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Dear members

Haven't we had a great season, great snow, great food, a clean lodge and some sporting results of which we can be proud.

Several members are all fired up by all this and planning their overseas ski holidays. It appears that for a period early next year we will have more members in Japan than Wollongong.

On the weekend of the club races there were two milestones to celebrate, the first one being that two guests, John Walker and Mark Johnston, were celebrating a birthday on the same day. John was celebrating the big Six-Oh, while Mark has a few years to go to catch up.

Is this the first time we have had a double birthday celebration at the lodge, twins or otherwise? The second milestone was that one of them, Mark, was celebrating his 5th birthday in a row at Maranatha. This is a significant achievement especially when you consider that he is not a member. Has any member spent 5 or more birthdays in a row at Maranatha?

Enjoy your skiing
Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

PRESIDENT'S AND SPORTS REPORT

By the time you read this message the 2007 season will be finished and it is my pleasure to report on what a good year this snow season has been in many ways. We had excellent snow for most of the season, our new manager Glen Frost did an excellent job and our new rooms were enjoyed by our guests.

The club also achieved a first by winning the Brian Donegan Memorial Interclub double, ie we won the senior and junior events in the same year. This is something our club has never achieved before and displays the depth of skiing talent that exists in our club especially our juniors.

Probably because of the excellent early snow this year our booking rates are up on last year and our booking income is a about \$5k up on last year.

Our major building works are mostly complete all that remains is the stone facing on the exterior of the new rooms that will be completed by a long standing club member Ray Sidorenko. We have approval and plans for a glass windshelter / airlock to protect and add weather protection to our dining room door. We have had some issues with water ingress into the ceiling of our new rooms so we are confident the shelter will fix this.

What is ahead of us? We have some fire upgrade work to commence to satisfy N.P.W.S. lease requirements, some of which we have already done, some will need to be done in the next 2 to 3 years as our cashflow allows.

Our Annual General Meeting is planned for a Saturday the 2nd feb this year. Our thoughts are to have an afternoon meeting with a b.b.q social event after. I hope that everyone can attend to celebrate our club's success.

SPORTS RESULTS

As you have may have read, Maranatha won the Brian Donegan Memorial Interclub Senior race held on 17th august at Blue Cow

Our team consisted of :

Peter Kreilis

David Walker

Samantha Curtis

Ben Suttor

Andrew Walker

Katie Farrel

Heath Barnes

Karen Barnes

Michael Smith

Ian Gregory

Freidel Bartsch

Bruce Norton

Martin Barnes

Kevin Donegan

Renaë Bartsch

As in previous years our cross country team won handsomely. It was good to see Freidl skiing for us.

An excellent performance in downhill from Peter Kreilis, David Walker, Michael Smith, Ben Suttor and Samantha Curtis gave us our winning position backed up by a 1st place in snowboard from Peter Kreilis

Peter Kreilis won the Men's Individual Combined and Samantha Curtis won the Women's Individual Combined, a great effort from these 2 skiers.

My thanks to Kevin Donegan and Paul Spiers for their assistance as judges and collating the results, and once again the Maranatha Team were the last to leave the presentation party at Snow Country.

My thanks to all our Maranatha Team, both juniors and seniors, for their great effort this year

Regards
Ian Gregory
President

REPORT ON JUNIOR TRAINING AND RACES by Astrid Kreilis

The Junior Club and Interclub Races were held in conjunction with our September Junior training weekend. The children in attendance had a very enjoyable weekend, and some were racing for the first time.

The attendees were as follows:

Amber Turner
Drew Turner
Madison Kreilis
Nelson Kreilis
Sam O'Brien
Riah Phillips
Briana McMillan
Tessa McMillan
Gemma Frew
Sarah Van Ryn
Lucy Van Ryn
Kye Harvey

Saturday morning commenced with a Pre-Race hearty breakfast whipped up by our wonderful lodge manager. During breakfast the children and their parents were given a briefing on what was scheduled for the day. With paperwork and briefing completed the children and their supporters set off for the Blue Cow Upper Roller Coaster Race Course, with skis and four with skis and snowboards.

The children that had never raced before were given encouragement and instructions on how to go through the race course by Peter Kreilis & Team Nanny (Rasma). I went to my usual position at the bottom of the race course to complete a manual record of the race times via the time display.

