



# 50 YEARS OF MOUNTAIN CABLEWAYS RATSCHINGS



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## Josef Schölzhorn

Chairman, Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH

Dear guests!

Dear friends of Ratschings-Jaufen!

We are celebrating a special anniversary this year: 50 years of the Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH. Half a century that fills us with pride and allows us to look back on an impressive journey of the development of the skiing and hiking area Ratschings.

It all began in 1972 with the founding of the ski lift company, followed by the approval of the first ski lift in 1973. One year later, this milestone was accompanied by the inauguration of the ski lift. Since then, we have been able to continuously expand and modernise the lift facilities. Undoubtedly, the remodelling of the valley station in 2009 was a highlight, as its state-of-the-art technology was well ahead of its time.

Today, we can be proud of our skiing and hiking region. It is not only a magnet for tourism, but also a driving force for the local economy. Local hospitality businesses, tradespeople and many others benefit directly and indirectly from our commitment in the tourism sector. At the same time, countless jobs have been created locally, offering jobseekers

in our valley attractive prospects. Our region has now become a destination that is worth visiting all year long. From December to April, guests from near and far enjoy snowy slopes and modern lifts. In summer, we invite people of all generations to enjoy hikes of various difficulty levels. Our Mountain Adventure World at 1,800 metres above sea level is particularly popular for families, who can explore numerous attractions there.

For us, our 50th anniversary is not just an opportunity to look back at the past, but also to find incentives for the future. We want to continue to focus on the development of gentle and sustainable tourism in order to be an attraction and a home for future generations.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our success over the past 50 years. Together, we have written this success story and will continue to do so in the future.



## Sebastian Helfer

Mayor of the municipality of Ratschings

Dear management of Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH!  
Dear friends of the ski resort!

On its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we can rightfully and happily say: "Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH has always been and continues to be a success story." As the mayor of Ratschings, I would like to congratulate you and convey best wishes from the municipal administration and the municipal committee.

Strong personalities such as Vinzenz Schölzhorn, Franz Seeber and now Josef Schölzhorn, together with their team, have always found the right moment to invest in the ski resort's infrastructure, constantly innovating and adapting it to the needs of winter sports enthusiasts. Today, thanks to their work, the ski resort is a recognised name in the Alpine region.

As Mayor, I am aware of the personal commitment of the current and previous management team. I am aware of their constant efforts to ensure the economic stability of the company, to create jobs and to add value to our community and the district as a whole. The Chairman

and his team, the employees and the shareholders deserve my respect, appreciation and personal thanks for their hard work and achievements.

Tourism is one of the driving forces behind our thriving economy, and it will continue to be for decades to come; we owe our prosperity to such well-structured ski resorts, as well as to the constant willingness to invest and to the dedication and the hard work of the people. We all know that economic success is not a one-way street and does not come for free; economy and ecology must go hand in hand in all investment decisions.

I wish those responsible the best of luck in their decisions; stay true to yourselves, trust your experience and continue to do what has been proven to work. I hope that our many guests and visitors continue to enjoy skiing, you are always welcome and please continue to visit us in large numbers.



## Arno Kompatscher

Governor of South Tyrol

Dear Ladies  
and Gentlemen,

The ski resort and destination of Ratschings has been popular for decades, both in South Tyrol and far beyond its borders. This positive development is mainly due to the fruitful work of the Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH, which has continuously invested in the quality of the infrastructure and the diversity of the offer.

I would like to congratulate all the active and long-serving functionaries and staff on the 50th anniversary of Ratschings-Jaufen. Decades of hard work have paid off with 28 kilometres of slopes for young and old, beginners and experts alike.

Especially in a region like South Tyrol, which is strongly associated with winter sports, the small ski resorts are vital to the active enjoyment and enthusiasm of the local population for winter sports. At the same time, they bring jobs and prosperity to our valleys.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who bears and takes responsibility for the valuable contribution that Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH has made over the past 50 years and continues to make in many ways, and wish them a successful anniversary year.



# FUN AND LEISURE

How exciting it must have been when, on 13 May 1934, the first automobile - as it was called at the time - reached the high valley of Ratschings!



*An old view of Innerratschings, with the valley descent and valley station in the foreground*

The local population - mainly farmers, craftsmen and workers - had only seen cars on their rare visits to Sterzing. The gentlemen from Milan who drove the car must have remembered the journey no less fondly: coming from Sterzing, they soon had to pass through a wild and romantic gorge, and from Stange to Jaufensteg alone there was a difference in altitude of 200 metres to overcome. But their efforts were rewarded! For on this clear spring day in May, they were greeted by lush meadows, blossoming trees, the dark green forests and the occasional snow-capped mountain.

At that time, Ratschings was still decades away from being developed for tourism. An important prerequisite for tourism in the valley was the extension of the road, which took place step by step until the 1960s. Little by little, guests discovered this inviting high valley with its marvellous nature and friendly people. Those who come to Ratschings today can still feel this special atmosphere.

▷ *The mountain restaurant until 2009; to be redesigned in summer of 2024*



*Replacing the rope sheave bearings on the Saxnerjoch*

With a great deal of foresight and a certain tenacity, the people of Ratschings initially focused on **winter sports**: the current ski lift company, Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH, was founded in 1972, and the very first winter season began in January 1974. In the following years, the ski resort was gradually and carefully expanded. Later investments focused on comfort, safety and state-of-the-art technology.

