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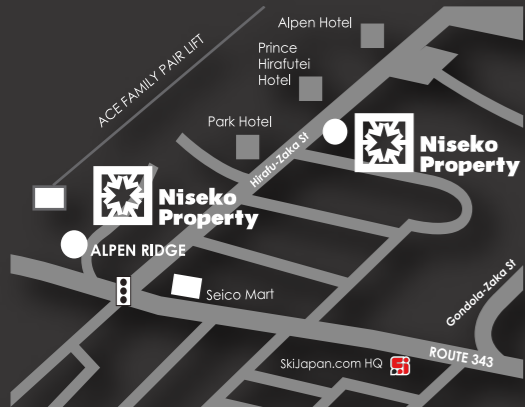


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editor's note *issue 20 december 26, 2009*



WOW. Only Mother Nature could deliver a better Christmas present than the thermal undies my own mother sent me – the first sustained period of solid Niseko snowfall this season (sorry Mum!). It was a good one, even by Niseko standards, and the wait made it that much better. Between the local and visiting powder hounds, and the families who had just started to arrive in numbers, everyone was on cloud nine over the chicken feathers endlessly falling from the sky.

Niseko is now back in full swing for another winter. After a relatively quiet start to December, the villages are now packed with international holidaymakers enjoying the Christmas/New Year period. Restaurants are starting to book out, so make sure you book early or you're going to miss the best of them. Fortunately there are at least an extra 15 or more new restaurants open across Niseko this year (as you'll see in our story on page 9), so that should help spread the crowd a bit.

Speaking of restaurants, in this issue we convinced Kamimura-san (of premier Niseko restaurant Kamimura) to share one of his unique recipes with us, so be sure to take the mag home with you and try it out. We also take a look at Hirafu's burgeoning entertainment district Momiji Street, and introduce you to another bunch of interesting local characters, and a whole lot more about Niseko. We hope you have a great festive season in Niseko. Happy New Year!

Kristian Lund, Powderlife Managing Editor kris@powderlife.com

一週間にも及ぶ吹雪の到来です!母親が送ってくれたヒートテック下着以上に素晴らしいクリスマスプレゼントをくれるのは、やはり母なる自然だけでしょう(お母さん、ゴメン!)。積雪量はニセコ基準で見て大変良く、長い間待ったかがありました。地元の人、熱狂的なパウダーファン、日に日に増す観光客で街は歓喜に溢れ、羽毛のように天から落ちてくるぼたん雪を前に皆が幸せを噛み締めています。

遂にニセコ冬シーズンの本格的な始まりです。スロースタートを切った12月が嘘のように、街はクリスマス/お正月休みを楽しむ外国人観光客でいっぱい。その為、混雑が予想されるレストランでは早めに予約する事をお勧めします。9ページで紹介しているように今年は15店舗がそれ以上のレストランが新しくオープンしました。これによって、混雑が一カ所に集中することが避けられそうです。

レストランと言えば、ニセコで格式高いカムムラが今号で素晴らしいレシピを紹介してくださいました。パウダーライフを家に持ち帰り、是非レシピを試してください。その他、ヒラフリゾートで急成長している歓楽街であるもみじ通りにも注目し、様々な面白い街の様子を紹介しています。短期旅行でニセコを訪れている方もそうでない方も皆様がニセコで素晴らしい祝日を過ごされますように。良いお年を!

THE CALM.. taken just before the snow kicked in. It might be a while before we see this sort of scene again. Photo: Yasuyuki Shimanuki, Niseko Photography.

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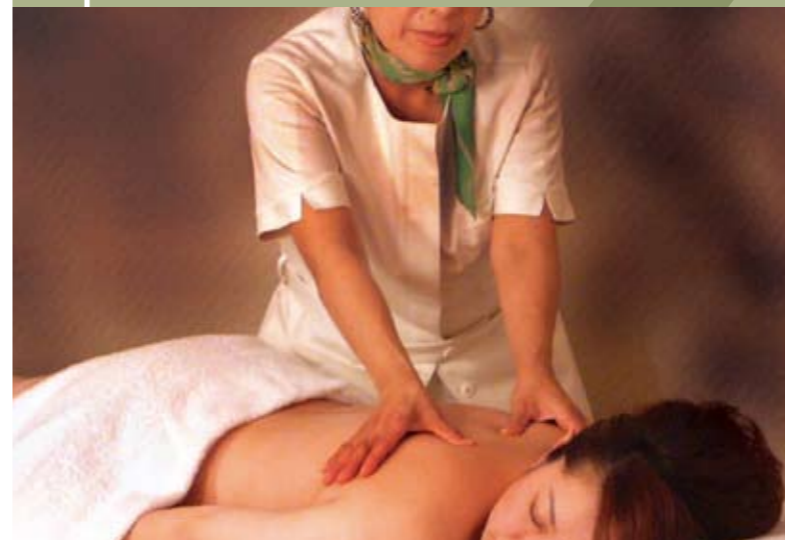
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fluff light news and stuff from around town

The Niseko Powder Express pulls in to town



THE powder machine that is Niseko may have had a bit of a spluttering start to the season, but the Powder Express has slipped into overdrive and is at full throttle. With more than 2m of snow falling by the time this magazine went to print (we can't even guess what it will be by the time the mag comes out!), conditions on the mountain couldn't be better. This year has had a similar lead up to that experienced during the 04/05 season. A bit slow to start, but once it got going it barely stopped snowing for the next few months and ended up with 15m+ total snowfall. Hopefully this season will continue along the same lines and we can look forward to many more days floating down through waist-deep Niseko powder. – **The Don, local weatherman.**



Photo: Niseko Photography



IF you see a Christmas tree that stops you in your powdery tracks, take note of the business where it is and vote for it at www.nisekotourism.com. The Niseko Promotion Board wants to crown Niseko Christmas tree 2009, and has a stack of prizes to give away for people who vote. See the map on p47 for all participating tree locations. Voting closes December 31.



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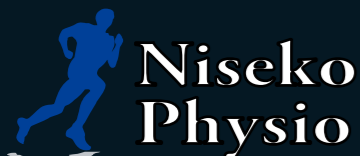
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Niseko lights up for New Year's Eve 2009



Photo: Glen Claydon

IN Japan, Christmas isn't widely celebrated, but New Year's Eve (shougatsu) is the most important holiday, and a spectacular cultural experience. Niseko Village, Anupuri and Hirafu will all celebrate New Year's Eve, with the main event taking place on the front slopes of Hirafu. The night kicks off with traditional Taiko drum performances, fireworks and music just outside the Kogen Hotel. Closer to midnight, revellers will spill out from the surrounding bars and head nearer to the event to welcome more than 100 skiers carrying torchlights down the mountain to form a number 10 to mark the new year. This spectacle is not to be missed!

Restaurant, bar scene stronger than ever

THIS season, Niseko's bar and restaurant scene is booming. Herbie's Austrian Umbrella Bar on Hirafu's main street (pictured) is one of the unique newcomers, boasting cosy apres ski schnapps, beer and food. We lost count of exactly how many new bars and restaurants there are, and we still seem to hear about more every day, but here's a shortlist in Hirafu alone that'll get you started...

- * Shiosai – High quality seafood cuisine and sushi
- * The Barn – Swish Japanese and international fusion
- * Hinabeya – Chinese hotpot in a Mogolian yurt
- * Ezo Seafoods – Fine seafood dining and oyster bar
- * The Vale Bar & Grill – Classy, modern Western dining
- * Genghis Khan Souan – Char-grilled BBQ, all you can eat
- * Lars Longcox – Nachos, drinking and table dancing
- * Bunker Bar – Niseko's first nightclub under The Vale

*SCHNAPPED...
New Daily Flake video snow report girls, Angela and Christie, enjoy some fine Austrian hospitality after a hard day at the office.*



niseko news momiji street entertainment district

By Matthew Thomas

HOLLYWOOD has its Sunset Strip, Paris the Champs-Élysées, and then there's the famous Tokyo shopping and entertainment strip, Ginza.

Now it seems Niseko could soon have its own official entertainment district – Momiji Street.

Many bars, restaurants and shops in the street have joined forces to promote the area to give Hirafu and Niseko a recognised entertainment zone.

There's even a red shirt that can be seen around town promoting the Momiji Street. Every business from the top of the street to the bottom are on-board, and are listed on the shirt. These include retail store Mountain Shop 343; restaurant and bar Yosaku; sushi restaurant The Barn; restaurant Sou; bar Splash; Ezo Seafoods seafood supplies and oyster bar; jazz bar Half Note; reggae bar Barunba; the Ice Experience ice bar; barbecue restaurant Souan; and restaurant Yawaraya.

The Momiji Street campaign is spearheaded by Ezo Seafoods seafood shop and oyster bar owner, James Gallagher. "Part of the problem here is Niseko doesn't have known street names - getting to places is all based on landmarks, like Seicomart," he said. "The resort realised this and gave the streets visible names last year. If people know Momiji Street it could become a destination within the overall destination of Niseko."

James said he thought Momiji Street deserved status as Hirafu's entertainment district because it had the highest concentration of different outlets in the village.

James hopes there will soon be a recognisable street sign for the district, and hints there are plans for events starting this winter, including a music festival, a luge competition, music night, and summer music festival.



ALL TOGETHER NOW... Momiji Street business owners join forces to bring Niseko a new entertainment strip.

Shirts off on Momiji Street competition

POWDERLIFE is giving readers the chance to win a limited edition Momiji Street Niseko T-shirt, a perfect souvenir to take back home with you.

"How can I win?", I hear you demand. No need to get shirty. All you need to do is take your shirt off in your favourite bar, restaurant or anywhere in Momiji Street, take a hi-res photo, and send it to ed@powderlife.com. Five of our favourites will win a shirt each. Remember, keep it tasteful – *Powderlife* is a family magazine!



kimamaya hotel old meets new in momiji street



BOUTIQUE LUXURY... Odin brings both the new Kimamaya and The Barn restaurant to Momiji Street.

Photos: Glen Claydon

HIRAFU'S newly renovated boutique hotel, Kimamaya, has just opened, retaining the traditional charm of the historical building, while adding a stylish and homely touch.

The 'alpine luxury lodge' on Momiji Street was one of the first pensions built in the Middle Village, and now offers nine well-appointed, exclusive residences – five rooms and four lofts.

Odin Projects director Nicolas Gontard years ago befriended the previous owners – Yasuo Watanabe and his wife, Keiko – so much so they agreed to come back and work at the hotel every year.

Nicolas also decided to retain the rustic, exposed wooden structure, and the old name, Kimamaya, which translates to 'be yourself' in Japanese.

Appointed with all the comforts 'like a second home', a highlight is two Japanese-style spa baths – one wood, one stone – that can be privately booked.



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in the loop your guide to what's on

SAT 26 **YAWARAYA Night Vol7 @ Yawarara**
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Hip hop & Reggae Night with Dj 53+SMOOVE and many more at Yawaraya.

