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THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB LIMITED

MARANATHA LODGE

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KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Members,

Here we are at the peak of one of the best seasons for many years. The snow is piled deep all over the mountains. At times we have had to climb over a mound of snow to get out of the lodge. I hope you were one of the lucky ones who went down there to enjoy it.

This newsletter comes in two parts. Part A brings reports of the club's senior races, Cross-Country week and the senior interclub races with photos from each of those. Part B is a special report on Junior Development Week prepared by some of the juniors. It is good to see our younger members getting in more aspects of being a member of our great club. The third attachment contains the full results of the Brian Donegan Memorial Senior Illawarra Interclub race for those of you who might be interested.

Enjoy your skiing

*Kevin Donegan*

*Publicity Officer*



Icicles outside the room 8 window

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 2018 ski season has been one of the best in years with consistent snowfalls throughout the season so far. I am hoping that many of our members have made the most of these fantastic conditions and enjoyed their time at the snow. Clark as usual has been running the lodge and looking after the members and guests very well.

Both Junior and Senior sporting events conducted so far this season have been a great success--more on this in the Sports Captain's report.

Maranatha received from NPWS for the 2017 year another PRREMS (**Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System**) award for our continued commitment to improving our sustainability and the footprint of our lodge within the National Park. Well done everyone-- members/guests/the committee and the revegetation group.

On a more serious note, I would like to make comment on a couple of issues/incidents that have arisen at the lodge this season.

1 After an incident at the lodge during which the discussion became heated, I ask all members to treat each other with respect and courtesy. We are all allowed to express our opinions and thoughts on issues, but please do so politely. Please remember everyone is there to enjoy themselves at our great lodge.

2 A virus outbreak occurred at the lodge over a two week period with a number of people taking ill. I would just like to remind members to pay particular attention to hygiene and hand washing at the lodge, especially when in the kitchen. Hand sanitisers can be found outside the toilets, above the sink where tea/coffee is made and also on the wall at the end of the pantry in the kitchen.

Finally, I am again asking (due to a poor response last time) for anybody from the general membership to help on the sub-committee to look into an online booking system. We are hoping the sub-committee will comprise of two committee people (Rupert Blatch and myself) and the other two people would come from the general membership. While some experience with accommodation bookings (online or otherwise) would be advantageous, it should not be considered essential for making a valid and useful contribution to the sub-committee's discussions.

If you would like to help, please contact me on 0405819657.

Yours in Skiing.

Bruce Norton.

## ADDING A TOUCH OF CLASS

Maddison Markey from Wollongong High school of the Performing Arts used her origami skills to create Lotus serviettes for the dining room.



A number of adult members including Mavis Williams and Greg Knight received coaching from Maddison Markey to produce the lotus serviettes.

A great night was had by all. Maddison and her brother Jack stayed at the lodge and competed in the Interschool Snowsports Competition.

*Kevin Masters*

## 2018 Thirroul Ski Club Senior Race Report

The 2018 senior club races were conducted on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of July on Mother-in-Law at Bluecow, the weather was fine and course firm. Twenty competitors entered the race this year which is the largest number in a few years and all enjoyed the friendly rivalry to be presented with those keenly sought after medals (the Arnott's biscuits) at the evening presentation. All the magical moments would not have been captured if it were not for our man on the camera Owen Kreilis.

Open women's winner this year with two very good runs was Gemma Frew, congratulations Gemma, well done. Karen Barnes finished first, ahead of Sarah Blatch second and Jenny Kent third in the women's 45-59 division. Rasma Kreilis won the women's over 60 division with Mavis Williams second. After some coaxing from Rasma Kreilis and Sarah Blatch we had two race virgins compete this year in Anne Zenari and Sandra Phillips who were a little nervous at first but overcame their initial fears and enjoyed the experience of skiing gates for the first time.

Sibling rivalry was alive and well in the open men's division this year with Matt Gregory fighting off brother Scott for first place with Peter Phillips third. The men's 45-59 division was won by Rupert Blatch with Michael Frew second and Greg Knight third. The burglar (Mark Phillips) won the men's over 60 division ahead of Kevin Donegan second and Kevin Masters third. Fastest time for the day was set by Heath Barnes, not sure what happened to Heath on the first run, I think he got lost.

