

## Slalom star Maria Riesch signs up for the 2009 Verbier High Five by Carlsberg

The line-up for this year's 'Verbier High Five by Carlsberg' received yet another great boost with today's announcement that Germany's slalom specialist, Maria Riesch - winner of this year's World Championships and World Cup in the Slalom discipline and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the overall World Cup, will compete with her best friend and overall World Cup winner Lindsey Vonn in Verbier on Saturday April 4.

As the High Five event has continued to grow over the last 9 years, it has seen a cast of stars of the past and present, but has never included skiers who are at the very beginning of their pro-careers showing promise to become stars of the future. To mark this 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the 'Verbier High Five by Carlsberg' three invitations have been extended. The Verbier High Five by Carlsberg will enable them to benefit from competitive racing tips from their peers.

The current round-up of our 2009 pro-skiers is:

**Men:** Didier Défago (SUI), Dider Cuche (SUI), Mattias Hargin (SWE), William Besse (SUI) and Edgar Grosperon (FRA); and  
**Women:** Lindsey Vonn (US), Maria Riesch (GER), Julia Mancuso (US), Fränzi Aufdenblatten (SUI), Janette Hargin (SWE), Chemmy Alcott (GB) and Sylviane Berthod (SUI)

With these well known international names celebrating the end of the racing season in Verbier, television interest has increased substantially. To meet this demand the winter-sports TV production company "Hothouse Productions", will produce the host signal for the news and highlights programming that will be distributed worldwide by Germany's "Quattro Media" which focuses on the communication of quality sports and lifestyle events to a global TV client-base.

Carlsberg's International Sponsorship Director Keld Strudahl said: "This year's skiing season has had fantastic snow, an excellent World Championship and a really competitive World Cup. We are genuinely proud to be joined by so many of our good friends in the ski world. With these outstanding athletes and some great amateur skiers, we can all look forward to enjoying Verbier's late season skiing and after-ski fun".

The 'Verbier High Five by Carlsberg' will be held once again in the famous Swiss resort on April 4 2009. It is open to anyone over 18 years old and can contest a maximum of 300 participants - of which over a 100 have already subscribed via [www.verbierhighfivebycarlsberg.com](http://www.verbierhighfivebycarlsberg.com).

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