



SWITZERLAND BAREFOOT HISTORY



Jacqueline Pfeiffer winning gold in tricks at 1987 Region EAME Championships

Barefoot in Switzerland began in the beginning of the eighties with two friends from Geneva: Laurent Albisati and Norbert Neury, both involved in barefoot waterski schools: *Ecole Genevoise* for Laurent Albisati and *Antica barefoot club* for Norbert Neury.

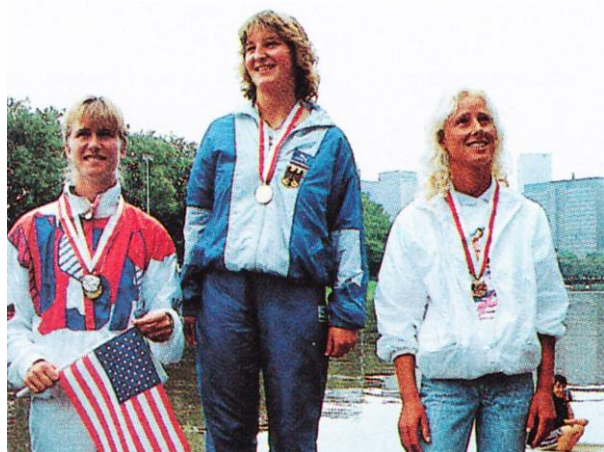


Norbert Neury and Laurent Albisati during 1984 nationals in France



The first nationals were held in 1980 and the first national team entered the 1981 European championships in Beekse Bergen, the Netherlands. The team took the 6th place, ahead of Italy and France. Switzerland organised its first European challenge in Frasne (France), during the summer of 1983.

Jacqueline Pfeiffer won her first European medals at 1986 Championships, with second place both in slalom and overall. This same year, she became the open women jump world record holder with 12.4 metres.



1988 Worlds jump podium with Jacqueline Pfeiffer

The year after, she won tricks at 1987 European championships in Maurik, her first of five gold medals at the European level.

In 1988, during world championships in Canberra, Australia, she won the bronze medal in jump, behind Steffi Herrmann from Germany and Lori Powell from USA.

Jacqueline Pfeiffer won the European overall in 1992 and 1994 and two more European titles in slalom (1994 & 1996). She also won four times the European challenge series in 1992, 1993, 1994 & 1998.

During her competition years she broke the European record in slalom, tricks and jump.

Jacques Meylan from Lac de Joux Waterski Club was involved a lot at an international level, as an international judge, and chairman of the Swiss Barefoot council.

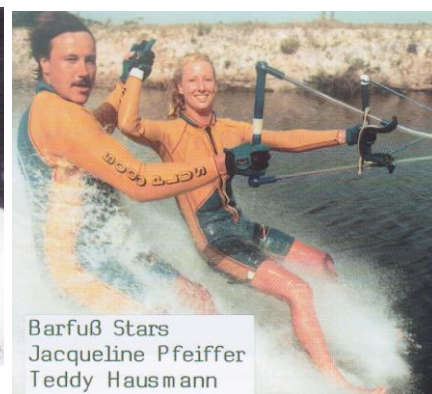
After 1995, there were no more Switzerland national championships and with the retirement of Jacqueline Pfeiffer and Teddy Hausmann no more swiss skier at international level.

However, new talented skiers are coming nowadays: Beatrice Engeler entered the French nationals in 2014, then Martin Hirschi and Annalena Kassner entered the 2015 German Open.

A Switzerland team came at 2019 Region EA championships in Italy, and in 2022, Beatrice Engeler won the gold in tricks at Senior EA championships in Chartres.



Jacques Meylan



**Barfuß Stars
Jacqueline Pfeiffer
Teddy Hausmann**



Martin Hirschi



Beatrice Engeler, gold medal in tricks at 2022 Region EA championships in Chartres

SWITZERLAND NATIONAL BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS

year	place	year	place	year	place
1980		1986		1992	
1981		1987		1993	(Switzerland)
1982	Frasne (France)	1988	Montaubry (France)	1994	Montaubry (France)
1983	Lac de Joux (Switzerland)	1989	Montaubry (France)	1995	Ensisheim (France)
1984	Vouglans (France)	1990	Schleich (Germany)	after	no championships
1985		1991	Schleich (Germany)		

START METHODS

year	men's division	women's division
1980	Albisati Laurent Ohayon Dan	-
1981	Albisati Laurent Neury Norbert	-
1982	Neury Norbert	Schwab M.