一発目やわらNightはHip Hop & Reggae です。Ent:¥1000 22:00*太陽が昇るまで Dj 53 + Smoove crew をゲストに!

start: 10pm / entry: 1000yen
contact: 0136 21 7700
www.profile.ameba.jp/yawaraya/

WED 30 **Wild Women Wednesday Lars Longcox Nachos Bar**
ワイルドウーマン曜日 @ Lars Longcox Nachos Bar

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start: 4pm
contact: 0136-21-5833

SUN 3 **Free Hot milk Service Annapuri ski resort**
ホットミルクサービス@アンヌプリスキー場

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contact: 0136-58-2080
cks.chuo-bus.co.jp

THU 7 **Cross cultural acoustic live music night Java Bar**
アコースティックライブミュージックナイト @Java Bar

6pm-7pm Happy Hour 2 for 1 cocktails. from 8pm cool live music East meets West!

ハッピーアワー6時から7時カクテル2杯で1杯分の価格。8時よりライブミュージックが始まります。

start: 6pm
contact: 0136-23-0788
www.niseko-info.com/javabar

FRI 8 **Shinob-Shabu Shabu Night@ NINJA SOUL FOOD**
忍者 ソウルフード 忍しゃぶしゃぶナイト

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start: 6pm Last order 9pm. pick up service available. Dinner is ¥3000p/p
contact: 090-8274-1489

SUN 27 **Annapuri first run**
ファーストラン @アンヌプリスキー場

Annapuri ski resort Early morning Gondola Operation. Gondola operates from 7am to 8:20am.

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Tue 29th - Pizza Eating Competition

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FRI 1 **Traditional Japanese new years Omochi pounding**
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start: 2pm
contact: 0136-22-0109
www.grand-hirafu.jp

TUE 29 **Pizza Eating Competition @ Niseko Pizza**
ピザ食べくらベコンベ@Niseko Pizza

Consider yourself to be like competitive eater Takeru Kobayashi? Then register for the pizza-eating competition at Niseko pizza.

フードファイター小林たけるさんのようにピザを食べ続けることが出来るなら!!!! ぜひ、チャレンジしに来て下さい!! 1月5日(火)にも行います。

start: 4pm-6pm
contact: 0136-55-5553
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SAT 2 **Red Bar DJ House Night @ Red Bar**
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DJ Makoさんの登場です!! エントリー1000円ワンドリンクつき。

start: 10pm
contact: 0136-22-6687

TUE 5 **Ramat Club Night @ Ramat New bar opened on 28th Dec**
RAMAT クラブナイト@RAMATバ -12月28日NEWオープン

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ハッピーアワー4時から7時 ワンドリンクオーダーでもう1つゲット。レストラン6時から10時まで。

start: 4pm
contact: 0136-21-5088
www.ramatniseko.com

WED 6 **Ski and snowboard time race @ Moiwa**
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今シーズンのニセコ雪崩情報は12月中旬頃より開始予定です。モイワスキー場 レストランにて、ニセコ雪崩ミーティングを開催いたします。

start: 7pm-9pm
contact: 0136 59 2522
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Sat 2nd - Red Bar DJ House Night

Tue 31st - Grand Hirafu torch run



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COUNTDOWN TO 2010 NISEKO STYLE

Grand Hirafu 34th Countdown Event TAIMASHU Torch Run and Fireworks
Live music, Japanese drums, fireworks, countdown and torch run.
Starts 11pm Contact 0136-22-0109

Annapuri Ski Tesort Taimashu Torch Run and Countdown Fireworks
9-11.30pm free riding on night-skiing area. After torch run celebrate New Year's countdown with fireworks.
Torch run start 11.45pm
Contact 0136-58-2080

Restaurant and Wine Bar Dragon
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From 11pm Restaurant Open time 6pm
Contact 0136-21-7700

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Start time 5pm Last food order 10pm
Contact 0136-23-0700

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Starts 8 pm Contact 0136-55-8228

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SNAP

Powderlife caught up with Niseko holidaymakers and seasonal workers and asked them how they would spend their Christmas-New Year holidays...



All firemen from Hakodate (in Hokkaido's south), Taiki and Yoshiyuki will be off duty this festive season - Taiki spending time with his wife, while Yoshiyuki parties. Poor Ryota will be stuck at work fighting fires.



English seasonal worker Deb will be spending Christmas-New Year undoubtedly partying in Niseko, but her Aussie mates Zara, Alex and Amanda are only on holidays, and are back in Oz for the festive season.



Ryohei and Suguru drew the short straw and have to work in Tokyo this holidays, while a more relaxed Keita just dreams of snoozing in bed. Shuhei is a winner in our book, with plans for 'spending happy holiday times with girls'.

InSki's Wipeout of the Week

HOW good is this wipeout sequence!

It shows every last frame of pain as experienced by Dave from Western Australia, who emailed this shot to win Powderlife's Wipeout of the Week competition. After hitting a hidden death cookie of icy crust hidden under two feet of powder, Dave spiralled out of control, double ejecting into a cartwheel of powder-covered body parts. Coming to a halt in his final resting place, Dave laid for about five minutes, nursing a solid winding and a bruised ego. For his pain and anguish, Dave wins a helmet thanks to InSki and Powderlife. Entering this competition is simple: send a pic with short blurb to ed@powderlife.com. If your's gets published, the helmet's yours!

Powderlife can't wait to see all your stacks, so start sending them in! Until then, may all your wipeouts be public, excessive and captured on film!

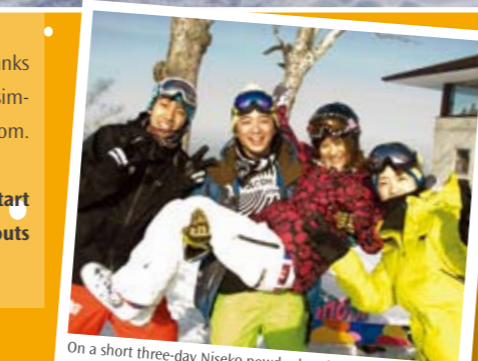


Andrew and Adele from Australia's west coast have it all sussed. Their holidays will consist of the best of both worlds - some early Niseko powder, followed by warm weather and surfing back home. Sorted.

Mountain Style

LOCAL seasonal worker Mina Watanabe is no doubt a little ray of sunshine as she rides by many on the mountain in Niseko.

The rainbow-coloured snowboarder from Yokohama (south of Tokyo) believes that when it comes to mountain style, it's 'better to look cool than be cute'. We reckon she pulls both off simultaneously with her bright and busy Inhabitant jacket and pants. "I chose these colours so I would contrast well with lots of brightness up against the white snow," she giggles. Revolt goggles, Volume gloves, a 4Cards snowboard, Thirty-Two boots and Flux bindings all cap off a pretty sunny snow ensemble all-round. Shine on, Mina-chan!



On a short three-day Niseko powder break, Yuka, Yusuke, Tomoko and Shunsuke tell us they'll be spending New Year's at Zao ski resort in the north of Honshu. Shunsuke will also wine and dine Tomoko with a romantic dinner.



Singaporean family Tan and Yng, and their daughter Shin, 9, have already had their Christmas-New Year celebration with friends before the official date. They will also spend the holidays getting Shin ready for a new school year, and enjoying street parties.

FLASH

New nacho bar Lars Longcox opens its doors for some Mexican madness, while it was an evening especially for the girls at Paddy McGinty's Ladies' Night...



Model citizens Trudy and Loz break out their best Zoolander faces as Paddy McGinty's Ladies' Night heats up.



Cheeky grins all-round as Mai, Eiko and Leila celebrate how sweet it is being a member of the finer sex.



"Two of Paddy's chocolate brownies, please," asks Chie, but Risa seems happy just sitting pretty on her red, red wine.



'Tis the season to be jolly, as Rin and Sonia get festive at Niseko's only Irish bar.



Trouble comes in threes - Morgan, Louise and Kristie hit the town for a girls' night out.



Ladies night at Paddy McGinty's



New friends Laura and Rachel hang out on the wall with their picture-perfect pal at Paddy McGinty's.



'Kawaii' cuties Maia, Tomo and Yuuko representin' at one of Niseko's newest bars.



Nelson, Andrew, 'Mega' and Chris all seem pretty stoked with the cheap booze and free nachos. What's not to like about that combination?!



Lars Longcox Grand Opening

Only known to us as 'Da Boyz', these fellas gladly 'made a meal' of their nachos.



Lars Longcox co-owner Wayne (left) takes time to ham it up with some of the revellers Jay, Eri, Lizzie, Azza and Yas.



Three amigos Emily, Chewy and Tim were 'all for one and one for all' at the Lars Longcox grand opening.



Taka, Yuji and Shino take a back seat in this photo, as Tobi pulls his best funny face for the Powderlife camera.

meet the locals introducing niseko ski resort staff

By Kisato Kurihara



PHOTOGRAPHER AJ-chan



SKI PATROL Sou-kun



LIFTIE Gatsu-chan

name AJ Desu! **age** 26
hometown Nomad **how long have you been in Niseko** I've seen all the seasons but this is my third winter **ski/board?** Board **how long?** First go at about 15
why did you come to Niseko? To be a rafting guide and learn Japanese **trips overseas?** NZ, US, UK, Japan, some of Europe **favorite...food** Sashimi **restaurant** Izakaya Rin **bar** Jam Bar **onsen** Yugokorotei **ski run** Moiva on a powder day **how long will you be in niseko** Till the end of March **best niseko secret** Summer, for sure **what's your life philosophy** Do what you want

名前 エーजूエー です **年齢** 26歳 **出身地** 遊牧民なので、特定してないです **ニセコに来てどのくらいですか?** ニセコには一年を通して滞在したことがあるけど、今シーズンで三回目です **スキーヤー?スノーボーダー?** スノーボーダー **スキー、スノーボード層** 最初に滑ったのは15歳くらい **なぜニセコに来たのですか?** ラフティングガイドをするのと、日本語を習うため **海外には行った事ありますか?** ニューゼaland、アメリカ、イングランド、日本、ヨーロッパ各国 **好きな...食べ物** さしみ **レストラン** は?りん **バー** は?ジャムカフェ **一温泉** は?湯心亭 **コース** は?パウダーがたぐさんの日のモイワ **この後、どのくらいニセコにいる予定?** 3月の終わりまで **ニセコの秘密** は?それは絶対ニセコの夏! **人生観、モットー** は?好きな事をする

name Sou Murata **age** 26 **hometown** Toyama (mainland Japan) **how long have you been in niseko?** Two seasons **ski/board?** Skier **how long?** More than 15 years **why did you come to niseko?** For skiing! **trips overseas?** Not yet **favorite... food** Deep fried chicken, meat **restaurant** Haven't found it yet **bar** I don't go out much so please recommend one **onsen** Ayukawa Onsen **ski run** Superstition **how long will you be in niseko** Until the end of the season **niseko secret?** Everyone loves powder snow! **what's your life philosophy?** A good life is a challenge - like climbing a mountain!

