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MARANATHA LODGE
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KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the first edition of the electronic-only newsletter. As advised last year mailing out of printed versions of the newsletter has now ceased. This will save the club a significant amount on printing and postage costs. The notification of the AGM and the business papers will still be sent by post.

This year's committee is unchanged from last year as can be seen in the list of office bearers below.

President and Sports captain	Ian Gregory
Vice president	Bruce Norton
Secretary	Rasma Kreilis
Assistant Secretary/ SLOPES&NSWSA rep	Mavis Williams
Treasurer	Ian Eddy
Publicity Officer	Kevin Donegan
Assistant treasurer	Evelyn Jelercic
Maintenance Officer	Kevin Masters
Catering Officer	Owen Kreilis
Social Secretary	Gai Curtis
Booking officer	Heath Barnes
Committee member	Astrid Turner

Enjoy your skiing
Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

President's & Sport's Message

Well I'm back for another year and for those who didn't attend the A.G.M. the committee has remained unchanged, this I feel is a good thing we have a competent group of people doing a great job so the club is in safe hands.

What's in store for this year? Well for a start, let's hope for a great snowfall this year. We will have our new rooms ready downstairs and our new storeroom for ski preparation and storage

We are interviewing for a new manager shortly. One in particular is an old friend of the club that many will remember, more on that soon. We have received our fire report from the fire architect {read more in the maintenance report on our website} but suffice to say at first glance it does not seem as onerous and costly as we expected

but it still has to go to NPWS for approval. I think we have 3 to 4 years to implement this which we may need to squirrel away the money to pay for it .

On the sporting side, well I'm saddled up again as sports captain, or captain of sport. Things will be very much the same as last year and these dates are all on the booking form that was mailed or is on our website.

There will be a junior training weekend in late June that is aimed at the younger junior members or children of members. Here we teach ski technique and the kids get to ski in groups according to their ability, and of course the kids get to socialise together and form friendships that can last for a lifetime.

The Junior Development week is on again the 1st 6 days of the July ski holidays. Basically this is designed to enhance the skiing abilities of junior members who already have reasonable skiing skills. We usually take up to 8 kids with a lower age limit of 8 years. Kids need to be selected so an early application is best if you have any questions please talk to Karen or myself. We already have inquiries from new juniors on this.

The club races are on again on 21 July which always promises and turns out to be a great party weekend for all.

So lets hope for a great season, lots of lovely snow, good food and company around the Maranatha fire and I hope to see you all there. This leads me to a New Event on our programme "THE PRESIDENTS WINE FOOD & PARTY WEEKEND". This is on the opening w/eekend of the season. Sure there may not be much snow but we have a lovely lodge, a new cook and I'm told by reliable sources that the wines we didn't drink last year have aged very well and are very drinkable. Of course, it won't be all eating and drinking [we'll get tubby]. There'll be skiing (if we can) or a bushwalk and a gourmet picnic somewhere. Come along I promise you will have fun and you will not get a cheaper weekend with all the trimmings anywhere else.

Ian Gregory president 0419030888

It is with regret I report the death of an esteemed member of our club, Mark O'brien . Mark passed away suddenly on the 17th March. Mark's family, wife Sue, Kristina, Trent, Sam and Jessie are all club members and Mark's passion for skiing and life and the support he gave our club and his family will be greatly missed. Mark competed in every club race that I can remember in recent years and competed for the club in many interclub events and of course Sam and Jessie are some of our club's most promising junior skiers.

The funeral was huge which demonstrates the esteem that Mark held in the Wollongong community whether it was running, paddling, rugby or skiing. Mark was involved and all these organisations will miss his enthusiasm and drive.

We at Thirroul Ski Club convey our deepest sympathy to Sue and her family and you have our support in any way that we can help.....

Regards,
Ian Gregory
President

News from the Committee

Our manager for the 2007 season will be Glenn Frost (see photo at right). Some of you may remember Glenn from when he managed the lodge in the late seventies. Glenn has had a career move or two since then, including a stint in the Police Force – so you'll all have to be on your best behaviour. He is keen to get back into the role of manager/chef and is already planning menus.



Maranatha Extension Progress Report

Our maintenance Officer, Kevin Masters is putting progress reports on our website.

TO ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

The amount of Money that goes to the Perisher range operations as a % of the Gate passes varies hugely depending where you buy your tickets.

ONLY IF YOU BUY AT THE GATE AT SAWPIT DOES 80% FLOW THROUGH TO THE PERISHER OPERATIONS (perisher, smiggs and guthega)

IF YOU BUY ANYWHERE ELSE, INCLUDING JINDABYNE OR THE WEB OR THREDBO GATE OR BY DIRECT SUBSCRIPTION, ONLY 35% GETS TO PERISHER (IF THEY PLAY IT HONESTLY).

So if you ski at Thredbo first in June and buy a season pass there, it all goes to Hurstville NPWS.

There are multiple gates at Sawpit on the Kossie road now, so please wait until you get there to buy either day or season tickets and support your Club municipal rates in Perisher.

Skitube entry fees go 95% to Perisher.

Please pass on to all members.

Nordic Shelter extension gets the green light!

The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation has given a grant of \$190,000 for the building of the extension to the Nordic Shelter at Perisher Valley. Along with the \$120,000 already raised from the cross-country ski community and with the building application now approved by the Department of Environment and Planning, it is hoped that construction will begin in October this year.

The full story can be seen at:
<http://www.nswski.com.au/>

LOST

For a number of years we have had a number of photo albums at Maranatha. Several of these had old and probably irreplaceable photos of activities and people in the lodge. A few of these albums have disappeared and no one seems to know where they've gone. If you know what has happened to these albums (maybe collecting dust in the back of a cupboard at your place) please let a committee member know.
