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Unsung hero or solo rider? Either way, the priority is snowboarding.  
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# Living the Dream

Four riders doin' it for themselves

*We all know these girls, the ones who live in ski towns, are always up for first chair on powder days, and hold their own in the park. They grew up riding with the boys but have a distinctly feminine style. They strike a sudden sense of awe in others when they show up at a contest but are rarely headliners. Years of overcoming injuries and trying to make ends meet find them working up to three solid jobs and constantly pushing to stay fit and active so that they can ride as much as possible. The passion that blazes deep within these girls continues to up the ante on mountains across the country. Out of the spotlight, they silently earn respect from their peers with a charged and graceful riding style. Here are only a few of the unsung heroes in women's snowboarding.*

## BANFF, AB

Hailing from the flatlands of Winnipeg, MB, **Gillian Andrewshenko** was in university for over two years before realizing that she still had some turns to rip before making other commitments in life. So she promptly transplanted herself in Banff to live the dream. She found her place and family away from home working at Rude Girls. When things got tight she picked up shifts hosting at Bison Mountain Bistro or coat-checking at Hoodoo Lounge. The only detriment was working past last call, watching tourists and locals drain the last of their beer and tequila, and then driving to Lake Louise before sunrise to beat lift lines for first tracks. But she did it anyway.

She placed first at Radgalz' She's Got Slopestyle and second at Volcom's Peanut Butter and Rail Jam at Lake Louise last season. With a desire to enter more contests and get her name out there, she recently left for Whistler, BC, almost mandatory to move through the ranks of the snowboard game. Holding down a job at Starbucks to both literally and figuratively fuel her passion, she says she'll be mostly working nights this winter, buying a season's pass and taking time off to travel to contests.

"Making money," Andrewshenko says, "it's overrated. I'd rather have experiences to look back on in a few years than a box full of outdated clothes or electronics that are from the dark ages."

## NELSON, BC

**Jessica Crockett**'s childhood involved spending endless hours in the back of her parents' minivan listening to Genesis mixtapes while driving up Vancouver Island from Victoria to Mount Washington. The Crocketts parked their motorhome in the resort's RV park until it was torn down. After that it was five teenagers packed into an old Nissan Stanza hauling into the Malahat at the crack of dawn after nights of partying. After graduation Crockett moved to Nelson and attended Selkirk College.

Her first job was in a deli, where she skewered chickens after class to save money for snowboarding. These days she works at Tribute Boardshop allowing her to hang with locals, keep up on gear, and tune snowboards. The gig just pays the bills, so she also serves at DJ's restaurant.

Crockett holds her CASI Level 1, and she's working on avalanche safety courses, looking into tail-gunning and guiding. Thanks to a

boyfriend who works at Baldface Lodge, she ended up scoring the last cat spot with the La Freq Week girls' retreat. Riding with Megan Pischke and Barrett Christy in the huge open bowls of Baldface's backcountry is one of the greatest highlights of Crockett's life.

## WHISTLER, BC

Growing up on Hornby Island on Canada's West Coast, **Kalina Hornsby** started riding at Mount Washington when she was just a tad older than a grom. Dreams of the good life enticed her to move to Whistler the year she graduated; the good friends and good snow made her stay. Hornsby still works at the first job she landed in Whistler, at Evolution Snowboard Shop. "Janean [Bourbonnais, the owner] is the coolest," Hornsby says. "I can't leave her. She's too good to me."

What else keeps her shredding? The night shifts she pulls at Garfinkle's nightclub, Kraft Dinner, and good physio. Asked if she's ever going to leave, she replies, "I fucking hope so. I think the tips might start getting worse the closer I get to 40. My knees will tell me when to quit riding, but I'm hoping to get the hang of that surf thing by then so I can move to a warm little island, listen to Ben Harper, eat avocados, smoke the hoo-kah, and chill, brah."

Hornsby likes soul riding, wide-open turns, and countless of her best days have been on Peak to Creak. Whistler's BANC boys took her under their wing years ago, and last winter Helen Schettini, Rube Goldberg, Shandy Campos and Hornsby tore apart Whistler's backcountry. She's a true powder slut; throw her in Khyber's, and she's a happy little peanut.

## GOLDEN, BC

Growing up in Cochrane, AB, **Kristin Furtney** moved to Golden six years ago. She came chasing a summer job and then took a course at the College of the Rockies, which kept her through the winter. One season in, and she was hooked. Between Kicking Horse, the amazing sled zones, and Rogers Pass under an hour away, the terrain at her disposal is virtually infinite.

Her secret to riding every winter day is working her ass off with three jobs in the summer: electrician by day, server by night, and whitewater rafting guide on the weekend. "Now, and for the past few years, my focus has been towards winter and snowboarding," Furtney says. "Summers end up being hectic, but it's all worth it when I'm gassing my sled throughout the six months of winter."

At heart, Furtney is a mountain girl and truly at home in Golden, where she and her boyfriend just bought a house. "I chose this lifestyle because it makes me happy—always surrounded by real people with similar interests who appreciate the giant playground in our backyards," she says. "Life doesn't have to be stressful. It's sweet if you can find a way to make it work."

—Natalie Langmann