OPEN MEN'S DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1980	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent	-	Albisati Laurent
1981	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent	Neury Norbert	Albisati Laurent
1982	Perisset Christian	Ballmann Mike	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert
1983	Albisati Laurent	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert
1984	Hildenbrand Claude	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent
1985	Hildenbrand Claude	Fischer Jean-François	no jump	Fischer Jean-François
1986	Fischer Jean-François	Fischer Jean-François	Neury Norbert	Fischer Jean-François
1987	Neury Norbert	Hausmann Teddy	Hausmann Teddy	Hausmann Teddy
1988	Neury Norbert	Hausmann Teddy	Hausmann Teddy	Hausmann Teddy
1989	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert	Hausmann Teddy	Neury Norbert
1990	Neury Norbert	Hausmann Teddy	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert
1991	Kusy Daniel	Hausmann Teddy	Schneider Rüdi	Kusy Daniel
1992	Avvenenti Miguel	Hausmann Teddy	Weidmann Ivo	Avvenenti Miguel
1993	Hausmann Teddy	Schneider Rüdi	Schneider Rüdi	Avvenenti Miguel
1994	Avvenenti Miguel	Hausmann Teddy	Avvenenti Miguel	Avvenenti Miguel
1995	Avvenenti Miguel	Hausmann Teddy	Schneider Rüdi	Hausmann Teddy

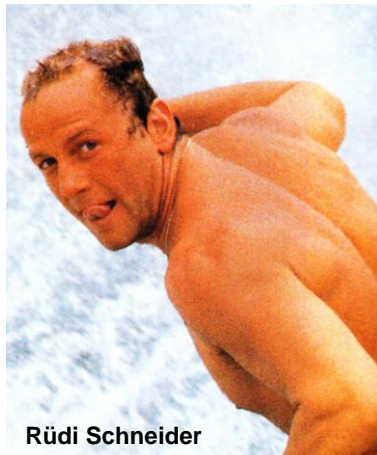
no more championships



1984 nationals : JF Fischer, C Hildenbrand & L Albisati



1994 nationals : Hausmann & Avvenenti



Rüdi Schneider



OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1982	Schwab M.	Schwab M.	-	Schwab M.
1983	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	-	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1984	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	-	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1985	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1986	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1987	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	-	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1988	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1989	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1990		<i>no championships in</i>	<i>women division</i>	
1991	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	-	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1992	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	-	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1993	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1994	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline
1995	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline	Pfeiffer Jacqueline

no more championships



Jacqueline Pfeiffer



Beatrice Engeler



European challenge series 1994: Céline Perrin (France, 3rd), Jacqueline Pfeiffer (winner) and Isabelle Tourde (France 2nd).

SWITZERLAND NATIONAL TEAMS

1981

ALBISATI Laurent
NEURY Norbert
PERISSET Christian

1982

BALMANN Mike
NEURY Norbert

1983

ALBISATI Laurent
FISCHER Jean-François
HAUSMANN Teddy
HILDENBRAND Claude
NEURY Norbert

1984

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
ALBISATI Laurent
FISCHER Jean-François
HAUSMANN Teddy
NEURY Norbert

1985

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
ALBISATI Laurent
FISCHER Jean-François
HAUSMANN Teddy
NEURY Norbert

1986

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
ALBISATI Laurent
FISCHER Jean-François
HAUSMANN Teddy
HOFER Dieter
NEURY Norbert

1987

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
FISCHER Jean-François
HAUSMANN Teddy
NEURY Norbert

1988

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy
NEURY Norbert

1989

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy

1990

HAUSMANN Teddy
NEURY Norbert

1991

no team

1992

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
AVVENENTI Miguel
HAUSMANN Teddy