Holidays in Ratschings have long been an experience in summer, too. The beautiful alpine and mountain region can be explored extensively.

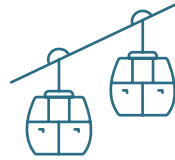
In the beginning, it was hard to predict the economic upswing that tourism would bring to Ratschings. For centuries, the population had lived mainly from agriculture, timber sales and marble quarrying. Over the last 50 years, however, many new jobs have been created. Despite all the development and innovation, the people of Ratschings have always focused on gentle growth and have always kept one thing in mind: treating people, animals and nature with respect. And this is exactly what can be felt in Ratschings: the people and the place have kept their authenticity to this day.



Parallellift  
Enzian 1 and 2



# THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIFT SYSTEMS



The fifty-year success story of the Ratschings-Jaufen ski resort almost came to an end before it had even really begun. Here is how it happened: In 1972, the plan was to connect Ratschings to the existing ski lift on the Kalcheralm. However, two major obstacles soon became apparent during an on-site inspection: Firstly, the route would have required an excessively long ski lift, and secondly, the descent into the valley would have been far too steep. The company "Liftgesellschaft Innerratschings-Jaufen GmbH" (now "Skiliftgesellschaft Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH") was founded on 5th February 1972, and hence already existed. The founding

fathers were not deterred by the obstacles. Vinzenz Schölzhorn, who later became honorary president, was the driving force. New solutions were sought and finally, the slopes of the Rinneralm on the north side of the Jaufen were identified as the ideal location. Although the lift also had to cover an enormous distance of between 1,200 and 2,060 metres above sea level, two lifts were used: a chairlift from the valley to the Rinneralm and a ski lift for the upper part of the slope. Construction began in the summer of 1973 and the first winter season opened on 19 January 1974. Shortly after, the mountain restaurant, the baby lift and the



▷ gondola lift  
1989-2009

Cable car, 1989-2009 <  
"Wasserfallerlift"



Valley station and car park until 2009

"Abrahamwiese" ski lift were built. By 1987, the expansion of the ski resort was complete.

### Quality and innovation

From the very beginning, safety and comfort were the top priorities for guests with a passion for skiing. The existing ski lifts were improved and in many cases replaced by modern chairlifts. An important milestone was the opening of the Ratschings-Jaufen cable car, which replaced the first chairlift in 1989 and took guests to the top in greater comfort.

Innovation and investment in new technology ensured the future of the ski resort. In 1985, when snowmaking was still unknown in many places, the Ratschings-Jaufen ski lift company



Δ "Saxner" chairlift



installed a snowmaking system that has been continuously improved. Back then, the first winters with little snow had led to this decision.

Shortly afterwards, a sewage system that drains wastewater from the mountain down to the valley in an environmentally friendly way was constructed. To make the best and most economical use of the water on site, a reservoir was built in 2005, which collects water for the snowmaking system throughout the year.

## The first eight-seater chairlift in Italy

Yes, even chairlifts have a limited life-span, which is why constant investment is needed to keep pace with technological progress. Italy's first eight-seater chairlift has been in operation in Ratschings since 2016.

The energy-efficient chairlift offers maximum comfort, including genuine leather seats and weather protection covers. A lift in the entrance area makes it easier for children to get on, while "kid stops" provide additional safety. The eight-seater chairlift "Enzian" carries up to 2,800 people per hour – it's so comfortable you'll want to ride it again.

### Technical details on the eight-seater chairlift "Enzian":

- Inclined length: 815.98 metres
- Height difference: 241.62 metres
- Rope diameter: 50 millimetres
- Drive performance: 612 kW
- Speed: 5 m/sec.
- Vehicles: 37 eight-seater armchairs "Premium Chair", with weather protection cover
- Transportation capacity: 2,800 people/hour



*Developed by "Leitner ropeways", a company based in Sterzing, the new chairlift is literally "made in South Tyrol"*



