



# 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.

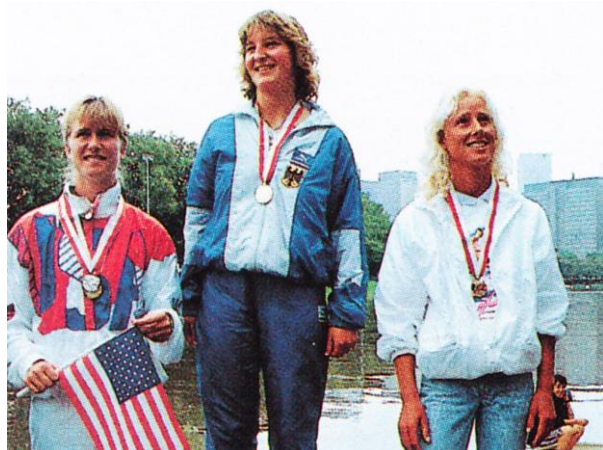
The first nationals were held in 1980 and the first national team entered the 1981 European championships in Beekse Bergen, the Netherlands. The team took the 6<sup>th</sup> place, ahead of Italy and France. Switzerland organised its first European challenge in Frasné (France), during the summer of 1983.



**Norbert Neury and Laurent Albisati during 1984 nationals in France**



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**

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.



**Martin Hirschi**

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**



**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

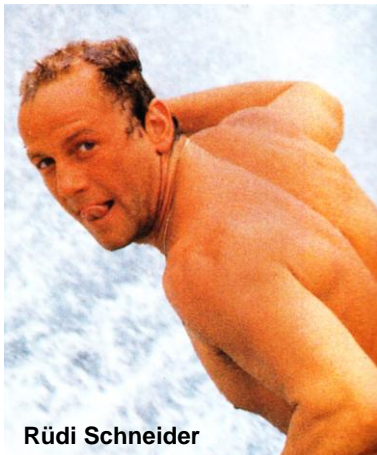
year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1980	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent	-	Albisati Laurent
1981	Albisati Laurent	Albisati Laurent	Neury Norbert	Albisati Laurent
1982	Perisset Christian	Ballmann Mike	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert
1983	Albisati Laurent	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert	Neury Norbert
1984	Hildenbrand 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



Norbert Neury



## 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
		<i>no more championships</i>		



Jacqueline Pfeiffer



Beatrice Engeler



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



# 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



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



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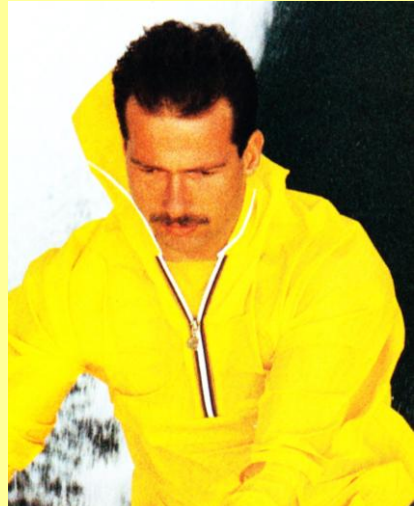
**Jacqueline PFEIFFER**  
 born Aug. 12, 1958 in Schaffhausen  
 national open team 1984-1996  
 bronze medallist in jump at 1988  
 open World Championships  
 Region EA champion in slalom (1994  
 & 1996), tricks (1987) and overall  
 (1992 & 1994)  
 Open women jump World record


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**Laurent ALBISATI**  
 national open team 1981-1986  
 10 open overall national titles,  
 including 3 overall (1980, 1981 &  
 1982).


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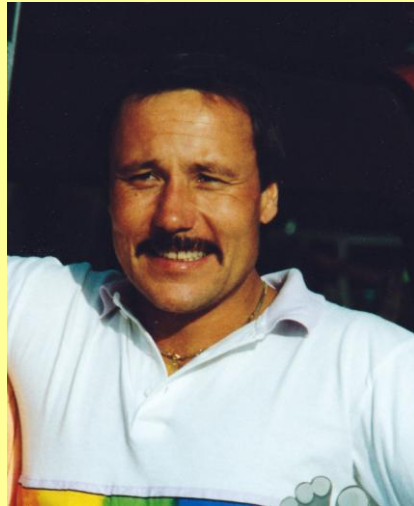
**Jean-François FISCHER**  
 national open team 1983-1987  
 5 open overall national titles,  
 including 2 overall (1985 & 1986).


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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 in 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