

The Pickled Liver

**The St. Anton Workers
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science.**

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**"Do you have a button
mushroom?"**

Welcome to the Pickled Liver!
Careering into it's second volume like
a newbie boarder into a lift queue.
The Liver is a here to enrich your life
in St Anton, tell you whats happened,
happening and about to happen to in

the resort and its lovely people, and
to reduce the number of "What's
happening Al?" questions I get ☺
First up the Liver would like to thank
all its friends who keep it alive with
their kind reflections. Cheers all.

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gossip and downright slander are
very welcome indeed. Get them to
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contact us... I'm sure we can come to
some arrangement...

The Liver survives because of the
following suppliers of beer
transfusion equipment:



Bar Cuba

Shark Infested Waters

This is the bit where we dismantle all those resort stories and put them back together with all the truth removed...

It seems that you need to be quick in this town. That's not on the snow though. Rather, if you fancy some nookie. Reports abound of some serious shacking-up within some company ranks within weeks of the season starting! Remember guys, there are people from other companies out there too! Oh, and Anna, please check out of your hotel room before housekeeping arrives!

After all those early season shenanigans, it seems that most people have settled a little now, with Wednesday night in resort as big as it ever was as the main week's fixture. Amply illustrated by the recent Scotty's School reunion. Shocking. Great to see some real effort on the theme front.

With the first months under our belts, and possibly peaking out over them by now, the Liver is here to humiliate as nicely as possible.

Cock a Hula Do!

Scotty's Xmas Hula went down a storm to rock us into the new year.

People shaking their tick taks in a festive stylee all over. The Liver won't dwell on the parties that came in the following weeks as frankly the liver can't remember the huge amount of gossip. The Liver is however well aware of a major amount of exposure in resort by certain staff. Certainly nicknames are being established that will find their way onto the workers list for the tshirt next month!

We hope you had a great Silvester and didn't make too many unattainable resolutions. The Liver was impressed to see the fancy dress turnout as usual, and apologises for its own poor showing. Must try harder. Awards definitely to Ski Val's Indian tribe, and the 118 boys from the Attack. We've got your number.

Be afraid, very afraid.

The Legendary three legged pub crawl returned to St Anton in an earlier slot this year to encourage some clique breaking. What a turnout it was, with Olly reluctantly up to defend his already two times crown. Amply tied to Skiworld Hannah, it was a foregone conclusion as he sped off up the street, along his well trodden route. Striding back through the door in well under a quarter of an hour with all paperwork intact was a

Bar Cuba Tuesdays Worker's Party. Win free beer for a week!

considerable feat. Made even more so as various teams cried foul, notably to quote Scotty's Henry, who cried "We cheated, and we still didn't beat them. It's not right." Sore. Sparky and Dennis had a great chance of coming close to this year's crown, and had set off at some pace. Their combined local knowledge of seasons numbering double figures should have sent them home laughing, instead they trundled off to the Alibi, a pub not included this year. Doh. One taxi and the rest of their shots later, the results can be seen on the Natives website shortly, or on the back of this magazine.

Air Raid!

The Rendl Big Air is back in a new incarnation as part of the Natives Worker's Challenge. After weeks of snowy postponements it will now take place on March 3rd. The comp will see flips, spins and stacks on a kicker underneath the Rendl Eisbar. Huge choons, comedy compere, Eristoff in stupid quantities, huge prizes and much much more. The competition will also include a novice section (those not able to do a 360 yet) so do have a go! Entry for the novices will only be 5 Euros, 20 for resort workers. The party afterwards will be just as huge, as the Natives "Show

Love" party tour comes to town with more goodies to give away than sense. Theme for the party is Bling Bling. You don't have to hire a Merc for the party, but it would be quite a touch. Involvement is however compulsory! Details from Al the Natives Rep. Competition will start at 12.00, with registration from 10.30 and practice from 11.00. All done by 3.30 ish, and all down to the bar for a 9.30 start in Scotty's, or earlier if it happens to be your day off. hehe

The competition is sponsored by Natives, Scotty's Bar, Sun Helmets, Nitro, Eristoff, Edge to Edge, Piste to Powder, Skiworld, Fat Face, Redeye, Dragon, Surfer's Paradise, Dogtag, an many more. Check out the posters and the Natives website for more details.

Gossip Attack!

The (not quite) all new Team Attack have been working hard to fill column inches for the Liver. Firstly to get us all in the mood for christmas, and to raise the temperatures of the local fillies, the team suffered the unbelievable to bring us their xmas message. Unfortunately they've taken the picture down from their window, but the Liver was party to the sorry affair, and can confirm that no body

doubles were used for the nude scenes...