*The mountain restaurant  
in the 1980s*



# LIFT SYSTEMS



## Blosegg

(two-seater chairlift)  
Length: 610 metres



## Wasserfalleralm

(four-seater chairlift)  
Length: 1,800 metres



## Saxner

(six-seater chairlift)  
Length: 1,200 metres



## Ratschings-Jaufen

(gondola ropeway)  
Length: 1,920 metres  
Open in summer and winter



**Rinneralm**

(six-seater chairlift)  
Length: 1,120 metres



**Kalcheralm**

(four-seater chairlift)  
Length: 920 metres



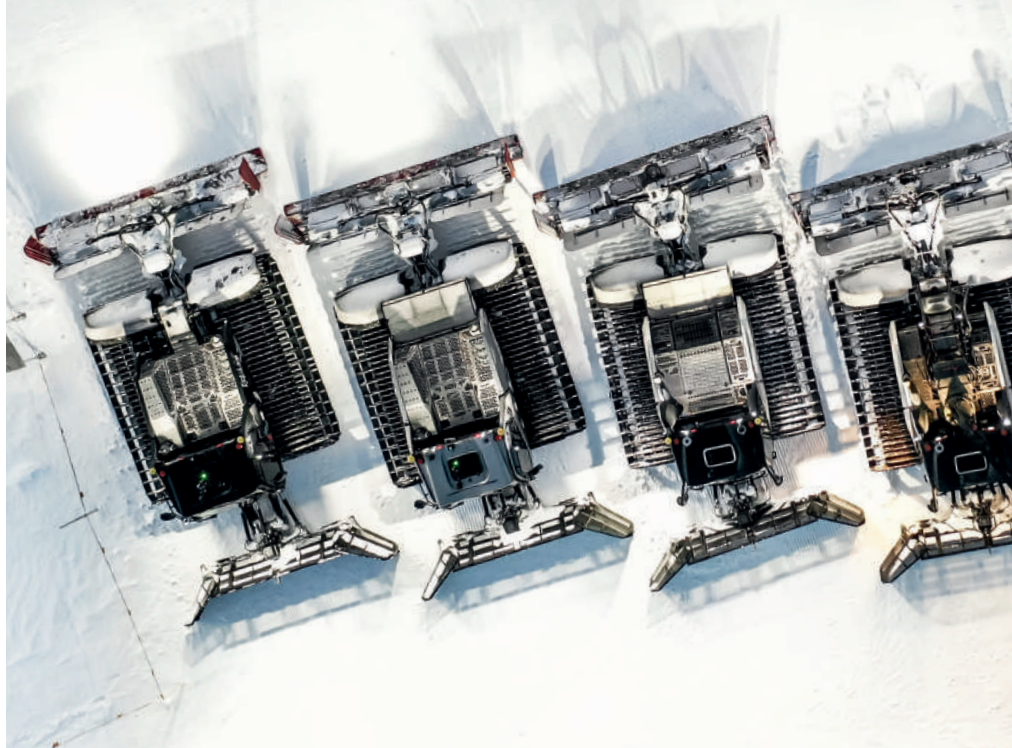
**Enzian**

(eight-seater chairlift)  
Length: 900 metres



**Skilift Abrahamwiese**

(low profile ski lift)  
Length: 290 metres



*All eight snowcats of the ski resort*

# OUR HEROES OF THE NIGHT ROLL OUT THE WHITE CARPET FOR YOU



A wonderful day's skiing is coming to an end and most of the skiers are already enjoying their well-earned refreshments or getting ready for après-ski. It's three o'clock in the afternoon and for our slope crew, it's the start of their shift.

The first step is always to walk around the 523-horsepower monsters, equipped with the latest technology, to spot any minor damage. Every day, seven snowcat drivers keep the slopes in perfect condition. Step two is to oil





the many sensitive mechanical and hydraulic points. After all, everything has to be well oiled when the 4.5-metre-wide blade plunges into the slope to redistribute the snow.

As soon as the lifts close, the engines roar, the headlights light up the mountain and the snowcats claw their way into the snow. Each driver has their own route, which prevents vehicles from crossing each other and allows them to work efficiently without additional routes.

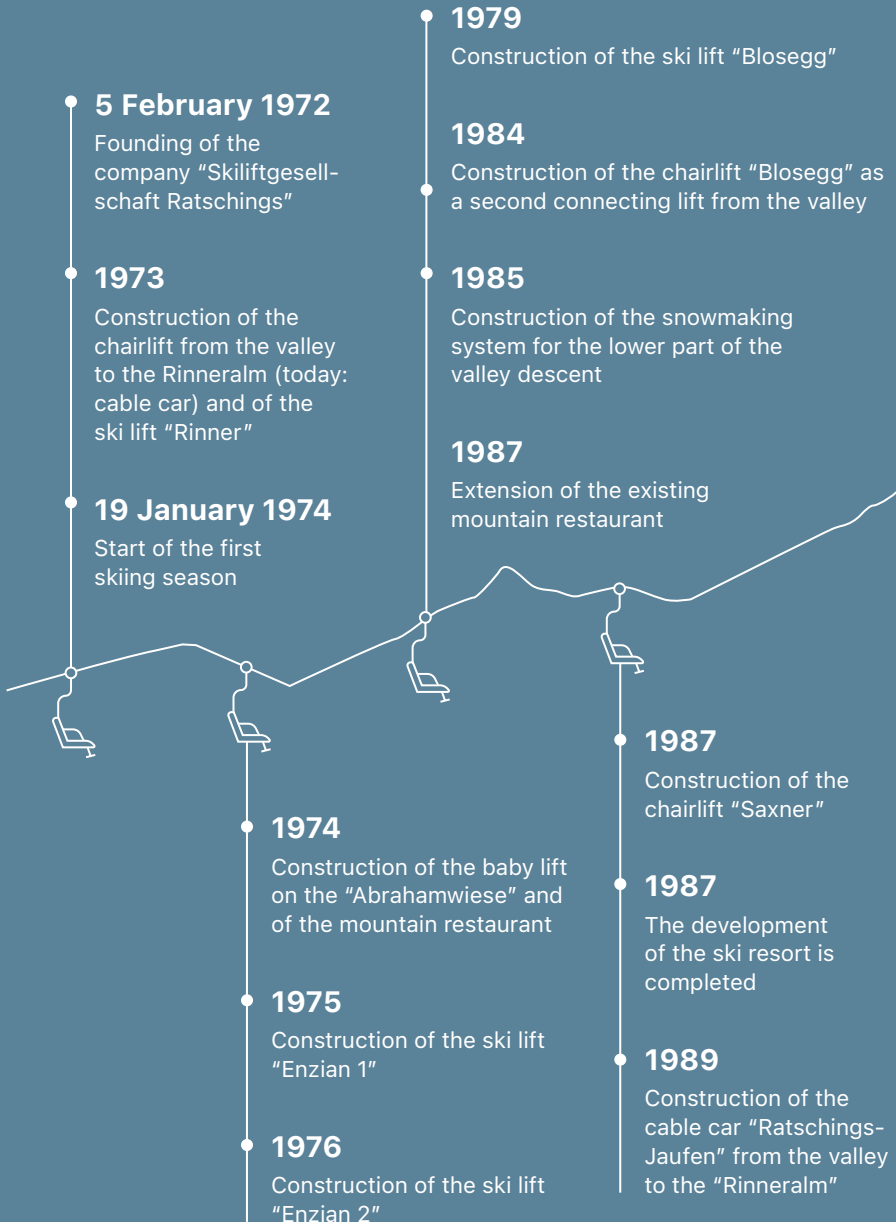
Depending on the weather and the time of year, the end of the working day may be earlier or later. The crew has to be flexible. If it snows at night, the slopes have to be prepared in the morning hours. Sometimes they start at four

