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BEST USE OF A TEAM JACKET

Ski Canada's half-hour-early lift privileges upset more than a few drooling powderhounds waiting in the one lift line of the week after a 40-cm dump overnight. And it didn't help when many of the jackets strayed from the designated test run.

SAFEST PLACE TO DO A SHOOTER DOWN A GUN BARREL

Unlike the ones you might have experienced in, say, Venezuela after a World Cup loss, the one at **Snowshoe Sam's** at **Big White** won't cost you your life.



MOST RESPECTED SKI REP

Dave "Armie" Armstrong is off to bigger and better things after playing *Atomic Man* for more years than we can count.

BEST EVENING OUT

For *Ski Canada* Test revellers, it would have to be dinner upstairs at **Snowshoe Sam's**—or *Sideshow Bob's* as those with early Alzheimer's like test coordinator **Joe Grierson** like to refer to it. **Big White's** number-one dining and après-ski experience has fine dining upstairs, including steaks, seafood, pasta and a menu with all sorts of other savouries. Also open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and for those looking for more casual pub food, **Sam's** lounge downstairs has an active games room, a DJ every night and live bands every weekend throughout the season.

BEST MAGAZINE SKI TEST

Missed an issue? Or the whole thing? Just want the hard numbers? All numeric data collected at the annual *Ski Canada Tests* is available to subscribers online at

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WHO ACCEPTED THE SKI CANADA INVITE TO BE TESTED

- › Atomic
- › Boomtown
- › Fischer
- › Head
- › K2
- › Liberty
- › Movement
- › Nordica
- › Ogasaka
- › Prior
- › Rossignol
- › Salomon
- › Stöckli

WHO DECLINED

- › Dynastar
- › Elan
- › Völkl

BEST NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE

No, he wasn't last seen hucking his meat off a cliff, but **Steiner's** ill-timed bout with influenza is probably the reason he had three flu shots this fall.

EASIEST WESTERN RESORT TO GET TO FROM ONTARIO

Fly out on **WestJet's** daily 9:25 a.m. non-stop to Kelowna and ski **Big White** powder right after lunch!

BEST TUNING

Nowhere in Canada were there better-tuned skis than at **Big White** last March. Special thanks to all the manufacturers' reps who prepared the next day's skis to World Cup quality and stood in the Test pit twisting bindings while missing out on some fantastic skiing. Unlike some years, virtually no comment cards came in with notes like "possible tuning issue" or "tune is throwing the ski off."