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MARANATHA LODGE
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KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Members,

Here we are approaching another ski season and have already have had some substantial snow falls. Let's hope it continues

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

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

Ian Gregory has chosen to stand down from Committee after a couple of stints and many years of service in various roles including doing the newsletters last year. We thank Ian for his contribution over the years The vacancy has been taken up by Liz Scott. You may remember that Liz was our lodge manager for several years and did a fantastic job. So she has all the right experience for taking on the role of Catering Officer.

At the 2009 AGM held at Wollongong University on 31 January this year, Ray Sidorenko was presented with an award for "Clubperson of the year". Ray did a very professional job on the stonework on the lodge's ground floor, saving the club a huge amount of money.

We should take this as a reminder that there are several members who have skills that might be of use to the club, meaning that we don't have to pay out large amounts of money to paid professionals/tradespersons. Any savings mean that we make mean we might be able to avoid increasing our annual subs and/or our accommodation rates. If you know of someone who has skills that could be of benefit to the club, please encourage them to let us know.

On the same note , if you know a member who has "gone beyond the call of duty" for our club, write a letter to the committee so they can considered for clubperson of the year. This, of course, applies regardless of whether or not they are a committee member.

Speaking of big efforts, Glen Frost, our manager for the last two years, has chosen to pursue other interests and declared that he would not be returning as manager this year. We thank Glen for his efforts during his employment at Maranatha and wish him well in his new endeavours. But I am sure we will see him at Maranatha again, even if it is not in the kitchen.

That meant we had to look for a new manager. I am pleased to report that we have appointed Clark Killen to the position. Clark has had many years experience working in Perisher Valley and is well-qualified for the role. We welcome “Clarky” to Maranatha and hopefully I will be able to convince him to write his own self-penned introduction and supply a photo for our next newsletter.

Enjoy your skiing
Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

Late news

We are saddened to report the death of long standing member, Lindsay McGregor. Lindsay was an inaugural member of Thirroul Ski Club and served for many years on the committee. We offer our condolences to his wife, Ninna, and children, Evan and Lauren.

News From SLOPES (Ski Lodge Operators in Perisher Smiggins)

The **Snowy Mountains of Music** is a vibrant, new 3 day music festival which will open the 2009 Winter Snow Season with a bang over the June long weekend. With over 45 acts across 11 venues in the Perisher Valley, it's a chance to experience the wonder of the snow country whilst listening to some great new sounds of world, folk, roots, celtic, acoustic, and traditional music. Curl up around the fire and let your soul sing with intimate acoustic sessions and songs from around the world.

Get out on the floor with some jumping rhythms and late night jam sessions, and wake up to poetry breakfasts in your very own Winter wonderland.

We should also note that several Illawarra based groups are included, so there is a local interest. Several acts that appeared at the Illawarra Folk Festival are appearing and I know of at least a couple of our members who attended that festival. So we know they will be attending.

To purchase tickets online or for further information, go to <http://snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/>

or call 1300 811 324

Perisher Blue has two excellent products currently available: the 'Perisher Card' and the 'Perisher Super Pass' providing greater value and flexibility for Perisher guests

(unfortunately, the link that I am using does not provide information on the Super Pass. So you will have to pester Perisher Blue to obtain further information.)

- **Perisher Card. (Save up to \$20 a day on Mountain Passes)**

Designed specifically for those guests who fall short of spending enough time in the resort to purchase a Season Pass and for guests looking for the ultimate flexibility in scheduling their holiday.

The Perisher Card can be purchased for \$47 from all major Perisher Mountain Pass Offices. It rewards frequent skiers and boarders by entitling them to a variety of special offers and great discounts.

The benefits of being a Perisher Card* holder:

- * Mountain Passes (Fri. to Sun.): Adults \$86, Children \$48 per day.
- * Mountain Passes (Mon. to Thurs.): Adults \$82, Children \$43 per day.
- * 7th and 9th day Mountain Passes for \$43 per day for Adults, Children for \$24.
- * One opportunity to buy a discounted Mountain Pass for a friend: Adults \$86, Children \$48.
- * Discounted same day return Skitube travel when purchased with a valid Mountain Pass: Adults \$23, Children \$13.
- * 2.5 hour group lessons for just \$43 per person, per lesson.
- * Buy one; get one free First Tracks mornings.
- * A room only rate at The Station that sleeps up to 6 people for \$99 per night.
- * Receive 15% off recommended retail prices at Columbia Australia's flagship stores.

