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Dear Members,

Last week we sent out an email prior to this newsletter with some news that just couldn't wait.

This newsletter brings an update on one of those news items. It also contains reports of Nordic Week events and the club races and interclub races.

By the time you read this the junior interclub will have been held and a report will come in the next newsletter.

You will also find details about our new website and Facebook page.

Enjoy your skiing  
*Kevin Donegan*  
*Publicity Officer*

## **Vale Mary Paegle (1925-2016)**

As reported earlier, Rasma Kreilis's mother, Mary, passed away last week. A few of our members attended her funeral. We have reproduced below a summary of Mary's life which was printed on the order of service.

Mary (Merija) Paegle

Mary was born on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1925. Her father, Peteris Pilots and mother Zelma, were proprietors of a bakery and delicatessen in Riga. In her younger years Mary worked in the family business with her younger sister, Anna.

During the summer they spent time at their holiday home in Saulskrasts where her mum grew strawberries and fresh vegetables. This occurred during the time when Latvia was a free and independent nation. Her mother passed away when Mary was 10 years old. Mary attended the Commerce school in Riga and was fluent in many languages.

After Germany took control of Latvia, Mary went to Germany to complete her compulsory national service. While she was in Germany war broke out and her father advised her not to return to Latvia due to the Russian invasion which resulted in her father being sent to Siberia.

Mary commenced nurse's training in Germany with the Red Cross, where and as a consequence of the war, she cared for many wounded soldiers, one of whom became her husband and lifelong partner for 70 years of marriage. Mary was married to John in Oldenberg, Germany and initially resided in displaced persons' camps in Germany.

The following year twin daughters, Rasma and Solveiga, were born on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1947.

In 1950 the family arrived in Australia as migrants. They spent time at Bonegilla Migrant Camp in Victoria and moved to Thirroul for John to work on the railway.

In 1952 their third daughter, Spodra, was born.

Mary and John purchased a block of land in Seafoam Ave Thirroul, where they built the family home and raised their children.

A long awaited son, young John, was born in 1960.

Mary worked at Bulli Spinners until her retirement. She was a very active member of the South Coast Needlecraft Group for 37 years and the Sydney Latvian Needlecraft Group for 47 years, where she was president for 24 years. She was a member of the Sydney Latvian Mixed Choir for 22 years and an Honoured Member of the Latvian Society.

Mary was passionate in the continuation of Latvian culture and crafts, and made many trips back to her homeland with family to participate in song, dance and handcraft festivals and exhibitions.

Mary loved her large family, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, gardening, travelling and was a very proud and dignified Latvian Australian.

Mary had many adversities during her life including losing her daughter, Solveiga, in 2000. Throughout her life she was a devoted Christian and found great strength in her religion and thanked God each day for her blessings.

## News from the Committee

Nicola Curtis has made progress on our website. If you go to (the usual) [www.thirroulskiclub.com.au](http://www.thirroulskiclub.com.au) you will arrive at a revamped homepage.

We also have a presence on Facebook, specifically a site that is visible to everyone (<https://www.facebook.com/thirroulskiclub>) and another for members only (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/883380348474924/>). You will need to go to the public page (which can be found by searching for Maranatha Lodge in the Facebook searchbar) and click on the link to join the members group.

There are also links to the Facebook pages on the website.

## Cross Country Week 2016

Formerly called Nordic Week, Cross Country week was held from 6th to 14<sup>th</sup> August. Several of our members competed in quite a few of the events. Some results are shown below.

Sunday saw the running of the **Boonoona Open** and our club was well represented.

Name	Bib	time	style
Torrey Bill	17	32:08.1	Classical
Barnes Martin	8	25:40.3	Classical
Kent Jenny	68	31:54.0	Classical
Bartsch Friedl	49	14:13.5	Freestyle
Norton Bruce	44	17:13.6	Freestyle
Olsen Oscar	54	18:00.7	Freestyle

Martin Barnes came second and Bill Torrey came third in their categories. In the freestyle, Oscar Olsen came second in his category and Friedl Bartsch won his.



