

last run

Born to bump: April 6, 1963

Grew up in: Portland, Ore.

Wound up in: Vail, Colo., last season after stops in Missoula, Mont., (four years), Steamboat Springs, Colo., (one year) and Snowbird, Utah, (six years).

Married to moguls: Mogul competitor (two-time winner of the Pro Mogul Tour); mogul coach (co-founder and coach of the Vail Freestyle Team and Vail Mogul Clinics); wife of Scott Kauf (five-time winner of the Pro Mogul Tour). Got that?

Days skied last year: 150

The first time: "I was 4 years old. I remember not being able to put on my cable bindings. Every time I would reach forward, I would fall."

Family ties: "My strongest memories are of skiing with my family every weekend at Mt. Bachelor, Ore."

A bamboo jungle: "I grew up racing but I got burned out and didn't race after high school."

It was the worst of times: "A February day in 1987 at Loveland, Colo. I blew out the ACL in my right knee during my first-ever Pro Mogul Tour event."

It was the best of times: "The same day. Blowing my knee out gave me the determination to become a better bump skier."

Women's ways: "Women who come to our clinics are more willing to learn the right technique—the finesse—to ski the bumps. Guys try to power their way down."

A winning attitude: "The motivational talk Scott and I do is called 'Chase Your Dreams.' First, we show a video of us skiing so the kids will think we're cool (otherwise they won't listen to us). Then we talk about the attitudes of winners. We say: Winners are prepared, winners are expected to win, winners don't quit, winners are willing to pay the price, winners set goals."

—Reade Bailey

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