Further information can be found at
<http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/index.php>

Maranatha Maintenance Report

Over the summer our Maintenance Officer, Kevin Masters and his teams of volunteers have been busy. When you visit Maranatha this year you will notice some changes and of course there have been changes that are not so visible but very important nonetheless. We list here just a few of the outcomes that have been achieved:

The urn has been replaced by a Zip water heater

New flooring has been installed in the dining room and bedrooms 3,4 and 5. (no more squeaks)

New carpet laid.

A new hi-tech boot heater has been installed, replacing the boot cupboard.

A major overhaul of the electrical wiring has been undertaken.

Several changes under the heading of “**fire upgrade**” have improved the safety of our guests in the, hopefully unlikely, event of a fire.

We should all take off our hats and give a very big round of applause to Kevin and his team. Without them, your annual subs would be a lot higher, Once again, a reminder that if you feel you have suitable skills (especially tradesperson skills) and wish to volunteer your services, contact the committee.

Ski sale

(are you being ripped off?)



Senior training weekend

The senior training weekend has been scheduled for 3rd to the 5th July 2009.

This is a chance for senior members of the club to brush up on their snow skills. The training will consist of a ski/snowboard session on both Saturday and Sunday morning. With a X-country session for interested parties on Saturday afternoon.

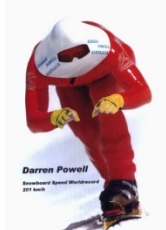
The 2 morning sessions will be provided by the Perisher snowsports and it is anticipated that there will be 2 groups of up to 8 participants; race course training may be available depending on snow conditions. A fair price has been negotiated with and the club will subsidise the training by 50% of the cost; cost to each participant will be approximately \$50.00 - \$60.00 for the training sessions.

The table below shows the proposed schedule for the weekend:

Senior Training Weekend		
Day	Saturday	Sunday
Date	4th July	5th July
Warm Up / Stretching / Info	9.00am	9.00am
Session 1 (9.30am - 12.00pm)	Alpine/Snowboard	Alpine/Snowboard
Lunch	12.30 - 1.00pm	12.30 - 1.00pm
Session 2 (1.30pm - 3.30pm)	X-Country	
Dinner	6.30pm	
Cost to members for training will be \$60.00 for the 2 days.		

Lodge accommodation for this lot is as per usual lodge booking arrangements
Lift passes and snow equipment are the responsibility of each participant
Send your email query to the booking officer bookings@thirroulclub.com.au

Junior Development Training Camp 2009



The Junior Development training is open to children who are accomplished skiers and boarders.

The attendees will be provided with the opportunity to develop their technique for skiing/boarding for advanced levels and some race training. Cross Country training sessions will also be available. Participants must bring along their own equipment for the respective disciplines and will be able to choose their preferred field/s prior to the commencement of the Camp.

The participants will have the opportunity to be coached by Darren Powell - the world's fastest snowboarder. Darren is an accomplished Ski and Snowboard Coach and has been involved with the snowsports industry for over 20 years. He has been a snowsports school director of snowsports schools such as Hot zone (Austria) and was an instructor/coach at Thredbo for over 10 years. Darren has been involved with Interschool's Race Coaching for over 10 years and taken junior teams to compete at many world junior race events.

The children will also be able to jam with Darren around the fireplace each night while he treats us to his vocal and guitar list. Bring along your musical instrument.

The anticipated schedule for the Junior Development Camp is as follows:

Day	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Date	11th July	12th July	13th July	14th July	15th July
Warm Up / Stretching / Info	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
Session 1 (9.30am - 11.30am)	Alpine	Snowboard	Alpine	Snowboard	Choice
Session 2 (1.30pm - 3.30pm)	Snowboard	Alpine	Snowboard	Alpine	Interschool Race Entrants will go their events
X-Country	4.00pm - 4.45pm	4.00pm - 4.45pm			
Lunch	12.00 - 1.00pm	12.00 - 1.00pm	12.00 - 1.00pm	12.00 - 1.00pm	
Dinner	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	

Please note: This schedule may change due to weather conditions

During the training camp the children will be expected to perform the following tasks:

- Able to communicate and join in with all activities set be part of the team
- Have and be responsible for their own equipment including a helmet
- Be able to get up and dressed ready for breakfast
- Prepare all equipment and outerwear ready for each day's training
- Place all required items into the drying room areas ready for the next day

- Look after their own personal effects
- Be available and ready for all activities scheduled (and on time)
- Have a go and listen to Coaches
- Complete food/kitchen/fire/rubbish duties when rostered
- Hut Captain Duties if assigned

The children will also be expected to be available to race in The Illawarra Junior Interclub Races scheduled for Saturday 5th September 2009.

Dare to be different

Yours in Sport

Astrida Kreilis
