



ILLAWARRA ALPINE CLUB

COLD FACTS



Lodge

PO Box 73,
Perisher Valley NSW
2624

Bookings

PO Box 359
Figtree NSW 2525
bookings@iacski.com

Administration

PO Box 359
Figtree NSW

PRESIDENT

Fiona Montgomery

SECRETARY

Karen Irvine

TREASURER

Michael Di Leva

BOOKINGS

Julie Irvine

COLD FACTS EDITOR

Jonathan Mandl

Website: www.iacski.com

NEWSLETTER OF THE ILLAWARRA ALPINE CLUB LIMITED

Volume 47 - October 2007 - Number 4

Cover Photo: September 23 - Our successful Smiggins Bowl defence Team take a photo call following defence of the 2005 Bowl, Shield and Veterans titles. Thanks to Linda Barbour & John Dengate for photo! (Not pictured, nor forgotten! - Heidi, John & Penny Ainge)

In this Issue:

- [Message from the Editor](#)
- [From the President](#)
- [From the Vice President](#)
- [From the Booking Officer](#)
- [From the Club Captain](#)
- [S.L.O.P.E.S Update](#)
- [25th Annual Pub-to-Pub by David Oliver](#)
- [NSW Smoking Regulations impact on Lodge](#)
- [Complaints and suggestions re Lodge operations](#)
- [Perisher master plan on ice](#)
- [Perisher Historical Society update](#)
- [Call for contributions - IAC Historical Archive](#)
- [Tech-talk : Summer equipment storage](#)
- [Kosciuszko National Park - Resort Round-up](#)
- [Comb. Illawarra Ski Clubs End of Season Party](#)

Message from the Editor

Talk about a bumper issue of Cold Facts (whew!) The show's over and there have been many highlights and enjoyable family holidays held at the club Lodge. The early heavy snowfalls did not continue past August and if not for the sub-zero day and overnight temperatures the season would have run out of 'puff' much earlier. Make your Xmas wish one for a strong season in 2008! If your'e away this summer and want to send a 'postcard' to Cold Facts and share the fun – just write on in!

Got news? Email coldfacts@iacski.com

From the President

Hello everyone,

As another season closes for IAC, I am please to say that thanks to the snow-gods, we had a good one. Bed nights were back up this year after our poor season last year which is all good news for our cash flow.

This summer we were gearing up to undertake some renovations on the lodge – specifically the Siberia bathrooms which are long overdue for an upgrade. We are also looking at some internal modifications to the

downstairs bunkrooms to create more two bunk rooms. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Andrea Wilson, our resident member and architect, we have lodged a Development Application for the lodge improvements with the Dept of Planning.

They have come back to us requesting more information and various plans to be submitted including bushfire report, geotechnical assessment, environmental effects and various others, so we are working on those now. We have also located a builder and sent the plans off for quoting on the project.

Later in the newsletter you will read about some major road works being undertaken in the valley this summer. This will include the road that comes up and around the back of the lodge. The result of this is that unfortunately we may not be able to undertake any building works this summer. This is particularly disappointing as we are finally in a position that we are ready to go with some great lodge improvements.

We will monitor the road work projects and if there is a window of opportunity between the completion of the works and the start of the season to get our renovation done, AND we're lucky enough to have the builder available at the same time, then we will certainly do that.

I'd like to thank Mel and Kirk for another terrific season as our management team. The food was wonderful and they took very good care of us again this season. The end of season party is coming up this month – I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great summer everyone, and if you are heading north to the winter, safe travels and good skiing.

Fiona

From the Vice-President

Well folks, another fabulous ski season was had, with great early snow thru July & some fantastic conditions during that period. School holidays came & went, with strong bookings thru-out, & successful race training weeks for the Junior group.

Things got a little damp in Aug for the Club Champs - but nothing could dampen the "Illawarra spirit" with record participation needing us to book out Smugglers as well for the weekend.

A few "dustings" mid August & some great spring skiing later & into September. Another successful Junior Training camp was held in the Aug-Sept school holidays, with string participation, however, a few of our kids are "growing up", & not eligible next year, so if you are looking to get your children involved then contact Club Captain Jonathan & he will give you all the relevant details.

Racing wise saw, as mentioned, record participation in our Club Champs, plus a win in the GS in the Senior Interclub, but a fall away in X-Country & Snowboard results hosted by Snow Country & 4th overall Junior Interclub saw Illawarra as overall runners-up, with wins in the GS & X-Country.

Special mention to Alexis, Carrin and Brittany, & their parents, for their years of involvement, the girls now move into Senior ranks next year so look out Shauna, Tracey, Narelle, Susi, Annika & Krista!

The late season highlight was a fabulous defence of the Smiggins Bowl, winning the Bowl trophy, the Shield, Junior Shield, XC and Veterans trophy!

On the management front, Mel & Kirk are looking to return again next year & the Committee is currently working with them towards this outcome.

The Committee did have cause to highlight some issues back to the membership regards behaviours & without harping on them we would simply say we expect everybody to treat our Lodge with the same respect you would require of guests in your own home.