All the children successfully completed the Alpine Giant Slalom and 4 children raced in the snowboard discipline. Once the downhill events were completed we all went to

our lunch meeting spot (National Parks Shelter) to meet Glen who had prepared a beautiful picnic lunch to give the kids the energy they needed to complete their Cross Country Races that were scheduled for the afternoon. The kids who did not have Cross Country equipment were able to hire at the Perisher Cross Country Shop, where Team Granddad (Owen) assisted the kids with fittings.

Our club ranking in the Alpine discipline was 4th (with a 10th, 11th, 13th & 17th), Snowboard 1st (with a 1st, 2nd, 10th & 21st), and Cross Country 2nd (with a 4th, 6th, 12th & 25th).

These rankings gave us the overall Interclub Championship. This was a huge effort considering we had only 5 of our team in the U17 section and the balance of the team in the U13 section of the events.

It was nice to see the Illawarra Alpine team take Champagne and have the bottles ready to pop when the overall scores were being announced; we should have asked did they bring it for us. Needless to say, they quickly left from the presentation – with their Champagne bottles unopened.

It was nice to see all the kids walking back up to the lodge after the presentation all singing and excited, but best of all as a team of kids having heaps of fun. Most of the kids then went night skiing for a few hours and were able to experience the excitement of the ‘longest rail comp’ held that night in the Valley.

Kye, Gemma, Sarah and Lucy had their 1st taste of snow competitions and got to look over the Championship Trophy that night – which we by accident forgot to take to the presentation as it was safely stored in the eating area above the Crockery and Cutlery Cupboard.

On Sunday morning Drew and Sam went off to their regular weekend Perisher Blue training, and the remaining children were booked into group morning lessons and Gemma Frew took her 1st Snowboard lesson. Everybody who attended the training and race weekend left the valley around lunch time to head home.

The Interclub Races were also considered as Our Annual Junior Club Races, this year as done in previous years. The Results are as follows:

Alpine Giant Slalom

U17 Boys – Uncontested

U17 Girls – 1st Madison Kreilis
2nd Amber Turner
3rd Riah Phillips

U13 Boys – 1st Sam O’Brien
2nd Nelson Kreilis
3rd Drew Turner

U13 Girls – 1st Tessa McMillan
2nd Gemma Frew
3rd Sarah Van Ryn

Snowboard

U17 Boys Uncontested

U17 Girls – 1st Madison Kreilis

U13 Boys – 1st Drew Turner
2nd Nelson Kreilis
3rd Sam O'Brien

U13 Girls Uncontested

Cross Country

U17 Boys Uncontested

U17 Girls – 1st Madison Kreilis
2nd Briana McMillan
3rd Riah Phillips

U13 Boys – 1st Nelson Kreilis
2nd Sam O'Brien
3rd Drew Turner

U13 Girls – 1st Tessa McMillan
2nd Gemma Frew



Some of Our Team members that attended the Interclub Presentation with Team Manager Astrida Kreilis and Assistant Manager and Cross Country Coach Peter Kreilis

Footnote:

Drew Turner, Madison Kreilis and Nelson Kreilis qualified for the 2007 Subaru Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships in the Boarder X and Giant Slalom Disciplines.

Madison Kreilis competed in the 1st day of the event even though she had a badly infected planter wart on her heal. Unfortunately she was unable to compete in the Giant Slalom on the 2nd day as she could not put any weight onto her foot.

Nelson Kreilis competed both days and gained good experience in what competition is like at an Australian event.

Drew backed up his Australian Boarder X Championship from last season this year even though he had moved up to the next 2 year age division. He clipped a gate in the Giant Slalom causing him to somersault, although he still completed the course, the time he spent getting back up cost him dearly and he finished 13th, but that's racing. He also competed in the Australian Junior Half pipe series held by Perisher Blue and finished with a credible 2nd in his age group. He also gained valuable experience with a start in the 2007 Australian Garnier Fructis Half Pipe Junior Pro Event (as a super grom) during August.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club alpine championships were held on 21 July. Those of you who take the trouble to look at the club's website have probably seen the swag of photos submitted by Kevin Masters. Well done, Kevin.