Not content with their new found fashion elite status, after distributing their groovy santa hats, they have been found in various bars displaying behaviour that would put any Supermodel to shame. Take Tristan For example, who it seems has some kind of bizarre drinking disorder with an aversion to Jagermeister. Messy, very messy... Tristan is convinced the world is out to take the piss, but with a spectacle like that who could resist! I hope it didn't stain... And after his latest haircut is it any wonder Trist?

Also new for this season in the Attack (unlike the menu) is the Snack Attack Challenge. A clear competition at the front of the leaderboard has emerged, but it looks like the lower places will be valiantly fought. Take a look in the Attack for the current leaders. (The liver apologises if there are any burrito stains on your copy !)

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Just in case you think you got lucky by escaping the gossip here, you might want to check out the monthly St. Anton report on Natives. (Good way of finding out what you might have done, in full technicolour too.)

Breakages...

Shockingly, with the lifts barely open, people were already getting hurt. Our sympathies go out to those unlucky souls who won't be joining us on the slopes right now also. First to crock was Aussie ski bum Aaron, who's ligaments didn't stand up to some early season skateboarding. And also within days of arriving Skiworld Jules came a cropper at the hands of another rider, ending in a broken wrist. Luckily though both stayed in resort. The only reassignment to Chalet Gatwick that the Liver has heard of is that of a Crystal Chef, who never even made it past the training course after allegedly bus surfing in the alltogether! Magnificent way to go. It should be noted that he wasn't injured in the incident (although presumably frostbite was a danger).

So, now that there's some snow, this is an early plea by the Pickled Liver for everybody to be careful.

Bar Cuba Tuesday Workers Party. Don't forget your staff card!

Avalanche courses are a cracking idea : Contact Graham Austick at Piste to Powder for their range of courses.

www.skimountaineering.com

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or Ask Richi in Sport Jennewein for their courses. Very handy indeed for 32 Euros.

Pepi

Along with new lifts and new faces for this winter, The Pickled Liver did gain a younger more sensible brother. Be sure to learn lots about the resort and its people by picking up your copy of the magazine Pepi available at the mailbox for just one euro.

Live Music!

St Anton thrives on the talents of a select group of musicians. Here's a precis.

Cuba will be home to the "Wayward Sons" for their Daily Apres Ski sesh.

Platzl bar will be home to Canvas this year again. Only here in Jan and March. Don't go home not having seen this band.

The Underground's musicians are back for more from last year.

Remember to check out the Black Hole downstairs for a more cosy atmosphere.

Piccadilly's one man band Gunnar is still resident. One man who doesn't need anything said.

If you fancy seeing the most multit talented man in Anton strutting his stuff, stick yer bonce round to the Sennhutte, even if it's just for a few moments. Didi Diesel and his own unique brand of Apres Ski resident.

For Rock par excellence with a real star pedigree, check out the guys in the Griabli. If you can't be arsed to pull yourself out of the KK for long enough you can now catch them on a couple of nights in Kandahar...talking of which...

Kandahar

In addition to dropping the usual funk bombs, Kandahar has hired the wonderful Saffron for her musical abilities. Pop in and savour her sultry vocals and soulful numbers before 11pm, and later jamming with the Griabli boys.

Otherwise boogie the night away in Kandahar Monday to Sunday with the following :

Mon : Crème de la Crème – Funky House

Friday : Funk Night. Get down to some serious grooves before transfer day!

This season Kandahar are also showing the 6 nations matches.

Cinema

This year the Vallugasaal cinema above the tourist office returns again. There are also cinemas in Imst and Innsbruck. Times are posted in the mailbox and by the tourist office.

The Liver will also save you some time and remind you that it's the Cinema by the river, not the big multiplex by the West Bahnhof.

If you don't believe us, the website is www.hollywood-megaplex.at/metropol/ English language films are listed under "Films in OF"

This weeks offering in the Vallugasaal is The Return of the King, showing Tuesday and Thursday. Those of us who've seen it can testify that it might be worth taking a cushion!

Off the back of the lorry...

If you want to advertise here, buy me a beer...

Competition Corner

The Great One Piece Hunt

This is the big season long competition. Get your cameras ready!

Your mission, should you foolishly choose to accept it, will be to have your photo taken in the cheesiest possible way with the owner of the worst one piece suit that you encounter. The worst (best) entry for the season will be judged at the end of March. Prize of Natives clothing and whatever else I can muster before the time. Entries to Alastair.

Suuuuuuuit!

