

# ZINAL ECS 2008

## EXTREME CARVING SESSION V



**FEBRUARY 23-24-25, 2008, ZINAL, SWITZERLAND**  
**CARVING MEETING - SWORD SNOWBOARDS TESTS - DEMOS**  
**INFO: WWW.EXTREMECARVING.COM / WWW.ZINAL.NET**





## What is ECS?

**SWOARD snowboards** is organizing the 5th edition of its unique Extremecarving Session. Incredible slopes, nice and friendly atmosphere, demo testing of genuine Swoard extremecarving boards will be proposed for all Europeans and worldwide snowboarders desiring to discover this new discipline and share good moments. If you don't know what EC is about, simply want to discover this fun and very spectacular activity or just want to carve laid turns to the max on steep and perfectly groomed slopes: come and join us! Last year, about 170 carvers from 20 countries were part of the 4th edition of the meeting.

## Activities

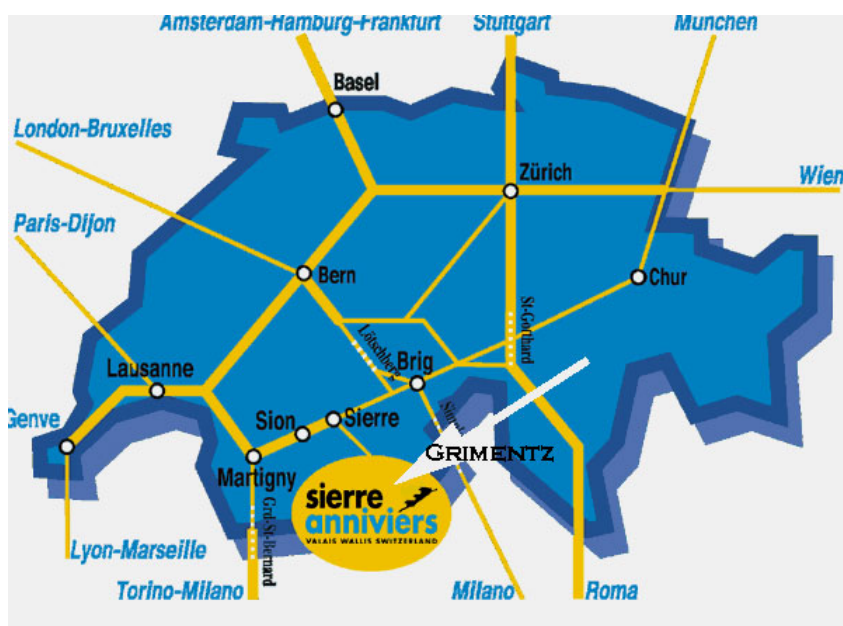
**TEST** of extremecarving gear: the SWOARD boards will be available for the riders during the whole three days of the meeting. Participants are required to bring their own gear.

**EXTREMECARVING EXIBITION** by the Swoard team, creator of the extremecarving technique (as a discipline by itself) with the original extremecarving boards that they have developed.

**FREECARVING SESSION** and informal carving advices given by the Swoard team while testing and riding.

**INFORMAL STOKED SPIRIT:** freecarving and extremecarving are just a part of the glide spirit.

**MEETING** other riders from different cultures and styles of carving in a wonderful panorama.



Zinal is in the "Anniviers" valley, very close to another resort named Grimentz. Switzerland is ideally located in the center of Europe. It's perfect for such an international event. The trip duration from Geneva airport to Zinal: 3 hours by train/bus, or 2 hours by car.

## What's new at the ECS 2008 ?

**DEMO** boards will be delivered for a period of 2 hours in exchange of your passport – identity card – driver licence at our stand at the arrival of the main lift in Sorebois.  
You are pleased to return the board on time and to take care of it as yours !

**THE STAND** is the meeting point of the event. On Saturday morning you're pleased to pick up your card with your name prepared by Arnaud for each of you. By presenting your red or blue strap (read the text about the registration and "packages"), you will also have the possibility to buy some drinks, sandwiches and hot soup.  
A program will be showed at the stand. You will be able to know where the next photo shooting will be, where Jacques & Patrice are, and also on which slope the cameraman is.

**DINNER x 2** : to increase the conviviality of the event, we decided to organize dinners on Saturday and Sunday. The Sward team cannot clone himself. It will give you a second chance to speak with them instead of watching TV in your hotel room !

**Nils** can unfortunately not join the event this year due to the management of his big big family !

**Volunteer program** : as Nils cannot attend to the meeting and due to the overcharge of work with the organization of the 2 dinners and a stand on the slope, we need you !