o'clock in the morning to get everything ready for the start of the day.

The ski resort also uses two so-called "winch vehicles". This means that the snowcat is also equipped with a cable winch. It has a pulling power of 4.5 tonnes, which is an enormous help, especially in spring when the slopes are soft.

What makes driving a snowcat a dream job? "The feeling of freedom when you are alone in one of these huge machines at night, or the view out of the window over 2,000 metres above sea level when the sky is coloured red by the sunset," says one of our "Heroes of the Night".

# MILESTONES



**1991**

Modification of the existing baby lift to increase transport capacity

**1996**

Introduction of the "Skikindergarten"

**1998**

The former ski lift "Blosegg" is replaced by the "Wasserfalleralmlift".



**2011**

Expansion of the "Kinderland" and the mountain restaurant

**2012**

Opening of the new "Mountain Adventure World"

**2013**

Construction of the six-seater chairlift "Rinneralm", for the first time including a weather protection cover

**2016**

Construction of the eight-seater chairlift "Enzian", the first eight-seater chairlift in Italy

**2005**

Construction of the Rinneralm water reservoir and expansion of partial snowmaking system to full coverage

**2009**

Modernisation of the existing cable car "Ratschings-Jaufen" (gondola lift), redesign of the valley station and construction of a multi-storey car park

**2018–2022**

Purchase of 32 snow guns, three snowcats and three snowmobiles

**2022**

Slope widening

**2023**

Takeover of the "Kalcheralmlift"



# 50 YEARS OLD AND STILL AN INSIDER TIP?



The Ratschings-Jaufen ski resort proves year after year that this is possible. Ski enthusiasts will find what they are looking for here: perfectly groomed slopes, nature experiences and genuine hospitality.

There are 28 kilometres of slopes and eight modern lifts. Orientation is easy and families will also find their way around the wide, child-friendly slopes,

a feature that is particularly appreciated by many.

There are easy and intermediate slopes, and for the real experts there are some difficult descents or the "Skimovie" race track. For cross-country skiers, there is a high-altitude slope with breathtaking views of the mountains, and a toboggan run will make the hearts of young and old alike beat faster.



## In Ratschings-Jaufen, the love of winter sports is alive

Two ski schools offer tailor-made courses for beginners and experts. The right know-how and good orientation on the slopes will give you confidence and a good feeling.

## Nature in all its white glory

Whether you're skiing, tobogganing, touring or cross-country skiing, nature is always close at hand in Ratschings-Jaufen. Just above the tree line, the winter hiking trail winds through the white winter landscape. It is a pleasant walk for couples or individuals, for connoisseurs and nature lovers.



## Relaxed atmosphere throughout

Of course, comfort is also at the heart of winter sports and ensures a relaxed atmosphere. Ski service, ski depots and toboggan hire are all available at the valley station, and cars can be parked conveniently in the multi-storey car park. Last but not least, snow is guaranteed and promises carefree days full of your favourite winter sport.



## Farewell to winter

At the end of every winter season, it's time to say goodbye to the snow and the magic of the mountain huts. In Ratschings-Jaufen, this celebration has become a tradition. Once again, the focus is on sport and socialising. And those who are among the winners of the annual lottery can count themselves lucky. Especially the winner of the first prize: a brand new car.



# SUMMERTIME HAPPINESS: HIKING IN RATSCHINGS- JAUFEN



Take a deep breath and walk at your own pace, step by step: Hiking is good for the soul. Countless hiking trails lead through green mountain meadows at over 2,000 metres above sea level. If you don't fancy a hike, you can always take the cable car up to the top.

The "Ratschinger Almenweg" trail connects the mountain pastures, and the cosy huts invite you to take a break. Wherever you are, the mountains are within reach. And the distinctive peaks can even be conquered on foot, provided you are in good shape. No less rewarding are the Hochmoor lakes. Dip your feet in the clear mountain water and enjoy the magnificent views.





