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**BREAKING NEWS:** The Vacation Group & Rocky Mountain Getaways is now booking large ski groups for travel in 2013-2014! RMG offers the highest level of service and value at the lowest rates possible. In addition to offering amazing deals to ski destinations around the world, they will also be offering beach trips with a scuba diving/adventure focus starting summer 2014. Make sure to include Rocky Mountain Getaways in your last minute ski groups and future ski/scuba group trip planning. For more information or to submit an RFP, contact Melissa Schreiber, Director of Group Sales, at [Melissa@rockymountaingetaways.com](mailto:Melissa@rockymountaingetaways.com) or 888-204 0351.

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## COLORADO SKI TOWNS LEGALIZE, BAN, OR WAIT AND SEE ON MARIJUANA SALES

According to Colorado's amendment 64, passed in November, 2012, adults 21 or older can grow up to three immature and three mature cannabis plants privately in a locked space, legally possess all cannabis from the plants they grow (as long as it stays where it was grown), legally possess up to one ounce of cannabis while traveling, and give as a gift up to one ounce to other citizens 21 years of age or older. Consumption is permitted in a manner similar to alcohol, with equivalent offenses proscribed for driving, although there's no known policy on skiing or boarding while high.

**Telluride** is the latest Colorado ski resort to officially approve the growing and sale of cannabis for "recreational use." The ease of acquiring marijuana, the legal sale of which was passed by a wide margin in the state's Amendment 64, will vary from resort to resort this winter.

**Breckenridge** has banned any retailers selling the drug and the one shop in town that already dispenses cannabis. The 'Breckenridge Cannabis Club, will not have its lease renewed and, in parts of Summit County (Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain and Keystone) the local authorities have sought to limit the number of retailers licensed to sell the drug to just a few, or banned sales completely.

**Aspen** plans to allow four 'medical dispensaries' of marijuana to become retail sellers on January 1st, 2014 and has several more planning applications in.

**Crested Butte** and **Silverton** are reported to be planning to allow retail sales.

Vail and Steamboat have banned recreational sales but the latter says they may review the policy in the future depending on how the state-wide position develops.

## STEAMBOAT'S TUGBOAT CLOSED

The Tugboat bar in Steamboat's Ski Time Square was seized by the Colorado Department of Revenue in August for \$10,846 in delinquent sales taxes. The bar will be missed. Its hand-carved cherry wood bar dates back to the 1850s, when it first served the Log Cabin Saloon in Baggs, Wyoming, which was said to be frequented by Butch Cassidy, The Sundance Kid, and other outlaws. The Tugboat was the only original building left standing through the recent redevelopment of Ski Time Square.

## ENTER YOUR PHOTOS OF WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB TO WIN A \$13,000 SKI TRIP

In support of the winter campaign, Tourism Whistler also launched its winter signature contest: Picture Perfect at Whistler is a simple enter-to-win contest with one grand prize, valued at approximately \$13,000+ CDN with a trip for two to Whistler, including: round-trip airfare, ground transfers, 7 nights' accommodation at the Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa, winter ski or snowboard gear, a DSLR camera, lift tickets and a 16x20 canvass photo print of your choice, a snowmobile excursion, zipline experience, a bungee jump, massages at Vida Spa, a spa serenity package, yogacare., show tickets and bar tab at the Garibaldi Lift Co., sinner for 2 at the Longhorn Saloon and Buffalo Bills, and tours of local attractions. The contest runs from October 1 – March 31, 2014 with the winner announced in April, 2014.

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN THE NSA TO RENT A PHOTO-DRONE IN VAL THORENS

Thinking about renting a GoPro Camera for your ski trip? That's so last year. New this year, France's Val Thorens is rapidly building a reputation as the world's most technophile-friendly ski resort so, skiers at Val Thorens will not only be able to rent GoPro® cameras but they can also rent the latest remote controlled aerial cameras. Mounted on mini-helicopters, the airborne GoPro® acts as a remote-controlled aerial camera that hovers a little distance from whatever you want to film. Already being widely used by the world's paparazzi, you can now rent a remote-controlled camera (complete with a pilot) for a 10 minute session this winter for \$68. For more information, see Topphoto Galerie ([topphoto.com](http://topphoto.com)). For those of us who are semi- or non-technophiles, they also rent regular GoPro® cameras for about \$47.50 per day or \$98 per week.

