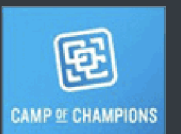


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I love to ski in the summer as the landings are real soft and many of my friends and nearly all the top skiers are concentrated in one geographic area. In recent times glaciers world wide are [shrinking](#) and I am growing concerned over the heavy use of salts on the Horstman glacier and their effects. Every day that camps are on the glacier they are applying hundreds of kilograms of salt to harden up the snow and there has been no academic study into the impacts on the glacier of this salt application. In times like these I would like to see the [precautionary principle](#) applied though I don't know what we could use instead of salt. I know in Europe salt is not applied to the glaciers, nor is it used on the Farnham Glacier (located near Radium B.C.). One thing I know for certain the salt does is make the walls of the [WSSC](#) half-pipe bulletproof and perfect in shape for boosting:



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Joe Schuster slid this rail with a killer 270-on-switch-up, 270-off. He is not afraid of what salt is done to the glacier as he is doing this trick; as he says in his interview, when he skis is he is not afraid of anything. His trick-tip of a switch 900 lends credence to his claims:



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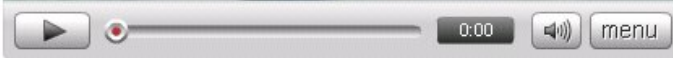
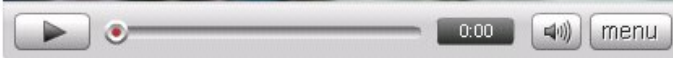
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Though nothing is funny about the prospect of a future without skiing, Alex James and Peter Olenick give perhaps the funniest commentary of the summer in their self-shot and self-written piece I like to call the AI and Pete Show. I like the call out on Cockboy at the end of the piece, and it will keep me from digging into him too much for telling Whistler's favourite pizza maker and other people he was a coach up on the glacier, not a digger, Shame!!!!



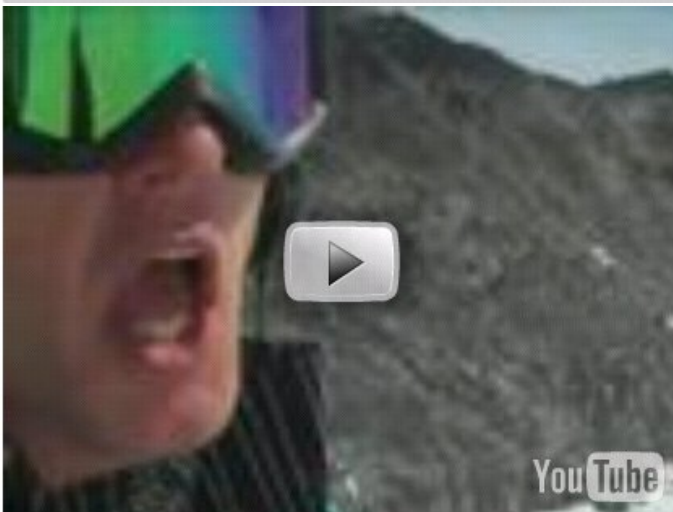
It is up to consumers to demand that all industry involved in skiing become sustainable. This is a problem for companies as they are accountable first to their shareholders and second to the earth. It takes real leadership for a company to set their goals which are in tune with ecological limits. Companies like Avalaan and Orage who keep their production away from China when all their competitors are going there for cheap labour and lax environmental standards. Europe and North America have banned the use of chemicals in the workplace but not items made with these chemicals. China has no such standards so companies like the North Face, Burton, SMS, and others have moved production there so they may continue to use these products. The companies also benefit by using near slave labour in China rather than paying fair wages in the developed world. I have not seen the price of outdoor gear drop indicating that profits are rising for the company with no advantages for consumers and a tax of environmental degradation (shipping from China on super tankers which come up through North America on new **NAFTA Superhighways**, and the spread of capitalist consumerism). I'm not sure where this skier's duds came from but he is killing a nose-grab 540 over the public lane step-up:



I hope Dave Weale's Handplant nose pick in the half-pipe will last forever; he also has a little something to say about Olympic half-pipe for skiers:



