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REAWAKENING MEMORIES

THE STORY BEHIND THE PHOTOGRAPH

Bruno Alexander Biehler (1884 to 1966) is considered as one of the ski sports pioneers in Germany. As a member of the Ski Club Freiburg, he was the overall winner of the first German Championships in the Nordic combined discipline in 1908.

One year later, he was able to repeat this success. In the first Allgäu Ski Championships in 1910, which took place on the old ski jumping hill at "Halde", predecessor of today's Schattenberg hill, Biehler became ski jumping champion with 21 metres (photo).

Photo: Private collection,
Hermann Maier from Mindelheim



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, THOMAS MÜLLER!

GOLD MEDAL IN NORDIC COMBINED IN TWO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Today, Thomas Müller celebrates his 60th birthday. As an active Nordic Combined athlete, the Oberstdorfer three times made it to the highest podium place with the team, competing as 3x10 km relay at that time.

In 1985, he was the first-leg participant during the WSC in Seefeld in the team with Hubert Schwarz and the current German head coach Hermann Weinbuch. During the WSC 1987 in Oberstdorf, he was carried to victory by the enthusiastic home audience as last-leg participant after Hermann Weinbuch and Hans-Peter Pohl. The high point of his career was in 1988, when he became Olympic Champion in Calgary as last-leg participant after Hubert Schwarz and Hans-Peter Pohl.

Thomas Müller was born in Aschaffenburg, but has been living in Oberstdorf since his second year of life. Since childhood he has stood on skis, and won competitions in ski jumping and cross-country skiing as a student. In summer, he also proved to be a good track and field athlete.

But his heart always belonged to Nordic Combined. He became Bavarian and German Champion and in 1981 ranked third on the occasion of the Junior World Championships. Müller took part in the World Championships in 1982 in Oslo, and ranked 6th in the individual competition and 2nd in the relay.



In 1984, he had his first Olympic appearance during the Olympic Games in Sarajewo. After ski jumping, he still ranked third, and finished fifth. He won four World Cup competitions and in 1985/86 ranked second in the overall World Cup standings behind the current German head coach Hermann Weinbuch.

After the end of his active career, he was coach at the DSV training centre for one year, and since 1992 has been working as full-time state coach for ski jumping and Nordic Combined for the Bavarian Ski Federation in Oberstdorf. With his work, he contributed to the success that Johannes Rydzek and Vinzenz Geiger are by now among the world's best Nordic Combined athletes.

TRAIL OF SKIING LEGENDS

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SKIING LEGENDS

Eleven steles remind us of Oberstdorfers, who rendered outstanding services to winter sports. Ski jumpers Karl Geiger and Katharina Althaus as well as the Nordic combined athletes Vinzenz Geiger and Johannes Rydzek are Oberstdorf's four successful athletes, who are in the top ranks of the world ranking. As WSC ambassadors, they are contributing to make the name of Oberstdorf known in the world, long before the Nordic World Ski Championships.

The foursome has role models, however, and in remembrance of the former celebrities in ski sports, the Ski Club Oberstdorf came up with something special some years ago.



The “trail of skiing legends” is a historic walk, which leads you from the ski jumping arena to the Ski Flying Hill. The initiators wanted to establish a connection between the important sports facilities in the village and those in Stillach valley, such as the Cross-Country Stadium and the Ski Flying Hill.

Eleven steles, commemorating deceased Oberstdorfers, who rendered outstanding services to ski sports, establish said connection from one station to the next. The artist blacksmiths, Martina and Martin Fritz from Imberg close to Sonthofen, designed the steles showing two skis, which symbolically unite at the tips and contain a bilingual inscription about the respective skiing legend.

For those, who want to learn more about Claus-Peter Horle, Willi Klein, Heini Klopfer and all the other celebrities in sports in addition to the bilingual information on the steles, QR codes enable direct access via smartphone. The former museum curator and “Oberstdorf's memory”, Eugen Thoma, contributed the historical facts.

Tourismus Oberstdorf's summer program weekly offers guided walking tours along the trail of skiing legends.