名前 ムラタ ソウ **年齢** 26 **出身地** 富山県 **ニセコに来てどのくらいですか?** 2シーズン目 **スキーヤー?スノーボーダー?** スキーヤー **スキー、スノーボード層** 15年くらい **なぜニセコに来たのですか?** スキーをしに来ました **海外には行った事ありますか?** ありません **好きな...食べ物** は?から揚げ、肉 **レストラン** は?未開発です **バー** は?教えてください **温泉** は?鮎川温泉 **コース** は?ーバースティションコース **この後、どのくらいニセコにいる予定?** 3月末まで **ニセコの秘密** は?みんなパウダー好き **人生観、モットー** は?一生懸命に山に登る

name Minoru Harada **age** 44 **hometown** Niseko **how long have you been in Niseko?** 40 years **ski/board?** Skier **how long?** About 20 years **why did you come to niseko?** Because I was born here **trips overseas?** Alaska for fishing **favorite... food** Japanese-style set menu dishes **restaurant** Any set menu restaurant **bar** Shirokiya **onsen** Yukichichibu **ski run** Annupuri **how long will you be in niseko** Until I stop breathing **niseko secret?** The delicious Motu hotpot restaurant in Kutchan **what's your life philosophy?** For the sake of tomorrow, live today

名前 ハラダ ミノル **年齢** 44歳 **出身地** ニセコ町 **ニセコに来てどのくらいですか?** 40年 **スキーヤー?スノーボーダー?** 20年くらい **スキー、スノーボード層** スキーヤー **なぜニセコに来たのですか?** ここで生まれました **海外には行った事ありますか?** アラスカ **好きな...食べ物** は?米 **レストラン** は? 倶知安の定食屋 **バー** は? 白木屋 **温泉** は? 雪秩父 **コース** は? アンヌプリスキー場 **この後、どのくらいニセコにいる予定?** たぶん...骨になるまで **ニセコの秘密** は? 倶知安のモツ鍋屋 **寛松** がおいしいこと **人生観、モットー** は? 明日のために今日を生きること

in focus with Dennis Van Den Brink.

DENNIS Van Den Brink is one of those great guys everyone in town seems to know. It may be the dreadlocks and tattoos that make him stick out, but Powderlife got to know this local Dutchman a little bit better...

When and why did you come to Niseko?

I came to Niseko to stay in the spring of 2008. There was a 100ha organic farm and vineyard project we were going to set up in Konbu Village, about 20 minutes from Kutchan and Hirafu.

What was Niseko like when you first arrived here?

In the past two years, besides some highrises, not a lot has changed. But compared to six years ago it's quite different because it was still a backpacker destination.

What have you done for work in Niseko?

This winter I'm working in the kitchen of J-Sekka Dining. Last year I ran the Powderlife Café and had the difficult task of feeding the hungry Powderlife staff every day.

What was your life like before you came to Niseko?

I got to Japan in 1999 on a bicycle by ferry from Korea after doing the overland trip from my home country, Holland. By the time I reached Tokyo I had been on the road for 1.5 years, so I was up for a bit of a break. I

found a job at a restaurant called Fujimamas in Hara-juku, Tokyo. Later, I started my own farm in Fukushima on northern Honshu. After that I moved to Hokkaido.

Where did you learn to cook?

I always was a hobby cook before, but learned to cook professionally here in Japan. I really enjoy all the naturally preserved foods in Japan, and all over the world.

What do you do in the warmer months?

Now I work on Niseko Green Farm (www.nisekogreen-farm.com). It's in Hirafu, but on the other side of the river from the village. When I've got time I still like to get out on my bike and ride. I love to travel that way.

Tell us about your farm?

At Niseko Green Farm we grow potatoes, corn and asparagus, as they thrive in this region. But we also have a wide range of specialty produce that we sell at markets, restaurants and hotels in Sapporo.

Why grow organic?

I think it's important that people have the opportunity to choose organic. It is simply better for your body, the environment, and it is sustainable.

You were recently on TV?

It was a Tokyo TV show called *Nihon no Mikata*, from



Beat Takeshi, about how Japan is only 39 per cent self sufficient in its food, and that number is shrinking. I was saying foreigners can do all kinds of work in this society that is still quite xenophobic.

Can you tell me about your dreadlocks? Would you ever consider getting a haircut?

The hair remains a mystery.

What is it that makes Niseko special?

It's a beautiful, safe place in the world, with clean air, delicious water, lots of mountains and hot springs. Niseko is a hard place to leave.

What are your top 3 tips for visitors to Niseko?

1. Explore the area. Try to find all the hideaways
2. Visit Niseko in the summer
3. Eat organic!

irasshaimase! welcome! great little local businesses

Teuchi Ichimura Soba, Izumikyō

This section of the magazine is called **Irasshaimase because that's the friendly welcome local businesses yell when you enter their shop.** At Teuchi Soba Ichimura, if it's your second visit or you're a regular, they'll also say 'okaeri!' (welcome back). Akira Ichimura moved to Hokkaido from Tochigi on the mainland for work, and through his job he met wife Keiko from Sapporo. The reason they started the restaurant was because they love eating soba and wanted to make and eat it every day. Seven years ago they opened shop in Izumikyō 1, and relocated to its current location just down the road two years ago. 11am-3pm, closed Tuesdays. Map 4E/p47.

手打蕎麦いちむら

ニセコで手打蕎麦いちむらを始めから7年。ここ新しいお店は2年経ちました。栃木県出身のオーナー市村明さん。仕事で北海道に来て、札幌出身の奥さんの恵子さんと出会いました。奥さん共に蕎麦が大好きで毎日でも食べられるほどという。蕎麦好きが高じて趣味で蕎麦打ちを始めたそう。ニセコをお店を開く場所として選んだのは、田舎暮らしがしたくて、そこでも夏冬を通じて観光客がこの土地を選んだとのこと。夏のほうが、冬よりも客数は2倍となり、近隣の住民、山菜取り、ゴルフ、温泉の帰りなどの観光客が来るという。ニセコ近辺に住んでいる外国人との交流も深く、たくさんの方が相談を持ちかけてくるほどの人脈。いつも、明るい笑顔で迎え入れてくれる市村夫妻。のれんをくぐるとお帰りーと声が聞こえてくるようです。営業時間11時から15時、火曜日が定休日。Map Ref. 4E, p47.



Hidamari Café, Kutchan

Even on the snowiest days, the sun is always shining at Café Hidamari. Hidamari means sunny spot, and is run by big-hearted Kenichiro Takahashi. Takahashi-san employs people who have had a rough trot and helps them get back on their feet again. He would like everyone in Kutchan to come down and enjoy the café. There are meeting rooms available and freshly ground drip coffee from ¥200. There are thousands of free comic books to read too - although English speakers may have to settle for looking at the pictures! They also make a killer chiffon cake. Open 11am-7pm (lunch 11.30am-2pm). On Route 5 near Joy. Map C3/p46.

陽だまり

障害者就労支援施設羊蹄セルフの分場として、今年3月にオープンした喫茶陽だまり。障害を持った人がカフェでの仕事を通して、地域の人たちとの交流、働く意欲を得てほしいという思いから倶知安町の複合福祉施設内一階に立ち上がった。日向ぼっこをする様にたくさんの人たちが来て、憩いの場になればいい。安全の場、あったかい喫茶店。将来的には、働く利用者さんたちが、自分たちのお店という気持ちで働き、支援者が裏方になればいいなと高橋さんは話す。挽きたてドリップコーヒーは200円から、営業時間10時から19時、ランチは11時半より2時まで。おすすめは、キャラメルクリームラテ、モカクリームラテ、限定ホームメイドシフォンケーキなどのカフェメニュー。1000冊以上もある漫画は見物です。ミーティングルームとしての利用も可能です。場所は、JOY近く国道5号線沿い。Map: C3/p46.

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five of the best sushi joints



1 Hanayoshi
Sushi in Niseko doesn't come any better than Hanayoshi. The selection of fresh sashimi and sushi is a prime example of authentic, fresh Hokkaido ingredients and preparation at its best. The wide range of nigiri and norimaki is sure to offer something to suit everyone's tastes – from the chicken and avocado for the conservative, to the raw meat and fish for the hardcore. And to cap it all off, Hanayoshi is very fairly priced. Definitely worth the trip out to Niseko Town!

80-2 Hondori Niseko Town
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2 Shokusai Hirafu: Great quality sushi, and No.1 for sashimi. An intimate, traditional, uncrowded atmosphere makes this little gem worth the hike up the hill.

Alpen Hotel Hirafu, top of Hirafu-Zaka St / noon-2pm, 6pm-11pm / last order 10.30pm / 0136 22 1105

3 Nihonbashi: See the sushi chef slicing and cleaning fresh fish. Check out their great value lunch sets, and the chirachi sushi – sliced raw fish in a rice bowl with ikura (salmon roe). **North 3 West 2, Kutchan / 11.30am-1.30pm, 4pm-9pm / last order 8.30pm / 0136 22 2717**

4 Fuji Sushi: In the heart of Hirafu and recently renovated, this one's close by and has an extensive menu – so much more than just sushi. **167-7 Yamada, Kutchan / 11am-9pm / last order 8.50pm / 0136 23 2661**

5 Yotei Maru: The only place in the area with a sushi train. Delicious and affordable food chugs by your seat. Choo choo! **12 South 8 East, Kutchan / 11am-9pm / last order 8.45pm / 0136 22 4101**

japanese recipe kamimura's dried scallop cream

THIS fortnight's recipe comes from Yuichi Kamimura, head chef at Hirafu's famous Kamimura. Kamimura-san parts with some closely held secrets for this delectable dried scallop cream dish.

Ingredients (serves 8)

- 50 gm dried scallops
- 1 bunch chives
- 50 ml fresh cream
- 50 ml mayonnaise

Mayonnaise

- 1 egg yolk
- 15 gm mustard
- 10 ml white wine vinegar
- 100 ml grape seed oil
- Salt to taste

This recipe is for dried scallop cream, but the sauce is also delicious with grilled fish, steamed vegetables and dipping.

Method

1. Put egg yolk, mustard and vinegar in a bowl. Mix together.
2. Pour grape seed oil into the egg yolk, mustard and vinegar 'little by little'. Keep mixing and moving with a whisk. Salt it to taste.
3. Put dried scallops and 100ml of water in a small pan and simmer until the scallops become soft.
4. Chop the chives, then mix with mayonnaise, and serve the scallops covered in their new sauce.

Perfect scallops

1. Leave in a salt marinade 30 minutes.
2. Drain all water from the scallops.
3. Add more salt before cooking.
4. When pan is very hot, cook very briefly on their sides, leaving the inside rare.