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Ski manufacturing companies also have to become sustainable in their use and reuse of materials. In Europe, when you are finished with your car you return it to the company and they reclaim everything from it. This recycling/reclamation does add to the cost of the car, but this reflects not only the cost of the materials, but the cost to the environment. This is more of the true cost where industry does not pass on environmental destruction to the public unknowingly. The requirement to reclaim that which you have produced also leads to less toxic substances being used and therefore less environmental damage is caused by the construction activities. Since I could not afford to

continue to buy skis after breaking them, I was looking for a ski sponsor. This search led me to a Swiss company called Movement and after reading about their use of [certified sustainable forest products](#) in their all wood cores (as opposed to weaker and wasteful foam and composite cores), I was hooked. This company has an upper limit to their growth based on the yield they are allowed to take from their forest. They are happy with the limit to their size as it ensures that the skis are of top quality (see the reviews for the [Joystick](#) and [Kama Sutra](#)). This is the difference between a pure capitalist whose only care is for growth and money and a company oriented towards sustainability. I challenge other ski manufacturers to meet Movement's level of commitment to the environmental issues in the ski industry. I also challenge Movement to increase their environmental awareness and institute the industry's first ski recycling program so less waste ends up in our landfills. To be fully honest I am sponsored by Movement and they are the only company which I would ski for as they are most in line with my corporate and environmental beliefs. Industry responds to the demands of consumers, together we can drive change. If you don't start to drive change I will send Colby West and his spear after you:



In [summer of snow part 2](#) I asked people to post pictures of the sexiest skis on the market, no one did, so I will now post my poll with the pictures I took of sexy skis and a poll for you to vote which is the sexiest ski on the market. If you vote for other please post a picture of the ski which you think is the sexiest:





If you don't believe me that one person can drive change let me introduce you to Tyler:



Tyler is a lifty on the Horstman Glacier and an obvious fan of [Newschoolers.com](http://newschoolers.com). For years now the bottom t-bar on the Glacier (the one COC and Dave Murray use) has had long line issues. Of particular concern was the uselessness of the Coaches line where the wait was

sometimes longer than the actual line-up. One day Tyler talked to his otherwise brilliant supervisor about moving the coach's line from skiers right to skiers left. This simple maneuver made it possible to check for a coach's pass (a requirement in the coach's line) from the same spot as loading the tbar. Not only did this effectively stop poaching it also allowed the lifties to stand near each other and avoid the loneliness associated with hauling ass. If I were a supervisor at Whistler I would definitely start promoting Tyler as he is the kind of idea man that skiing needs.

Below are a few other idea people in the ski world.

Doug Bishop talks a bit of shop and a bit of smack in what was in fact the first tbar interview filmed:



Ingrid Backstrom gives us a visit:



Eric Hjorleifson has lots to say:



Max Hill is always entertaining:



Anthony Boronoski is Skiing equivalent of Salvadore Dali; just put it out there and if pisses you off, well, that's art now isn't it:



I would not say the following videos show suffering due to high temps but they do show the work required to get the summer terrain parks up to spec. Now imagine if there was no glacier to ski on in the summer ☐
Doug Bishop shows us how to fix a tree-jib (or a quaterpipe):



The Momentum crew talks about their melt-out:



Of course, Ski resorts themselves are not exempt from becoming sustainable; it could be argued that they have the most to lose. Some resorts such as Whistler has gone to more efficient 4 stroke engines for their snowmobiles and switched to diesel or biodiesel for their groomers but their energy consumption, based on a dirty energy grid, is still unsustainable. The pollution they cause significantly increase greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere as well as carbon particulates and water vapour; promoting both global warming and global dimming at the same time. Why is solar and wind power not in use by more ski resorts worldwide? Each lift tower could be covered in solar cells powering the lift's operation. Each hotel and lodge could have solar arrays on their roofs helping them become energy self-sufficient. Wind turbine fields on mountain tops could more than power entire resorts but these technologies are being ignored as they cost money to implement. Of course in the long run costs will be much less (as carbon energy increases in price through shortages and carbon taxes, neither of which are far off) but CEO's and owners only see dollar signs right now; to hell with the future there are shareholders to answer to.

