



THIRROUL SKI CLUB LTD. MARANATHA LODGE NEWSLETTER

Greetings and welcome to the Spring 2008 issue of the Newsletter.

Great News! Our new lease has been approved so we now have a lease until 2028 plus three by ten year options. I guess by 2058 a lot of us won't be around, much less skiing, but it guarantees a future for our kids and their kids which is what Thirroul Ski Club is all about.

Bookings are well up this year, by at least \$10,000 which is a fantastic effort from Karen and Heath but most importantly from you our members and your friends. As you read this Glen will be packing up nearing the end of another winter and I know he will be itching to get his yacht back in the water. As per his style, Glen has again done a fantastic job; meals were excellent and he was always happy to see us when we came back from the Eiger bar in the afternoons (he should be cos he was the one who encouraged us all to go there), There is a valley rumour going around that the Maranatha mob will be headline entertainment at the Eiger next year provided Tom Hazell and Zoe give up their day jobs!

Other Valley news: Ta Da...our road is finally scheduled to be sealed this summer with a turning circle near Warragang. We are not sure whether our little bit of road will change but it's getting closer. Reticulated gas is also on

its way to us which means we can change our boiler from oil to gas burning which should give us a considerable cost saving.

What a difference the snow making made this year around Perisher. This will get better as this summer, work is starting to divert the water that apparently flows out of the Ski Tube into Perisher Creek. Also, cloud seeding has been very successful. At present, there are 23 ground based ionisers (ha! and we all thought it was done from a plane; aren't I just a mine of information!) So the area being seeded is being increased from 1000 sq kms to 2500 sq kms. Now by my arithmetic this means they are going to have about 60 machines next season...anyway, keep the snow coming Hughie!

Club X Country Results

The Thirroul Ski Club X Country championship was held as part of the KAC classic which is run during Nordic Week. The distance is 10kms, from Perisher Valley to the Chalet at Charlottes pass.

The winners are:	Peter Kreilis	Open
	Freidel Bartsch	45 to 60
	B Norton	
	H Buettner	over 60
	M Barnes	
	B Torrey	
	S Anderson	
	T Hazell	
Womens	Claudia Bartsch	
Open Womens	Sam Curtis	
	Katie Farrell	

Congratulations to all our X country skiers. We are certainly a force to be reckoned with in teams events because of the keen members we have. Our X country skiers can always be depended on to perform well in the Brian Donegan Memorial Interclub (results are in this newsletter).

Good also to see Jimmy Spiers back X Country skiing after his new hips were installed; in fact Bill Torrey wants a new category in the club races called "The Tin Men" being for new hips, knees etc but what about the girls Bill???

Kooks Corner

After a slow start to the season we finally got what we had been waiting for, it finally snowed and we were able to get out on the hill, and hasn't the snow been great! It has been cold, not the usual winds. In fact the weather has been great. I think that I have had only three days all season where everybody stayed in. The Perisher Powder has been exceptional, those who have lived here for a long time are saying it is the best quality snow that they have seen here. At the moment the conditions are still good, bearing in mind it is spring. We are experiencing cold clear nights which seems to dry the snow out a bit and it is a bit fast early in the morning but as the day warms up it just gets better.

The apres' skiing has been good too. A few rowdy lodge parties, I am sure there will be some photos around somewhere. Those cameras should be banned from the lodge, a few afternoons at the White Spider and a few football nights at the Man. There is still talk around the valley of a certain Nordic Week skier, who, at the White Spider, took off one shirt to reveal that he had a fur coat on under it. I think the song was 'You can leave your hat on' but I think the patrons would have preferred this person left his shirt on. Enough said about that.

Congratulations to the competitors in Nordic Week, some great results. Great weather too I might add, blue sky days for each event. To the interclub competitors, both junior and senior I also offer my congratulations, jobs well done. Although the seniors were asked to leave the presentation! Hospitality! Wonder who has to host it next year?

Junior training went well too! Except for one family. A certain member arrived at Jindabyne to find that he had left his bag at home and had to go and do some late night shopping. Just as well the sales are on. The same person was heard the week before telling his kids, who were a couple minutes late for their arranged meeting, 'Get yourselves organised.' Yeah right Dad least we have got our clothes!

Well at the time of writing the season has three weeks to go, for those coming down I do hope there is some snow left for you. I have had a great season in the lodge and on the hill although I am looking forward to getting home and back on the boat. So thanks to all who were here and bye for season 2008 and I might see you all again in 2009.