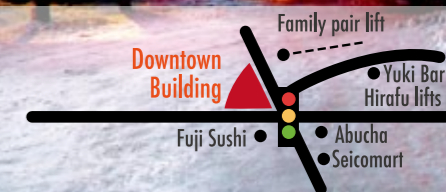
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restaurant review *hanayoshi*

By Katherine Bont & Kim Wejendorp, J-Sekka head chefs



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SUSHI – when it's good, it's very, very good. And lucky for us, we're off to long-time Niseko Town favourite, Hanayoshi, which is one the best around.

With a warm welcome and a quick switch of menus for those of us yet to grasp reading Japanese, we're good to go. We start off with a couple of tuna nigiri, a grapefruit chu-hai (shochu and fresh grapefruit juice over ice), and a warm sake with a puffer fish tail infusing in the cup (a winter special only). The sushi meets our expectations. Generous and super-fresh! The puffer fish sake is interesting. Not at all fishy and definitely worth a try.

Next up, grilled sea eel nigiri, and lightly glazed and vinegar-marinated mackerel, each continuing the fresh-and-delicious tone.

We follow this with Hanayoshi's renowned seafood salad – their signature dish. It's a spectacular salad of fresh greens and seafood (tuna, scallop, octopus and squid) piled high with crispy fried potato rings and hidden treasures of salmon roe throughout. It looks good and tastes even better.

We move on to a silky soft round of braised diakon topped with a succulent layer of monkfish liver pate. The daikon is braised expertly to remove the some-

...we order a couple of otoro nigiri – otoro being the fattiest and most highly prized part of the tuna belly. The fish is pure heaven.

times bitter bite of the radish, and the monkfish liver lives up to its foie-gras-from-the-sea reputation.

To follow, we order a couple of otoro nigiri – otoro being the fattiest and most highly prized part of the tuna belly. The fish is pure heaven. We finish these off in time for the grilled Chilean sea bass marinated in miso. It's a dish of Japanese origin made famous by celebrity chefs, such as Nobu. The delicate fish flavour is teased out by the caramelised miso, and garnished by a pickled ginger spear.

Just as we finish off tonight's delicacies, we are both greeted with a warm cup of green tea. A perfect ending to a wonderful night.

It's no wonder Hanayoshi is known around town as the place to go for great sushi at great prices – just don't forget the rest of the menu is just as good.



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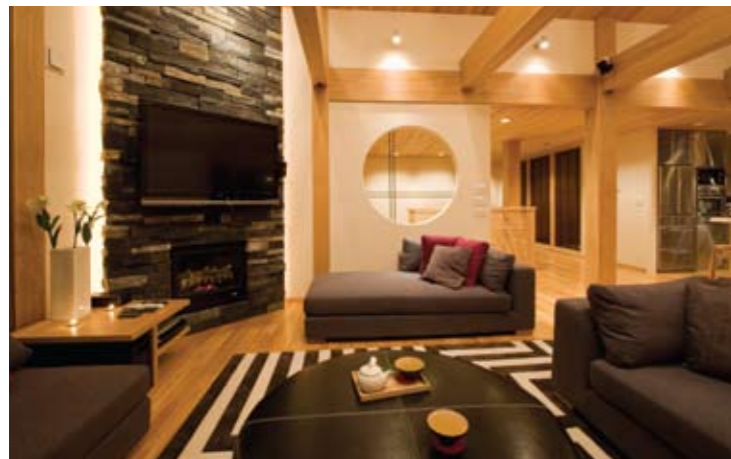
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By Bevan Colless



Burton Custom V-Rocker Snowboard

OK, I'll cut to the chase – Burton's 09/10 marketing tact annoys me. Their catalogue – *The Good Book* – implying it's the bible of snowboarding, is self-indulgent and alienating. Gentemstick and Dupraz have been making boards with rocker for years, while Burton and the rest made snow/skate cambered boards that don't perform well in the pow. What redeems Burton is their V-shaped Custom Rocker. This rocker under your feet energises edge control, while disengaging tip and tail contact points for a catch-free feel with added stability and pop. All is forgiven.

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Blizzard Answer IQ-Max Ski

THE Blizzard IQ-Max is your one-ski, multiple-binding solution to the backcountry/ frontside dilemma. While Stirling Goldman would not be seen on fat skis, if he finally cracked, it would be for these bad boys, because Stirls loves the Blizzards. It's twinned-up, 110mm-waisted, sandwich-sidewall missile with titanium layered into the core, ready to tackle anything from Niseko's super dry pow to booters and late-season leg-breaker crud. The IQ Slider technology allows you to mount any binding on the included plate, then switch it out for a touring binding without needing a second pair of skis. One sweet setup is all you need.

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Photo: Yasuyuki Shimanuki



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men who ride mountains *how stirling goldman created niseko*

GREETINGS all. No doubt you've dusted the skis off and pulled your weary limbs back onto the mountain to indulge in the first tracks of the season.

Of course, Goldy was born ready. With my supreme athletic figure and 210 Blizzards it was really just another day in the life of SG.

The boys at Powderlife were marvelling at my powder technique the other day when one of them managed to lift their dropped jaw off the ground long enough to ask me why I am so at home in Niseko. Well, let me tell you, that's an interesting story. When people (especially the ladies) think of Niseko, one name comes to mind. That's right – Stirling Goldman. Here's why...

Back in the day, Niseko was actually just a vast region of flat plains. When I was living with my Ainu (indigenous Hokkaido) buddies, we couldn't help but think that given the abundance of snow, what a great place it would be to carve up in winter. So we came up with the idea to build a ski mountain. That mountain today is Mt Annapuri, made largely with my own bare hands. It's hard to believe that such a feat could be

achieved, but then again we are talking about Goldman. I think we (I say 'we' out of respect to my Ainu buddies, but really it was 'I') knocked it off in six days. While God rested on the seventh day, Stirls hiked the peak – from Kutchan – for first tracks. And speaking of knocking things off, I knocked off a few other things in that time too, but that's par for the course for SG.

Mountain building requires an intense amount of snow shovelling, lumbering numerous tonnes of steel for lifts, and lugging boulders up the hill. But with my guns and chiselled physique, I barely raised a sweat. I even managed to sneak in a few runs up to the peak in my lunch hour, if my memory serves me correctly.

There was no peak hut in those days. Stirls would brave the conditions without refuge... with his shirt off of course. Upon completion, out of respect, my Ainu buddies named it 'Annapuri', which roughly translates to 'ridiculously good looking man who skis unbelievably well with an uncanny capacity to entice the ladies'. So, just think of that next time you are riding my creation – I actually mean skiing this time, girls.



There was no crab ramen or katsu curry served in on-mountain diners back then. To eat, we had to slog it out with the local Hokkaido brown bears. But old SG never fell. On the rare occasion I couldn't defeat a bear, we usually agreed on a stalemate and went halves in whatever else we could muster up. We'd then sit together and eat our meal, washed down by a beer or 48.

It was around this time I built the King Bell Hut at Hirafu. It acted as a shelter from the weather, and the bears, and doubled as SG's on-piste love nest. As my Ainu buddies always say, 'when the bell rings, Stirling is king'. Happy skiing, punters.

Got a question for a man who knows? Fire it to stirling@powderlife.com.



Photo: Joe Corcoran, Niseko Photography

A THOUSAND WORDS...



POWDER POSTER

rider Yasuyuki Shimanuki // photo Rony Gardiner, Niseko Photography

To ensure safety, those who wish to employ a backcountry ski guide are advised to employ a member of the Niseko Winter Guide Association. www.nisekoguide.jp/

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Regardless of how you enjoy your snow sports, always show courtesy to INHERENT RISKS in all snow recreation activities. These risks include rapid changes in weather and surface conditions, collisions with other people as well as natural and artificial hazards such as avalanches. Observe the ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE and share with others the responsibility for a great experience.

ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE
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5. Use proper ski or snowboard control, look back and use proper equipment.
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7. Observe and obey all signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails or runs and keep off or closed areas.
8. Do not ski, snowboard, ride a lift or undertake any other alpine activity if you are impaired by drugs and alcohol.
9. Do not ski, snowboard, ride a lift or undertake any other alpine activity if you are involved in, or witness an accident, alert the Ski Patrol, remain at the scene and identify yourself to them.

KNOW THE CODE: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Niseko Rules insists that all resort users respect and obey the instructions of the Ski Patrol and the Shirubeshi Mountain Patrol.
8. RESPECT EACH OTHER
The Niseko Rules have been created with everyone's safety in mind. In order for everyone to remain safe, everyone must respect and follow these rules.

Niseko Rules are official regulations, established by the Niseko Anupuri Avalanche Prevention Committee, the Niseko Free Passport Committee and the Hokkaido Shirubeshi Alpine Accident Prevention Committee.

4. BACK COUNTRY SKIING/RIDING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHEN GATES ARE CLOSED
During extremely hazardous conditions, access gates will be closed and out of bounds riding will be strictly prohibited.

5. AVALANCHE CONTROL INFORMATION
The "Niseko Avalanche Information" is the official information posted by "Niseko Avalanche Institute". This information can be found at <http://www.niseko.nadare.info>.

6. BACK COUNTRY RESCUE FEE
YOU are responsible for the cost of your rescue from back country areas.

7. SAI AND MOUNTAIN PATROL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE OBEYED

2. CROSSING ROPES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
Ducking the boundary ropes is prohibited. If you do, your lift pass will be confiscated. Use ONLY designated gates to access out of bounds areas. Crossing ropes at other areas will result in lift pass confiscation.

3. NO SAFETY CONTROL BEYOND RESORT BOUNDARY
The area outside the mountain resort boundaries (back country, including the peaks) are not supervised by the Ski Patrol. Niseko Rules prohibits that hiking and riding these areas is dangerous and if you choose to, you do it AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Niseko Rules
The Niseko Rules are Niseko's official regulations created for the safety and freedom of everyone using the ski resort and riding beyond the ski area boundary.

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Various methods of Avalanche Control combined with an educational program are in use in this area in the interest of increasing avalanche awareness and safety.
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- Length
- Number of seats
- Name of Lift
- Length: Time required
- Number of lift ticket points

backcountry safety *stay safe on the mountain*

NISEKO is renowned for its liberal, open-minded stance when it comes to its wide expanse of backcountry. But with that freedom comes the responsibility of the skier or snowboarder, because Niseko's powder may look soft and friendly, but it is as deadly and dangerous as it is light and fluffy... Powderlife has collected tips from local experts to help keep you safe out there in Niseko's backcountry. Just remember, all the equipment and knowledge in the world are no substitute for due caution and common sense.

