

12TH AUGUST

We all slept really well thanks to a homeopathic sleep aid that we all took. Luis woke us up filming us all which was not a pretty sight - i hate getting filmed unprepared!! The bad news this morning is poor Seanie twisted his ankle falling off the barrel steps. His ankle looked hugely distorted as he reluctantly showed it to us all at breakfast. Sean held it together pretty well as Luis pointed out that unless it was better extremely soon (like that night) sean would not be able to go for the summit. Luis did not want to divide the group with sean lagging behind on a bad ankle. Such bad luck for Sean that u cant even try for the summit. The weather continued to be awful, lots of snow alternating with rain and zero visibility - we were all a little disheartened. For me, its a whole new ball game being obligated to my sponsors, so the frustration when the weather is bad is hard to contain. We are definately all barreled out that is for sure! We spent the morning packing for our summit attempt in the unlikely chance of their being a break in the weather, and we are now back in the barrel after another lunch of dill soup!

Greg, sissel and i spent the afternoon out in the snow taking photos..all was going great until greg got water on the lense of the camera which wound up our photo shoot rather imminently. Back into the barrel to wait for dinner.. we have phone reception in barrel land and we have all been texting friends to find out what the weather is going to do overnight... None of my friends responded surprise surprise - they are all in either st tropez or ibiza millions of miles away from a remote mountain in the middle of Russia! I spoke to my Mum on the phone and she was surprised when i said that bad weather may prevent us from making the summit - an indicator of the type of expectation level people have of my ability to pull off the next 7 mountains. No one can imagine how much weather can prevent you from climbing a mountain. We are all doing last minute preparations in the unlikely event we depart for the summit at 3.00am tomorrow morning.