Glenn

RACE RESULTS FROM THE SPORTS CAPTAIN

Senior Club Championship Race Results

Open Men	Competitor	Open women	Competitor
1 st	David Walker	1 st	Amber Turner
2 nd	Andrew Walker	2 nd	Samantha Curtis

30 - 44 Male	Competitor	30 - 44 Female	Competitor
1 st	Heath Barnes	1 st	Astrida Kreilis
2 nd		2 nd	Karen Barnes

45 - 59 Male	Competitor	45 - 59 Female	Competitor
1 st	Ian Gregory	1 st	Gai Curtis
2 nd	David Prideaux	2 nd	Sue O'Brien
3 rd	John Maaitt	3 rd	-
4 th	Glenn Frost	4 th	-
5 th	Jim Spiers	5 th	-

Over 60 men	Competitor	Over 60 women	Competitor
1 st	Bill Torrey	1 st	Rasma Kreilis
2 nd	Kevin Masters	2 nd	Mavis Williams
3 rd	John walker	3 rd	-

There were no senior snowboarders for these races this year.

The Martini was used as the Cross Country Club Championship race. Results are still to be provided.

Senior Interclub Races

This year although we lost our perpetual Champion Club trophy our representatives competed with poise and grit and grace. The Championship Trophy (aka the holy grail) of the Illawarra Clubs does need to be shared around a little to ensure the longevity of the competition; therefore, next year, our team will need to have prepared enough to sink the opposition.

Peter Kreilis again showed his prowess in being the combined winner for another year, by just over 30 points from the closest competitor (we have lost count as to how many he has come away with). Peter gave all the spectators some extra excitement at the finish of the X-Country when he fell on the last downhill run, after relaxing a bit too much. He thought Alex Torres was right on his heels and so did not rush to get up. After lots of yelling and screaming by the spectators Peter scrambled up just as Alex was catching up to him. They both put in the big ones to the finish, with Alex getting the better of his competitor who is nearly old enough to be his Dad. Peter has hinted that he is waiting for some of the up and coming juniors to take over from him even though Rasma has given him two leave passes in the last ten years to miss the Interclub.

Sam Curtis put in a sterling effort to gain the Female overall trophy, finishing 4 points ahead of the next competitor.

The Illawarra Clubs nominate competitors where they gain points for their respective performances. The fastest competitor in each discipline gains 100 points and the remaining competitors gain points by percentage behind this competitor. The fastest three competitors' points go towards formulating the points for the club championship.

Club Point score

1 st	Steelmakers - 294.75914 points
2 nd	Port Kembla- 282.58971
3 rd	Maranatha - 281.366536
4 th	Illawarra - 251.294083
5 th	IMBAC - 251.12001

The Interclub Team Competitors with their respective overall results are listed as follows:

Name	Alpine	Snowboard	X-country	Category Place
Peter Kreilis	11 th	4 th	2 nd	
David Walker	8 th	20 th	-	
Heath Barnes	16 th	-	-	
Ben Suttor	24 th	-	19 th	
Martin Barnes Over 60	37 th	-	16 th	
Bill Torrey Over 60	40 th	-	21 st	
Ian Gregory	34 th	-	-	
Friedl Bartsch	-	-	4 th	1 st + 50yrs
Bruce Norton	-	-	5 th	2 nd + 50yrs
Jim Spiers	-	-	13 th	
Hans Buettner	-	-	14 th	3 rd + 50yrs
Girls				
Amber Turner	5 th	-	-	-
Sam Curtis	6 th	3 rd	4 th	4 th
Katie Farrell	9 th	-	6 th	6 th
Zoe Farrell	15 th	5 th	-	-
Karen Barnes	16 th	-		

The Illawarra Junior Interclub format is the same as the senior Interclub. This year our juniors gained second in the championship point score.

Junior Illawarra Interclub

Competitor	Alpine	Snowboard	X-Country	Category Place
Sam O'Brien	5 th	12 th	7 th	5 th , 12 th , 7 th
Amber Turner	2 nd	-	-	2 nd
Jessie O'Brien U/13	9 th	-	3 rd	1 st , 1 st
Madi Kreilis	3 rd	1 st	1 st	3 rd , 1 st , 1 st

Riah Phillips	8 th	-		8 th
Nelson Kreilis	14 th	4 th	6 th	14 th , 4 th , 5 th
Drew Turner U/13	20 th	3 rd	-	20 th , 1 st
Tessa McMillan	7 th	-	6 th	7 th , 6 th
Bryson Masters U/13	-	8 th	-	2 nd
Cameron McMillan U/13	-	-	16 th	7 th

Junior Club Races

Competitor	Alpine	Snowboard	X-country
Georgia Farrell	1 st	-	-
Riah Phillips	2 nd	-	3 rd
Briana McMillan	3 rd	-	-
Madi Kreilis		1 st	1 st
Tessa McMillan			2 nd
Jessie O'Brien U/13	1 st	-	1 st
Drew Turner U/13	2 nd	1 st	-
Cameron McMillan U/13	1 st	-	1 st
Bryson Masters U/13	-	2 nd	-
Sam O'Brien	1 st	2 nd	2 nd
Nelson Kreilis	2 nd	1 st	1 st

You should have all received the details for our End of Season night out on Sydney Harbour on Sat 25th October on the Rock and Roll Boat. This will be a fantastic night and if you need details email me back.

Hope to see you all on the boat or if not, at the AGM.

Yours in Skiing and Boarding

Ian Gregory

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