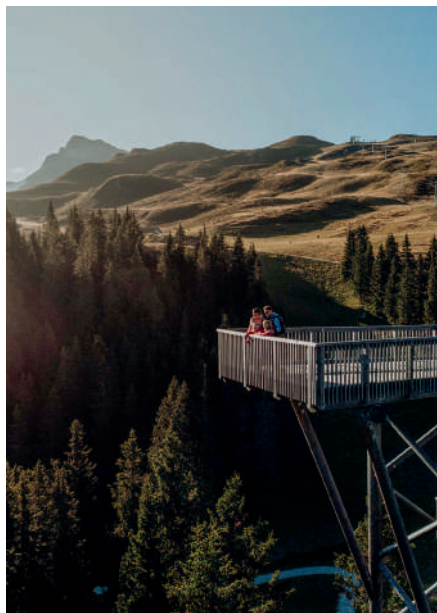




### **Nature you can touch**

Since 2012, the “Mountain Adventure World” has been encouraging children to explore nature and get close to the habitat of animals. They can follow in the footsteps of marmots or eagles or fly through the air. Rope climbing, balancing, the fresh water of a “Kneipp” walk and various games will keep them in good spirits. Last but not least, the live animals in the petting zoo will make children’s hearts beat faster.

The path from the mountain station of the Ratschings-Jaufen cable car to the "Mountain Adventure World" is suitable for pushchairs.





# HUNGRY FOR MOUNTAIN AIR



Summer or winter, the mountain air will work up an appetite. There are nine huts along the hiking trails and ski slopes. They spoil their guests with home-style cooking and local specialities. Get away from it all while sunbathing on the terrace, enjoying a delicious apple strudel, a warm or cold drink and, last but not least, the relaxed après-ski atmosphere.



## Saxnerhütte

Open in summer & winter



## Gasthof Blosegg

Open in summer & winter



## Kalcheralm

Open in summer & winter



## Waldhütte

Open in winter



## Wasserfalleralm

Open in summer & winter



## Schistodl

Open in winter



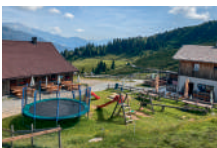
## Ratschingser Stub'n

Open in summer & winter



## Bergrestaurant Rinneralm

Open in summer & winter



## Rinneralm

Open in summer

Jaufenpass  
(2.099m)

Training ground

Kalcheralm

Bergrest.  
Rinneralm

Ratschinger Stub'n

### Huts



### Open slopes



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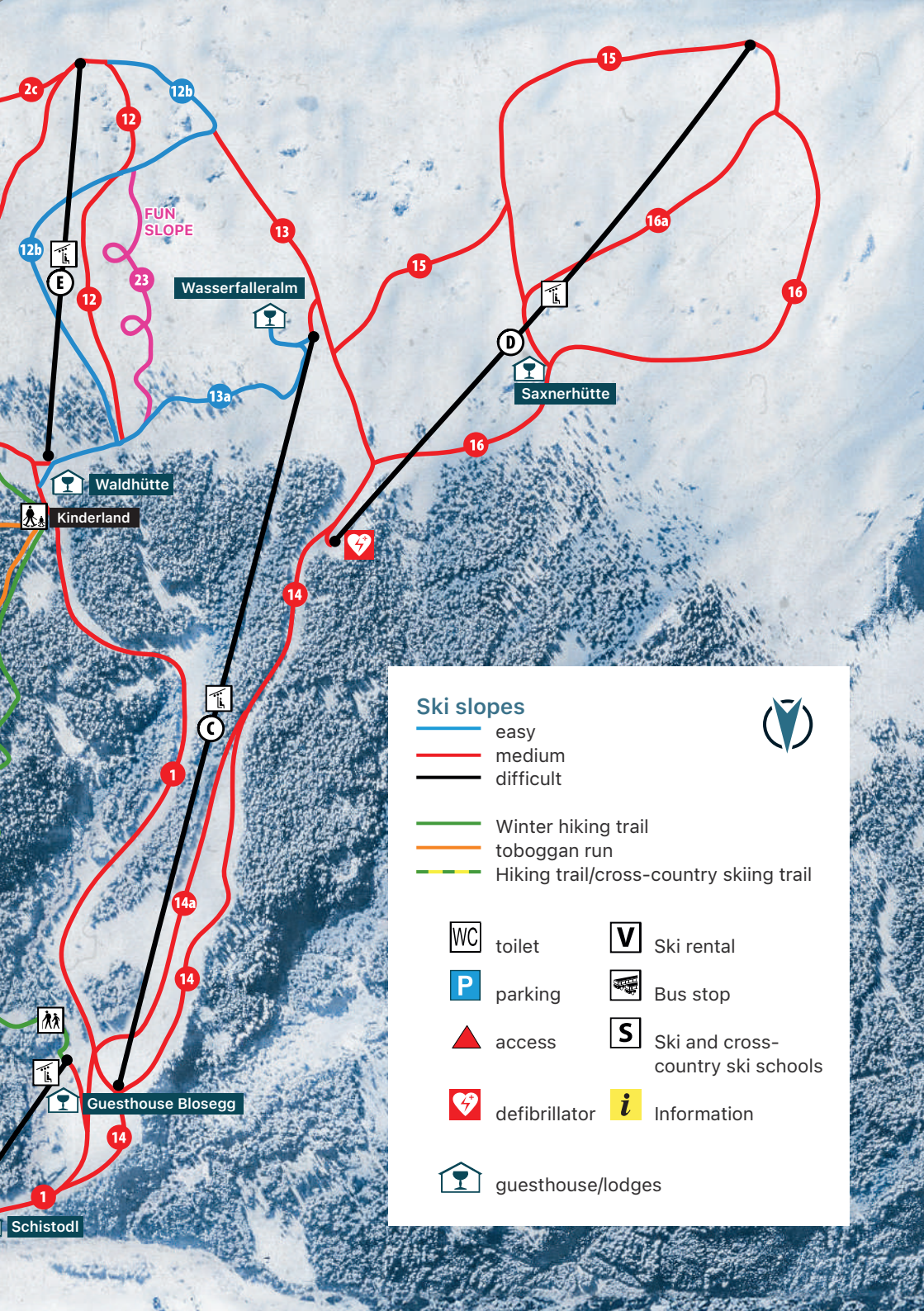
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### Ski slopes