A change is coming for next year regards "Smoking" in & around the building. As you would all be aware there has been legislative change regards these issues. We are currently investigating our obligations under this new legislation, but broadly speaking be advised that smoking from next year will no longer be permitted on the up-stairs balconies at all, & there will be a "5m perimeter" (or such) around the building. This is in line with requirements in relation to place of work & places of accommodation.

In terms of lodge improvements / maintenance we (Andrea) have started our DA / Construction Certificate lodgement process with DOP & Tony is liaising with several builders regards accurate costings based on our drawings & timings. We are hopeful of certainly being able to start things this coming summer.

Well, that's enough "Vice-Presidential prattle" from me. Thanking you all for your involvement with our Club this season & wishing everybody a merry Xmas & a prosperous New Year!

Geoff Mettam

From The Booking Officer

I'm happy to report the wrap up of a strong season of bookings this year, matching the interest in record snowfalls.

As at the close of season, we recorded 2739 total bed nights – an improved 74% occupancy compared to last year's 69%.

Don't forget my preference for email contact anytime via bookings@iacski.com.

For a great time in the mountains through Summer, the Lodge makes a perfect base for hikes, fishing and chilling out away from it all.

Summer stays are great value @ \$16 per adult and \$10 per child, per night self-catered.

Julie Irvine - bookings@iacski.com

From the Club Captain

It's hard to describe fully how proud every Parent and supporter feels for the outstanding performance of our Illawarra Junior racers this season!

It has been a long and demanding schedule for the participants in our development program, with training in all three disciplines of Alpine Ski and Snowboard plus XC, but this commitment included a lot of fun and team spirit with great individual and team results.

This year saw three new Juniors join the program, Tyler Irvine, Louis Fairweather and Max Mandl. This resulted

in great leaps of skills and confidence for these three in ways I don't think they even expected!

This year was a bittersweet one for the Illawarra Junior Team, with longstanding racers Brittany Ainge and Carrin DiMilia in their last season as Juniors and stepping up to the Senior ranks in 2008. Girls – welcome to the senior team! (I hear your'e the new uber-cool stars in WHO Magazine?)



Alexis, Carrin, Brittany and guest Tom Edmondson take 5



IAC Under 13 Team 2007

Racing in 2007 was a proud highlight for the Club, as our Junior and Senior teams fought hard for every hundredth of a second in the InterClub and Smiggins Bowl events – the latter thankfully able to be held and won-back from the 2005 success by a margin of one point! I think we'll claim this as a back-to-back win!

Thanks to Heidi Ainge for joining us to show her still-blistering pace (1st in Slalom and 2nd in GS) and for John's anchoring our Veteran's Team Trophy success - well supported by Penny who laid down two quick times in the GS – making it a very welcome team effort from one of our pre-eminent racing families. (Lucy – best wishes for the HSC! We'll look forward to seeing you next year. Tim – wishing you a speedy recovery from your ACL injury!)

Congratulations to Tony DiMilia claiming his medallion (3rd) in the GS Shield, John Dengate for edging out the unstoppable Tim Lee by 1/100th of a second in the Vet's (!) and Jarvis for finally defeating his nemesis, Mark France of Caloola in the Slalom.

We'll expect more from you next year, Jarv!



Krazy costumed competitors in the Bowl XC – go Wonder (Lauren) Woman!

Once again, without the generous assistance and friendly enthusiasm from Mike Edmondson in our Junior XC program we would not have the momentum we enjoy with progress evident every year. Thanks to Mike, Jenny and family for all your support in 2007.

Can I congratulate the spirit, courage and determination of all Illawarra Juniors participating in this year's events, not forgetting Iris Simpson, James Irvine and Brooke Eager – who, along with others showing interest, are welcome into the IAC Junior Development Program's 'open door' at any time.

Through our Juniors' family support we can keep the proud competitive history and traditions alive – and ensure that Illawarra spirit lives on through the next generations.

Team, a tough job well done in 2007!

We'll all look forward to your pace and skill again next year – stay fit, active, sharp and have fun this Summer!

Jonathan Mandl

S.L.O.P.E.S UPDATE – 2007 AGM

Our AGM this year will be at 7.30pm Thursday 29th November at the Crows Nest Community Centre. We will have in attendance:

Andrew Harrigan, Resort Manager NPWS
Steve Allen, NPWS who is running the 520 beds and leases project
The new EMS Manager for NPWS Jindabyne
Jim Corrigan of Planning Jindabyne
Peter Brulisauer General Manager of Perisher Blue

So there will be plenty of key people to talk to. As the new leases bed offers are a hot topic, probably a major proportion of the meeting will be in this area.

Graeme Anderson
S.L.O.P.E.S.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Pub to Pub



At 1-30pm on Thursday September 6th 2007, The Annual Pub To Pub Challenge started at Smiggins Holes. This year saw the 25th running of the event. Snow conditions were not ideal, for due to the lack of snow cover, competitors were compelled to remove their skis before crossing Perisher Creek, and were not able to wear them again until they left The Sundeck.