- 1. Obey the Niseko Rules**
These rules are put in place for a reason, and are listed in this magazine on the course map, or in maps available around town.
- 2. Check weather and avalanche reports**
Before venturing out into the backcountry, check the daily local avalanche report at <http://niseko.nadare.info>. Also check weather reports, so you know what to expect for the day ahead.
- 3. Listen to and obey ski patrollers.**
They know what they're talking about and are there to ensure everybody stays safe.
- 4. Have essential equipment**
Make sure everyone has sufficient safety equipment that works well, which should include a beacon, probe and shovel. More importantly, everyone should know how to work their equipment. A first aid kit, studied maps, torch, transceiver, phone, food, a change of clothes and spare gloves may also come in handy.
- 5. Plan your trip**
Know where you're going, let someone know when you're planning to be back, learn the area, and take note of where ski patrol is located in case of emergency.
- 6. Don't enter closed gates**
If the backcountry gates are closed, they are closed for good reason. It's this simple – if the gates are closed or crossed, stay out.
- 7. No go zones**
These include Haru no Taki, and Yu no Sawa, which should not be entered due to high avalanche risks or other dangers. These are well sign-posted and marked on maps available in Powderlife (p26), and on course maps available in town.
- 8. Don't duck ropes**
These ropes signify the boundary between the safe and the unsafe and should not be ducked or jumped in any case. And know that ski patrollers can and will confiscate your pass if you are doing the wrong thing.



- 9. Hire a guide**
If you don't have the knowledge or experience for going off-piste, hire a reputable guide. Watch out for cowboys operating with little experience.
- 10. Explore the backcountry with reliable people**
Know each other's strengths and weaknesses. The least experienced person should still know what to do in case of emergency.

Avalanche info:
Shinya's daily avalanche report
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free safety seminars *make sure you attend before going backcountry*

THEY say there's no such thing as a free lunch, but we can tell you that free snow safety advice exists... well, in Niseko anyway.
Black Diamond Tours are now holding free backcountry safety seminars throughout the season. The seminars, held below the new BD Tours Hirafu office in Yuki Bar (on Family-Zaka St), will be on weekly on Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm, and aim to inform both locals and tourists on the basics about Niseko and its backcountry. Topics covered will include Niseko Local Rules, the resort's

unique gate system, a discussion on equipment, and basic terrain awareness and assessment, before opening the floor to a Q&A session.
Each week, the seminar will conclude with a frantic search for a beacon that has been cunningly hidden in the snow somewhere outside the BD Tours office (whoever finds it first gets a free beer!). After the seminar, Yuki Bar will be putting on drink specials afterwards, so you can drink up and forget everything you just learned!

These backcountry safety seminars are brought to you by Black Diamond Tours, Yuki Bar and proudly supported by Powderlife.
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SAFETY FIRST...Black Diamond tour guides Clayton Kernaghan and Andrew Spragg are holding free backcountry safety seminars at Yuki Bar this winter.

real estate feature *the vale unveiled*

By Matthew Thomas

MEIKLE & ASSOCIATES



R E A L E S T A T E



...The Vale may be a catalyst for more similar projects to begin in Hirafu and Niseko...

AFTER a few hiccups and hurdles along the way, Hirafu's first five-star condominium-hotel, The Vale, swung open its doors with its grand opening ceremony earlier this month.

But it wasn't the opening of just another hotel. The unveiling of The Vale marks a new age of high standard luxury development in Hirafu and greater Niseko, said Nisade chairman Jonathan Martin. "We built a condominium that functions as a hotel of the highest standard, and that is a first for Hirafu," he said. "I think and hope that The Vale may be a catalyst for more similar projects to begin in Hirafu and Niseko, because more people are coming to look at the quality we have implemented."

The Vale is comprised of 46 apartments, from studios to three-bedroom apartments and luxurious penthouses. Other high-end trimmings include a heated pool, private or shared onsens, and a restaurant, which sets a new standard in Hirafu for in-house hotel dining.

The Vale is also looking to summer seasons, offering air-conditioning, hotel-styled resort rooms, a natural hot spring onsen, and tours to local national parks and golf courses.

But the biggest string in The Vale's bow is un-

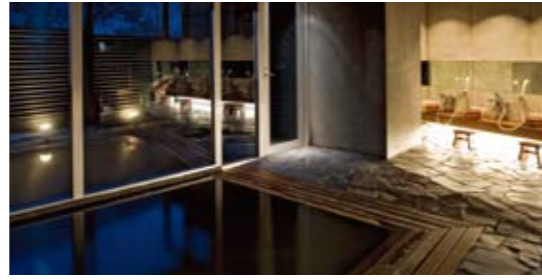
doubtedly a premium ski-in-ski-out position at the foot of the Family Lift, creating a 'beginning-to-end-of-day ski destination', and a five-star surrounding precinct, Martin said.

"People can enjoy some breakfast at The Vale, then step outside the door to ride the slopes," he said. "At the end of the day, parents can hit the bar for a beer or go for an onsen, and the kids can go for a swim. All of this can be done straight out of their ski boots."

Martin said the completion of The Vale was made all the sweeter when reflecting on the problems faced along the way. He said The Vale was a daunting project from the start, made more difficult by the toughest financial times in Japan for six decades.

The Vale project was completed on November 20 this year, taking about three years from conception to completion.

The Vale is built on the site of the old Snow Universe, built in 1970 by former owner Shibata-san, who is 'ecstatic' with the final result, Martin said. The Vale even embraced the historic legacy of Snow Universe by recycling some of the rustic building's timber and other materials such as the onsen and front deck.



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real estate news the niseko property market

By Chris Chan, property reporter

NRE teams up with top of Tokyo

JAPAN is often viewed as a stable market for property investment, and as the range and needs of Niseko patrons has grown, so has the number of enquiries for non-Niseko properties.

In response to this demand, Niseko Real Estate has joined forces with Tokyo real estate expert, Garyu Consulting Inc. – jointly producing the informative newsletter www.jre-news.com.

Garyu is sourcing and presenting Tokyo property information before it reaches the Japanese web or open market. Two properties have sold to date.

Garyu is Tokyo-based, combining over 30 years of experience in Japanese commercial and residential real estate, specialising in investment, property development, buying, selling and consulting.

NRE's Brian Lysne said it opened up opportunities that weren't before openly apparent to foreign investors.

"There are good opportunities in Sapporo and Tokyo, but sometimes there's a misconception that Japanese real estate investment is all 'red tape' and 'too difficult'. It doesn't have to be this way."

Brokers break into market

HITTING the ground running is the recently established real estate brokerage, Meikle & Associates.

Founded by long-time local resident Craig Meikle and his Hong Kong-based business partner, the firm has had considerable success in its first few months of business in Niseko.

"We've sold a number of high-end properties recently," Craig said.

"Our client base has been coming out of Niseko's traditional market in Australia, but we are seeing an ever-increasing percentage of buyers coming from Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and China, and we see that market expanding further."

Craig sees Niseko's rural surrounds as the ideal place to raise his young family, and as such is working to develop enduring relations.

"We are firmly focused on the long-term," he said. "And for that reason our organisation is very serious about growing relationships."

Meikle & Associates office is located in the new Snow Crystal building next to The Vale.

Local companies relocating

RETURN visitors to Niseko may have noticed that over the summer one of the area's best-known corporate identities has moved.

Formerly based next to Seicomart in the centre of Hirafu, Hokkaido Tracks Resort Properties, HT's development arm, has moved to Berg House on Hirafu-Zaka Street, the main street running up towards the Ace Quad Lift above the Alpen Hotel.

HT Management, HT Holidays and Tracks Real Estate have relocated into the Yama Shizen precinct, alongside Kamimura Restaurant also in the Upper Village.

Meanwhile, another company on the move is Michael Davenport's Niseko Consulting, now located right next door to popular alpine bar Wild Bill's.

Formerly based out of Kabayama, about five minutes drive from Hirafu, the boutique real estate sales and consulting business moved to Hirafu to take advantage of passing foot traffic.

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The Niseko Grand Hirafu Welcome Centre

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www.new-chitose-airport.jp/language/english

Getting from New Chitose to Niseko

Visitors not on a full travel package have a few options to get to Niseko and back. Although the trip is only 110km, due to icy roads and no direct train route, it takes two to three hours.

Bus For those on a budget, the bus from the airport is a cheap and efficient option, departing about every 30 minutes from the airport to Niseko. They take about three hours, including a rest stop halfway and a drop-off at Rusutsu. Costs about ¥2,300 one-way, and ¥3,850 for a round trip. Bus companies doing the route are: Whiteliner Buses, Chuo Bus, Donan Bus, Hokkaido Resort Liner.

Door-to-Door Transfer Skybus offers door-to-door transfer services to and from the airport to Niseko, or Sapporo. Go to www.skybus-jp.com.

Tel: (0136) 22 2108.

Train Rail is the most scenic way to get to Niseko. Unfortunately there is no direct train from Chitose to Kutchan station (the closest major station), and all trains run through Sapporo and Otaru, requiring change of train/platform. The journey takes about three hours and the cost is about ¥2600. Details at www.japanrail.com.

Airport Station Tel: (0123) 45 7011

Kutchan station Tel: (0136) 22 1310

CAR RENTAL

One way hire from Chitose to Hirafu is about ¥7,000 for six people for 24 hours. Pick up at Chitose airport, Sapporo or Kutchan

Toyota Rent-a-Car ShinSapporo

Tel: (0118) 15 0100. English ok.

<http://toyota.rent-a-lease.com/english>

Black Diamond Lodge

Tel: (0136) 44 1144

*How to drive on snow and important tips and contacts if you do get in an accident at:

www.powderlife.com/niseko-travel-guide

TRANSPORT AROUND NISEKO

For getting around Niseko there are basically three options: taxi, bus and car rental.

Taxis Taxis cost about ¥2000 for a ten minute trip. Drivers probably won't speak English, and you will need a business/place name and map for where you are going – often if you just have the address they may not be able to find it. For best chance of success, take directions/street names in Japanese if possible.

Kutchan hire Tel (0136) 22 1212

Misora hire Tel (0136) 22 1171

Niseko hire Tel (0136) 44 2635

Bus Shuttle buses connect the resorts and different areas of Niseko including nearby Kutchan Town. Some are free or included in the cost of lift passes.

Niseko United Shuttle The Niseko United Shuttle connects the Hirafu, Niseko Village and Annupuri resorts from season open until March and is free for those with an All Mountain Pass. See the timetable on the course map for more information. If you have a 12-point ticket, one point per trip is needed. Others need ¥500 for adult and ¥300 for child per ride.

Grand Hirafu Village Shuttle Bus Free shuttle buses run throughout Hirafu every 15 minutes all day every day until the end of night skiing.

Hanazono Shuttle Bus The Hanazono Shuttle Bus travels throughout Hirafu Village and out to Hanazono 7.50am-6pm for those who don't want to ski over or get first tracks.

