



## 20 Years of Penken Park!

It actually sounds so unreal, but we are certainly not messing about – this winter, the legendary Penken Park in Mayrhofen is celebrating 20 years of the sickest shred action, 20 years of chilled-out community sessions, 20 years of top scene events, 20 years of the finest freestyle contests and 20 years of the sweetest after-shred parties one can ever imagine. Some of the groms from the early days have turned into pros, some of them already have kids and are raising a strong, new generation of talented rookies, while others, who have succeeded in the big business, are now in charge of the entire building and maintaining process at the Penken Park. This season, all of them – the beginners and the pros, the young guns and the old dogs – will be celebrating this very special anniversary... to the fullest!

*“20 years ago, I was 17. Almost each and every day, I made my way up to the mountains after school. If it was not for the park, I certainly would not have reached the skill level that I had and I probably would have never played a big part in the international snowboarding scene”, Ästhetiker legend and Mayrhofen local Rudi Kröll says. These days, his kids are already working on their skills at the beginners’ area. Contest rider Bernd Mandlberger has also been part of the Penken scene since the early years. He scored his best result in the 90s, when he bagged a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the notorious Ästhetiker Jäms. Today, he is working as the technical supervisor at one of the biggest and most legendary snow parks of the Alps and, for the coming season, he has got quite a few aces up his sleeve when it comes to the setup – “Obviously, we are totally stoked on the optimized pro line with two kickers – one massive jump for each decade, so to say. It also features a cool end section and we are going to get a couple of amazing birthday presents in the form of various brand-new obstacles – an 8m step rail, a 10m quad kinked rail, a 12m single pipe flat rail, two new jersey barriers and two additional flat rails.”*

### 20 Years of Penken Park – 20 Episodes of Penken Truth

Over the course of the last season, 20 episodes of “Penken Truth” were produced. The shape crew’s weekly video clips, which are released straight out of the park, are now going into season 2! This winter, the new park designer Norbert Benauer is leading the 12-headed crew and all of them will be putting a maximum amount of effort into keeping the park in perfect shape. *“I am totally looking forward to the start my work. It is definitely very special to become park designer here at Mayrhofen after 20 years of Penken Park. Obviously, our main duty is to provide all the riders with a top-notch setup once again this year. It is my goal to shape the park in the most creative ways possible, especially the jib area, so that the park will attract all riders throughout the entire season.”* Just like last winter, apart from the park, there will also be the Penken Fun Ride, where you can take various speed runs in between the park laps and the side trips to the backcountry.





## 20 Years of Parties and Events

And there is certainly no end in sight! On January 6, 2018 all the young guns are invited to take part in the [Groms Open](#), on February 3, the Penken Battle which is part of the legendary [QParks Tour](#) is going to the next round and two weeks later it is time for all the shred queens to show off their skills at the [Girls Shred Session](#) on February 17. These are only three of various amazing events, there is even more to come – this winter, the [Zillertal Völley Rälley](#) hosted by Ride Snowboards will also make a stop at the Penken Park on March 10 and 11, a week later the [Go Shred](#) Penken Bingo is taking place at March 17. Plus, there is also one more occasion to chant “Happy Birthday, Penken Park!” from April 9 to 14 at the annual [Snowbombing](#). Hence, if you are down to get your maximum dose of shred action and are ready and set to celebrate 20 years of Penken Park in style, you should already be marking these dates in your calendars!

You can find all the news and updates on the Penken Park on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), the park app for [Android Smartphones](#) and [iPhones](#) as well as on the [Website of the Mayrhofner Mountain Railways](#). Stay true!