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INTERNATIONAL SKI TOURING CAMP IN SLOVENIA

~ YC UIAA CAMP ~

Komna, JULIAN ALPS

4 - 11 February 2006



REPORT

By the organising the International Ski Touring camp this year we have to be pretty inventive to harmonise everything and to find a lot of possibilities - from transport to accommodation of our guest from Spain. However with much help of Zdenka and cooperation with PZS bore fruit - we defeated all problems successfully. All this refers to arrival of guests soot flew in on airport Treviso (near Venice) and sleep in the hut »Koča pri Savici« from Friday on Saturday. At drives was helping me also Tadej with his own car. International Ski Touring Camp in Slovenia found a pleasant base-location in the mountain hut »Dom na Komni« (1520 m), situated in Komna region in Julian Alps. Komna is ideal starting point for ski touring tours in neighbourhood and also a little bit further. Our big family included participants from Spain (9), Slovenia (3) and of course Slovene leadership team (guides, doctor). Everybody in the group was in good physical and skiing condition, so I think and hope everybody really enjoyed this camp very much.

List of tours and activities:

Saturday, 4. 2. 2006

After nice sleeping, above all for seven participants from Spain, which were very tired, and breakfast we were gathering slowly with other participants and leadership team at the meeting place (by this hut »Koča pri Savici«, 653 m). I was the most pleasant surprised, that were Marc and Oriol, after 15 hours of driving from Barcelona directly to meeting place, late only for 30 minutes. Of course we waited for them. We put our luggage on transport cable car and hiked to the hut »Dom na Komni« (1520 m). In the valley it was foggy and cold, so we were very happy about the sun just a little under our hut. We accommodated in nice renovated rooms and soon we ate also the lunch. After the lunch most of participants took part to a short first tour (to get to know each other) to the slope »ZA GRADIČEM« (1637 m), from where we saw the surroundings of Komna, great view to the picks and mountains for skiing and climbing.

In the evening we went to sleep very quickly (the hut was full of mountaineers). We had only a short meeting to explain participants about the next day tour and what they need to take. Lucija nad Mojca visited us i(they could not took part in the camp just in last moment).

Sunday, 5. 2. 2006

The first tour was through LEPA KOMNA to the top of LANŽEVICA (2003 m). We also showed participants the basics of waking and turning on ski touring skies. We skied to KONTA POD VELIKO MONTURO (1958 m) and we also climbed its top VELIKA MONTURA. Skiing and ascending to the saddle (1875 m) between LANŽEVICA and VRH NAD GRACIJO and skiing to LEPA KOMNA. The weather was really nice and participants were full of energy, so we climbed also SREDNJI VRH (1872 m) and skied to our 'home' DOM NA KOMNI (1520 m).



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In the evening we had great time, spent by social games and to began the game “secret friends”, which we played till the end of the camp.

We also analysed of the first tour; the guides described the tour of next day (where, what kind of difficult, the necessary equipment...). → That we did all days in the camp, each evening.

Monday, 6. 2. 2006

This day we skied through GRACIJA to the saddle (1920 m) between BOGATIN and MAHAVŠČEK, descending to KONTA POD ZELENIM VRHOM and climbed (with skies on backpacks) trough couloir to the top ZELENIM VRH (2052 m). Direction of descending (skiing) was PLANINA GOVNJAČ (1470 m). Then we're ascending again the pick ZA GRADIČEM (1637 m) and skiing to our home.

In the evening we had slide show – our doctor Matej presented us slides from trip to Peru.

Tuesday, 7. 2. 2006

Our tour led us to LEPA KOMNA and from there to the right to KAL (2001 m). At the top of Kal we admire, where have we been in past days and what we skied – picks and slopes. Skiing to the valley DOLINA ZA BAJERJEM (1677 m), there we ate out lunch packets (first time in warm weather). In this valley we did demonstration and practical exercises with avalanche rescue beacon, how to find a person under the avalanche. We returned to POLJANCA (1681 m) trough MALA VRATA (1855 m), and for ‘dessert’ we did SREDNJI VRH again. But this time we skied to GRACIJA and then to our hut DOM NA KOMNI.