The Results:

place				1 st run	place in 1st run	2 nd run	place in 2nd run	total
1	53	David	Walker	27.86	-1	27.84	-1	55.7
2	62	Sam	Curtis	30.63	-3	30.3	-2	1.00.93
3	54	Michael	Smith	30.21	-2	31.16	-4	1.01.37
4	66	Heath	Barnes	31.43	-5	30.91	-3	1.02.34
5	76	Scott	Gregory	31.09	-4	32.02	-5	1.03.11
6	74	Craig	Vemers	33.43	-7	33.46	-6	1.06.89
7	52	John	Maait	33.59	-8	33.57	-7	1.07.16
8	63	Nicola	Curtis	33.87	-10	33.74	-8	1.07.61
9	78	Suzanne	O'Brien	34.86	-12	35	-10	1.09.86
10	64	Gai	Curtis	34.85	-11	35.03	-11	1.09.88
11	80	Amber	Turner	35.02	-13	35.42	-13	1.10.44
12	55	Astrida	Turner	35.86	-14	36.29	-15	1.12.15
13	67	Karen	Barnes	36.39	-16	36.1	-14	1.12.49
14	58	Mark	Johnston	36.32	-15	36.45	-16	1.12.77
15	72	Simon	Olsen	32.81	-6	40.84	-24	1.13.65
16	71	Scott	Buckingham	36.45	-18	37.41	-17	1.13.86
17	57	Kevin	Donegan	36.4	-17	37.57	-18	1.13.97
18	77	Meaghan	Gregory	37	-19	38.02	-20	1.15.02
19	81	Drew	Turner (SB)	38.22	-21	37.66	-19	1.15.88
20	59	Kevin	Masters	37.42	-20	38.72	-22	1.16.14
21	61	Bill	Torrey	38.59	-22	38.34	-21	1.16.93
22	56	Rasma	Kreilis	39.09	-23	40.44	-23	1.19.53
23	79	D	Pierce	33.81	-9	47.72	-30	1.21.53
24	60	Owen	Kreilis	41.79	-25	41.54	-25	1.23.33
25	51	Chris	Blatch	41.57	-24	43.89	-27	1.25.46
26	65	John	Walker	44.08	-26	46.6	-28	1.30.68
27	68	Mavis	Williams	57.85	-27	42.52	-26	1.40.37
28	70	Kristina	Buckingham	1.00.8	-28	47.1	-29	1.47.90
29	69	Martin	Barnes	1.51.07	-29	34.59	-9	2.32.44
30	75	Ian	Gregory	2.23.45	-30	35.04	-12	2.58.49

Age group winners

Womens Open	Samantha Curtis- 100.93
Mens Open	David Walker- 55.70
Womens 30-44	Sue O'Brien-1.09.86
Mens 30-44	Heath Barnes-1.02.34
Womens 45-60	Gai Curtis-1.09.88
Mens 45-60	John Maiit-1.07.16
Womens 60+	Rasma Kreilis-1.19.53
Mens 60+	Kevin Masters-1.16.14
Chicken Award	----- Ian Gregory ----- for coming last

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT By Bruce Norton

This year's Cross Country" week was once again well attended by our enthusiastic team of racers and supporters. Spirits were high due to the abundance of snow on the trails. The week started off well with beautiful weather for the "Boonoona Open" on the Sunday. Monday and Tuesday were also fine, but typically, the weather changed for the "KAC" on Wednesday, with gale force winds making racing more difficult. Nevertheless, Maranatha had seven finishers reaching the "Chalet", and enjoying the festivities after the race. On Thursday, the "Sundeck Cup" was run on the 7.5 km trail, and was also well supported by our club (probably due to the fact that there was free beer and lunch at the Sundeck Hotel after the race!). The "Snowy Mountains Classic" was held on the Saturday in very wet conditions, with only a couple of our members participating.

The following is a list of times for the KAC Race:

Bruce Norton	0h 44m 15s
Hans Buettner	0h 56m 54s
Martin Barnes	1h 2m 34s
Tom Hazell	1h 15m 16s
Bill Torrey	1h 16m 13s
Gordon McComb	1h 38m 24s
Steve Anderson	1h 38m 28s



Sam Curtis (above) and David Walker (below) on their way to winning the club races

