

# January's News

Busy month for Team Winthrop



## A month of racing!

Sweden, Switzerland, France & Italy in 3 weeks.

It's been a crazy few weeks since our last update! We both spend Christmas apart, relaxing and recovering. We then got back together in Gevena and headed for Aosta to complete another week's teaching. From then, we embarked on a 3000km competition road trip.

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### MORE TEACHING

Next up, we're spending 3 weeks teaching in Aosta.

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Next stop of the tour for us is Mittenwald, Germany 1-3 March.

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### GB SKI TEST

We're really excited to say we'll be heading to Galtur to test next season's skis!



Swedish views never got old



Diversions on the way to Lenk



Chose our parking spot well!

## First up, Sweden!

Our road trip began picking Mum up in Geneva, to join in and help us on our trip to Scandinavia. Having safely navigated Europe, we arrived in Idrefjäll, Sweden, ready for Europa Cup number 3. We were blown away with the track in Idre - the organisers had left the World Cup track for us to ski! It was such an experience! The track was tricky, but we both held our nerve, and came away with good points and a lot of experience!



## Dash to Switzerland...

After finishing in Idre, it was time to make the trip back to Switzerland for the next stop on the Europa Cup tour. This was the first time we were returning to a track that we knew, which filled us with some confidence to put in a good performance! With no qualification, it was straight into heats, getting to test ourselves against the others. Despite both having crashes in training, we were both really happy with how the weekend went, boosting us to 10th and 11th in the Europa Cup tour standings.



## Et la troisième, France!

Final stop on our road trip was St François. Feeling positive from Lenk, we were ready to attack in France! It was a mixed weekend for us, with Zoe not really getting on with the track, still managed to show some nice skiing and score some good tour points. Claire had a more successful weekend, managing to qualify for finals on day 1, missing out on climbing 2 more spots by 0.02! Unfortunately a crash in the second race put her out of action, however, Zoe rose to the occasion and grabbed a qualifying spot instead!



## CITY SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

To finish off January, we headed to Verbier, Switzerland, to join Team Sandstone in their City Ski Championships campaign. We were very privileged to meet some skiing (and non skiing) legends! Including Graham Bell and Damon Hill. We also got to serve North Berwick Distilleries award winning gin to a lot of happy skiers.

We had a great time racing along side the rest of our team, and managed to score a podium for Sandstone Ladies team.



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