Ski Club President Dr. Peter Kruijer is very pleased with the successful joint campaign, they have initiated in cooperation with the municipality, Tourismus Oberstdorf, Verschönerungsverein and Skisport- und Veranstaltungs GmbH.

“There had been many more Oberstdorfers, however, who dedicated their lives to ski sports,” Kruijer says. The steles on the axis between Ski Jumping Arena and Ski Flying Hill shall remind us of them all.

Further information about the competition sites, the trail or a guided tour:

www.audiarena.de/besichtigung

www.oberstdorf.de/skilegendenweg

www.skiflugschanze-oberstdorf.de

www.nordic-zentrum-oberstdorf.de



ANIMAL VISIT

THE STADIUM CAT IS A FAN OF SKI JUMPING

She has already seen many famous ski jumpers: the Schattenberg stadium cat. With stoic equanimity, she has been observing the hustle and bustle in the Arena for five years now, wondering about the strange birds, who come soaring down time and again. Although, she lives in the neighbourhood, she keeps being drawn to the camp of ski jumpers.

She enjoys the many gentle strokes by the guests, who usually come to visit the stadium in times without Corona. On nice summer days, she likes to watch the athletes' training jumps from the boards, and sometimes she escorts them to the lift. The stadium cat has not yet assigned points for style, however...

Photo: Malgorzata Jarosz



NO DOUBT THAT WOMEN CAN DO SKI JUMPING ...

WILLY SCHUSTER, COACH FROM KLEINWALSER-TAL, IS SURE – PIONEER WORK HAS PAID OFF

When the women had their first competition on the large hill in the Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf, one person was especially happy. Willy Schuster, ski jumping coach in Kleinwalsertal for 35 years and in Vorarlberg for some time, is a pioneer, who as one of the first promoted the girls in this discipline.

In the mid-80s already, the now 83-year-old had two girls in his team of young ski jumpers. “I never had a doubt that women are capable of ski jumping,” the father of the former German head coach Werner Schuster tells us. Around the turn of the millennium, things finally started to get moving. Rudi Tusch, former Technical Director/ Nordic with the German Ski Federation, and Athletic Director Detlev Braun recognised the potential, and Tusch asked Schuster in 1999, whether he would be interested in coaching the German girls.

The Kleinwalsertaler accepted and considered himself on the road to success already, when he suggested carrying out a separate women’s competition on the 50m ski jumping hill in the German Championships, which took place in Oberstdorf in 2000. Vice President of the German Ski Federation, Heinz Billino, however, made it clear: “When the women want to participate, they have to jump from the normal hill”.

“Then came good times, with successes, which brought us a big step forward,” Schuster says. Afterwards, the German Ski

Federation provided a lot more support for women’s ski jumping.

Until 2002, the pioneer coached the German female athletes and then gave over his job to Daniel Vogler. Since then, true quantum leaps have followed. In the meantime, everything is perfectly organised, subdivided into A, B and C teams as for the men, and the girls are optimally looked after from an athletic as well as from a medical point of view. The women take part in Continental Cups and World Cup competitions and since the Olympic Games in Sochi, women’s ski jumping is an Olympic discipline. The first gold medal ever went to Germany, and Carina Vogt with the German head coach Andi Bauer made winter sports history. The recent WSC gold medal in the mixed team competition in Oberstdorf was a great gratification for the pioneer Willy Schuster: “No doubt, the girls can do it”.



Photo: Katharina Althaus, one of the successful DSV-Women, who won a gold medal in Oberstdorf 2021 with the mixed team.

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NEW CROSS-COUNTRY CENTER OFFERS PROMISING TRAINING PROSPECTS

In the past days, we were able to witness exciting WSC races in the new Cross-Country Stadium Ried. The competitions will come to an end on Sunday with the “ski marathon” on the 50km distance in the classic technique.

In February 1986, Oberstdorf organised the first Cross-Country World Cup, which was considered as baptism of fire for the first Nordic World Ski Championships in 1987. Since the reconstruction of the Cross-Country Stadium for the World Championships in 2005, the entire facility has been available for national, state and young athletes, who in the last 15 years have considerably grown in number. Thanks to the WSC 2021, they benefit from promising training prospects due to the new Cross-Country Center.

