9,000 pack Isola for opening weekend, as first avalanche hits Auron

THOUSANDS of eager snow lovers headed for the hills last weekend as the region’s two most popular resorts, Auron St Etienne de Tinée and Isola 2000 opened for the new ski season. More than 9,000 lift passes were purchased over the weekend in Isola, and 6,500 at Auron – while many more visitors simply enjoyed tobogganing and playing in the season’s early snow.

Both resorts opened 18 pistes for the weekend - Auron has 39 and Isola 50 – and this week’s snowfalls mean even more runs will be ready for this Saturday, when the resorts open again permanently for the season.

Avalanche

But fun turned to fear at around three o’clock on Saturday afternoon in Auron when three young snowboarders accidentally caused an avalanche while enjoying the sought-after fresh snow at the back of the mountain.

Amid concerns that others may have been trapped, a full-scale rescue operation was launched, with nearly 100 emergency workers, a helicopter and three specially trained dogs searching for over three hours through the icy debris.

When no-one had been reported missing even some hours after the resort had closed for the day, the search was called off. But the cost of the search and rescue mission had already amounted to €14,500.

"When you don’t know, you still have to go", Nathalie Cantero of the Auron Tourism Authority told The Riviera Gazette.

"It is worrying that some people don’t take ‘off-piste’ seriously enough. We do everything in our power to make our pistes safe, but if people go outside the authorised areas they are taking their own lives in their hands. Dangerous"

They should think of the people who will come after them if there is an accident – as they may be putting other people’s lives at risk. Anyone thinking of going off-piste should at least carry an avalanche transmitter to help with their rescue if they should be buried under the snow."

However the avalanche didn’t deter others from pursuing fresh powder on Sunday, when many expats, such as Hamish Jones of Antibes, enjoyed their first few runs of the season despite the previous day’s dramatic events.

"Sunday at Auron was fantastic: the snow was great. “ Hamish told The Gazette. "The off-piste was a bit hairy, with some rocks close under the surface, but for this early in the season it was brilliant.

"Gendarmes were stopping people from going off-piste near the site of Saturday’s avalanche, but we were still able to find plenty of good snow."

Meanwhile the number of Isola skiers resulted in some overcrowding at lift queues, but a good time was enjoyed nonetheless, confirmed Lorraine Hanrahan of Antibes."It was the busiest I’ve ever seen the resort – and the most snow I’ve ever seen there too – but it was a really great day, even though the queues were quite long," said Lorraine.
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News

Nurse’s family sue

THE children of a nurse who died in a Monaco apartment fire have filed a $100M compensation claim against the estate of billionaire banker Edmond Safra.

Ted Maher, another Safra nurse, was found guilty of starting the December 1999 blaze earlier this month.

The lawsuit, being brought in New York, claims that an original settlement is no longer appropriate now autopsy reports indicate that Safra, 67, may have caused the death of nurse Vivian Torrente, 52, as she tried to escape the fume-filled bathroom where they were sheltering from the fire. The pair were dead when rescue workers finally reached them.

Mansion destroyed

DEMOLITION of Villa Pellerin, the illegally built mansion described as ‘France’s biggest ever planning infringement’, has been completed.

It took four weeks and €150,000 to remove all trace of the 2000 square metre villa from the Cap d’Antibes.

Mobile mast plea

FRANCE’S three major mobile phone networks appealed to the court in Nice on Tuesday in an attempt to relax restrictions on erecting telephone masts in twenty communes in the Alpes-Maritimes and the Var.

Golfers go for it

THE Riviera Expats Golf Society met at Chateauneuf’s Grande Bastide course on Saturday for the annual Beaujolais Bonanza match, where each member brings a bottle and the lucky winners walk off with the lot.

Winners were John Briginshaw, Brian Smith, Nick Riggs, Brendan Woods and Andy Boyer.

SCHOOL PACKS ‘EM IN

PUPILS at the International School of Nice put on a song and dance last Saturday as the school held its annual winter fete, reports Mike Clark.