In the evening rook 206, especially Lazaro, took care for great time with social games.

Wednesday, 8. 2. 2006

Trough GRACIJA we reached saddle BOGATINSKO SEDLO (1803 m) and then we skied to the lake KRNSKO JEZERO (1391 m). From the saddle Oriol (problems with back) returned back with help Matej (doctor) to the hut.

All others continued from the lake to saddle under BATOGNICA and to the top BATOGNICA (2164 m). Nice tour. We skied the way of ascent. We were all very happy and satisfied, that we did so nice and long tour.

For the evening were in charge Spanish participants. Especially Lazaro was great in preparing national Spanish dishes → we tasted delicious Spanish ‘pancake’, so called Paelia.

Thursday, 9. 2. 2006

From the hut – our home we hiked (by skies) to saddle between BOGATIN and MAHAVŠČEK, from where we climbed the pick MAHAVŠČEK (2008 m) by really nice outside corner. Then we're descending to the other side and skied to the mountain GOVNJAČ.

In this week we really didn't have luck with sun at the lunch, the sun was hiding almost each time we started to eat lunch packets. Or wind blew. So we put our skies very quickly back on and climbed new picks.



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So from GOVNJAČ we won again the pick ZA GRADIČEM (*Behind the castle*) and slowly returned to DOM NA KOMNI.

In the evening we had social time with lots of games, but soon we all went to rest ourselves – we did in these days nice number to hiked and skied meters.

Friday, 10. 2. 2006

For the last tour in this week we decided to climb ČELO (2228 m). From our home we went trough the valley ZA BRINJEM and flat top hold to the very top of ČELO. From the top it was really great view to all around – to the mountains and picks we did them in this really great camp together; and some more further. Descent led us by VELIKA VRATA (1924 m, *the Huge Gate*) and then back to the valley DOLINA ZA BAJERJEM, ascending MALA VRATA (*the Little Gate*) and skiing back to LEPA KOMNA and our this week home.

We realized that this was the last evening together in this camp. So we talked about the whole week, made an analysis and then were following games. We very also very curious, who was your/ my... secret friend. It was great to uncover secret friends☺.

Saturday, 11. 2. 2006

In nice sunny weather we were descending, skiing back to our starting point at the hut KOČA PRI SAVICI and to the valley Bohinj. We drove also our guests –friends back to the airport. For souvenirs they bought some typical Slovenian products and little things...

The end came so quickly...The week was full of interesting experiences and adventures, therefore I hope that everybody got something for himself, let that be new experiences, new friends, stories to be told on long winter evenings or... We promised to meet again, maybe to go to ski, climb mountains or just to meet to have nice time together. We spent great time together in the mountains and in whole week.

What to say at the end about the camp, when you have so nice participants, beautiful weather and everything it is like you wish it would be... It was really nice camp. We did, climbed a lot of height-meters, skied a lot of white-snow-covered slopes and picks, did a lot of preparing skies for walking and skiing etc. The group was homogeneous and all were same strong and good prepared, so we did all those tours, for which usually we only dream of. And also the weather was good all days long.

I'd like to thank the guide Tadej ('Debeli'), who did so great ski track to the picks and mountains; to guide Robi for finding really nice slopes for skiing down, and to the doctor Matej, who luckily didn't have much work to do☺. And finally I'd like to thank Zdenka Mihelič, who took care all the time perfectly for connections with our guest from other countries; and of course a big thank to you, dear participants, that with our help you discovered this beautiful part of our mountains.

With our best mountaineering regards,

Ljubljana, 20 February 2006

Janko Marn,
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(Photo of all photos: Matej Arnuš)

Demonstration and practice – stopping with ice-axe, rescuing a person under avalanche etc.





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Traditional evening (Preparing national dishes)





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Great mountains and picks we did – climbed and skied...





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