Bill Torrey collecting his prize at Boonoona

In the night relays on Monday we fielded three teams. The Maranatha Masters, a mixed team consisting of Kevin Donegan, Jenny Kent, Bill Torrey and Martin Barnes competed strongly but did not get a place. The Maranatha Marauders, consisting of Bruce Norton, Greg Knight, Jim Spiers fared better. The Maranatha Moochers with Friedl Bartsch, Oscar Olsen, Gabbi Hawkins and Barbara Jezersek fared much better.



Those of you who read carefully will notice that Friedl participated in two of our teams, being first runner for the Moochers and fourth runner for the Marauders. A great effort!



The Moochers



The Marauders



The Masters (with photobomb by Claudia Bartsch)

The KAC Skiing Classic was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August in conditions that made staying in the lodge seem like an attractive proposition. However, our team kitted themselves up, posed for the obligatory team photos and headed out to brave the elements. There were strong winds and icy patches of snow to be encountered.





Friedl showing how to prepare for a big race

The results were

name	bib	class	time
Barbara Jezersek	240	W30	32:17.0
Jenny Kent	249	W50	1:10:45.0
Jeremy Hecker	288	M25	34:36.0
Martin <b>Barnes</b>	223	M70	57:26.0
Bill Torrey	271	M65	25:19.0
Daniel Walker	28	M20	29:00.0
Friedl Bartsch	8	M55	37:30.0
Bruce Norton	41	M55	44:25.0
Clark Killen	82	M40	45:51.0
Oscar Olsen	36	M14	53:14.0
Greg Knight	12	M55	58:50.0
Jim Spiers	70	M60	1:06:53.0



Our own Clarky powering up the hill in the KAC race

Gordon McComb chose not to compete as he was not feeling well. A group of us chipped in for the \$45 so he could have a return snowcat ride and be there for the finish and presentation. Gordon was reluctant to accept our gift but we told him that was not an option. By all accounts he had a great time. Barbara Frankum accompanied Gordon and together they made a great cheer squad.

## Sundeck Cup

This is described as a great handicap event where it is guaranteed that the least-likely might win. Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, it is nominally a 7.5km event in an anti-clockwise direction. Competitors nominate the time that they think they will take to complete the course. Handicappers then allocate start times so that, in theory, all competitors would finish at the same time.

Bib	Start Time	Elapsed time	finish time	Surname	First	Place
5	0:00:00	49:09	0:49:09	Williams	Sue	1
23	0:15:03	36:20	0:51:35	Barnes	Martin	6
60	0:32:59	22:53	0:55:53	Bartsch	Friedl	22
15	0:07:32	49:02	0:56:34	Donegan	Kevin	30
26	0:16:45	40:15	0:57:00	Spiers	Jim	35
51	0:29:56	27:58	0:57:54	Norton	Bruce	39
13	0:06:54	51:40	0:58:34	Torrey	Bill	43
8	0:00:00	45:45	0:45:46	Kent	Jenny	DSQ *

This year we only had one member among the first ten finishers with Martin Barnes in 6<sup>th</sup> place. \* Jenny is listed as DSQ. Among the rules it states that anyone who beats the nominated time by a pre-determined amount will be disqualified. Despite finishing second, Jenny was disqualified under that rule.

## Snowy Mountains Classic

This event was held over several distances, 27.5km, 15km and 7.5km.

Barbara, Friedl and Bruce opted for the 27.5km course, while Jenny, Jim, Kevin and Bill did the 7.5km course, which most of us reckon was more like 8.5km.

Bib	Name	category	time
9	Jezersek Barbara	U40	1h19:36.79
5	Bartsch Friedl	U60	1h41:27.80
23	Norton Bruce	U60	1h53:18.95
88	Kent Jenny	U60	55:34.0
70	Spiers Jim	U70	45:33.6
79	Donegan Kevin	U70	59:01.9
83	Torrey Bill	U70	1h02:55.80

Following this event those of us still in Perisher attended the “End of XC Week Presentation” at the Sundeck Hotel on Saturday afternoon. As well as prizes for the Snowy Montains Classic, there were several “lucky draws” for those who had entered in events during the week. A few of our members scored well in these draws.



Claudia Bartsch with the hat she won in the lucky draw

## **Fast & Female** (by Jenny Kent)

Fast & Female was a wonderful one-day program designed to encourage females to improve their Cross Country Skating technique for a small charge of \$20. In previous years this program has been exclusively for school girls, but this year for the first time it was opened up to all females.



