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Arizona's Snowbowl

## RESORTS TO SKI BEFORE THEY DIE

This winter, many ski resorts are in the deathgrip of financial squeeze, but spare a thought for those additionally threatened by politics, geology, climate change, fashion... even God.

**Mount Hermon**, Israel's only ski area, might be first to go. That elusive peace in the Middle East relies on Syria getting the land it sits on given back to them. They're then likely to demolish this symbol of Western excess.

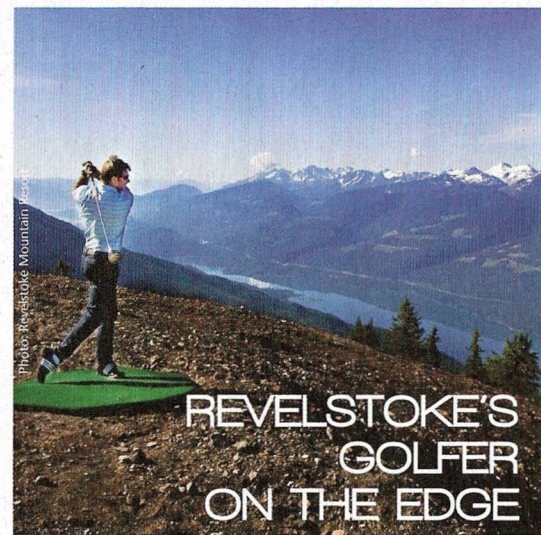
Snowlines are rising globally — a long-term problem elsewhere, but an immediate one in Australia where **Mt Buffalo** has already given up. **Mount Buller** could be next, peaking at 1800 m with a rapidly ascending snowline now up to 1500 m.

The Arizona **Snowbowl** is similarly threatened but intends to use purified wastewater to make snow. That's an unpopular idea with native tribes who hold the mountain sacred and don't want ex-sewage dumped on it in snow form or any form.

**Gala Yuzawa** has unique high-speed-train access and used to be Japan's biggest, but no one goes anymore. Why? The economy tanked, and skiing went out of fashion. They're dismantling lifts fast.

The Yellowstone super volcano erupts every 600,000 years, most recently 630,000 years ago. So book that **Jackson Hole** trip soon — it could soon be as flat as lowa.

— By CHRISTOPH SCHRAHE/PATRICK THORNE



Yes, that's the PGA's Nick Faldo perched on the edge of BC's Revelstoke Mountain Resort (RMR). The captain of the 2008 European Ryder Cup is designing an 18-hole course for the summer-ication of RMR's base. Bring your best game when it opens in 2011... Faldo's The Rock in Muskoka had to be made easier...