



PRESS RELEASE

A week of action and good vibes at Suzuki Nine Knights MTB 2015

Livigno (ITA), September 10th, 2015 – Though the contest part of Suzuki Nine Knights MTB often takes the limelight, in reality the whole week of freeriding in Livigno, Italy is equally important. The riders work closely with the media teams and photographers to capture some unforgettable moments in the picturesque setting of Mottolino Fun Mountain. It's about perfecting the style and trick, catching it from a creative angle, often with an added twist of natural beauty like the golden glow of the setting sun or the dark ominous clouds. Running a day early from 29th of August till the 4th of September the 2015 edition did not fail to show some of the best sides of the sport.

VIDEO: bit.ly/Suzuki_Nine_Knights_MTB_2015_Week_Highlights

Photo-shoots

Uncertain forecast for the week seemed to fuel the riders to go even harder, making the peer-judged final awards even harder to determine. “Ruler of the Week” Peter Henke (GER), who apart from nailing a winner “Full Line” in the contest, impressed with a backflip over the Buff step-down, and skating the Monster Skate ramp with Szymon Godziek (POL) jumping over him. The sessions on the main jump saw Sam Pilgrim (GBR) going huge transferring from the left kicker over to the right landing, fellow Brits Blake Samson and Sam Reynolds having a Whip Off and Adolf Silva (ESP) stomping his huge double backflip, while Torquato Testa (ITA) and Godziek took time to carefully coordinated the winner “Best GoPro shot”, a glance swapped mid-air. A clear highlight was the performances of the young gun Nicholi Rogatkin (USA) who nailed a world first cashroll on his DH bike as well as a cork 720 also on his big bike. The man is clearly ready for Rampage. Many beautiful sun set shoots, like the hip session saw more good vibes and everyone hiking, cheering and going full speed to get maximum air time.

The Knighthood

The spirit of the event cannot quite be put into words; it is about fun and pushing the sport forward. All part of creating the good vibes from the side-line, and ultimately judging the contest were Sweden's recovering athletes Anton Thelander and Martin Söderström, along with event host Andi Wittmann (GER) and later Gully Gulevich (CAN). To find out more about all the various peer voted awards from the week head over to www.nineknightmtb.com where also the four invited photographers photos are viewable, and full report from the contest day, where Italian ripper Diego Caverzasi who took the “Castle Section” win and Henke the “Full Line” award. Follow us @nineknights





About Livigno

Livigno is famous for a great range of winter sport activities and its breathtaking nature, earning it the nickname "Little Tibet". Its unique mountain scenery is also perfect for a variety of biking sports in the summer. The spectrum of trails around Livigno features something for everyone: cross-country, all mountain and downhill riders can choose the perfect biking challenges. Road cycling athletes also choose Livigno for altitude training (1816m a.s.l.) and a total of 3,200 km of mapped trails and GPS-tracks can be discovered in the surrounding area. The bike park is not only well-known among the gravity sport fans because of the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in 2005, but also for a large range of different freeride tracks. Down in the valley, the town centre of Livigno offers 250 tax-free shops. Located right in the heart of Europe. Livigno can be easily reached by car or train and bike hotels provide individual services for all bike fans and vacationers.

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Website www.livignobike.it - www.livigno.eu

About Mottolino Bikepark

Mottolino is well known for its dedication to FUN and its willingness to offer top quality service. The Bike Park has been among the first ones opening in Italy and it's very well known for the large variety of freeride tracks. At Mottolino bikepark riders can find anything they'd like: 12 trails for all abilities, a jump area with structures for any level and a north shore area with wooden platforms. For any other information check the website www.Mottolino.com oder auf **Facebook** www.facebook.com/MottolinoFunMountain

About Suzuki

The Suzuki Motor Corporation is based in the Japanese city of Hamamatsu, and is the world's leading supplier in the minicar segment. In the 2013/2014 business year it produced 2.86 million vehicles worldwide. The Corporation employs 51,503 people globally and sells its products in 196 countries and regions.

In the 2013/14 business year, the company turned over 2.94 billion yen (€20.7 billion*). With an operating result of around 187.7 billion yen (€1.31 billion*), the Suzuki Motor Corporation saw a 29.9 percent rise in its profits over the previous year. Global sales amounted to 2.66 million cars in the 2013/14 business year. Suzuki maintains 35 main production facilities in 24 countries and regions.

Suzuki's 'Way of Life!' represents the global brand-attributes of enthusiasm, down-to-earthness, quality, sportiness and team spirit. These values express themselves in innovation, products tailored to customer needs, and an impressive set of core expertises including in the offroad and AWD fields, based on a company history stretching back for more than a century.

Suzuki International Europe GmbH, based in Bensheim, Hessen, controls activities throughout Germany in the three business areas of Cars, Motorbikes and Marine. With its 375 employees, the company generated a turnover of €635.6 million in the 2013/14 business year. A total of 27,835 vehicles were newly registered in the year 2014.

* Exchange rate on 31 March 2014: €1 = 142.2 yen.