There were about 6 adults and 20 school age females and instructors from the Female X Country Elite including Olympians. Claudia and I were lucky enough to participate.

We were taken through a series of exercises including, double poling, going downhill around markers, uphill and biathlon shooting. It was challenging and fun. We started out with very low competency levels and at the end of the program we were able to confidently skate the 2.5km trail.

Each participant was given a bright headband and there was a lucky draw at the end with lots of great prizes.

### **Photos from the coffee tour**



The champagne bar on the coffee tour

## **2016 Thirroul Ski Club Senior Races**

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July arrived with torrential rain and gale force winds, ice bergs were viewed floating down the creek from the lodge windows by those trapped inside. Gale force winds and rain continued into Saturday and with the damage to the snow it was impossible to run our senior races as planned this year.

Those who attended the weekend made most of it by playing cards, reading, Bad Weather Boot Camp run by Jenny Kent and for some, visiting the Man for a long lunch on Saturday afternoon.

As usual we made the most of it, enjoying good company, good atmosphere and being well looked after by Clark.

## **2016 Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub Races**

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's events, we have had some great results Jenny Kent 1st in the Women's Over 50XC and Combined Women's Over 50 champion, Olivia Knight 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's Open XC, Gai Curtis 2nd in the Women's Over 50 GS, Friedl Bartsch 1<sup>st</sup> in the Men's Open and Over 50 XC, Bruce Norton 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's Over 50 XC.

Our team of Sam and Olivia Knight place third in the Team Snowboard while our team of Friedl Bartsch, Bruce Norton and Sam Knight placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Team XC.

GS and Snowboard events were transferred from Mother in law to upper Roller Coaster at Blue Cow due to poor weather conditions. The course proved to be difficult for many competitors with a number of falls occurring. Shaun Kenny had a serious fall suffering several fractures and concussion, hope you are on the mend Shaun. Thank you to Sigrid Reeves, Chris Blatch, Sandra Phillips, Heath Barnes, officials, ski patrol and medical centre staff for all the assistance afforded to Shaun after his fall.





Shaun on his first run (as you can see it was not a good day for photography)

Thank you to all competitors and course officials who performed a wonderful job in difficult conditions, Club Captains, Perisher Race Department, Adrian Blake, for your efforts in making the day a success. A big thank you to our hosts at Port Kembla Ski Club (Illabunda) for an excellent presentation night and to Lisa Askie and Terry Dryburgh for all the work you have done organising this year's Brian Donegan Memorial Interclub.

Please see a list of all results below.

Regards

Mark Phillips

Sports Captain



Jenny receiving her prize



Olivia and Sam Knight winning prizes at their first senior interclub

## GS RESULTS

Rank	Name	Club	Bib	Time 1	Time 2	Combined Time	Divn
1	Ethan Jackson	PK	4	24.00	23.57	47.57	M
2	Nicholas Brown	IL	1	24.01	25.51	49.52	M
3	Liam Zeller	PK	12	24.76	24.86	49.62	M

4	Bryce Etheredge	IM	3	24.48	25.88	50.36	M
5	Ben Dryburgh	PK	20	25.59	25.07	50.66	M
6	Jarvis Fletcher	IL	13	25.23	25.66	50.89	M50
7	Cameron Nell	PK	60	25.18	25.72	50.90	M
<b>8</b>	<b>Heath Barnes</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24.99</b>	<b>26.12</b>	<b>51.11</b>	<b>M</b>
9	Ben Horsfield	IM	7	25.15	26.27	51.42	M
10	Jack Mettam	IL	5	25.31	26.15	51.46	M
11	Michael Livermore	PK	16	25.86	25.76	51.62	M
12	Philip Warren	IL	21	25.39	26.33	51.72	M
13	Jared Dryburgh	PK	24	25.39	26.53	51.92	M
14	Louis Fairweather	IL	9	26.54	25.93	52.47	M
15	Thomas Williams	PK	48	26.36	26.16	52.52	M
16	Tyler Irvine	IL	17	26.50	26.28	52.78	M
17	Graeme Williams	PK	40	26.62	26.23	52.85	M50
18	Tahlia Jackson	PK	8	25.66	27.25	52.91	W
19	Broden Condran	PK	44	26.62	27.78	54.40	M
20	Craig Fairweather	IL	41	27.70	26.88	54.58	M50
<b>21</b>	<b>Sam Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26.99</b>	<b>27.76</b>	<b>54.75</b>	<b>M</b>
22	Alyssa Horsfield	IM	15	27.55	28.98	56.53	W
23	Brittany Ainge	IL	33	28.43	28.12	56.55	W
<b>24</b>	<b>Samantha Curtis</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28.33</b>	<b>29.32</b>	<b>57.65</b>	<b>W</b>
25	Neil Mettam	IL	65	27.79	30.12	57.91	M50
26	Jonathan Mandl	IL	69	28.99	29.07	58.06	M
27	Duncan Stuart	IL	49	29.07	29.29	58.36	M50
28	Peter Horsfield	IM	19	27.16	31.37	58.53	M50
29	Margaret-Anne King	IL	57	27.88	30.72	58.60	W50
<b>30</b>	<b>Olivia Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29.11</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>W</b>
31	Bob McCulloch	PK	56	29.48	29.84	59.32	M50
32	Dan Meehan	IM	23	27.27	32.45	59.72	M

