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Dear Members,

In this newsletter we bring you a report on the Senior Interclub Races and the club's Fiftieth Birthday Celebration. The Illawarra Mercury sent a photographer to the latter event and the pictures appeared in the People and Places section of the Mercury on November 9th. A snapshot of those photos is also available on the home page of the club's website.

There are also two attachments from SLOPES, one regarding an environmental issue in the Kosciuszko National Park and another, "*A short guide to NPWS' Walking Tracks Strategy and the Snowies Iconic Walk 2019*". I hope that most of you will find them interesting and informative.

If you want all the latest news from SLOPES without having to wait for our newsletter, it is all on the SLOPES website <https://slopes.org.au/>

Enjoy your skiing

And your summer activities

Kevin Donegan

Publicity Officer

News from the committee

A link will be provided to members for the commemorative DVD that was shown at the Fiftieth celebration.

Junior Development will be held in the first lot (week 1) of the school holidays in 2020.

The following documents will be placed on the website in the near future:

1 History of our club by Noel Way

2 Member Protection Policy

In order to contain costs of printing and postage, members are encouraged to nominate electronic communication as their preference for receiving AGM Notice, Business Papers, etc.

Members should keep in mind that they can get a 15% discount on purchase at Rhythm Snowsports in Jindabyne, just by saying that they are a member of Thirroul Ski Club. Keep this in mind if you travel to the mountains over summer.

Thirroul Ski Club's 50th Celebration

27th Oct 2019

A huge thanks to the 130-odd people who came and made the celebration a great success. Getting the 50th together was months in the planning and so worthwhile with reports that everyone had a great time, many reminiscing with old ski friends and learning about our ski club history.

I express my sincere thanks to all the people who contributed to various aspects of making the day come together.

Virginie and David Schmelitchek volunteered early on. Virginie set up the Try Booking site and the July/ August information flyers, Sarah Blatch followed up with additional emails to encourage bookings.



Our (Virginie's) snowman

Virginie made the fabulous Ski Club Snowman and David got a USB photo collection together from his wonderful shots of Maranatha and surrounds for the overhead screen at the venue.



While president Bruce Norton officially welcomes everyone, David Schmelitschek is on hand to run the audio-visual presentation

Artemista James (Virginie and David's granddaughter) who is 14yrs old, offered to create a backdrop for the cakes and her artwork was appreciated by everyone. Well done and sincere thanks, Arte. The club has purchased the painting to display at the lodge.



Artemista (centre) with her mother, Jessica (left) and aunt, Samantha, Grandfather David is hiding in the left background

Rasma Kreilis and I also made 2 USB photo collections of history shots to play on the screen during the day.

Steen Barnes provided one of his fabulous recent photos of our lodge which was used on one of the photo printed cakes, alongside an old 1970's photo and our logo. Evelyn Jelercic delivered the three cakes and not only did they look great but they were enjoyed by all to the very last bite. Thanks Illawarra Cake Print.



The cakes just before the last pieces were devoured

I had been busy gathering history documents and memorabilia to enhance our knowledge of those who made our club what it is today, which were displayed on walls and tables around the venue. I'd also renewed the old ski club photo albums into new chemical free albums which were on the tables with pens for people to write beside the shots to help us all keep our history alive and thanks to all who did so. They will be returned to the lodge for 2020. Please keep adding any information you have in the space provided.



Jim Spiers and Christine McComb in a friendly argument about their favourite nostalgia



Doug Auld at the memorabilia table

Amie Marshall organised Maranatha logo EST 1969 T-Shirts which were available to order. There was a variety of designs on display with order forms and quite a few members took up the opportunity. If you are interested in purchasing, all the information can be found on the web.

Kevin Masters had been working with Wollongong City Library and Wollongong Camera Club in producing a video interview capturing early recollections of the club by two of our long standing and active members, Gordon McComb & Hans Buettner. This was presented on the big screen to all those present. Available via a link on our website soon.

Copies of a Thirroul Ski Club History document produced by Noel Way, an original member since the club's beginning, were available on the tables to read and will soon be found on our website.

The Early Years Photo History Book which I created a few years back was available for order and those ordered will be available in about a month. One copy was used to capture the signatures of all in attendance on the day and two other copies were presented to two significant people.

The first was to Phil Hatton along with the original 1970 AGM hand-written report by his father, which was read to all. His father Stan was instrumental in founding our club as the Secretary from its inception.