K r a z y K a n g a r u h T h u r s d a y s

With most of us off on a Thursday, it certainly makes for quite a session of Apres. Krazy Kangaruh with 2 Euro beers and gluhwein downstairs means that we really take over. The

party was so hard two weeks ago that even the punters got carried away, bringing the roof down in the process! If you haven't made it to this session get up there as soon as. You're certainly missing out.

Regular ill behaviour must be noted and praised from Ski Val, Skiworld, Ski Total, Supertravel, Mark Warner and the Zurich boys. Hopefully Alan has got a new T-shirt by now.



Captions for last year's photo comp!

1. Olly to Stu, I told you they weren't old enough...
2. Do you think we'll get out in time for next season?
3. Whaddaya mean, drunk?

New this season, give us your picks for: What's Hot / What's Not!

Toasty Hot	Certainly Not
Jagermeister flugerls	Turbo Rum Death
Babyfoot	Ski bum's feet
KK Thursdays	Transfer days
Powder Skis	Snowblades
Big Air	Big Hair
1080 mute	95 stack
Snack Attack	US-led attack
Canvas in Platzl	Denim on the piste
Avalanche training	Company training

Skiier X

Skiier X hits St Christoph on March 11. and 12. after suffering the same postponements as the Rendl Air. Details are available from Sport Alber.



Wardrobe!

Bar Cuba

Cuba Corner. So much goes on in Cuba it's got a whole column to itself!

Feb 14 France v Ireland 3pm 6 Nat.
Feb 15 Italy v England 4pm 6 Nat.
Feb 15 Liv v Ports. FA5 after rugby
Feb 17 Eng u21 v Holl. u21 8.30pm
Feb 18 Portugal V England 8.30pm
Feb 20 QPR v Peters. 7.45pm Nation
Feb 21 Chel v Arse 1.30pm Prem.
Feb 21 France v Italy 3pm 6 Nat.
Feb 21 Scot. v Eng. 6.30pm 6 Nat.
Feb 22 Rep. Ire v Wales 4pm 6 Nat.
Feb 22 Tott V Leics after rugby Prem
Feb 24 TBA FA cup round 5
Feb 24 Lokomotiv v Monaco 6.30pm
Feb 24 S.Prague v Milan 8.45pm
Feb 25 Porto v Man U 8.45pm
Feb 25 Stuttg. V Chelsea 8.45pm

Plus the usual mix of extreme sports and extreme drinks. Cuba's staff party is on Tuesdays, with a week's drinks to win with your staff card number. Be there or miss out. How many times might you have already won without being there!

The Natives hoody for the year returns from two years ago. Coilegiate style zipped in black, red and Navy. Only available here in resort, and only from Al the Natives rep. 42 euros gets you this superb souvenir of the season.

Al is also umming and ahing about doing a season tshirt this year. If you want to see one, make sure he knows, as then he'll put in the legwork. It's a lot of hassle and he won't be doing it unless people beg.

Have a great peak season, and we'll see you on the other side! For the biggest party of the year...

Weds.
March
3rd
BLING
BLING.
Scotty's
Miss it at
your
peril!

THE WEISSE RAUCH

This year's carnage and bloodshed takes place on April 17th. Mass start, Mass end. Mass bloodshed. Mass fun. The Legend continues.

Bored?

Also on the riding side a couple of Boarder activitie's coming up.

First up is the VZ boarder trials, held here on 6th and 7th March. For boarders under 19. Details on flyers around town or email Vztrials@boillabong.tm.fr

Secondly, for the ladyeez, Girlie Snowboard camps come to town on the 20th to the 27th March, presented by Burton Snowboards. Info @ www.girliecamps.com

Seasoning seasoning...!

This is a plea from a distraught pizzeria, as apparently one of Scotty's Pepper Grinder's has gone walkabout. Quite literally it seems, as

the grinder has made a real break for it, and has been sending photos of his jolly to Sally! So far spotted on the way to Landeck, and up Valluga. Any info on the awol grinder will be greatly appreciated by Sally. Going by the name of Pipi, he is about a foot high and has been seen wearing a wooly hat and scarf.



Schlafzeit!

It seems that following experiments by the Superdupertravel crew into the possibility of converting the Scotty's pizzeria into new season worker's accomodation, it has now caught on as a possibility for more lucrative punter accomdation. The Supertravel experiments have revealed however that the padded benches are far more comfortable than the floor under the benches in the far corner.

Fooooooooosball...

The arrival of the babyfoot table in Scotty's has seen the rapid establishment of a team hierarchy. Will and Omar seem unstoppable in their slow march toward the Hall of Fame end of season title. However there may just be a newcomer that can take them on. That is if Didi can get on the table, rather than under it!

To finish this month. Here's a quick photo of our hapless Pub crawl heroes. Who knows what could have been lads!



Before and after, gutted.

