

Ski Club of Ireland
Club Holiday 2009



Zell am See

***Any personal slights contained within
are fully intended to cause upset.***

***Thanks to Michael
Costello and others for
their photos.***

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James's group



The “no/all instructor” group

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Tara Carroll



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Looks like Amanda Houlihan



Michael Bryson



Freddie Johnston



Lorcan O'Sullivan

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Margaret Carroll



Looks like Mary Sweeney



Looks like Gerhard Mayrhuber



Rosemary Mayrhuber



John Leonard



Looks like Audrey McCann

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The Carroll family



Who is it ?



Ger Fogarty



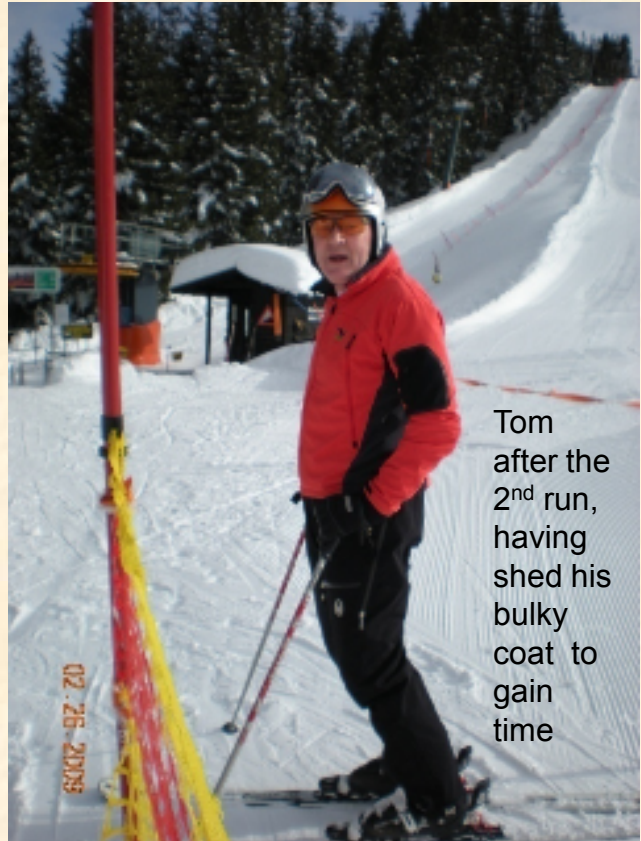
A Motley Crew

The Big Race

Tom and Amanda went head-to-head against the clock on Race Day, albeit at different times in the morning and in different groups. While Tom had the best absolute time of 30.95 seconds versus Amanda's 35.70 seconds, the FIS handicap rules (below) were applied and amazingly enough, a dead heat ensued. Amanda was awarded the gold on the popular vote. Money was raised for St. Vincent's Hospital in the process. Ger Fogarty was closest in his prediction of the times.



The best of friends after the contest



Tom after the 2nd run, having shed his bulky coat to gain time

FIS Handicap Factors

Factor	Who had the advantage
1. Age	Amanda
2. Weight	Tom
3. Alcohol Levels in opponent	Tom
4. Drug Levels in opponent	Amanda
5. Race Training	Tom
6. Ski Attire (coat removal and fancy mid/base layers)	Tom
7. Course conditions at time of run	Tom
8. No. of Practice Runs	Tom
9. Quality of Skis and Boots	Tom
10. Waxing of skis before the race	Tom
11. Waxing themselves before the race	Amanda
12. Visibility at time of race	Tom
13. Level of competition in the group	Tom

Dirty Diele Dancing

Great music in the late afternoon in Diele's resulted in lots of dancing, on the floor, on the sofas and up on the stage. John Leonard refused offers from attractive ladies to show whether his dancing was as good as his skiing.

The President and Tara



The Three Degrees



Terry and Marie



An unlikely bunch - Richard seems to be enjoying himself !!