As the summer wore on and High North ended, I spent more time at Camp of Champions. In the next photo we can see HN digger Blake Nyman and Coach Anthony Boronoski also finishing off their summer at COC. I also managed to get a whole bunch of trick tips done and would like to thank the pros who helped me out with them:



Blake telling us how to do a corked 5



Blake being helpful with a handplant:



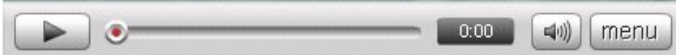
Steele Spence teaching a blindsided switch-up:



Ingrid Backstrom showing us how she drops into steeps:



Colby West kills the nose grab and tells us how to do one with a switch 7:

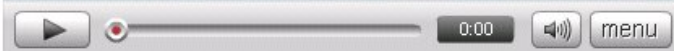


Charles Berard tells us first how to lipside and then shows a student how to railside:





Finally we have Chris Turpin telling the newbies how to properly ski switch (he is one of the best coaches I have ever seen!):



One of the greatest advantages of the summer at Whistler is the ability to go water ramping. I did not take advantage this year but have in the past. It is such a good opportunity to try new tricks and fine tune the old ones without the chance of breaking yourself on landings, or knuckles, or flats, or decks.

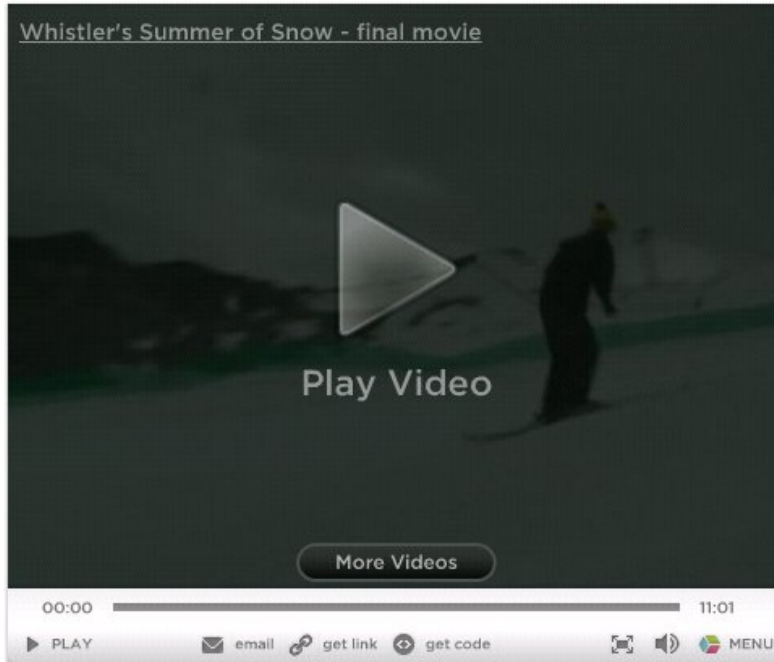


I hope some of you will take the time to read my concerns as they apply to everyone. I realize that buying a computer, driving a car, and many other things in our society are environmentally damaging and unsustainable. We each have a responsibility to reduce our neqative

environmental impacts wherever we can. I focused this article on the ski industry for beyond all political, religious and ideological differences we may have, we all have one thing in common here on newschoolers.com and that is our love for skiing. I certainly want to protect that which I love and pressuring the ski industry to become sustainable will be taking one positive step in ensuring that not only will I be able to ski until the day I die but that all future generation will be able to experience the same love I have for skiing.

You may call me preachy but I would rather have that label pinned on my chest than be ignorant of the problems in the world, especially the problems that I am apart of creating.

I will leave you with my final collection of footage from the summer, and an invitation to discuss anything and everything that you have read or seen in this story in the NS forum, below on the bulletin board or on my personal webpage [Being The Change](#). If you wish any of the pictures in full quality, contact boards on NS, he is my agent and he will arrange a transfer for a small fee.



I almost forgot to include the shitty jump that I had promised in the intro. It was made in the lane beside momentum, had a ridiculous kick to it and about the narrowest and shortest landing I have ever seen on a 15m jump. Take a look at it yourself and judge but I sure as hell would not hit it!:





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See you at IF3 or on the hills.

Thanks for reading and viewing, keep winter cool.



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preachy preachy! Nice pics though.

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that last jump actually makes me nauseous

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wow was i the only one who noticed the double lincoln loop? that step-up was absolutely ridiculous... I want it.

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sick
but what was up with that song for the final edit?