Phil Hatton accepting a copy of his father's report from Gai Curtis

The other was presented to Anne (Smith) Halpin, the only person in attendance who was on the Original Committee of the then-named Thirroul Leagues Ski Club as part of the Social Committee. She and a small group were crucial in advertising the club and encouraging the much needed memberships.



Anne cutting the cake

The room decorations, memorabilia and majority of the set up took place the evening prior by your President Bruce Norton, Barbara Frankum, Geoff Mettam and myself.



Sarah Blatch, who made a huge contribution to the event, and her mother Chrissy at the celebration

Lastly, my sincere thanks to the Thirroul Bowling Club. They were both welcoming and accommodating to all of our requests, and the feedback on the day was that the food quality was excellent.

Thanks Everyone,

Gai Curtis

Vice President / Social Secretary

2019 Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub Senior Races Report

The 2019 Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub Senior Races were hosted by Illawarra Alpine Club on Saturday 17th August with seventy five GS skiers and twenty eight snowboarders competing in the downhill disciplines on the Mother in Law course at Guthega on Saturday morning. The cross country event was contested by thirty six competitors on the Perisher Nordic trails on Saturday afternoon, fine weather and good snow provided an enjoyable day for the participants from Illawarra Alpine club, Port Kembla Ski Club, IMBAC and Thirroul Ski club.

A fine team performance by Heath Barnes, Nelson Kreilis, Scott Gregory, Peter Phillips, Sam Knight, Greg Knight, Olivia Knight, Madison Kreilis, Peter Kreilis, Jasmine Barnes, Gai Curtis, Jenny Kent, Friedl Bartsch and Bruce Norton saw us get second place on 811.06 points in the combined club championship behind Port Kembla with 850.54 points, Third place went to Illawarra Alpine Club on 752.12 points.

Some good individual results were from Jasmine Barnes first in women's open GS, Nelson Kreilis third in men's open snowboard, Madison Kreilis third in women's open snowboard, Friedl Bartsch second in men's open cross country, Peter Kreilis third in men's open cross country, Friedl Bartsch first men's over fifty cross country, Bruce Norton second men's over fifty cross country, Jenny Kent third women's open cross country and first women's over fifty cross country. Congratulations to Jasmine Barnes for her great effort in winning the women's open GS in her first year in the senior interclub competition.



Heath Barnes thinking "That's the last gate, now for the big finish."



Olivia Knight concentrating on the finish line



Sam Knight looking very relaxed on his snowboard



Peter Phillips looking even more relaxed (why do the goofy footers look so relaxed?)



Peter Kreilis thinking, "I can see the finish line. Can I beat Friedl?" in the XC



Friedl Bartsch, showing fine form, as he comes home for second place, beating Peter.



Nelson Kreilis as he nears the finish line, thinking, "Maybe I should have worn long pants."

Nelson Kreilis won the men's individual combined championship on 266.72 points ahead of Jared Dryburgh 259.76 (Port Kembla) and Bryce Etheredge 250.82 (IMBAC). Madison Kreilis 270.56 points was second and Jasmine Barnes third 268.27 points in the women's individual combined championship behind Charlotte Mettam 284.25 (Illawarra). Jenny Kent 167.67 points came second in the women's over fifty combined individual championship behind Gail Mettam 206.08 points (Illawarra), with Narelle Di Millia 154.60 points (Illawarra) third.

Congratulations to Friedl Bartsch, Peter Kreilis and Sam Knight who are the 2019 cross country championship team, ahead of Port Kembla second and Illawarra third.



Our winning XC team, Friedl, Sam and Peter

You can see the split attention between competing photographers

The presentation by our hosts Illawarra Alpine Club was enjoyed by all and finished off another successful interclub. 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, the team at the Perisher Nordic Centre, Club captains of Port Kembla, IMBAC and Illawarra Alpine Club, the course officials who did a great job, Clarke for transporting all the downhill gear back to the lodge at lunch time on the day and making our stay at Maranatha enjoyable as usual. Thanks also to all our supporters (you know who you are) for cheering our competitors on. Thank you to all who assisted in any way by making this year's senior Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub event another great success.

Mark Phillips.

Sports Captain

Following the presentation party for the BD Interclub Races, the Wiggles made a surprise visit to our lodge. Members know we make all our guests feel welcome and it goes without saying that they were invited to partake of the shotski. It also goes without saying that they accepted the challenge.

Perhaps we should invite the Wiggles to a junior interclub event.