So much for tired legs from skiing !!!!!



Good Pics

There were good moments captured in photos, some without the subject necessarily being aware.



Tom Metcalfe on the podium but guess in what category?



Former Presidents Whelan, Mayrhuber, Leonard and Carroll

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A rare picture of the Grandees in secretive session, pondering over the global economic crisis and the 2010 Ski Club holiday.



And all because the lady loves Milk Tray !!



Tom gets frustrated with the instructor and takes over the lesson –
“now if you want to become a Level 2”

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Leonard's Lumpy Leg



Good Anglo Irish relations



Adrian looking after our girls



Freestyle skiing at night at City Express



Tom doing well with the girls – what is it he has ??

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Watch the hand Ann !!



Misty up top !!



Terry and Brendan feeding each other with their aprons on



Ann and Audrey framed outside Delie's

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All enjoying what's known as *"Boot Removal Orgasm"*



The only picture with Gemma and Carol in it



Mary "Red Square" Sweeney

Good Falls

They say if your are not falling, you are not learning. Well on that basis there was a lot of learning going on in ZellamSee. The snow conditions contributed to some great falls, many captured on Andy's videos. Here's some pictures.



Tom practicing for his Level 2



Ann Travers checking the snow



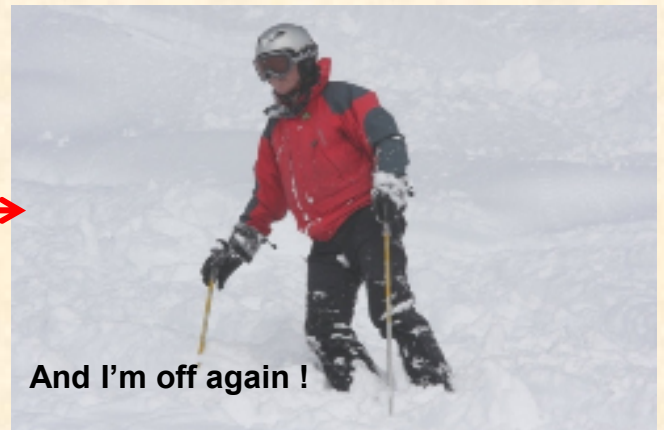
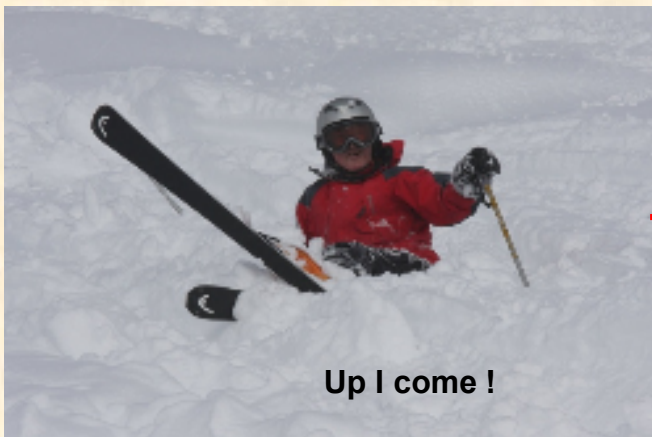
We think it's Richard !!



Unusual to see John Harty
in this bother !!

The Chairman Falls

No not another Banking Executive losing his job ! Niall Carroll gives us all hope by showing that even expert skiers like him take tumbles occasionally. Of course, they do it in style and you have to be quick to capture it – well done Michael !!



Dr. Terence McEvoy

A great man (indeed one of the Grandees) to have along on a trip. Not known for being shy, reserved and introverted. A fine mover on the dance floor, pursuer of the night life and a good skier to boot. Never fails to provide material for publication !



Terry laid out to rest !



Terry showing distaste for the cameraman



Terry embracing religion !



Terry on his knees !