33	Lyndsey Ainge	IL	29	29.60	30.18	59.78	W
<b>34</b>	<b>Nicola Curtis</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28.81</b>	<b>31.11</b>	<b>59.92</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Riah Phillips</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30.19</b>	<b>30.96</b>	<b>61.15</b>	<b>W</b>
36	Michelle Warren	IL	78	30.48	31.22	61.70	W
37	Geoff Harmey	IL	71	30.91	31.70	62.61	M50
38	Lara Edmonds	PK	68	32.04	30.72	62.76	W
39	Fiona Montgomery	IL	61	30.66	33.21	63.87	W
	Alexandra						
40	McCulloch	PK	70	31.82	32.31	64.13	W
41	Tim Lee	IL	45	31.52	32.92	64.44	M50
<b>42</b>	<b>Gai Curtis</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31.84</b>	<b>33.48</b>	<b>65.32</b>	<b>W50</b>
43	Bill Edmonds	PK	75	32.72	33.35	66.07	M50
44	Linda Barbour	IL	80	30.87	36.01	66.88	W50
45	Geoff Mettam	IL	53	29.49	43.41	72.90	M50
<b>46</b>	<b>Jenny Kent</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37.66</b>	<b>38.57</b>	<b>76.23</b>	<b>W50</b>
47	Jodi El-Chah	PK	77	35.90	45.26	81.16	W
48	Ashley Boyle	PK	81	38.34	44.22	82.56	W
49	Matt Marshall	PK	36	56.56	26.27	82.83	M
50	Liesl Harmey	IL	37	54.88	31.18	86.06	W
51	Gerald Davies	IL	76	41.37	50.73	92.10	M50
52	Louise Anik Stuart	IL	25	60.25	34.03	94.28	W
53	Emma Gracie	PK	79	33.99	109.48	143.47	W
54	Greg Davis	IL	74	31.08	187.60	218.68	M50

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## SNOWBOARD RESULTS

Rank	Name	Club	Bib	Time 1	Time 2	Combined Time	Divn
1	Max Mandl	IL	82	31.02	28.00	59.02	M
2	Bryce Etheredge	IM	3	29.93	29.65	59.58	M
3	Craig Mason	IL	84	29.63	30.24	59.87	M