Free Kutchan Night Go Bus The Kutchan Night Go Bus runs from Hirafu to Kutchan Station (about 10 minutes away) every night. Enjoy shopping, eating, drinking and karaoke in Kutchan. It leaves Hirafu every hour or so between 5-11.30, and similarly leaves Kutchan every hour or so between 6-11pm. Check local timetables.

Yumeguri Onsen Shuttle Bus Take a tour across Niseko sampling various local onsens (and the attractions around them) all for ¥500 (December – March).

MONEY

Banking There is an international ATM in Hirafu in the Hokkaido Tracks Holidays office, Yama Shizen East building. Open 8am-9pm. There are also ATMs in Kutchan at the post office and 7-Elevens. Check the Kutchan map on p46. You can also use the international ATM on level 3 of the airport when you arrive at in Sapporo (New Chitose Airport).

Credit Cards Lift tickets, ski hire and ski lessons can all be paid for by credit card. Most large restaurants and some small ones also will accept them.

Currency You can exchange most major currencies in Niseko. Ask your accommodation provider or in Kutchan at the main post office or Hokuyo Bank (corner of Eki Mae Dori and Route 5).

SHOPPING

Hirafu There are two convenience stores in town for all your local shopping needs. The famous Seicomart in the heart of Hirafu is arguably king, but Lawson, the blue shop just down the road towards Kutchan, is another option that offers smaller queues and a larger range of international products.

Kutchan Several specialty stores in Kutchan may also come in handy when you wish to expand from the stock in Seicomart or Lawson. Best Denki stocks all your electrical and technical needs (within reason). M-Pocket has imported groceries, specialising in imported alcohol. Homac shelves basically every household product known to man, while Max Value and Co-Op are your major supermarkets. Co-Op is also a department store. The ¥100 Shop stocks cheap groceries, stationery and more, all priced around – you guessed it – ¥100. There are no pharmacies or stationery stores in Hirafu, but several in Kutchan, such as the Tsuruha Drug.

COMMUNICATIONS

Internet Most accommodation in Niseko will have some form of internet access. J-Sekka and Downtown Café have internet terminals and there are wireless hotspots across town. Try A-Bu-Cha, Downtown Café, Grandpapa and Java Bar.

Mobile Phones Only 3G phones will work in Japan. Some accommodation providers offer mobile hire.

Domestic Calls Green and grey public phones take coins or pre-paid telephone cards. Local calls don't require the '0136', unless made from a mobile phone.

Directory Assistance Dial 104 (toll call) and ask for an English speaker. You must know the location and name to get a number.

International Calls International direct dial can be made using any of the following prefixes, 001 (KDDI), 0041 (ITJ) and 0061 (IDC). They will cost you.

Calling Cards The cheapest way to call overseas is with a calling card available from your accommodation provider or convenience stores.

Post Offices Look for the red 'T' symbol. Stamps and the post office box are at Piz Gloria convenience store. For other services you will need to go to the post office in Kutchan.

When dialled internationally, all phone numbers require +81 in front and drop the "0".

niseko resort guide *info to help you get around*

ELECTRICITY

Standard voltage is 100v AC. You can use many higher watt items without a problem but higher wattage devices such as hair dryers may not run on full power. Plugs are the flat two-blade type. Many recent buildings have 240v with Australian-shaped plugs.

STAY SAFE AROUND TOWN

No skiing/boarding on roads or footpaths!!

It may seem fun and so much quicker and easier than walking, but skiing or boarding home from the hill can be one of the silliest things you can do in Niseko.

Because the roads don't have as much snow on them, and generally a lot of ice, your skis or board won't stop or turn like they do on the mountain, which could see you skidding into an unsuspecting pedestrian... or a bus. *Please, keep your riding on the hill.*

Walking on icy roads About one third of all injuries in Hirafu are caused by people falling on the street. Wear shoes with good grip or buy and attach rubber sole cleats with metal studs. Take small steps, walk slowly and never run, don't carry heavy loads, and keep both hands out of your pockets and free for balance. Also, when crossing the road, factor in that the roads are icy and slippery and that it will take cars longer to stop for you.

Don't walk or park under roofs Believe it or not, heavy snow sliding from rooftops kills people in this part of the world, and can seriously damage cars. So don't stand or park your car beneath roofs.

Drinking dangers If you're going drinking, make sure you leave the bar with someone else and try not to walk home alone. Also make sure you rug up and stay warm. People have been known to fall asleep in the snow on the way home after going out drinking in Niseko, and it has once ended in tragedy.

MEDICAL SERVICES

At present there is no doctor in Hirafu and Niseko Physio is the only medical service available in walking distance of the slopes. For fractures or non-musculoskeletal cases you will need to go into Kutchan. If you can't speak Japanese you will need to bring a translator.

Niseko Physio Located at the ground floor of Australia House, staffed with Australian physiotherapy graduates. Primary care also available. Sports injuries, back and neck pain, braces and taping. Appointments preferred but not essential. www.NisekoPhysio.com **Tel: 0136 22 0399.**

Kutchan Kousei Hospital The major hospital servicing



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Tel: 110

Ambulance and Fire Tel: 119

Emergency Interpretation

Tel: (0352) 85 8185

Japan-English Helpline

(nationwide emergency assistance)

Tel: (0570) 00 0911

the area is located four blocks from the main intersection of Kutchan. They have an X-ray, a slightly aging MRI and medical dispensary. No appointment necessary, orthopaedics cases taken in the morning only. It will take you most of the day.

Address: North 4 East 1-2, Kutchan-cho

Tel: 0136-22-1141

Ueda Orthopedic Clinic A privately run orthopaedic clinic providing more time efficient service than the hospital. X-ray, medical dispensary. 1-4, South 3-jo West 3, Kutchan **Tel: 0136-22-1386.**

More detailed information at:

www.powderlife.com/niseko-resort-guide

local lingo *top ten words and phrases for tourists*

By studio tdes

CHANCES are, you came to Niseko for the snow – and so did the person sitting opposite you in the gondola. So, if you want attempt a conversation, talking about the snow is probably a good place to start. And since we're guessing you'll spend most of your holiday on the mountain, this lesson – the snow.

Pronunciation guide

a = u as in but

i = i as in bit

u = oo as in boo

e = e and is bet

o = o as in bot

ou = aw as in law

ii = ee as in bee

1. li いい good

li is one of many words you can use to describe the amazing run you've just had or the yuki (snow). li yuki da ne means: the snow's good, isn't it? Also try: saikou da ne (it's awesome), kimochi ii (feels great!), ii condition da ne (the snow's great today, isn't it?).

2. Dou? どう? how, what

You can ask questions in Japanese just by raising your voice at the end of a statement, or attaching ka. Dou is also useful. When you meet your friend at the bottom of the run, ask them: dou datta? (how was it?). While eating, ask: dou? oishii? (is it good?)

3. Samui 寒い cold

It's winter in Niseko, of course it's cold! Samui ne! (it's cold, isn't it?). Sugoku samui (yeah, it's really cold). Note: if you're talking about a particular body part, you need a different word for cold: tsumetai.

4. Matte まってwait

Your friend rides off while you're still adjusting your boots and you want them to wait. Yell: matte! (wait). You're almost ready, but just need to put away your camera. Say: chotto matte (hang on a sec).

5. Doko? どこ? where

Lost? Try taking your map to a Japanese person and asking: koko doko? (where are we on this map?). When you're busting for the loo, ask someone: toile wa doko desu ka? (where is the toilet?).

6. Daijoubu? 大丈夫? OK

If you come across someone lying in the snow and you're wondering if they're injured, ask them: daijoubu? (are you OK?) They might just be having a rest, in which case, they'll answer: daijoubu (yeah, I'm fine). If someone asks you and you're not OK, you can say: daijoubu janai (I'm not OK). If you need help, you can say: tasukete (help me).

7. Dame! だめ! Don't ... !

If someone skis after you yelling "dame!" – chances are you've done something against the rules. Dame is used for telling someone not to do something, or telling someone off.

8. Suberu 滑るski, snowboard

Suberu means slide and is also the verb most commonly used to talk about skiing or boarding. Subetta? (did you go boarding/skiing today?) Subbetta yo (yes).

9. Furu 降るto snow

There is certainly a lot of snow in Niseko so it's always something to talk about. Yuku ga futteru (it's snowing). Futteru? (Is it snowing?). Yannderu (it has stopped). Futenai (It's not snowing).

10. Akeome! あけおめ! Happy New Year!

After the countdown on NYE, wish everyone a happy new year: akemashite omedetou gozaimasu! (happy new year!) If you can't remember the whole thing, try the shortened version: akeome!

Next issue: Eating and drinking out. More lessons at www.powderlife.com/niseko-travel-guide.



restaurants

MAP C2 p47
A-Bu-Cha 2

UPPER HIRAFU
Try our popular Japanese dishes or hot-pots. Choice of 400 drinks! Japanese seating available. Families welcome. Lunch & Café: various lunch dishes, coffee, homemade dessert.
www.abucha.net




A wide variety of meals and drinks – top marks!

Lunch 11am-4pm
Dinner 6pm-2am (LO 3pm/11.30pm)

0136 22 5620

MAP D1 p47
Bang Bang

UPPER HIRAFU
This season we welcome our new sister inn Bang 2! Both izakaya look forward to offering you mouth-watering dishes from wide-ranging menus. niseko.or.jp/bangbang
www.niseko.or.jp/bangbang



We take great pride in our fresh seafood

5.30-11.30pm
Occasionally Closed
35 seats

0136 22 4292

MAP F7 p46
Black Diamond Restaurant

HIGASHIYAMA
Try Hokkaido soup curry, the best of the west, or an authentic Japanese home cooked meal. Warm atmosphere, friendly staff, great food and billiards.
www.bdlodge.com




Free pick-up from the Hilton and Niseko area

4pm-midnight
LO 11 food/11.30 drink
Closed Wednesdays

0136 44 1144

MAP C2 p47
Bhozan

MIDDLE HIRAFU
In Nepali, Bhozan means “delicious food”. Our authentic curry is prepared by Nepalese chefs using spices from Nepal. Comprehensive international wine list.



Specialists in authentic Nepalese curry

5-10pm
Open daily

0136 21 2121

MAP B3 p46
Cocoro Okonomiyaki

KUTCHAN
Real Osaka-style okonomiyaki and yakisoba cooked by you on your teppan (hot plate). Try our takoyaki (octopus) and chicken balls. Japanese sweets also available.




Try our healthy and great value okonomiyaki

11am-9pm

Jap 0136 22 1528 / Eng 0136 23 0008

MAP A2 p47
Downtown Café

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Hugely popular with locals, this top rated café-restaurant offers all-day breakfast, bagels, daily blackboard specials and great coffee. Eat in or take out. Free high speed internet.