Doing a Derek

“Doing a Derek” in the Ski Club of Ireland means falling asleep – which is what Dr. Derek Freedman does at every, and I mean every, opportunity. Clearly the exercise, the fresh air and the apres ski activities all take their toll.



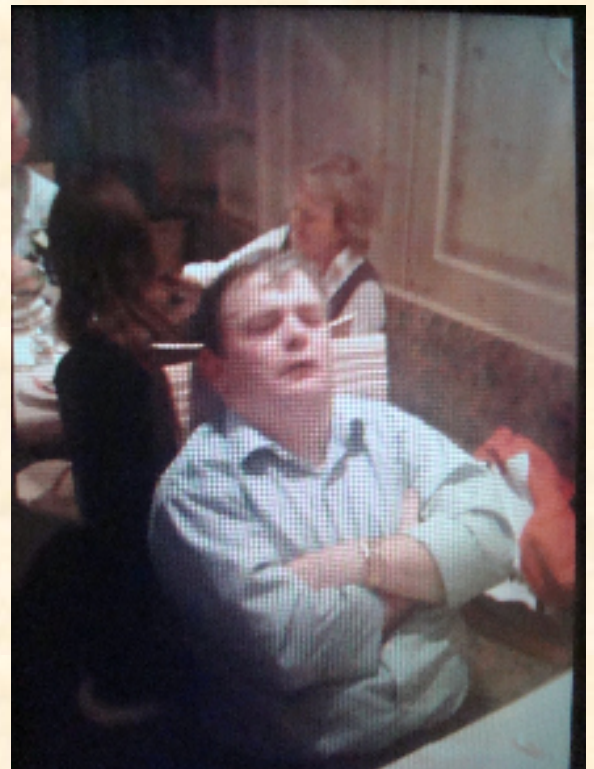
John nods off in the Gondola !!



Jeez Peter – you’ve put Tom to sleep !



Stop talking Marie – Rosemary’s gone asleep !!!



Ger’s bored by his dining colleagues

Birthday Girls

We celebrated the birthdays of Ann Travers and Elizabeth Nolan – both just entering their 4th decade (think about it !!). What a way to celebrate - skiing in Austria and in good company . We hope you enjoyed your cake. Sorry about the nomenclature – Mrs Ann and Mrs Elisabeth !!!



Happy Birthday to
you – happy
birthday to you



Dutch Gold

Miranda from the Netherlands was part of Lauri's group in the Ski School and soon was adopted by the Irish. She had spent six months working in Dublin some years back and so was well accustomed to the Irish social scene – partying and drinking. We really enjoyed her company and hope to see her again in Dublin or Austria.



In Deile Bar with Ann



In Deile Bar with Lorraine



In Deile Bar with Tara

Did she ever leave
the Deile Bar ?