The German Karl-Heinz Lickert is jointly responsible for the current course design. There are now six cross-country tracks side by side, moreover, a tunnel tube with three exits was constructed to make sure that leisure athletes can comfortably reach Stillach valley without having to remove their skis and without disturbing the professional athletes during competitions.

Also new is the water reservoir with a capacity of 40,000 cubic metres. All functional rooms with changing rooms, sanitary facilities and gastronomy are hidden under the architecturally distinctive passage. The machine hall with common rooms as well as the warm-up and training hall for professional athletes were newly built.

For the WSC the organisers created the world’s longest ski depot in the Ried area. On a length of 360 metres, the athletes and service people were provided with 72 boxes for their entire material during the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships. Here, you can see the French cross-country skiers, who are happy about the great offering.

Further information about the new Cross-Country Stadium, called „Nordic Zentrum Oberstdorf/Allgäu“:
www.nordic-zentrum-oberstdorf.de





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SHOWTIME IN THE OC OFFICE

There was some sports-related diversion in the OC Office in Oberstdorf Haus.

There, the team actually deals with the accreditation of athletes, counsellors and journalists. A job, which leaves hardly any time for the volunteers to have a look at the venues and witness a ski jumping or cross-country competition. Therefore, the team, which includes many WSC and OC rookies, lately got some “private lessons”. Thomas Juffinger (28), who is state coach for the women in the Bavarian Ski Federation and the D/C team in the German Ski Federation, took the time to pass on his inside knowledge about ski jumping. He brought a ski jumping suit and boots, serving as demonstration materials, and recounted from his wealth of experience on ski jumping technique, preparing for competitions and training.



The lecture was so good that even Pit Langosch, an ‘old hand’ in the OC Office, had to admit: “Even I learned something new”. Juffinger was born in Tyrol, is coach in Germany since last May and lives in Oberstdorf.

„SKI HAPPENS“

Podcast with Vinzenz Geiger and guests.

Of course, you cannot always exercise or spend your life in competition mode. Weekly, Vinzenz Geiger is looking forward to enjoyable chats with former biathlete Corinna Horn and journalist Moritz Batscheider in a very special podcast. “Ski happens – and not only on Sundays on television!”, the trio promises with their one-hour input on everything happening in winter sports, aside from Four Hills Tournament and Kitzbühel. You will gain insight into the season of a world-class Nordic

combined athlete, analyses of the current events, and exciting interviews. Tong in cheek, they announce “awkward inside information” when they get into detail in their interviews with Johannes Rydzek, Janosch Brugger, Sebastian Holzmann or Julian Schmid, just to name a few. They know each other – they appreciate each other – and the listener can enjoy the inside information, which is by no means “awkward”, but very exclusive and fascinating. Just check out the podcast “Ski happens”!

PHOTO COMPETITION

THE PRIZES GO TO OFFENBURG AND NORWAY

“Send us your nicest WSC photo from home”. This was our appeal in the first WSC Journals, and our editorial office received many responses. It was not easy to make a choice, but we decided in favour of Mickey Vetter from Offenburg-Zunsweiler and Morten Samuelsen from Vestskogen in Norway.

The latter sent us a series of photos from his living room, which were taken during the women’s Nordic combined ski jumping competition. “The room is completely decorated with fan paraphernalia from Oberstdorf,” Morten Samuelsen writes. “You could say that we have brought the World Championships to our home,” the Norwegian says in his comment.



Mickey Vetter sent a funny photo, which was taken when refurbishing their flat. He and his girl-friend Martina are busily pott-ering around despite the World Cham-pionships, but often think of the athletes in Oberstdorf. "It is very important not to lose your sense of humour in difficult times like these," the 29-year-old says. This includes replacing the work boots by self-made ski jumping skis and the workwear by a bib.

The mascot Nordi actively supports the two in their renovation, hanging com-fortably from the cordless screwdriver. Nothing should go wrong now, and who knows, maybe the ladder is the start gate for the great family bliss in their home...

We will send out the prizes to the winners by mail in the coming days.
Thanks for participating!



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