Hirafu's finest café, free internet terminal + Wi-Fi

8am-11pm
Open daily
Yamada 167-6

0136 23 3354

MAP D3 p47
EN in-house fine dining

HIRAFU MIDDLE
EN is a full service food caterer. Our professional team of chefs and servers bring exquisite cuisine, a wealth of experience, and unparalleled outstanding service.
thenisekocompany.com/content/en-dining



It's all part of going beyond your expectations

7am-11pm daily

0136 55 8100

MAP D1 p47
Hinabe-Ya

HIRAFU
Do you believe in eating good food to be healthy and beautiful? Enjoy our “duplex” hotpot with red and white broths containing medicinal herbs and spices to promote youth and longevity.
www.ones-rainier.com/hinabe-ya



Asian hotpot and ethnic cuisine in a Mongolian yurt


11.30am-11pm
Open daily
80 seats

0136 23 2636

restaurants

MAP A2 p47
J-Sekka Café & Delicatessen

MIDDLE HIRAFU
For a hearty breakfast to get you ready for the slopes, or a lazy afternoon spent discovering the delicious Hokkaido produce used in our house made delicacies.
www.j-sekka.com



a taste of Hokkaido

Open from 7am
7 days

0136 21 3088

MAP C2 p47
Kabuki

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Make-it-yourself okonomiyaki is a Japanese and foreign favourite. Cooked on the teppan (hotplate) directly in front of you. Choose from our okonomiyaki or BBQ menu.



Okonomiyaki and teppanyaki restaurant

11am-10pm
Open daily

0136 21 2233

MAP E2 p47
Kamimura

UPPER HIRAFU
Trained by one of the world's top chefs, Tetsuya Wakuda, chef Kamimura uses the abundance of Hokkaido produce to create a memorable degustation dining experience.
www.kamimura-niseko.com




Blessed by land, sea and a creative chef

5:30pm-11:00pm
Occasionally closed

0136 21 2288

MAP D2 p47
Mina Mina

UPPER HIRAFU
Junmai saké, shochu and plum wines carefully selected by the owner – a qualified sake and shochu sommelier. Best served with our delicious food!
www.minamina.me



Good music, good alcohol

Daytime 11am-3pm
Evening 6pm-2am
Open daily

0136 23 3437

MAP E8 p46
M's Café (Saison Club)

HIGASHIYAMA
Try our huge traditional Japanese nabe hotpots with meat, seafood and vegetables – shabu shabu, sukiyaki and Ishikari hotpot. Karaoke lounge available for ¥1000.
www.saison-club.com



Warm your body with our big hearty hotpots

Daytime 10am-4pm
Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Open daily

0136 44 3380

MAP C2 p47
Restaurant & Wine Bar Dragon

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Our wines bring out the delicious flavour of Hokkaido venison, local vegetables and other carefully selected ingredients. Ground floor bar offers a fine selection of drinks.
www.dragon-nf.com




Our sommeliers welcome you

6pm-2am (LO 10pm)
Also course dinners/
Breakfast delivery

0136 21 7700

MAP A2 p47
Sekka Dining

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Experience a taste of Hokkaido in style at Sekka Dining with an impressive cellar and a menu that celebrates simplicity, innovation, and absolute delicacy in preparation.
www.j-sekka.com




International style showcasing the best of Hokkaido

6-10pm
7 days

0136 21 5022

MAP C1 p47
Sencho 2

UPPER HIRAFU
Founded in 1996. While we have seen many changes, the quality of our fresh seafood remains as good as ever. Try us while you are here. The food is so fresh it will dance on your tongue!
www.senchou.com



Best Choice for Gourmet Seafood


5pm-midnight
Open daily

0136 22 5454

restaurants

MAP C1 p47
Shiosai

UPPER HIRAFU
Dine here this evening for the perfect end to your day. Our new restaurant is on the main street in the heart of Hirafu. Serving Niseko since 1996 with authentic Japanese cuisine and sushi.
www.senchou.com




Daytime 12-2pm
Evening 5-10pm
Japanese phone only
0136 55 5009

Fresh, live, gourmet seafood - the ultimate choice!

MAP B5 p46
Shunsai

KUTCHAN
Having trained in various countries, our expert chef creates a colourful array of dishes. Bread freshly baked after ordering. Vegetarian menu available. Chilean wines from ¥2000.



11am-9pm
Closed Sundays
0136 23 1882

Creative fusion cuisine from land and sea

MAP C3 p47
Souan Genghis Khan Lamb BBQ

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Goes perfectly with beer and makes a great party menu. Bring your family and friends for the ¥1700 all-you-can-eat for 90 minutes offer (reservation only, minimum 4 persons).



5pm-2am
Last order 1am
Open daily
090 2059 6701

¥1700 all you can eat barbecue for 90 minutes!

MAP B3 p47
Steak Rosso Rosso

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Casual steak house with a contemporary flavour. Juicy, tender wagyu and Kobe beef, variety of imported wines. Enjoy yourself to satiation with our stylish cuisine and refined hospitality.
www.rossorosso.net



6-11pm
Occasionally closed
0136 21 7100

A must for steak lovers!

MAP E4 p47
Teuchi Soba Ichimura

IZUMIKYO 2
Try our delicious authentic noodles made from local Rankoshi stone-ground buckwheat flour and natural spring water. We recommend the delicious tempura made from seasonal ingredients.
www.niseko-ichimura.com



11am-3pm
Closed Tuesdays
0136 23 0603

Homemade soba noodles, carefully selected ingredients

MAP E3 p47
Tsubara Tsubara

IZUMIKYO 2
Everyone falls in love with our carefully prepared soup made from delicious ingredients. Restaurant recently renovated to give improved access and a larger seating area.
www.tsubaratsubara.com




Lunch 11.30am-3pm
6-10pm (LO 9.30pm)
Closed 2nd/4th Weds
0136 23 1116

Spicy, flavoursome local Hokkaido curry soup

MAP E2 p47
Wild Bill's

UPPER HIRAFU
Come for dinner, stay for drinks – one of Hirafu's most popular bars is also a gourmet Tex-Mex restaurant. House specialties: Soft Tacos, Quesadillas, Burrito Supremo, House Fajitas
www.wildbillsniseko.com



5.30pm-1am(ish)
Open daily
0136 22 5652

Gourmet Tex-Mex in our beautiful log house

MAP B2 p47
Yakitori Yosaku

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Hirafu locals' favorite yakitori restaurant. Come in after a day of powder and try some of our Japanese barbeque, sukiyaki and hot sake.




6pm-3am
Open daily
0136 23 4390

Serving yakitori every night until 3am

bars

MAP C3 p47
Half Note


MIDDLE HIRAFU
The only jazz bar in Hirafu, check out Half Note's regular jazz events at www.nisekohalfnote.com. Also with billiards, table tennis. There's always something going on at Half Note.



Hirafu's only jazz bar!
6pm-midnight
Open daily
0136 23 2727

MAP B3 p46
Loaf Lounge

KUTCHAN
Make sure you spend a day or night in Kutchan, and make sure you check out the coolest bar around. Bar, skateboard bowl, mini ramp, pool, ping pong, events. Kids, girls, non-skaters welcome.
www.loaflounge.com



The only bar with a skateboard bowl inside!
4.20pm-midnight
Open daily
0136 22 1022

MAP A2 p47
Maki Lounge

MIDDLE HIRAFU
Discover the indulgence imperative of the famous Maki Lounge with its large open fire and great night views of the mountain. Savour the very best of Japanese whiskey, sake & shochu.
www.j-sekka.com



Japanese Whiskey, Sake & Shochu
2pm-late
7 days
0136 21 3088

MAP E2 p47
Wild Bill's

UPPER HIRAFU
If you're partial to Tex-Mex, tequila, mojitos, margaritas and music, step out of the snow and into our gorgeous log cabin. Wild Bill's offers the quintessential apres ski atmosphere.
www.wildbillsniseko.com



Like a House Party Should Be
5.30pm-1am(ish)
Open daily
0136 22 5652

MAP B2 p47
Yosaku Bar


MIDDLE HIRAFU
Great local Japanese bar serving lunch everyday and drinks everynight. Billiard table, foosball, darts and Sapporo beer.



On the main street, across from Seicomart
Open daily
Lunchtime to midnight
090 3111 1131

MAP C2 p47
Yuki Bar

UPPER HIRAFU
Yuki bar is always open for a sports match! Darts, billiards and foosball. Make no mistake – start the party with a 4 litre Beer Tower! Or the famous Okinawa's Snake Sake!




Start the party!
5pm-2am
Closed Mondays
0136 22 0234

MAP C2 p47
Paddy McGinty's Irish Pub

Open all year round midday till late Darts & Live Sports on the Biggest Screen in Niseko
Trivia and Fun Nights
Draft Guinness & Kilkenny
Great Pub Food & Kids' Menu
www.paddymcginrysirishpub.com | Ph 0136 55 8020





tours & activities

MAP F7 p47
Black Diamond Tours
 UPPER HIRAFU
 Check out Niseko's incredible backcountry or visit Rusutsu, Sapporo Kokusai or Teine Highland. We also have a range of backcountry tours to suit your lung capacity.
 www.blackdiamondtours.com

Niseko's Backcountry Powder Specialists
 8am-8pm daily
 Located above Yuki Bar
 Across from Alpen Ridge
☎ 090 2054 8687

MAP B4 p46
Japanese Cultural Tours
 HIRAFU-KUTCHAN
 Experience Japan's cultural heritage in Kutchan. Tea ceremony, iaido sword demo, taiko drums, sake brewery tour, Japanese dinner. ¥3000/¥1500. Departs Seicomart Hirafu, ends Kutchan.
 www.niseko.co.jp/plat

Experience Japan's cultural heritage
 3-7.30pm
 Jan 10/Feb 3/Feb 15
 Bookings essential
☎ 0136 23 0222

MAP D1 p47
Niseko Foot 'Body & Foot Treatment'
 UPPER HIRAFU
 Visit this popular relaxation salon and sample some of our many treatments. All different styles of massage are available for body and feet. 45 min, 60 min and 90 minute courses.
 www.grand-hirafu.jp/nisekofoot

Closest massage to the Centre 4 Lift
 11am-10pm
 Free pick up available
☎ 0136 22 1224


MAP A2 p47
Niseko Massage
 MIDDLE HIRAFU
 Australian-trained massage therapists, specialising in oil massage for recovery and relaxation. Early bird special offers discounted rates for massages before 2pm. From ¥6,000 per hour.
 www.nisekomassage.com

Sports and relaxation massage in the middle of Hirafu
 8am-8pm daily
 Home visits available
☎ 0136 22 0399

MAP C1 p47
On-Snow Photography & Video Tours
 UPPER HIRAFU
 From the deepest powder pics to group tours and family shots – Niseko Photography are the local professionals. Book a tour and capture your priceless holiday memories.
 www.nisekophotography.com

Niseko's Professional Photographers!
 Gallery: midday-8pm
 On the mountain:
 All day, every day
☎ 0136 22 5764