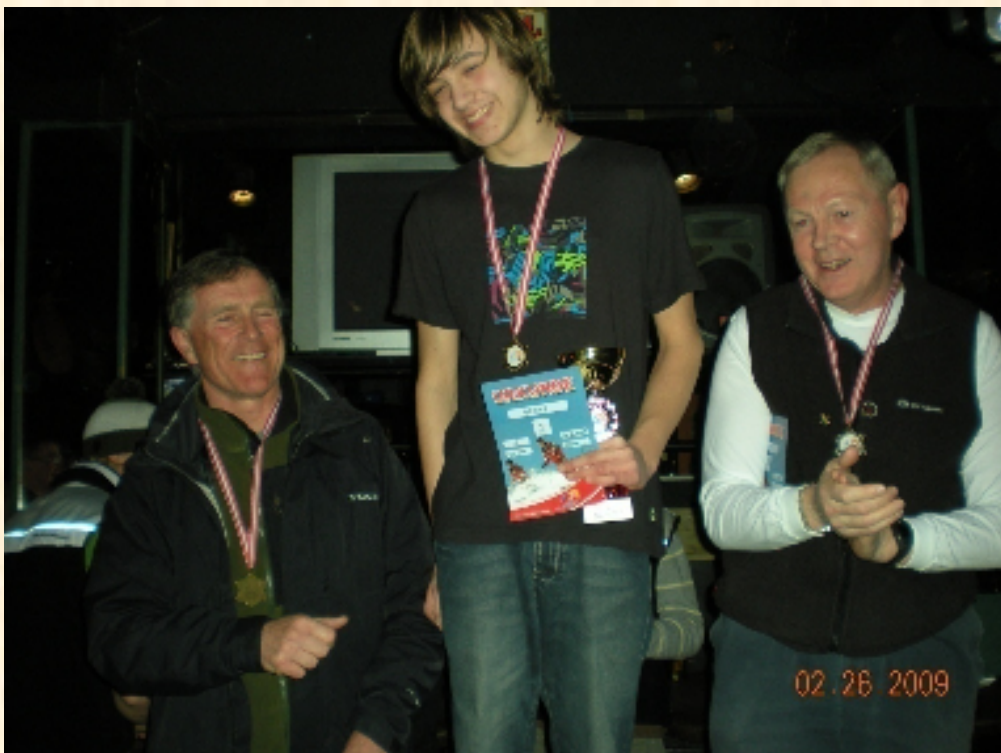


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Silver and bronze for Peter and Amanda



Silver and bronze for Tom and Brendan

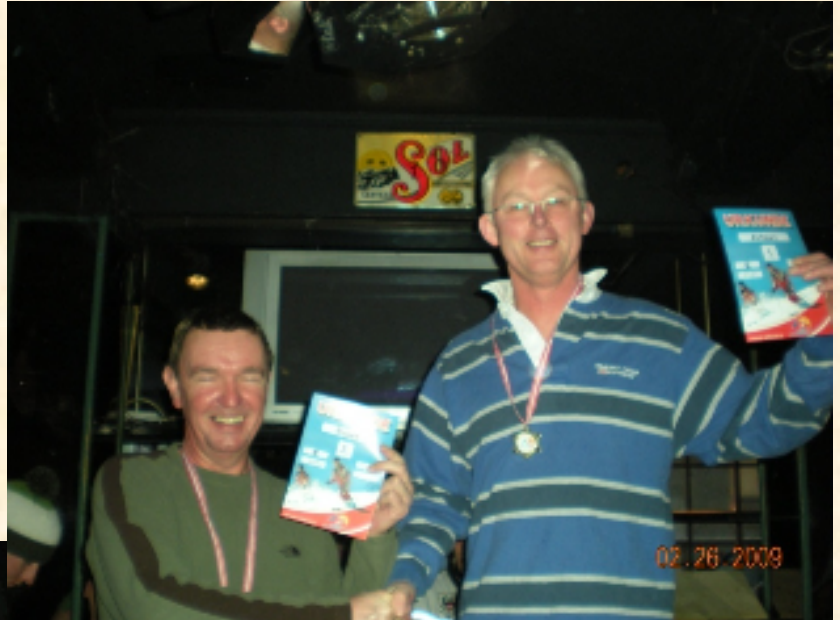


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Anthony strikes gold



Gold and Silver for Lorraine and Fiona

Michael emulates his daughter



Dining in the Tirolerhof

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Amanda and Peter

**John, Ann, Terry (again),
Miranda and Carol**



**Mary, Justin, Richard and
Freddy**

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**The Brysons
and the
Whelans**

**The Carrolls, John,
Michael,
Terry and Sevda**



Tom, Richard, PJ and Louise

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**Lorcan, Ger,
Freddy and
Eamonn**

**Elaine, Carol, John and
Catherine**



**Michelle, Ann, Beth, Audrey,
Mary and Miranda**

Social Committee

We can only assume that the appointed committee misunderstood their brief and felt that they were to socialise amongst themselves rather than organise social activities for the group. They will not be going forward for re-election next year.