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wow you have terrible taste in music and cant edit worth shit but otherwise good article!

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good interviews but the quality of the actualy skiing is pretty bad. get ns to hook u up with a better camera!

[Dishwalla\\$](#)

Ahh summer and the "summer of snow" articles come to an end! Finally!

[dorikin69](#)

"f u dan, that jump looks great, id hit it in a second." - dave pauls.

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congrats on the awesome series of stories dan. it was like i was in whistler. except i didnt see any videos of wag, or you dog walking in your spare time. what.

stacey, the wag people moved way the hell out of town and i could not even use dogs to pick up ladies in town (completely accidental of course). The only dog i was wagging in my spare time was.....

[Boards](#) 🍌

Dave you wouldn't hit a step-up on blow-hole and this thing was sketchier

wolf07, that music fucking blows your face off.

Dishwalla, the camera was dope, the cameraman was a dope....hahahah wait a minute, no. he just sucks.

The double lincoln was quite hucked but still pretty sick...and you can hae a step up of your own, just takes a chicopee worth of snow and a whole bunch of skilled labourers.

dalke23
All the points are well mentioned. But in a country like china, there is an unbelievable amount of un-employment. So for big ski company's that move out there to get the cheap work is not a bad thing for china, they are offering a lot of jobs, which helps reduce the suffering people on the street. All though I do agree that if they are doing that the consumer should get those products at a cheaper rate, cause that would be nice. haha.

Props on everything. Awesome article.

SkierX

dalke the jobs that are created in china are jobs lost in north america. we then have to ship the items from china using climate destroying tankers.

Boards

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pemberton

This is what the Whistler Glacier looked like in the middle of the summer in 1984. Seems like a long time ago but in the life of a glacier it's not really a long time. There's no chance a summer ski camp could run on Whistler now. It's happening really fast!

Thanks for that picture pemberton. I knew camps used to be run on the whistler glacier but i had no real data and did not want to fake it. That glacier is ablating rather quickly eh! is it from salt use alone or a combination of salt use, over camped, and climate change?

Boards

I'm pretty damn skeptical about the whole buzz for biofuels. Basically nearly all the arable (farmable) land in the world is being used right now whether for agriculture based food or biofuel based energy source. If corn is used in the US, palm oil in Malaysia, and sugar beets in Europe then that means less land for agriculture crops.

KyleMclver

And then the problems start. Do you provide crops for energy or food?

There is a finite amount of energy harnessed by the Earth from the sun every year, as long as society uses more energy than that we are running an energy debt. And what happens with debt's? The ultimate issue that everyone has to face is that its CONSUMPTION that is the problem, and changing to biofuels isn't going to change a damn thing. If anything it'll just delay the day of reckoning.

If anyone wants to think about this a little bit more look up 'Tragedy of the Commons'.

subsidized biofuels on huge factory monocrop farms are the stupidest way the government is wasting our money. corn is the primary source and it needs such high levels of fertilizer to grow year after year that we are spending more energy creating biofuels than they give off. they are in themselves an energy debt.

Boards

you bring up some good points KyleMclver

First of all, don't believe all the doom and gloom Kellar says. He sounds like a catastrophist!! Global mean temperatures are not rising such that they're going to completely melt the glaciers around the world -- we do have time. The world needs to continue de-carbonizing as it has been doing since the days of Abraham Lincoln, and will continue to do so. It's also pretty naive to think that ALL global warming is attributable to CO2 emissions from humans.

Sanchez

For the future, a mix of solutions will be the only way this world will keep chugging along. Hydrogen vehicles. Nuclear power. A bit of wind and solar power in some cases. Carbon sequestration in the interim. I agree with Kyle -- I am skeptical of biofuels. Humans will wake up eventually.

As for China, cut them a bit of slack. They've got problems, but they've been improving quite quickly relative to the development of the West. China knows its problems -- especially its environmental ones -- will be its downfall if it doesn't do something, so i don't think the answer is to boycott all things chinese. It's a global capitalist economy -- which is far better than the communist alternative -- and we North Americans and Europeans just need to work hard and be competitive.

Sanchez, just because we are living in a capitalist economy does not mean we have to live with it. Boycotting products that come from environmentally damaging sources forces industry to change if it wants to survive. The communist alternative that you talk about is China...

