

'Our' Charlie gets Olympic chance



Another great season for MPI sponsorships

As a leading provider of specialist ski insurance, MPI supports several events which have a charity element or foster a spirit of competition..

So far this season we've been involved with:

■ The Independent Schools Ski and Snowboard Championships, an annual event in Les Deux Alpes. It's a unique educational trip catering for 350 skiers and boarders.

■ Annual Inter-Livery Ski Championships – Members and guests of more than 30 livery companies race in slalom and giant slalom events over two days in Morzine.

■ AJ Bell Snow Camp Alpine Challenge – Four-person teams compete in this endurance skiing event in Morzine. The event promotes a charity doing excellent work among inner-city youngsters.

■ British Schoolgirls Races – organised by the Ladies Ski Club and held annually in Flaine, this event brings together skiers from many of the top UK schools that promote skiing.

■ British Schoolboys Races – the 'brother' event is organised by the Downhill Only Ski Club in Wengen.

And still to come, the Amateur Inter-Club Championships – the 11th staging of this annual event from 7-9 March will see club teams competing in grand slalom, super-G and parallel slalom. This year's event is in Méribel.

We are delighted with the news that Charlie Guest, the MPI-sponsored Alpine skier, has been selected for Team GB at the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang from 9-25 February.

Charlie (24) is one of the record 25 athletes representing Great Britain in the disciplines of Alpine skiing, cross country, freestyle skiing and snowboarding.

According to a Team GB press statement, the previous record entry was 22 athletes – for Italy, in 1956.

Fourteen of the athletes are first-time Olympians, while only four have completed more than one Games.

The Alpine ski squad also includes Dave Ryding (31), Alex Tilley (24) and Laurie Taylor (22).

Team GB says: "Ryding, returning for his third Games, earned six top 10 World Cup finishes last year including a podium at Kitzbühel, and has backed that up with four more top 10s this season. He will be joined in the men's slalom by Taylor who made his World Cup debut last



season and went on to finish 33rd at the World Championships in 2017.

"Tilley will compete in the ladies' giant slalom and slalom, while Guest will join Tilley in the slalom. Tilley has had her best

season to date on the World Cup circuit, earning

a career-best 13th in Courchevel. Guest's inclusion

comes three years after she fractured four vertebrae while training in Sweden.

"The quartet will also combine for the Alpine Team Event which is making its Olympic debut."

Commenting on Twitter shortly after the team was announced, Charlie said: "It's still slightly surreal."

MPI is proud to have helped Charlie through her long and rigorous training programme ahead of the team selection. We wish her well as she makes her final preparations in South Korea.

For an extended report with an insight into Charlie's life in training please go to mpibrokers.com/news

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