-  easy
-  medium
-  difficult

-  Winter hiking trail
-  toboggan run
-  Hiking trail/cross-country skiing trail

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|---|---|
|  toilet            |  Ski rental                        |
|  parking           |  Bus stop                          |
|  access            |  Ski and cross-country ski schools |
|  defibrillator     |  Information                       |
|  guesthouse/lodges |   |









# 16,508

guests per hour are transported by the ski resort's eight lifts.

With a length of

# 1,920

metres, the eight-seater gondola ropeway is the longest lift in the Ratschings-Jaufen ski resort.



# FOR 45

years, security officers of the Carabinieri have been ensuring safety on the slopes and, as trained paramedics, they provide first aid in the event of skiing accidents.



# 55,000

overnight stays were recorded in the municipality of Ratschings in 1975; in 2022 it was 651,580.

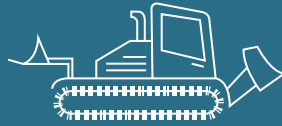


# 119

shareholders hold a total of 1,270 shares in Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH.



# Up to 6,000 km



is the distance travelled by a snowcat throughout the winter.



# 28 km

perfectly prepared ski slopes and eight lifts make up the Ratschings-Jaufen ski resort.

# Approx. 260



people contribute to the success of every ski season, from the team at Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH to the staff at the ski schools, ski hire shops and numerous huts.



# 64,000 m<sup>3</sup>

is the capacity of the water reservoir on the "Rinneralm".

# WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US ...

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**Dr. Alexander Schurr**  
University of Tübingen  
Long-time regular guest

"I have been coming to Ratschings every winter for more than ten years, both professionally and privately, and I am always impressed by the great hospitality. I work at the Institute for Sports Science at the University of Tübingen. We come to the resort every year with a large group of students, and we always get great support from everyone. We really appreciate it. In my opinion, skiing and winter sports in Ratschings can be enjoyed in absolutely top conditions, because everyone works very professionally and with a lot of passion in all areas. The great warmth and joie de vivre always inspires me."

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"In 1977 I was in Meransen as a course leader for a skiing holiday organised by the General University Sports Department of the Justus Liebig University in Giessen. Due to the lack of snow on the Gitschberg, we were advised to try our luck in Ratschings, where we found exceptional conditions. Every day, we drove 44 kilometres to the ski resort and back. Since then, even after I retired, we have spent our ski holidays in Ratschings and we love coming here in the summer, too. Ratschings has become my second home."



**Kurt Drolsbach**  
Long-time regular guest



**Volker Frerking**

Long-time regular guest

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"In January 1975, we went skiing in Ratschings for the first time with a group of young people. For us city kids, the valley was a different world: so much snow, no telephone and no television! Over the following decades, that first stay turned into many youth and family holidays at Larchhof, both in winter and later in summer. And over the years, friendships developed between us outsiders and our local hosts."



**Armin Haller**

Innkeeper

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"Small but nice - that's what makes Ratschings so special. We have about 450 inhabitants and people know each other. Our regular guests have been coming here for over 40 years, they learned to ski here and now they come back with their children. Ratschings treats their guests like family, and you can feel that in the huts, too. And let's not forget the perfectly groomed slopes."



**Bernhard Gasteiger**

Former employee

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"I worked as a machine operator for 39 years in winter and summer, until I retired. Now, I still help out during the winter season. I like my job because you're in contact with people and get to know a lot of locals and guests. In the past, you had to stop the chairlift immediately if someone had trouble getting off. With the new lifts, the chairs and gondolas decouple and slow down, which makes it easier to get on and off."

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"Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH is important for tourism in the valley. As a shareholder, it is important to me that the ski resort offers perfectly groomed slopes and modern lifts. The winter season is particularly important for the hotels, as this is the peak season for all tourism-related businesses. But the summer season is also essential, and it is important to maintain the hiking trails and make the lift and paths accessible to everyone. Personally, I remember the early days in the 1970s when my father was promoting the idea of a ski resort. Back in the day, Vinzenz Schölzhorn not only did a lot of persuading in Bolzano, but also discussed the idea of a ski resort with my father in my parents' house. For me Ratschings-Jaufen is home, work and the centre of my life."