For each hour of your time, you will receive a coupon. On Sunday evening a random drawing will be used to determine the winner of a Sward Extremecarver new generation.  
Moreover the volunteers will receive every day at the Sward stand a drink, a soup and a sandwich for free. We have limited volunteer places and we will give the priority to people who will take many hours of their time.  
More information about the ECS 2008 volunteer program in the Forum.

**FREE extreme carving lessons** will be given on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Only a restricted number of places will be available ! The lessons will be given by volunteers instructors selected by the Sward team. Registration & information at the Sward stand in Sorebois.

**PAYABLE extremecarving lessons** only 2 hours on Sunday afternoon with Jacques or Patrice personally. Restricted to 10 places ! **STOP !** The goal is not to make money. The money will only cover the extra charges of the ECS organisation. We thought it was better than increasing the amount of the package.  
Jacques & Patrice will be as always at your entire disposal during the event. You can ask them questions like in the previous sessions.

# ECS 2008 program

## SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2007

08:00	Meeting at the departure of the main lift in Zinal
08:30 - 09:00	Sword team will welcome you on his stand in Sorebois (at 2500m)
09:30 - 11:30	Free carving. A slope will be reserved for the ECS in the morning
11:30	Group photo near the stand
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 16:45	Free carving
19:00 - 00:00	Meeting place: Zinal village hall Menu: Swiss cheese fondue Sword Goodies Stand – Video presentation – Music – Speech of the Sword team Bar and drinks

## SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2007

08:00	Meeting at the departure of the main lift in Zinal
08:30 - 09:00	Sword team will welcome you on his stand in Sorebois (at 2500m)
09:30 - 11:30	Free carving. A slope will be reserved for the ECS in the morning
11:30	Group photo near the stand
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 16:45	Free carving
19:00 - 23:00	Meeting place: Zinal main lift station Lift with the cable car to the restaurant in Sorebois (altitude 2500 m) Menu: side dish, main dish, dessert and free coffee Sword Goodies Stand – Video presentation – Music – Speech of the Sword team

## MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2007

08:00	Meeting at the departure of the main lift
08:30 - 16:00	Free carving until departure

### Disclaimer:

Sword snowboards is the inviting party which proposes, but participants are required to organize for themselves their trip and take care of all expenses (hotel, food, gear, eventual insurances, lift costs...).

Sword organizes many activities, the dinners and the tests of the products it sells: Sword Company will not be held responsible of bad weather, lack of snow, or any accident that would occur during this informal meeting, which goal is to have people sharing the same passion together. Snowboard riding is a dangerous activity, and shall be taken seriously with all knowledge of your level. Please note that you will be required to fix the bindings on the boards yourself for security/liability reasons.

In case of heavy snowfalls that will make it impossible to do any form of carving, participants will be able to discover the fantastic freeride possibilities of Zinal, at own risks (beacon, shovel and pole mandatory (can be rented, but not for 150 persons!) and freeride board for those who are equipped).

## How to join us ?

For this edition, we have worked 100% with the Reservation Center of Siere-Anniviers (valley where Zinal is located) to centralize the PACKAGES reservations and payments.  
Basically everyone has to contact them and book with them the event and the hotels.

### 1 CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE PACKAGE

#### Package Red 115 CHF (about 70 Euros)

Skipass for : Saturday + Sunday

Dinner x 1 : Saturday evening dinner + one T-shirt

You will get such a red strap:



#### Package Blue 165 CHF (about 100 Euros)

Skipass for : Saturday + Sunday + Monday

Dinner x 2 : Saturday and Sunday evening + one T-shirt

You will get such a blue strap:



**Skipasses only** : only available with blue or red strap.

What does it mean exactly ? You have to attend to at least 1 dinner to have a preferential skipass.  
You will have to present a voucher at the main lift to get the skipass.

### 2 PACKAGE + HOTEL BOOKING

Please call the SIERRE-ANNIVIERS RESERVATION CENTER: (NOT the Zinal tourist office).

Phone number: +41 (0)848 848 027 (Mon-Fri 08:00-18:00) [info@sierre-anniviers.ch](mailto:info@sierre-anniviers.ch)

You have to buy your package there and they will help you booking your hotel !

More info about accommodation there: [www.zinal.ch/en/Accommodation/Hotels/](http://www.zinal.ch/en/Accommodation/Hotels/)

**3** After reception of the payment of your package, the Siere-Anniviers Reservation Center will send you a voucher and all the important information you need for your stay in Zinal.

**4** Please, do not forget to register yourself on the Forum too: [list here](#).

**5** At your arrival on Saturday morning present to the cashier at the main lift of Zinal the voucher you received from the Reservation Center. In exchange of your voucher, they will give you the skipass and your blue or red strap.

**WARNING:** the strap will give you the access to all facilities during the event. Please do not loose it or remove it !

**6** Enjoy riding and extremecarving in Zinal on February 23rd to 25th, 2008 !!!