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New Scholarship for English Junior Ski Racers

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SnowsportGB, the UK governing body for Ski and Snowboarding, announce a new scholarship which will be available for the best performing English junior skier at the British Junior Ski Championships.

'The Joshua Varley Scholarship' has been created following the tragic death of Joshua Varley, 17, who lost his life in a car crash in September 2004. Joshua had a great love of skiing and managed to finance this passion through dedicated saving. This saving had led to the accumulation of quite a sum of money, and it is his parents' wishes to use this money to help a young ski racer finance his or her pursuit for racing.

Accompanying the scholarship will be a Salver which will be presented to the best performing English racer at the 2006 Championships in Meribel, France.

Commenting on the scholarship Jason Cockburn CEO states:

" I would like to thank Angela and David Varley for offering this generous scholarship to young racers. I hope that this scholarship can in some small way allow Josh's spirit to remain in an appropriate environment, and give comfort to Josh's family in knowing that Josh's savings are allowing racers with a similar passion to pursue their dream."

Speaking on behalf of Angela and David Varley, Mike Walker comments:

"I first skied with Josh when he was eleven years old, on a school trip, and it was quickly apparent that he was a natural. He was with me on several subsequent trips and rapidly developed into an excellent skier with, from the point of view of a parent helper on the trips, too much of a love of speed for my peace of mind. He loved it and I know that he would be thrilled by the thought that someone will get a least a little help from the Scholarship in honing the skills which, hopefully, will take them to great things on the international circuit."

The scholarship will offer the recipient £ 1000 towards their ski programme and will be awarded annually for 10 years.

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