can't imagine a better place to raise a

family!" she said.

With remote "home" offices proven to work since the pandemic more people have realized they too can "live the dream" and move up to the mountains.

While striking a perfect "worklife 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, 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 daughter, 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

With recreation and accessibility as a draw, area works to improve affordablity and housing options in order to attract new residents

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 Vermont Futures Project (VFP) promotes the long-term economic health of Vermont through leadership, research and education. The Vermont Futures Project is currently embarking on a statewide tour to inform its 2024 Economic Plan for Vermont.

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. ont "It's essential that

Central to this work is the goal

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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 member of the Vermont Futures Project board of directors. When joining the board in the winter of 2023, he said: "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."

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