Everybody, from the first grade and their confident ‘Christmas Alphabet’, through to the upper school’s Hedda Kempe and Hannah Warner and their stunning rendition of Offenbach’s Bacarolle, gave a polished and competent performance in a two hour long show that made parents and teachers proud.

And afterwards there were plenty of treats on offer at the school’s International Food Fair, a unique event where parents make full use of their diverse national backgrounds and serve up mouth-watering Christmas dishes from around the world.

Representatives of the student council were in a more serious mood as they used the occasion to raise money for AIDS charities. Council president Nicki Drab, 16, told The Gazette “We’ve been working on AIDS awareness and have raised over €100 selling ribbons around the school recently.

“We did get funny looks, though, when we held an education session a while back which involved bananas!”

FUNDRAISERS...Student Councillors Liz Hughes, Nicki Drab and Zoe Evans sold charity ribbons and t-shirts

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Juppé caught in city hall scandal

ALAIN Juppé, the newly-elected head of President Jacques Chirac’s centre-right UMP party is ‘highly likely’ to face trial over a fake jobs fraud at the Paris city hall.

Juppé was in charge of Paris finances whilst Chirac was mayor between 1977 and 1995.

During this time, Chirac allegedly cooked up half a dozen illegal financial scams to fund his RPR party – but is immune from prosecution as he is not a ‘political figure’.

Six people have died and a further 58 were injured in accidents involving scooters in the town over the last year.

Last week the police lay in wait outside the town’s colleges and gave verbal warnings to students who were riding dangerously.

This week riders risk being slapped with a €135 fine for not wearing a helmet.

A police spokesman said: “We have seen too many students die in moped accidents; we want to make them aware of the risks they are taking.”

Juppé was directly responsible for at least one of the six scams which denouced the Riviera’s judiciary, police and lawyers as extremely corrupt and in league with organised crime.

US secret services regarded Greene, whose novels include The Honourable Consul, Brighton Rock and The Third Man, as a supporter of anti-American causes.

Others observed that he was anti-French, even though he chose to live here, and he famously denounced the Soviet Union’s human rights record – to the point of declaring that he would rather live in America than Russia.

As the former British spy turned screenwriter, he travelled the world looking for new subjects, he encountered many controversial political figures, including Fidel Castro.

The pair met soon after the 1959 revolution whilst in Cuba for the filming of Greene’s book, Our Man in Havana.

After a meeting arranged by a mutual friend, agitated US officials reported back “Castro gains not only a bit of respectability by association, but every so many evenings that he would otherwise spend with some far out Liberation leader they titled the wire ‘J. nice to have a literary friend’.”

The author had an abiding interest in Latin America and its politics. Many of his novels were set there, and he had links to Panama’s military government as well as Danilo Ortega and his Sandinista government in Nicaragua in the 1980’s.

At the time Greene declared Nicaragua “...a small country fighting a bully in the North.”
**Airport’s new look terminal opens**

The new look Terminal 2 at Nice Airport is opening its doors to the public on Monday, just one month behind schedule, after a €175 million extension programme.

The terminal is now equipped to cope with up to four million extra passengers each year, taking the airport’s annual capacity up to 13 million passengers.

“We were obliged to extend Terminal 2 to cope with extra demand for national and international flights. It will be excellent for tourism in the area,” a spokes-woman told The Riviera Gazette.

“Several airlines are now based in Terminal 2. Air France, Delta, Air Maroc and others have moved here. This change affects users of Terminal 1 in so much as if, for example, you booked a flight to New York with Delta, you would now depart from Terminal 2 instead of Terminal 1. Of course, your travel agent will inform you of the correct terminal at the time of booking,” she continued.

 Strike action which threatened to cripple UK airports over the festive period was called off yesterday following overnight negotiations between unions and the British Airports Authority.

An 8% pay increase over two years was agreed, narrowly averting a walk-out by 6,000 firefighters, security staff and engineers at seven UK airports.

“Now passengers can fly off and enjoy Christmas,” she continued.

**Spirited . . .** 40 of AMIAC’s 130 members got together in Sophia Antipolis for an early Christmas celebration last Friday.

One of the more convivial local expat social clubs held their final gathering of the year last Friday in Sophia Antipolis.