**Annelies Rainer**  
Hotel keeper



**Oswald Salcher**  
Ski instructor and  
co-founder of the Ski  
School Ratschings

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"The Ski School Ratschings was founded by four motivated ski instructors: Josef Messner, coach of the Italian national ski team, Josef Siller, Pier Giorgio Fontana, and me. Our first application to the FIS, the Italian Ski Federation in Milan, was approved and in 1973/74 we started teaching, first in Kalch and Jaufen, and in 1974 in Ratschings. In the beginning, we didn't have our own office or even a telephone number, so we used leaflets to inform our guests about our services and the telephone numbers for booking. In 1975, we opened our first office at the valley station. Throughout my years as a ski instructor, I was always delighted by the progress and enthusiasm of the students. I also saw the change from long skis to carving skis."

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"Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH was founded on 5 February 1972. As a member of the Board of Directors from the very beginning and as President from 1987 to 2017, I was able to play a decisive role in the development of the ski resort. It has always been important to me to keep abreast of technical developments in order to offer our guests attractive lifts and perfectly groomed slopes. I have always considered it a great honour to be President of Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH."



**Franz Seeber**

Former President of  
Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH



**Markus Haller**

Former Managing  
Director

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"I started my career at Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH on 1 December 1979 as an office worker and treasurer. At that time, the ski resort was in its development phase and due to the growing demands, I was entrusted with the tasks of managing director. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Directors, the Supervisory Board and the members for the trust they have placed in me. I would particularly like to emphasise the always collegial and good cooperation with former President Franz Seeber, Head of Service Josef Haller and Heinrich Eisendle, who supported me as a business and tax consultant. Today, I am particularly pleased to be able to look back on the development of the resort, which has been accompanied by constant modernisation and technical innovation. For me, Ratschings is one of the most attractive ski resorts thanks to its manageable size and modern facilities. I wish it all the best for its anniversary and a continued successful future."

# MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors and of the Supervisory Board members over the last 50 years (1972-2026)

	72/75	75/78	78/81	81/84	84/87	87/90
Vinzenz Schölzhorn	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member	
Peter Haller	Member	Member	Member			
Josef Seeber	Member			Member	Member	Member
Albert Eisendle		Member	Member	Member		
Josef Brunner					Member	
Franz Seeber	Member				Member	Member
Herbert Rainer	Member	Member	Member		Member	Member
Sebastian Leitner						
Peter Brunner	Member	Member	Member			
Dr. Heinrich Psailer	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member	
Heinrich Eisendle	Member					Member
Ernst Schölzhorn	Member	Member	Member			
Johann Lanthaler		Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Karl Rainer		Member	Member			
Franz Rainer			Member	Member	Member	Member
Bernhard Gasteiger				Member	Member	Member
Josef Eisendle (Gorgiler)				Member	Member	
Josef Haller					Member	Member
Josef Schölzhorn						Member
Alois Leitner						Member
Paul Peter Haller						
Dr. Peter Glierer						
Dr. Paul Seidner						
Josef Eisendle (Leitner)						
Hubert Rainer						
Werner Schölzhorn						
Walter Schölzhorn						
Josef Schölzhorn (host)						
Hubert Brunner						
Peter Paul Eisendle						
Thomas Gasteiger						
Armin Gasteiger						
Matthias Eisendle						
Rag. Johann Tock						
Dr. Klaus Steckholzer						

Member of the Board of Directors





# OUR EMPLOYEES



15 employees work for Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH throughout the year. In winter, the resort employs a further 37 seasonal workers, while in summer there is one seasonal position. Together, they make carefree leisure activities possible every day by preparing the slopes and maintaining the hiking trails.



*Front row (from left to right): Armin Gasteiger, Peter Lanthaler, Anton Obex, Josef Schölzhorn, Fabian Parigger, Hubert Brunner, Monika Siller (seasonal employee)  
Back row (from left to right): Alois Leitner, Stefan Moosburger, Tobias Haller, Anton Moosmair (employee of Moosmair), Simon Oberprantacher, Werner Schölzhorn, Daniel Klotz, Peter Siller, Manfred Rainer, Hannes Oberprantacher, Jessica Blasbichler, Franziska Brandner, Peter Paul Eisendle, Peter Rainer. Matthias Eisendle and Peter Siller are not on the picture.*



**Peter Siller**  
**Machine Operator/Maintenance**  
*Joined in 1994*

"All in all, the work is a good fit, otherwise I wouldn't have been working here for 30 years. It's also nice to work close to home. In the winter I operate the ski lifts, in the summer I fill in wherever I'm needed."



**Hubert Brunner**  
**Operations Manager**  
*Joined in 1998*

"I have been the Operations Manager since 2018, prior to which I worked as a machine operator for 20 years. As Operations Manager, I am responsible for the safety of the lifts and the lift staff. In the summer, it's mainly maintenance work, and in the winter, I make sure all the ski and lift facilities are running smoothly. The work is varied and it's great to be out in the great outdoors every day. On this anniversary, I would like to express my admiration for the visionaries who founded and developed the company. At the same time, I am proud to have made a small contribution during my 25 years with the company."



**Anton Obex - Director of Slopes**  
*Joined in 1997*

"I have been director of slopes for a year, but before that I worked as a snowcat driver for over 25 years. As director, I make sure the slopes are perfectly groomed and safe. I also work as a snowmaker, making sure the slopes have the best possible snow conditions. In the summer, I carry out annual inspections of the snowmaking and lift systems. The work is exciting and varied, and I also appreciate the proximity of my workplace."