Clarke as usual was very accommodating and created great food for champions. The shot ski was given a work out and a good day was had by all.

Mark Phillips – Sports Captain



Scott Gregory trying to outdo his brother



Our treasurer, Rupert Blatch shows that he can do more than balance the accounts



Gemma Frew showing fine form on her way to winning the club's women's championship.



Sarah Blatch showing neat style



Race "virgin", Sandra Phillips keeps smiling as she navigates the course.



Matthew Gregory with his Gold Medal (in the form of a chocolate biscuit)

Rank	Bib	Name	Run 1	Run 2	Time
Gender: Women					
1	148	Frew Gemma	31.37	30.99	62.36
2	145	Phillips Riah*	34.07	36.38	70.45
3	144	Barnes Karen	37	36	73
4	147	Blatch Sarah	39.44	37.73	77.17
5	149	Kent Jenny	39.45	38.79	78.24
6	141	Kreilis Rasma	42.37	43.22	85.59
7	140	Williams Mavis	49.27	49.34	98.61
8	142	Zenari Anne	76.91	69.26	146.17
9	146	Phillips Sandra	63.85	123.98	187.83

Did Not Start - Run 1 (1)

143 Scott Elizabeth DNS DNS

Did Not Start - Run 2 (1)

143 Scott Elizabeth DNS DNS



Rank	Bib	Name	Run 1	Run 2	Time
Gender: Men					
1	151	Gregory Matthew	27.82	27.55	55.37
2	161	Gregory Scott	28.85	28.37	57.22
3	159	Phillips Peter	30.97	29.29	60.26
4	160	Blatch Rupert	34.12	34.49	68.61
5	158	Frew Michael	38.93	36.82	75.75
6	150	Phillips Mark	37.77	38.64	76.41
7	156	Donegan Kevin	39.91	38.48	78.39
8	153	Knight Greg	41.62	39.83	81.45
9	157	Masters Kevin	42.86	42.22	85.08
10	154	Barnes Heath	58.65	27.53	86.18
11	152	Schmelitschek David*	46.02	47.45	93.47

Did Not Start - Run 1 (1)

155 Gregory Ian DNS DNS

Did Not Start - Run 2 (1)

155 Gregory Ian DNS DNS

\*NOTES:

BIB 145 DSQ RUN 1

BIB 152 DSQ RUN 2

*Mark Phillips*

Sports Captain



Jenny Kent, Karen Barnes, Sarah Blatch and Riah Phillips line up for the ShotSki

### **NSW Night Relays – Monday 6/8/18**

Maranatha had two teams of four competitors in this night racing event, held in cold and windy conditions at the Perisher XC Centre. This year the relay was scheduled to start earlier than usual, at 5:30pm, just after dusk.

Our mixed senior team was made up of Bruce Norton, Jenny Kent, Virpi Komulainen and Friedl Bartsch came third in their event.

Our senior men's team of Jim Speirs, Kevin Donegan, Ross Dearden and Greg Knight also had a lot of fun and came third in our event.

Afterwards the presentation was held in the Nordic XC centre with hot gluhwein to warm up for a while before the results were announced.

*Ross Dearden*



Mixed Team: Bruce Norton, Jenny Kent, Virpi Komulainen and Friedl Bartsch



Senior Team : Kevin Donegan, Jim Spiers, Greg Knight and Ross Dearden

## **KAC X-C Classic – Wednesday 8/8/2018**

Maranatha was well represented in the 2018 Kosciuszko Alpine Classic with Bill Torrey, Martin Barnes, Ross Dearden, Jim Spiers, Bruce Norton, Virpi Komulainen, Mark Phillips, Jenny Kent and Peter Phillips all competing this year.

Unfortunately, weather conditions were not favourable and strong blizzardly westerly winds forced the organisers to hold the event at the Perisher XC loops instead of the usual course from Perisher to Charlotte Pass. Even though the Perisher area was more protected the tracks were wind-blown with some deep snow drifts and strong wind gusts making conditions difficult for both Classic and Freestyle skiers.