Forty members of AMIAC, the Alpes Maritimes International Aperitif Club, enjoyed a sumptuous four-course meal at the Sophia Country Club.

AMIAC tries to arrange at least one event per month for members and their visitors to meet new people, make friends and enjoy social interaction with other English-speakers.

The club now has 130 members from countries as far away as New Zealand and Jamaica.

AMIAC’s Doug Attwood told The Gazette the group caters especially for expats but has attracted the interest of some locals.

“We do have some French members – and our new president is French – but generally people come from all over the world,” he said.

“Most of our members are in the older age bracket, either retired or nearing the end of their careers.

“The object is to let people to meet others in an environment where they can enjoy a meal, a drink and have a good time. We don’t make any excuses. It’s a social thing,” confessed Attwood.

The next event on the AMIAC calendar is a lunch in Nice early in the new year – members will be trying the cuisine at the Lycée Hotiler, a catering college, on Tuesday January 7.

Prospective members are always welcome — call Doug Attwood on 04 92 97 50 72 to find out more.
We arrived on the Riviera twenty years ago, after my husband got a job here. We went off to fly for British Airways for a few years, as a trolley dollies. Over the years I’ve also been a model, done charity work, and even had my own interior design business.

But my great love is theatre. I joined the drama group fifteen years ago. It was very different in those days, much more of an “all the rest” thing, all the retired colonels and the Ladies. We did lots of Noel Coward, lots of farce – plenty of slamming doors and ‘not NOW, darling!’

I come across people who don’t know the panto, and that sees us all have a great time putting on each year. It was very different twenty years ago. It was very different...
FLICKS

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Thursday 12

- The three-part Festival of Sacred Music starts with a concert tonight at Monte-Carlo's cathedral with performances by the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Calls are available from 10am to 6pm today.
- The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra is performing a second concert at the Nice Opera House today at 4pm.
- The Nice Baroque Ensemble is starting its season tonight.

Friday 13

- A three-day Christmas fair starts today at the Place de Gaulle in Cagnes-sur-Mer. Speciality foods, candles and shows run from 10am to 10pm today and tomorrow and until 6pm on Sunday.
- The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra is playing Brahms and Schumann at the Nice Opera House today at 7pm and tomorrow at 4pm. Call 04 92 17 40 40 for tickets.
- The Nice Baroque Ensemble plays the first of two concerts at the town’s Eglise St Martin in Saint Augustin tonight at 8.30pm. Call 04 93 80 08 74 for more information.

Saturday 14

- Christmas gifts and goodies are on sale today in Cabbé village from 9am to 5pm, and Patrolly Christmas market will run by around 2pm.
- A new Christmas market starts today in Saint Augustin at 4.30pm today.
- The Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra is playing Beethoven, Shostakovich and Mozart at the Auditorium Rainier III at 9pm tonight. Call +377 92 16 22 99 for tickets.
- St Paul’s Church in Monaco is holding a Christmas Carol service at 10.30am this morning and a carol service at 7pm tonight.
- Airporters.com is visiting Le Bar sur Loup around 3pm today as part of the town’s Christmas Fair.
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- The Nice Baroque Ensemble returns for its second concert at the Eglise E1e6 Martin St Augustin at 4.30pm today.
- There’s a Christmas concert at the St Laurence church in Magnacqouen tonight at 8.30pm, given by the Ensemble Choral du Conservatoire de Grasse.
- Judo fans should head to Festivalville, Monaco for the annual International Judo Tournament today call 04 93 91 16 24 for information.

November 19

- The Riviera Weather starts today and runs through to the end of the month.
- The British Chamber of Commerce is holding its Business Awards over a Christmas lunch at Riviére Plage, Juan les Pins on Dec 19. Tickets €40 from 04 97 08 11 30.
- The Nice and Monaco branches of the British Association are sitting down to Christmas meals today. The Nice branch will be at Holy Trinity Church from 6pm (call 06 79 30 93 93 or Dec 15) while the Monaco branch will be at St. George’s Bar – call Ashling on +377 93 50 19 52 or Dec 16 to book.
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Tuesday 17

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