## MONT SAINTE ANNE HAS A NEW QUAD DETACHABLE CHAIRLIFT

Celebrating their 50-year anniversary, Mont Sainte Anne has added a new detachable quad chair, designed locally in St-Jérôme, in their expert sector -- replacing a triple chairlift, cutting the travel time in half, and will giving better access to all restaurants. They have also added two new glades on the south side of the mountain, raising the total number of trails to 69.

## PRESIDENT OF HAWAII SKI CLUB HAD A CLOSE CALL SKIING IN NEW ZEALAND

The 72-year-old president of the Hawaii Ski Club, Toby Kravet, was forced to spend the night in mountains near Wanaka, New Zealand, with two broken legs as he battled to stay awake and exercised his arms to avoid hypothermia in August.

Kravet had boarded the chairlift about 2.30 p.m. and, when he got off at the top, visibility was poor and he turned left instead of right and ended up traversing well outside the ski area boundary, then skiing into a snow bank -- breaking both legs. The driver of a bus between the resort and ski area alerted authorities that Kravet was missing after he failed to board the bus when the resort closed. A nighttime helicopter search using night-vision equipment failed to find Kravet, but the search was restarted at daybreak and he was discovered about 8:30 a.m. well outside the ski area boundary. Kravet, who has been skiing New Zealand for twenty years, was treated at the Wanaka Medical Centre and transferred to Dunedin Hospital.

## GRIMENTZ AND ZINAL CONNECTED BY CABLE CAR

A new cable car with two 125 person gondolas will create a link between the Swiss ski areas of Grimentz and Zinal in the Val d'Anniviers this winter. The 'new' area will have a combined total of 120 kilometers of pistes. Val d'Anniviers already operates a joint lift pass for its five ski areas which also include Chandolin, St Luc and Vercorin, together offering 220km of piste with lifts and pistes.

## SWEDEN'S ARE RESORT GETS THREE NEW LIFTS

Are, Sweden, will have three new lifts by December. Are's new Tegeliften quad chairlift replaces a T-bar in Tegefjäll. Their new Fjällgårdsexpressen six-seat chairlift will transport skiers from Fjällgården to the Sadeln area. There is no lift currently at this location. The new Sadelexpressen six-seater chairlift will take guests from Are's Högåsiliften's valley station in Björnen to the top of Sadelliften, replacing the Sadelliften chairlift, which will be dismantled.

## NEW ISCHGL LIFT PLANNED FOR THREE DECADES OPENS UP FRESH FREERIDE TERRAIN

Ischgl, probably the most famous party resort in the Austrian Tirol, has a new \$25 million cable car this ski season. The Piz Val Gronda (PVG) lift is the first expansion to the ski resort of Ischgl since 1989 and has been in the planning for 28 years."

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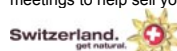
Construction of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's ski resort, the Masik Pass Skiing Grounds, was delayed by 16-inch torrential rains this summer. The rains caused mudslides and flooding -- due partially to the clear-cutting of trees for ski runs -- causing blocked ditches and damaging portions of the resort. Then the Swiss government refused to sell chairlifts to the North Koreans -- banning the export of chairlifts to North Korea, after they attempted to buy a \$7.57 million chairlift system.

Then, Chang Ung, a North Korean International Olympic Committee member suggested that North Korea's Masik Ski Resort could co-host the 2018 Olympic skiing events with Pyeongchang, South Korea, according to Reuters. We understand that the Pyeongchang 2018 organizing committee basically responded with a high diplomacy version of "Do What?"



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