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# BOOM OF SUBSCRIBERS FROM ABROAD AND MANY SURPRISES AT THE 40TH MARCIAGRANPARADISO

*There is just over a month left for the Cogne classic. The track is 95% ready waiting for some more snow. In the meantime, work is being done on the preparation as of the classic Sunday, as of Minimarcia and the combined SkiriMini.*

The curtain is about to fall on 2022: it therefore means that there are only 35 days left before the start of the **fortieth** edition of the very classic on narrow skis. The weekend of **4 and 5 February 2023** represents one of the most important moments of the winter season in **Cogne**.

Looking at the **registered list**, it turns out that, in addition to the rapid growth of **subscriptions** thanks also to the pre-Christmas promotional prices, the number of **nations represented** is really important. First there will be a battalion of **Swedish** skiers, followed by a couple of groups of **French** and **Swiss**. Competitors from **Ukraine**, **Mexico** and the **Netherlands** are also at the start; and finally a cross-country skier will even come from **Mali**.

The **track conditions** are excellent: 95% of the long distance is ready. There are only a few meters missing to close the entire course: meters that will surely be covered with a **snowfall** that hopefully will arrive soon!

Details make the difference, and for this year the **Organizing Committee** has decided to create a **gadget celebrating** the 40<sup>th</sup> edition: a **special bottle** of wine from the Aosta Valley producer **Feudo di San Maurizio**, with a personalized label for the occasion with the official graphics of the Marcia. It will be **donated to all the volunteers** who will help make the whole event possible. However, this bottle will be publicly **on sale** at the competition office during the weekend of 4 and 5 February, and at the tourist office during the days preceding and following the two-day competition.

The organizational work dedicated to the **MiniMarcia**, now in its sixteenth edition, also continues for the **Gran Paradiso Ski Club**. The event will take place over **two days**: on **Saturday 4 February** the Baby Sprint, Baby, and Cuccioli categories will compete, while on **Sunday 5 February** it will be the turn of the Ragazzi and Allievi categories. The programme of the heats, the distances and all the other details are available on the dedicated pages on the website, and in the official regulation document. As every year, a **rich goodie bag** is provided for all participants.

Like last year, the **SkiriMini Trophy** will also be up for grabs, in its second edition. It is in fact an important partnership between the cognein organizing committee of the **MiniMarcia** and the famous counterpart of **Skiri Trophy XCcountry** of Val di Fiemme with the intention of promoting cross-country skiing and combining sport and entertainment. For the organizing committee of Cogne there is the further goal of making many young people from outside the region known and fall in love with the race.

It will therefore be possible to participate in the 2nd combined which links the two events: on **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January** at **Lago di Tesero** the kids will be able to challenge each other in the first round, while on





**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 February** in **Cogne** they will close their experience with the second and final round. Up for grabs is the **2<sup>nd</sup> SkiriMini Trophy**, with dedicated prizes. (Only for this combined the Baby Sprint category is excluded).

**Registration** for the weekend events is obviously still open.

All the instructions for entering the **Marcia Gran Paradiso 2023** can be found at the following web address: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=2>, likewise for the **MiniMarcia** you can register here: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=10>.

You can follow the event on the Facebook page **@Marcia Gran Paradiso**, on the Twitter account **@MGranparadiso** and on the Instagram profile **@marciagranparadiso**. Two are the official hashtags: **#MarciaGranParadiso** and **#MGP2023**.

You can also follow the event dedicated to youngsters on the Facebook page **@MinimarciaGranParadiso**, on the Twitter account **@MGranparadiso** and on the Instagram profile **@marciagranparadiso**. Three are the official hashtags: **#MiniMarcia**, **#MiniMGP2023** and **#SkiriMini**.

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