BRENDAN, [#123] FAX: BRENDAN WHELAN WEDNESDAY 8 CO. AMAN
Thank you for your kind offer of skiing with the "GRANDEES" at 9.00am.....
I think I may potentially hold you all up this morning.... On that basis I will allow you all to not leave the pleasure of my company... Best wishes, Amanda (Social Committee member)

- ❑ This note was typical of at least one member of the Social Committee - Amanda. It was left on the outside of the door to Brendan's room before 7.15 a.m. (the time when he left his room). But note the crafty timing of 8.00 on the note – trying to suggest she was going as usual to breakfast, when in reality she had been out all night and no sleep was had.
- ❑ Note the job title at the end of the note "Social Committee Member" – well not any longer. !!!!
- ❑ Note the incorrect spelling of the word Grandees – clearly not familiar with U.K. politics or too inebriated or both.
- ❑ Finally, Amanda's justification for not joining the Grandees ski group was "*she might potentially hold us all up*" – at least that bit was true, as she could barely hold herself up.

Female assault in Deile Bar

Man bites dog !! This time woman assaults man. Hard to believe that a fine big man like Michael Bryson could be cowed by such a slight lady from Ardee ! Was he resisting her advances and if so, why ? Surely it would have been more enjoyable to lie back and just enjoy it. Bernie wouldn't have minded Michael.



Oh come here Michael !!!



Come on – give me a kiss !!!



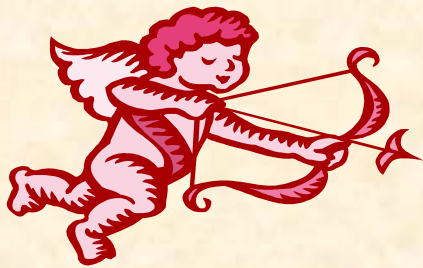
The Beery Dominatrix !!!



**Back in the bedroom later,
worn out !**

Friends +

Lots of friendships were made during the week. One in particular stood out and we wish them both the very best. Elizabeth says she is saving up to buy the hat !



Don't they make a lovely couple !!!!

HUGS!



The ZellamSee Gang of 2009

The success of the week was due to the myriad of personalities who made up the party – a mixture of young and old, beginners/intermediates and advanced skiers, early nighters and late nighters etc.... everybody seemed to get on well with each other and hopefully many will return in 2010.

2009

Allen Catherine

Browne Bernie

Browne Colm

Browne Maria

Bryson Bernie

Bryson Fiona

Bryson Michael

Carroll Gemma

Carroll Margaret

Carroll Niall

Carroll Tara

Cleary Anthony

Colley Elaine

Costello Michael

Cronin Michelle

Cunniam Carol

Dooley Mary

Fogarty Gerard

Harris Louise

Harty John

Houlihan Amanda

Johnston Freddie

Lawless PJ

Leonard John

Mayrhuber Gerhard

Mayrhuber Rosemary

McCann Audrey

McEvoy Terry

Metcalf Tom

Neville Justin

Nolan Elizabeth

O'Dea Eamonn

O'Reilly Richard

O'Sullivan Lorcan

Rafter Carol

Sweeney Mary

Travers Ann

Turner Peter

Whelan Brendan

Whelan Lorraine

Whelan Marie

- There were 4 families, the Brownes, the Brysons, the Carrolls and the Whelans
- Gemma Carroll is not a member of the Carroll family
- Rosemary and Gerhard Mayrhuber joined us for a couple of days
- Miranda from the Netherlands became an honorary Irish woman for the week as did Louise Harris from the U.K.
- Perhaps Amanda Houlihan and Peter Turner will become related ??

Finally, we didn't get to know Gemma and Carol as much as we would wish due to them staying in the Neue Post Hotel – likewise the Brownes, who stayed in the Gra(w)nd Hotel (very posh Bernie !!!).