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## The Mountain Top Inn & Resort Hosts an Expanded Fourth Annual Paintball Biathlon

CHITTENDEN, Vt. - **The Mountain Top Inn & Resort**, in partnership with the Mountain Top Nordic Ski Club and Tippmann, will host the fourth **Annual Paintball Biathlon** on the evening of Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and all day Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Resort's Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center. Due to the increased interest, this year's event has been expanded to begin at 4PM on Saturday evening with the Adult and High School divisions; followed by the Bill Koch Youth Ski League division on Sunday starting at 8:30AM. Paintball biathlon combines the sports of Nordic skiing and target shooting with paintball markers. Unlike traditional biathlon, where competitors are penalized for missing the targets by skiing a penalty lap, skiers in paintball biathlon are rewarded with time deductions for each target they hit. Depending on their age, skiers ski one-to-four laps around either a 1K or 1.5K loop. Midway through each lap, the skiers visit the shooting range where identically sighted Tippmann 98 Custom Paintball markers (guns) await them. They take five shots at five different 8-inch paper-plate targets before skiing off for another lap.

"We are delighted to host the Paintball Biathlon for the fourth year and to see it expand to a second day", says Roger Hill, Director of Programs & Facilities for the Resort. "With the continued support of our marketing partners we are able to generate excitement and enthusiasm for the sport of cross-country skiing at a time when families want to enjoy a winter activity that is reasonably priced and viable for all ages. Clearly the collaboration with Tippmann expands the 'target' market and adds to the fun."

Participants come from all over New England to be a part of this unique event. Last year's race attracted more than 240 racers from across New England. Paintball guns will be provided by Tippmann and awards will be given out at the conclusion of the race. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is Friday, January 23, 2009. The cost per participant is \$15. For additional race and registration information visit [www.mountaintopinn.com/ccskiprogram.html](http://www.mountaintopinn.com/ccskiprogram.html) or call the Resort's Nordic Center at 802-483-6089 or Mary Anne Levins at 802-775-0779.

The Mountain Top Inn & Resort offers 60km of cross country ski and snowshoe trails, horse drawn sleigh rides, dog sledding, ice skating and snowmobile tours. They have snowmaking capabilities on a 1km Loop and daily grooming on 40km. Only 11 miles from Killington, the Resort is set majestically on 350 acres and is known for its sweeping mountain vistas, endless winter adventures, sumptuous innovative cuisine, and warm hospitality. The Resort has 30 Lodge guest rooms and five "pet friendly" mountain cabins. For more information call 802-483-2311 or visit [www.mountaintopinn.com](http://www.mountaintopinn.com).

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