**Hannes Oberprantacher**  
**responsible for slope preparation**  
*Joined in 2002*

"I have been working in slope preparation for over twenty years. As the person in charge, I still operate the snow groomers myself and am on the slopes with my colleagues from the first to the last minute. Praise for the perfectly groomed slopes in our resort always fills me with joy and satisfaction. During the summer months, we carry out all the necessary maintenance."



**Jessica Blasbichler**  
**Administration**

*Joined in 2012*

"You can find me wherever support is needed: mainly at the ticket office in winter and at the lift in summer. The work is very varied, and I really enjoy working with people."



**Matthias Eisendle** • **Mechanic**

*Joined in 2014*

"In the winter, I can usually be found in the workshop maintaining and repairing snowcats and Ski-Doos, while in the summer I help with maintenance work. Winter is always particularly busy, every day brings new challenges. In summer, when things tend to slow down a bit, I enjoy working outdoors. A highlight is the annual company outing that Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH rewards us with at the end of the winter season. My job is perfect for me because I work part-time as a farmer and can plan my work very flexibly in the summer when there is a lot to do on the farm."



**Manfred Rainer** • **Deputy Operations Manager and Electrician**

*Joined in 2013*

"My job is varied and I really enjoy it. In the summer, I do maintenance and repair work, and in the winter, I repair the lifts and equipment. There's a good working atmosphere and it's fun to work in a team. As I live next to the valley station, I can balance work and family life perfectly and be wherever I'm needed."



**Fabian Parigger**  
**Machine Operator/Maintenance**

*Joined in 2018*

"As a machine operator, I work on the ski lifts in the winter, and in the summer I work with my colleagues to maintain the lifts. I love working outdoors, both in winter and in summer. I especially like the contact with the guests of our ski resort, who share their enjoyment with us. Sometimes, national teams come to train with us. It's exciting and a great experience to look after professionals."





**Peter Lanthaler • Managing Director**

*Joined in 2019*

"What I like about my job is that it is very varied and diverse and you are constantly faced with new challenges. The last 50 years have been a success story for the resort. It is a great honour to continue the impressive work of our predecessors and to be part of the team that will continue to run this resort."



**Simon Oberprantacher  
Machine Operator/Maintenance**

*Joined in 2022*

"In winter, I mainly work at the top station. I really enjoy working on the mountain and taking care of people. In the summer, I do all the maintenance work with my colleagues. I particularly like working in a great team and, as I live in Ratschings, my workplace is close by."



**Franziska Brandner  
Accounting/Administration**

*Joined in 2021*

"The variety between customer contact and office life is fun and the teamwork is great. The job is perfect for me! The 50th anniversary of our company fills me with joy and a little pride, as we can contribute to our success together as a team."



**Peter Siller  
Machine Operator/Maintenance**

*Joined in 2022*

"I mainly work as a snowcat driver. I really enjoy working with the machines, as you can see the results immediately after each job on the perfectly prepared slopes. In the summer, I do all kinds of maintenance work, sometimes repairing a fence, sometimes maintaining the lifts. It is great fun because I love the mountains and enjoy being outside."



**Daniel Klotz**  
**Machine Operator/Maintenance**  
*Joined in 2023*

"As a machine operator, I work on the lifts in the winter and do maintenance work in the summer. We are a great team and I also enjoy interacting with our guests. I live in Ratschings and I appreciate the proximity of my work-place. Also, I am proud of the valuable contribution we make to the valley and its many guests, both in winter and summer."



# ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Ski resorts face many challenges. Climate change is probably one of the biggest. Ratschings-Jaufen has risen to this challenge with expertise and technical precision. The ski lift company is made up of local members who care about Ratschings. Profits are continually poured into new investments and technology. For a successful present, and a viable future.





# The Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan congratulates the Ratschings-Jaufen mountain cableways on its 50th anniversary! Thank you for the many years of good partnership!

South Tyrol has always been an important and exciting market for the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan. The partnership between the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan and the speciality beer brewery FORST dates back to 1969. FORST rounds off its range of beers with Weihenstephan wheat beers. A promotional partnership between the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan and Ratschings-Jaufen GmbH has been in place since 2021. The aim is to combine Bavarian beer specialties with South Tyrolean cuisine, making Bavarian beer culture an enjoyable and tangible experience for locals and tourists alike in the mountains of Ratschings. The cooperation enables direct communication with restaurant owners and consumers. In addition, the cooperation helps to further increase the visibility of the hiking and skiing region through promotions and competitions.



**Marcus Englet**  
Export Sales Manager

"I remember like it was yesterday when I visited Ratschings for the first time. It was almost 25 years ago: The cable car took me straight to the top and we made our way from hut to hut - a unique experience! Today, I visit Ratschings many times a year, not only on business, but also for pleasure. Coming to Ratschings feels like coming home. Customers and business partners have become close friends who also visit our various events in Freising. What I particularly like about Ratschings is the beautiful surroundings, the atmosphere and the unique hospitality of the warm-hearted people."



**Weihenstephan**  
ÄLTESTE BRAUEREI DER WELT



## **Our heartfelt thanks**

to the founding members, to all the employees,  
to the companies in the region, to the tourism  
associations, to the farmers and landowners, to the  
entire population of our valley, to the authorities,  
to all the supporters and to the numerous guests who  
have visited our ski and holiday region.

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OF MOUNTAIN  
CABLEWAYS  
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