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INTERNATIONAL
SKI TOURING CAMP IN SLOVENIA

~ YC UIAA CAMP ~

Komna, JULIAN ALPS

1st March – 7th March 2009



REPORT



An International Ski Touring camp in Slovenia took place from 1st-7th March at Komna plateau above Bohinj lake. The group included **21 participants, 5 guides, a doctor and a cook** who was already waiting at the hut. The participants came from **Romania, Serbia, Spain, UK, Norway, Sweden and Slovenia**. On arrival at the hut Planina na Kraju (1510 m), there was already 4 meter of snow, which is exceptional for this location.

On the first day we had to walk to our hut which was three hours walk away from the meeting place next to Slap Savica hut. First we sent our luggage to the neighbouring hut, Dom na Komni, via cable car where it waited for us. After arriving and bringing our equipment to our hut, we had the afternoon free for unpacking and getting to know each other. In the evening the participants were given a lecture on how to use avalanche transceivers and how to test snow conditions on the terrain.

The second day was spent ski touring, first walking up to the summit of Kal (2001 m) and skiing down. From there the tour continued up to the peak of Srednji vrh (1872 m) from which we skied all the way down to our hut. In the evening, Bojan gave a lecture about his personal climbing adventures.

On the third day we walked 2.5 hours to Mali Bogatin, 1977 m, from where we skied down to Planina Govnjac. From here we ascended to the summit of Za Gradicem (1637 m) and skied down, in very dense fog, all the way back to our hut.

During the night, it started to snow heavily and in the morning of the fourth day there was 40 cm of new snow around the hut. Visibility was extremely poor due to diffused light and more dense fog. We began our walk but after 45 minutes the decision was made to return to the hut due to the weather conditions. In the afternoon there was a practical exercise outside the hut involving all participants on how to use avalanche transceivers and an avalanche rescue simulation.

Because of more heavy snow, it was again decided not to go into the mountains on the fifth day so four participants organised a team skiing race around the hut. The rest of the day was spent shovelling the 1.2 m of new snow and clearing paths.



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The snow stopped on the sixth day but due to the amount of fresh snow and high risk of avalanche, it was decided not to go walking into the mountains. The day was spent walking on the small hills immediately around the hut. Some participants also dug a tunnel through the snow to the front door of the hut.

On the morning of the last day, all equipment and personal belongings were carried to the cable car at Dom na Komni in preparation for leaving. From there, everyone descended on skis to the car park below where the camp ended.



With our best mountaineering regards,

Ljubljana, 3 April 2009
of

Jure Cencelj, the leader

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