



# SKI FUTURE SAANENLAND



**SKI JUMPING**



**CROSS-COUNTRY**



**ALPINE RACING**



**FREESTYLE**

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## OUR VISION

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**OUR GOAL IS:** to initiate and insure the future of ski sports in the region. In particular we wish to offer youngsters the infrastructure, with the best possible conditions for excellent training opportunities in the different disciplines.

**TEAM SPIRIT, LOYALTY AND FAIRNESS** should be the focal point: today and in the future.



## INTRODUCTION

**For over 100 years, Saanenland has had a long and exceptional ski tradition** and has produced top skiers in all disciplines. At the beginning, individual competitors practiced all disciplines, trained on their own, and took part individually in competitions on weekends. Since then, skiing has developed to become a more competitive widespread sport, with specialization in the various disciplines. Besides basic training, (condition, movement, fine motor skills, mental, etc.) specialized training for each discipline is needed. At the same time there is a demand for better training facilities for the coaches and competitors in order to improve. On top of that the need to recognize talent starts earlier and earlier. As children start school, training should already begin, so as to create a base for future top performances.

**The 8 ski clubs in Saanenland have followed** up on the recruiting of young skiers and their training as well as organizing competitions in the various disciplines. In the year 2000 the clubs got together to create a racing center (Racing Huble, Eggli-Saanen), which became a training center for alpine skiing. Then in 2007 the lift was damaged in a storm and consequently closed. In 2008 investments were made to ensure the future of the facilities (lift and snow-making)...

**In the protocol of the Gstaad Skiclub meeting** from October 24th, 1910 was the first record of mention concerning the building of a ski jumping hill (Sprunghügel) and an invitation to Mr. Björnstad in Bern about building a ski jumping hill and if it would be possible to build it that year.

**In the year 2000 various projects** were put forward as the „Mattenschanze“ no longer met modern criteria and in the spring of 2008 it was dismantled and removed.

**Only through new ski jumping facilities** would it be possible to guarantee the continuation of an old winter sport tradition. This is now the last chance to maintain the tradition of ski jumping in Saanenland.

**In 2005, all these reasons** led club members and friends in Saanenland to lance the project SKI FUTURE SAANENLAND.

**A big part of the population of Saanenland** agreed that they would like to continue to support a wide range of ski sports for the youngsters and top athletes.

**Parents and schools** should allow their children to be exposed to all ski disciplines and make it possible to even integrate them into the educational school system, without any special or financial requirements being imposed on them.

In the future, the population and guests should be exposed to the different snow sport disciplines and learn the fascination of it.

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## THE DISCIPLINES

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**SKI JUMPING**



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**FREESTYLE EVENTS**



## THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES

**For several reasons** we are convinced that it is definitely time that we have to do something for the local ski sport.

**In the bailiwick of Saanen** (administrative district) there are about 500 youngsters between 7 and 15 years of age and 280 slightly older ones living in the district.

**Over the last 15 years** we have noted that there are less and less top athletes in Saanenland. The reason for this is primarily the time it takes to get to adequate training facilities.

**The slope conditions** are often not up to the standards of preparation and safety needed. Also, the slopes are often used by other people skiing on the mountain. In the future this will become an even greater problem especially concerning safety of the skiers.

**With a lack of ski** jumping facilities we will see a decline in the preparation of top athletes. When looking for an ideal training center we have determined that the best site would be „HUB-LE“ near the Egli-Saanen ski lift.

**Our goal is:** to offer our young athletes an ideal educational training center separate from the public ski area.

**With floodlit installations** we will be able to extend the training times without interfering with school hours.

We are convinced that this location, which is not far away from the high school facilities, will give us optimal development between Sport and School and will become a big step in the right direction.

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**«WE URGENTLY  
NEED BETTER  
TRAINING INFRA-  
STRUCTURE IN  
SWITZERLAND».**

Urs Lehmann  
president of Swiss Ski

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## THE PROJECT

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**In the area „Huble/Rübeldorf“,** near the town of Saanen, we plan to install snowmaking\* for snowboarders and alpine skiing (1), a ski jumping installation with 2 hills (2), a cross-country track (3), as well as a Freestyle installation (4), a ski lodge rounds out the ideal project.

\* plenty of water is available not far from the site.

## WHAT WE NEED

- Best (optimal) infrastructure for training
- Efficient slope preparation
- Snowmaking installation
- Lift installation
- Floodlights
- Multi sports facilities for young athletes (gifted skiers)

The project should have a complete, modern and practical infrastructure with ideal training and competition possibilities for young talent recruitment. The facilities are foreseen to be used for recruitment and should be multifunctional. It should give the Saanenland youth the best winter sport infrastructure possible. The ski slopes will be in an enclosed area, not open for public use. The principal idea covers the following sport styles: Alpine skiing, Snowboard, Freestyle, Cross-country and Ski Jumping (including Nordic Combined).



### Snowboard and Alpine Racing

The slalom and giant slalom slopes are next to the ski lift, the jumping hills will be built on the far side (Gstaad side)....




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**«GSTAAD IS  
TRULY DEDICATED  
FOR THIS  
WINTER SPORTS  
FACILITY».**

Simon Ammann

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## Ski Jumping

We plan to build 2 ski jumps for summer use (plastic covered) and winter use. The two hills are to be used by youngsters, a small hill (size 35 meters) and a medium hill (size 67 meters).