Boards

Hydrogen vehicles will do nothing as hydrocarbons are a by-product of oil extraction another limited resource, and where do you put nuclear waste? It is not sustainable. Wind and solar are our future along with geothermal and of course REDUCTION through efficiency and cutting back. We do not have time to eventually wake up, as eventual action will lead to eventual disaster.

As for your 'de-carbonizing' as we have since the time of lincon? What does this mean? Global carbon emissions have never been higher then it is right now. It would be naive to think all warming is attributed to CO2 emissions, there are some natural fluctuations. No fluctuation has ever occurred as quickly as this one is and CO, WaterVapour, and Particulates are also strong greenhouse gases (as well as global dimming contributors but that is a whole other issue).

China exports food while millions of its own people are dying, they take over farmland for industrial expansion while their population chokes on pollution. The remaining land is overused and becomes fallow. This is an unsustainable country which needs guidance. The endurance events at the 2008 Olympics are going to be 'postponed' (read: canceled) as the athletes will not be able to breath due to dust coming off the eroding Loess plateaus.

Thinking Status Quo will not solve our problems.

Sanchez, it is good though to be skeptical of biofuels, go the next step and be against them, they are useless wastes of farmland. Communism is not a bad thing, it is the infiltration of communism by evil forces that leads it astray. That being said, evil forces will always leak in as long as we are a consumptive greedy society.

Boards

Boards, I agree with much of what you say, including boycotting products you don't agree with. I am simply trying to downplay the catastrophist mentality, as I personally don't believe we're in for any catastrophes. Also, I do not consider China truly communist. Politically they're communist, but economically they're capitalist. Sooner or later, democracy will prevail.

Sanchez

As for energy, I may not have mentioned geothermal as a source and reduction as a strategy, but I agree they're also key as well. I don't share the same concern as you regarding nuclear waste -- there are new ways of dealing with it that should keep the planet safe. I do not see your connection between hydrogen vehicles and hydrocarbons. The point of hydrogen vehicles is that they do not emit carbon byproducts, but rather friendly water. The difficulty currently with hydrogen vehicles is the hydrogen supply.

With respect to de-carbonizing, I am referring to the trend to first move away from burning wood, then other carbon sources like coal, etc. There is a trend, though I do not dispute that current consumption is a lot higher than 1860. But that was not my point. As for fluctuations, it's easy to say "no fluctuation has ever occurred as quickly as this one is" when accurate temperature records only cover about 150 years for a planet that is billions of years old, so I don't think that means much. By the way, global dimming actually COOLS the planet.

You're bang on about the unsustainability of China. They definitely need to change. No one ever said status quo was an acceptable approach.

And you're bang on about what you refer to as "evil forces". I prefer to view them as "power hungry" or "egotistical" -- either way, people corrupted by positions of power. Happens all too often...

Sanchez, i'm happy we can agree on a few points and i recognize that dimming cools the planet and shades us from the true effects of the climate crisis.

Boards

Paleoclimatology gives us pretty accurate readings of the last few thousand years. ice core samples, tree core samples, heck, even pollen samples can all tell us what past climates were like. The current climate is pretty distressing (even if you are not a fan of the hockey stick graph).

I am wondering what new ways people are dealing with nuclear waste, putting it in the ground in concrete bunkers is not dealing with it, it is placing it out of sight so one day a nuclear catastrophe may take place. As for Hydrogen vehicles, they may emit h2o but the process of extracting them is energy intensive and associated with oil extraction. as was discussed above, hydrogen production is an energy debt much like bio fuels, it requires more energy to produce then it produces. ANd i do agree with you that china is not really communist, they are more like tyrannical/facist capitalist (much like we in NA are heading as we lose control of our lives to CEOs).

In america and china new coal plants are being built all the time and bush is actually pushing for more coal mining. he stresses clean coal which will reduce the dimming (through less particulate emission) but will do nothing for the Greenhouse gases. True warming will be felt then.

Evil forces: the power hungry and the pure capitalist will be the downfall of humanity.

yay sustainability! hike the BC or urban landscape near you to avoid using lifts, helis, planes, snowcats and snowmobiles which use (gasp) FOSSIL FUELS. also, don't buy new skis and otehr equipment every season if you don't need to. thats all i can think of right now.

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hahahaha max hill

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