

# THE KSM SHOWDOWN

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## KSM Showdown 2004

The first annual KSM Showdown competition took place on Sunday 29 August at Sheffield Ski Village, and it was a great success! All the riders had a great night and we managed to raise nearly £1000 for the Edale Mountain Rescue Unit.

The bulk of the competition was run in a jam session format, with all 49 competitors taking runs through the fun park and trying to link together their best runs. The standard of riding was insane. Michael Nar put together several consistently high scoring runs including smooth rail slides and an enormous front flip off the kicker. Charlie Richards was doing flares in the half pipe and back flips on both the quarter pipe and the kicker all night. Jake Terry, only 6 years old, surprised the judges by doing some good airs and daring to slide the KSM box at the bottom of the course.

After the jam session came the Showdown section of the competition. The best 16 riders from the jam session were split into pairs, and each pair of riders competed head-to-head to see who would go through to the next round. Each subsequent round followed the same format, until eventually only Michael Nar and Andy Colin were left. After having nailed some amazing switch 270-on to 270-off rails in earlier rounds, Andy chose to hit a smooth 540 safety over the kicker. Unfortunately this wasn't enough to hold off Michael, who stuck the hugest crossed-up front flip and won himself a pair of Rossignol Scratch.

The undisputed master of the rails on the evening was Andy Colin, and he took the 'Best Rail' prize for an amazing 450-off the Transco rail at the top of the course. He also took the 'Best Air' prize for a smooth, stylish 720.

Ally Watson was also keeping the crowds entertained with two excellent crashes, including a ball-grind on the KSM box, which won him the 'Best Slam' category.

The prizes for the Showdown were plentiful with skis, jackets, hats, gloves and bags and even a longboard to be won! Most prizes went to the winners of the comp but there were also plenty given out to the crowds in the charity raffle.

After the competition, the prize giving and after party rocked the bar at Sheffield Ski Village, with a live performance from 5FD, a local punk band playing their own material and some amazing covers.

Next year's KSM Showdown is already being planned and it is set to be bigger and better.

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### Results

**Best Overall Rider** – Charlie Richards

**Showdown Winner** – Michael Nar

**Best Female** – Emma Lonsdale

**Best Snowboarder on Skis** – Dan Gosling

**Best under 16's** – Murray Buchan

**Best under 10's** – Jake Terry

**Best Rail** – Andy Colin

**Best Air** – Andy Colin

**Best Slam** – Ally Watson

**Best Newcomer** – Max Olden

**Most Progressive Girl** – Becky Hammond

**Entertainment of the Night** – The Rainbow Crew/Noddy Gowans and Ben Hawker (Bungle)

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