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## Cross Country

The fields next to the alpine/jumping infrastructure can be used to create a 2.5 kilometer track (longer, if needed). In the summer the Rübeldorf road to the airport can be used for roller ski training. There would be a possibility of organizing competitions as the road is easily closed off to traffic. In the winter the cross-country track will be made and maintained by GST (Gstaad-Saanenland Tourismus) machines with no further „construction“ needed.



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## Freestyle-Events

In the winter, the area offers us the possibility to organize other important events such as „HIGH FLY“ or Gstaad Winter Games as well as FIS SLOPESTYLE WORLD CUP. The importance of such events depends on the basic concept, which can be developed and improved in the future. The jumping facilities with the different modular sizes (amount of snow needed) can be built and maintained during the winter.



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## The buildings and installations

Buildings have been planned for construction next to the sports complex where all necessary technical and other infrastructures will be housed. Included in these buildings:

**Main Lodge**

**Ski lift building/ticket office**

**Video room**

**Material room**

**Wardrobe/toilets/showers**

**Drying room**

**Administration**

**Cafeteria**

**Pumping station**

## THE PLANNING OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS SPREAD OVER 4 STAGES

Description:	stage 1	stage 2	stage 3	stage 4	Total
Construction costs	2'150'000	300'000	3'165'000	2'785'000	8'400'000

## WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR THE FUTURE

**2004** — FOUNDING OF THE GROUP SKIFUTURE SAANENLAND.

**2005** — Presentation/ mention of the project to the KUSKO, Saanen municipality.  
 Explanation and first requests to all landowners:  
 „Declaration of intent“. Study of possible installations.  
 Project proposal  
 Request for Sport Toto funds, „Grutter“ funds, etc.  
 Investment requests Federal and Canton (IGH)  
 Presentation to all Saanenland Ski Clubs  
 Public information in the local newspaper, Saanen Anzeiger.

**2006** — Town planning modifications 2005-2008:  
 Public participation from Saanen is in the works,  
 SKIFUTURE submitted their planning requirements.  
 Adjustment of various zoning possibilities.  
 The fundamental decision of the Saanen city council was  
 to go forward with the project.  
 Subdivision of lots submitted.

**2007** — Financial discussions with possible donators.

**2008** — Agreement of the parties BGD/Huble GmbH/SKIFUTURE  
 (ZPP eliminated, the new SKIFUTURE to be integrated in  
 the planned rebuilding regulations of Egli Pra-Cluen.  
 Preparation of construction plans.  
 Information to land owners with potential parceling studies.

**2009** — Official participation in a joint rebuilding proposal.  
 „Disagreement“ negotiations.  
 Preliminary inspection of the project with the office  
 for planning of the canton of Bern (AGR)

## 2010

Official requirements of building regulations.  
Negotiations with opposition disagreements.  
Preliminary tests of AGR with agreements (including all professional reports).  
City council's agreement 24.09.2010

## 2011

Foundation the Club: SKIFUTURE Saanenland

## 2011/12

merger of HUBLE Racing GmbH for building permission Stage 1

## 2012

Authorization from the Canton for the building requirements (received March 2012)  
Establishment of the agreements with BDG about the purchasing of the BDG's second-hand lift.

## 2013

Necessary land logging and clearing done.  
Building request for Stage 1 sent - Alpine slope (June)  
Beginning of financial planning: Stages 1-4  
Financial planning, summer and fall 2013  
Stage 1: installation of a „Poma“ lift.  
Parcel values agreements, fall and winter 2013/14  
Purchasing of old farmhouse discussed.

## 2014/15

The first step of parcel separation of the sports center lodge was approved by the government officials.

The preparation plan of the ski lift was approved. The contract was awarded to GARAVENTA.

With the start of clearing of the area as well as moving the „hay barn“ to the top of the slope to be used as a Start-house, the construction project has undeniably begun.

The construction work, along with the pulling of cables and other work has been distributed to various local contractors, proposing reasonable prices.

Mr. Max Althaus, previous manager of Glacier 2000, has been chosen to be the racing center manager. With Max, we have found a person who could work independently, who has the technical knowledge and requirements needed.

Without a project manager, as the Huble had previously been run, the project could not operate efficiently.

To run the area properly, a certain amount of equipment is needed, such as a skidoo, masts (lift and lights) protections fences and safety nets. These items are included in the Stage 1 budget.

## 2016

The new Huble lift is up and running. The operating year 2015/16 is considered to be a transition year, with minimum slope preparation needed.

In accordance with the project, the slope width and length will be improved. Then in the summer of 2016 the new slope lighting will be installed so the whole slope can be used efficiently.

For the final installation of the lighting, and adjustments to the snowmaking shafts, the building requirements regulations will be conformed to. The placement of the foreseen candelabra (light fixtures) and conduits will follow.

For the time being the SKI FUTURE committee keeps in close contact with the Saanen building authorities, in case changes need to be made to the planning. Here it primarily concerns the project as it stands today. Included in these adaptations are the company's buildings and the projected jumping hills.

The people responsible presume that the text of Üe0 indicates that the city council will approve minor changes as long as all necessary adaptations have been submitted.

We have come to an agreement with the BDG concerning snowmaking and slope preparation and look forward to working together efficiently.