4	Ben Dryburgh	PK	20	33.53	31.94	65.47	M	
5	Jack Mettam	IL	5	32.28	34.34	66.62	M	
6	Sally Davis-Soar	IL	85	33.33	34.00	67.33	W	
7	Thomas Williams	PK	48	38.84	33.94	72.78	M	
8	Liam Zeller	PK	12	36.40	36.50	72.90	M	
9	Jared Dryburgh	PK	24	34.60	38.93	73.53	M	
10	Broden Condran	PK	44	36.97	37.35	74.32	M	
11	Jonathan Mandl	IL	69	37.44	36.93	74.37	M	
12	Lauren Riley	PK	86	40.76	34.22	74.98	W	
13	Tyler Irvine	IL	17	40.78	36.51	77.29	M	M
14	Nicholas Brown	IL	1	37.69	41.37	79.06	M	W
15	Liesl Harme	IL	37	42.91	38.93	81.84	W	
16	Lara Edmonds	PK	68	43.80	38.65	82.45	W	
17	Cameron Nell	PK	60	43.71	39.11	82.82	M	
18	Remy Condran	PK	52	42.95	40.33	83.28	W	
<b>19</b>	<b>Sam Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44.26</b>	<b>39.10</b>	<b>83.36</b>	<b>M</b>	
20	Ethan Jackson	PK	4	40.00	45.16	85.16	M	
21	Greg Davis	IL	74	44.70	47.43	92.13	M50	
<b>22</b>	<b>Olivia Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55.73</b>	<b>50.72</b>	<b>106.45</b>	<b>W</b>	
23	Tahlia Jackson	PK	8	48.99	60.12	109.11	W	
24	Louise Anik Stuart	IL	25	67.79	61.69	129.48	W	
25	Gerald Davies	IL	76	62.87	71.30	134.17	M50	
26	Alexandra McCulloch	PK	70	76.32	62.31	138.63	W	
27	Bob McCulloch	PK	56	70.88	76.97	147.85	M50	
28	Duncan Stuart	IL	49	81.73	94.02	175.75	M50	

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Rank	Name	Club	Bib	Start Delay Time	Finish Time Seconds	Actual Race Time		Divn
						Min	Sec	
1	Freidl Bartch	MA	6	0.00	603.45	10	3.45	M50

2	Liam Zeller	PK	4	0.00	632.18	10	32.18	M
3	Ben Dryburgh	PK	24	0.00	705.17	11	45.17	M
<b>4</b>	<b>Bruce Norton</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>710.42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50.42</b>	<b>M50</b>
5	Ben Zeller	PK	8	0.00	730.09	12	10.09	M
6	Jared Dryburgh	PK	27	0.00	753.14	12	33.14	M
7	Alexandra McCulloch	PK	20	0.00	781.44	13	1.44	W
8	Tyler Irvine	IL	5	0.00	788.96	13	8.96	M
9	Ethan Jackson	PK	42	0.00	828.15	13	48.15	M
10	Bob McCulloch	PK	39	0.00	846.12	14	6.12	M50
11	Jack Mettam	IL	1	0.00	870.27	14	30.27	M
<b>12</b>	<b>Sam Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>887.64</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47.64</b>	<b>M</b>
13	Nicholas Brown	IL	9	0.00	926.59	15	26.59	M
14	Duncan Stuart	IL	17	0.00	935.03	15	35.03	M50
15	Bryce Etheredge	IM	3	0.00	954.93	15	54.93	M
<b>16</b>	<b>Jim Spiers</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>957.28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>57.28</b>	<b>M50</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Olivia Knight</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>961.61</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>W</b>
18	Brittany Ainge	IL	28	0.00	972.84	16	12.84	W
19	Andrew Fanning	IM	23	0.00	1011.92	16	51.92	M
<b>20</b>	<b>Nicola Curtis</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1038.20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18.20</b>	<b>W</b>
21	Matt Marshall	PK	16	0.00	1038.43	17	18.43	M
22	John Holoway	IM	15	0.00	1039.11	17	19.11	M50
23	Lara Edmonds	PK	50	0.00	1050.37	17	30.37	W
<b>24</b>	<b>Jenny Kent</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1068.49</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48.49</b>	<b>W50</b>
25	Liesl Harmey	IL	13	0.00	1073.62	17	53.62	W
<b>26</b>	<b>Samantha Curtis</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1087.62</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7.62</b>	<b>W</b>
27	Lyndsey Ainge	IL	25	0.00	1113.67	18	33.67	W
28	Jonathan Mandl	IL	40	0.00	1124.41	18	44.41	M
29	Tyson Marshall	PK	12	0.00	1129.27	18	49.27	M
30	Greg Davis	IL	46	0.00	1133.77	18	53.77	M50
31	Remy Condran	PK	30	0.00	1144.56	19	4.56	W
32	Bill Edmonds	PK	51	0.00	1174.14	19	34.14	M50
33	Alyssa Horsfield	IM	11	0.00	1219.62	20	19.62	W
34	Leanne Dryburgh	PK	53	0.00	1232.97	20	32.97	W50
35	Gerald Davies	IL	43	0.00	1604.87	26	44.87	M50



**CHAMPION CLUB Points**

**Port Kembla 805.66**

**Illawarra 780.10**

**Maranatha 641.65**