1993

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy

1994

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy

1995

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy

1996

PFEIFFER Jacqueline
HAUSMANN Teddy

1997-2018

no team

2019

ENGELER Beatrice

2022

ENGELER Beatrice
MEYER Raoul

2023

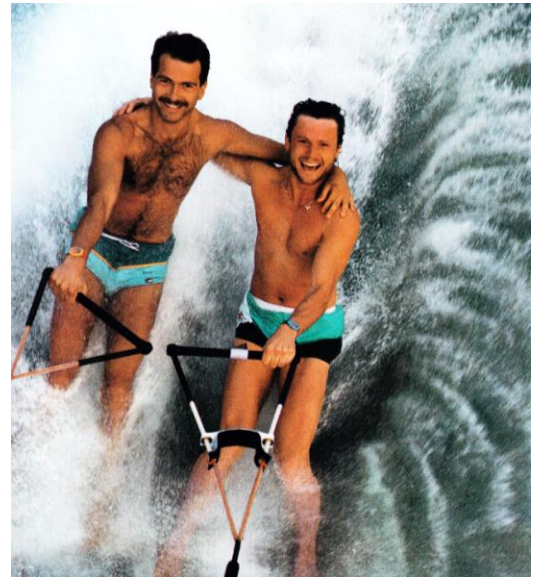
ENGELER Beatrice
MEYER Raoul

2024

ENGELER Beatrice
MEYER Raoul



Teddy Hausmann



Jean-François Fischer & Dieter Hofer



1986 national open team during World Championships in Kelheim: Norbert Neury, Dieter Hofer, Jean-François Fischer and Teddy Hausmann



Jacqueline Pfeiffer

SWITZERLAND NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS

2019
ENGELER Beatrice

2022
ENGELER Beatrice
MEYER Raoul

2023
MEYER Raoul

2024
ENGELER Beatrice
MEYER Raoul



Beatrice Engeler, during 2019 Region EA championships in Recetto, Italy




Raoul Meyer at 2022 Region EA championships in Chartres, France


SKIERS AND OFFICIALS FROM SWITZERLAND

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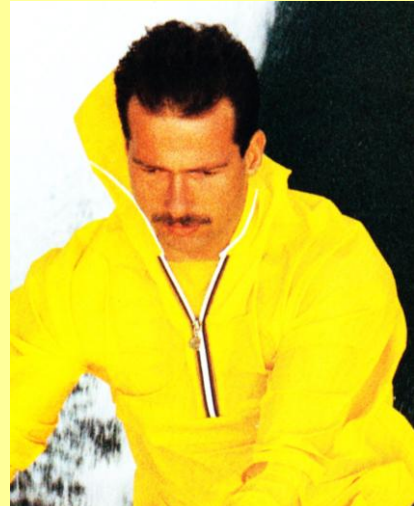
Jacqueline PFEIFFER
 born Aug. 12, 1958 in Schaffhausen
 national open team 1984-1996
 bronze medallist in jump at 1988
 open World Championships
 Region EA champion in slalom (1994
 & 1996), tricks (1987) and overall
 (1992 & 1994)
 Open women jump World record

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Laurent ALBISATI
 national open team 1981-1986
 10 open overall national titles,
 including 3 overall (1980, 1981 &
 1984).

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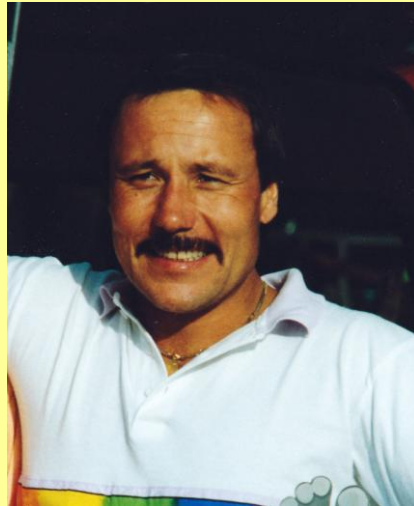
Jean-François FISCHER
 national open team 1983-1987
 5 open overall national titles,
 including 2 overall (1985 & 1986).

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Norbert NEURY
 born February 13, 1951
 national open team 1981-1990
 15 open overall national titles,
 including 4 overall (1982, 1983,
 1989 & 1990).

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Teddy HAUSMANN
 born May 6, 1951 in Aarau
 national open team 1983-1996
 14 open overall national titles,
 including 3 overall (1987, 1988 &
 1995)

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Beatrice ENGELER
 born March 23, 1981
 national open team since 2019
 national senior team since 2019
 Entered the 2014 French Nationals
 as an invited skier
 2022 Region EA senior champion
 in tricks
 2023 Region EA open silver medalist
 in tricks