Despite the conditions several of the Maranatha competitors did very well with Virpi Komulainen coming first in her age category and 5th overall in 26:44 in the Women's Freestyle. Jenny Kent came seventh in her age category and achieved 16th place overall in a time of 38:19 in the Women's Freestyle.

In the Men's Freestyle Bruce Norton came 16th overall in 32:17 and Greg Knight came in 23rd in 37:40.

In the Men's under 40 Classic category Peter came second, and Martin, Bruce, Ross and Greg all achieved creditable third placings their respective age categories.

Competitors missed the traditional hospitality provided by the Charlotte Pass Chalet and warmed up at the XC Centre instead with Pea and Ham soup or minestrone after the race.

*Ross Dearden*



Competitors listening to instructions prior to the KAC XC Classic

Detailed results of the KAC and other races from Cross-Country week can be found at <https://www.perisherxcountry.org/events/results/>

To subscribe to newsletters etc go to <https://www.perisherxcountry.org/contact-us/>

## 2018 Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub Senior Races Report

This year 75 GS skiers, 29 snowboarders and 43 cross country skiers from Illawarra Alpine Club, Port Kembla Ski Club, IMBAC and Thirroul Ski Club competed in the senior Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub events held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Skiers and snowboarders endured snow, wind and poor visibility to complete the course at Mother-in-law. Due to the weather and snow conditions Perisher Race Department limited the downhill events to one run per skier and one run per snowboarder. The weather improved a little for the afternoon's cross-country ski event held on the 2.5Km Perisher Nordic Trail.

The Thirroul Ski Club team of Heath Barnes, Nelson Kreilis, Matthew Gregory, Oscar Olsen, Peter Phillips, Sam Knight, Drew Powell, Greg Knight, Olivia Knight, Madison Kreilis, Karen Barnes, Gai Curtis, Jenny Kent, Jim Spiers, Friedl Bartsch and Bruce Norton with a points total of 833.29 18 was crowned Champion Club for 2018, ahead of Illawarra Alpine Club on 754.39 and Port Kembla Ski Club on 752. Heath Barnes won the Men's open GS, Gai Curtis was second in the women's over 50, Drew Powell won the men's snowboard. Drew Powell, Nelson Kreilis and Madison Kreilis are the champion snowboard team for 2018. Friedl Bartsch won the men's open cross country, with Nelson Kreilis second and Oscar Olsen third. Friedl, Nelson and Oscar won the men's open cross-country championship. Friedl won the men's over 50, with Bruce Norton second.

Jenny Kent won the women's over 50 snowboard, the over 50 women's cross country and is the over 50 women's individual combined champion. Nelson Kreilis won the men's open individual combined champion and Madison is the women's open individual combined champion for 2018.

The 2018 Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub both senior and junior have been generously sponsored by Rhythm Snow Sports and SLOPES (Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher and Smiggins and Guthega) Thank you.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to Lisa Askie (Port Kembla Ski Club) for her administration work organising run sheets and result calculations, Ali and her team at Perisher Race Department, Adrian Blake and his team at the Perisher Nordic Centre, Club captains of Port Kembla, IMBAC and Illawarra Alpine Club, the course officials who did a great job in difficult weather conditions, Owen Kreilis for the photography, Clarke for transporting all the downhill gear back to the lodge at lunch time on the day.

Thanks also to all our supporters for cheering our competitors on and all your help at the presentation, Clarke as usual did a great job, thank you. Bill Torrey, the beverages were greatly appreciated by all at the presentation and we continued to test them out on the shot ski at the end of the night.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way to making this year's senior Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub event a great success.

Mark Phillips



Matthew Gregory showing how to negotiate the gates



Oscar Olsen flying down the GS course



Madison Kreilis on her snowboard





Friedl Bartsch wins the XC



Nelson Kreilis nearing the finish line.



Sam Knight approaches the finish line, closely followed by Heath Barnes



Madison Kreilis collecting one of her many medals



This is as close as we could get to assembling the whole team for a photo



Our champion XC team, Oscar Olsen, Friedl Bartsch and Nelson Kreilis



Our champion snowboard team, Nelson Kreilis, Madison Kreilis and Drew Powell



Nelson Kreilis steps into his father's shoes and takes out the Combined Individual award.