MAP A3 47
Niseko Snowmobile Adventures
 LOWER HIRAFU
 Backcountry Adventures
 Top Machines
 Qualified Guides
 MAXIMUM FUN!!
 Based in Hangloose Lower Hirafu
 www.go-nsa.com


Guided Snowmobile Adventures
 7 days
 Bookings essential
☎ 090 9757 4083

MAP C1 p47
NISS International Snowsports School
 HIRAFU/HANAZONO
 NISS offers a comprehensive range of programs to accommodate every guest's needs and aspirations. Take advantage of Hanazono's excellent new 308 kids facility and group class sizes.
 www.harmonyresorts.com

Kids are our specialty Hirafu & Hanazono
 8.30am-4pm
 Ticket Sales/Kids Centre
 Hirafu & Hanazono
☎ 0136 21 6688

MAP D3 p47
Shinsetsu Mountain Guides
 MIDDLE HIRAFU
 Qualified guides, dedicated instructors, renowned service. Experience all that Niseko has to offer with Shinsetsu Mountain Guides and Ski School.
 www.smguides.net


Experience all that Niseko has to offer
 Smguides@gmail.com
☎ 090 6214 1065


shopping & retail


MAP B3 p46
Boom Sports
 KUTCHAN
 Stocking a great variety of souvenirs and original Niseko limited editions. Ski and snowboard hire also available from this season!
 www.boom-snow.com

Snow goods and Niseko limited souvenirs
 10am-7.30pm
 Open daily
☎ 0136 23 0011

MAP B3 p46
Cocoroya
 KUTCHAN
 Offers antique Kimono, furniture and original hand made gifts. We can also bring a range of goods to your apartment for home shopping. Try our origami lessons, incl green tea ¥3,500.
 www.cocoroya.jp

Take home a unique piece of Japan
 10.30am-7.30pm
 Open every day
☎ 0136 23 0008

MAP C1 p47
Fusion Sports Shop
 HIRAFU/HANAZONO
 Great gear, good value, friendly staff. Fusion provides all your on mountain and après needs. Popular brands like BURTON, OAKLEY, DAKINE, THE NORTH FACE, VOLCOM and more.
 www.harmonyresorts.com

Gear for the Elements At 2 Locations in Niseko
 Hirafu 8am-9pm
 Hanazono 8.30-5pm
☎ Hirafu 0136 21 6633 / Hanazono 0136 23 0911

MAP F4 p47
Hana Jizoh
 IZUMIKYO 2
 Amazing sweet and savoury breads and pastries from a friendly local family bakery. Must try! Get the free Hirafu Village shuttle to bus stop 27, near Unitas Log Village.

Creative and delicious breads from local baker
☎ 0136 23 0331

MAP E2 p47
Niseko 343
 MIDDLE HIRAFU
 NISEKO weather demands special equipment – "Niseko-grade" gear. Find it at Niseko 343. Providing snow gear and impeccable service since 1993. High-grade rentals and tune-ups.
 www.niseko343.com

NISEKO+343 = 200% FUN
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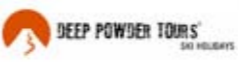
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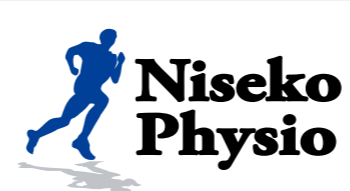
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after the melt fly fishing in niseko

ALL good fly fishermen know that trout only ever live in beautiful places. With its many tributaries, the stunning Shiribetsu River is home to a wonderful array of freshwater fish species.

As the summer progresses, so does the available fish menu. From June through early July Cherry Salmon and Rainbow Trout are most prevalent in all the local streams (though Cherry Salmon are a stipulated catch-and-release fish), and from July through August they are joined by the local Iwana and Yamame. With a huge variety of large stream and small tributary settings, there's something for everyone. On top of that, lakes like Shikotsu, which all visitors pass by on their way from Chitose airport, is full of Brown Trout and Red Salmon.

Locals appear to use larger size rods, have a definite preference for nymphs over dry flies, tend to cast across and down rather than upstream, and catch big fish at night – for those prepared to stay out late.

No fishing licences are required in Hokkaido (though they are in mainland Japan), and some local fishing guide services are available. The undisputed master of fly fishing and all of its intricacies in Niseko is Hirotsugu Hashimoto, owner of the Village House pension in Hirafu and brilliant owner/chef at Shunsai Restaurant in Kutchan (where dining guests on some nights share tables with his students of the arcane art of fly-tying).

Local knowledge is always the key to success in fly fishing, so Hashimoto-san should be the first port of call for any visiting enthusiast. He has a good supply of fishing gear, including waders, at very moderate prices.

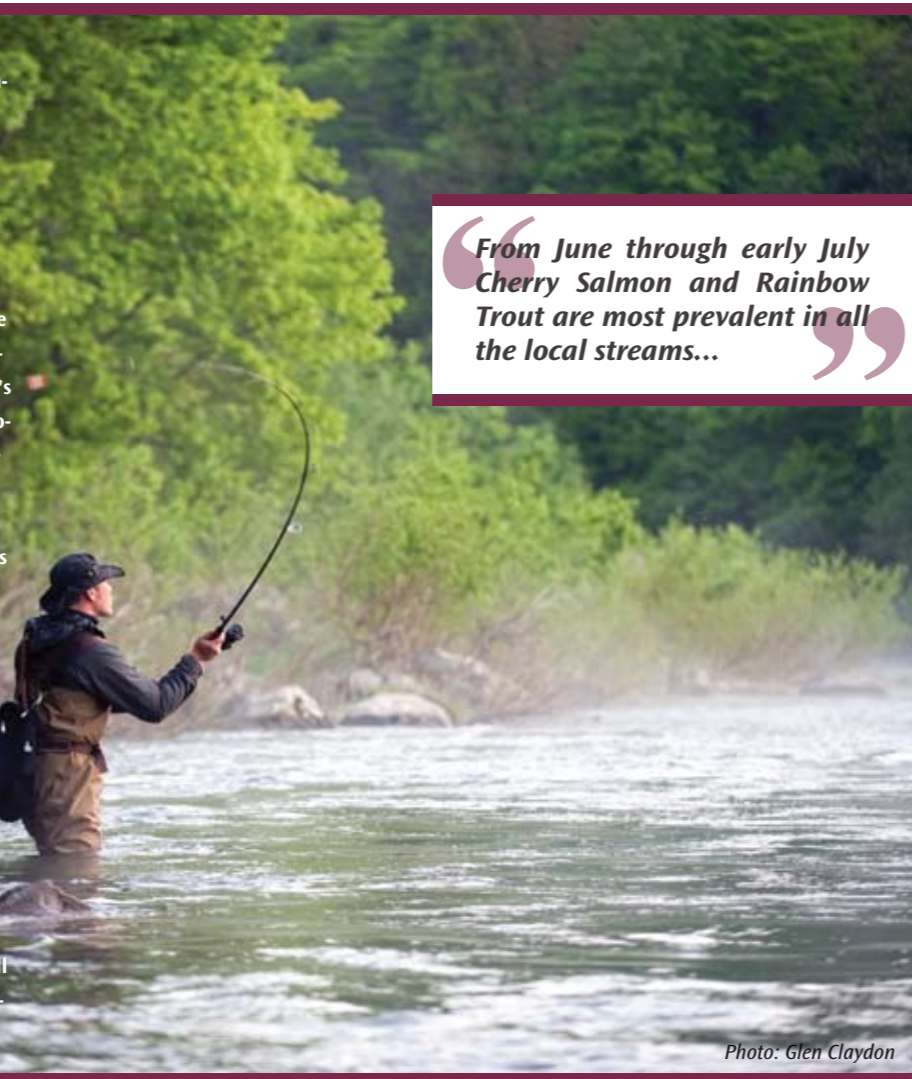


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“From June through early July Cherry Salmon and Rainbow Trout are most prevalent in all the local streams...”

niseko cycle week 2009 event was 'perfect'

THE second Niseko Cycle Week fulfilled its promise to be bigger and better than the first, with organisers and participants agreeing the event was a huge success.

"It was perfect," declared Jess Ripper, one of the many volunteer event organisers of the September event. "There were definitely more people involved in all the events overall, which is testament to the fact the event is growing, and it's here to stay."

"The response from the people involved this year, especially those who came internationally, was overwhelming – they were blown away by the surroundings, and every event in general ran a lot smoother."

Highlights of the week included:

- The hugely successful opening and closing gourmet barbecues, which were run alongside mountain bike events and attracted plenty of families and non-cyclists, as well as the hardcore pedal pushers.
- Bike to Work Day, which got more than 100 locals,

including plenty of non-cyclists, pedalling to work.

- The night-time social events including the Black Diamond Lodge Fire and Jump Jam, featuring local mountain bikers taking on three massive jumps, and Northfield Lodge's Cranked Movie and Mexican Night.
- Much greater participation in the intermediate level social road rides, which were held almost every day of the week across Niseko.

Jess said one of the most satisfying aspects of the second Niseko Cycle Week was that it had fulfilled its aims laid down before the event:

- To promote the area's amazing potential as a mountain biking and road cycling destination.
- To promote an active lifestyle and health awareness.
- To contribute to the notion of environmental sustainability through the use of bikes rather than cars.

Niseko Cycle Week will be back again next summer so keep an eye on www.nisekocycleweek.com.



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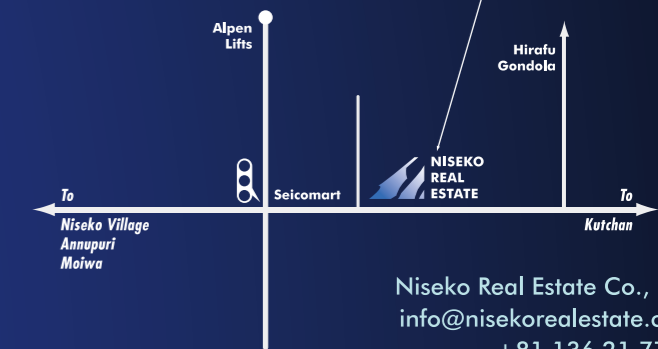
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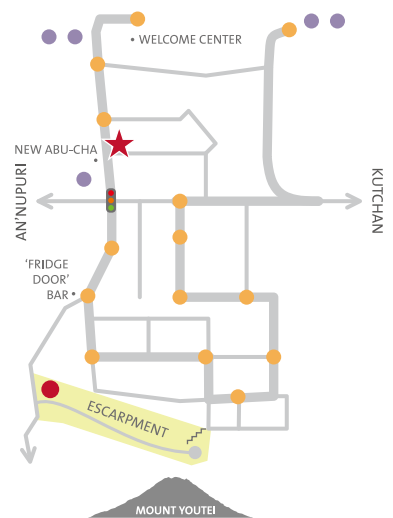
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