After The Valley Inn they had to remove them again in order to negotiate the mud to The Man and back to The Perisher Centre and then back again across Perisher Creek. In such circumstances the winner's time of a little over 20minutes was remarkable, indeed he was back at Smiggins before some of the teams had properly organised themselves and got under way!

As usual there were some dramatic displays of Fancy Dress from the team of Jockeys, to the Ghostbusters and we marvelled at the resilience of Borat and his brother dressed in their matching lime green "Mankinis". The Pub To Pub is an event which has had much involvement from IAC over the years, from Merrin Charker and I think some of the Edmondson boys in the beginning through the heady days of a large team entering during the late 1990s. This year the IAC flag was carried by only one competitor (a number of other potential entrants were affected by Alpine as opposed to Equine Influenza).

That sole competitor was John Fletcher skiing in the Over 70s Class, and those of us who chose not to compete, but instead acted as his Cheer Squad were greatly pleased to see him cross the line before any other competitor in his class in about 70 minutes. Congratulations Fletch.

Dr David Oliver

NSW Smoking Regulations impact on Lodge use

Smoking in "enclosed" public places in NSW is regulated by the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and related amendments that will come into force in July 2007.

The entries to the Lodge are especially of concern to the Committee, as they include foyers, lobbies and thoroughfares which in compliance of the Act and in the interests of public health and building safety must be smoke-free.

The Committee propose that a 5m smoking exclusion zone around the Lodge be observed, taking effect immediately. This may cause some minor inconvenience

to Members and Guests however the security of the building and the health of all users of the Lodge remain the primary responsibility of our Club.

Complaints and suggestions regarding Lodge operations and facilities during the Season (The Hut Captain's Report)

Should a Member or Guest have a critique, observation, concern or opinion during their stay, the correct way of ensuring these are recorded and drawn to the attention of the Committee and Management is to raise them with the Hut Captain, who is the representative of the Committee. The Hut Captain duties include writing a brief report at week's end that goes directly to the Committee who read and discuss as necessary at monthly meetings.

Please do not direct your feedback to our Lodge Managers, Kirk and Mel, as this is not the proper channel.

Feedback is always valued to ensure your stay at the Lodge is always enjoyable – so make sure it is heard where it counts!

Your Committee

Perisher plan on ice

Summit Sun - 20 September 2007

Denise Dion

The development of the Perisher Blue Village has stalled after talks between Perisher Blue and National Parks have reached an impasse. Now National Parks is looking at the possibility of inviting tenders for the development, which received Ministerial approval from Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, in November 2006.

Manager of the Resorts Section, NPWS, Andrew Harrigan, said: "Under the current exclusive arrangement with Perisher Blue we have not been able to come to agreeable commercial terms to enable Perisher Blue to build the development."

Mr Harrigan added: "Government and Perisher Blue are still both committed to seeing a village developed and we're committed to exploring other options including outside interests or developments."

National Parks leases the land to Perisher Blue and the area planned for the village is currently a car park. Negotiations have centred around this area and its value.

It is understood that talks have failed to reach a conclusion because of financial differences of opinion.

CEO of Perisher Blue, Peter Brulisauer, said: "We've got to a point where we can't reach commercial terms and now the government is looking at outside interests."

To date negotiations have been an exclusive process between the Perisher Blue and National Parks but the failure to agree commercial terms has meant that a third party may be involved.

Mr Brulisauer admitted that if someone else was going to develop the village then they would have a financial interest.

"The first proposal was in 1978. This should have happened decades ago. It still remains a key goal though" he said.

Mr Harrigan said that both parties wanted to see the village happen but had agreed "to move on". Last Friday Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, was involved in talks with Perisher Blue over the village plan. He said that he couldn't understand why the process had stalled. When the approval was finally given last November, it was hailed as positive move that would open up Perisher Blue for summer tourism.

The \$112 million village centre would provide 800 more beds and construction of the first stage was expected to start in summer 2008/09 following completion of the leasing arrangements and surveys that were expected to start this summer.

Perisher Historical Society UPDATE

Judith Thomson from the PHS has advised that they have successfully been registered as an Incorporated Association in August 2007 and have planned an official 'launch' of the Society with a dinner on the June 2008 long-weekend in Perisher. Details TBA via Cold Facts Contacts remain as below:
Pam Woodman - 0417 887 475
pwoodman@iprimus.com.au
Dave Woods - 0418 689 250
dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au

Call for contributions to the IAC Historical Archive

With the 50th Anniversary of the Illawarra Alpine Club only four years away, there is strong support for a project to capture the '2nd' 25 years of our collective history since 1986. There are a thousand stories and many more photos out there that cover the late 80's, 90's and this decade to date – would you like to contribute some of yours to the IAC archive and record your family's involvement?

By starting to gather these early, we have time to collect contributions from interested Members and families. All material will be archived and stored specifically for this project. If possible, original photos can be scanned and sent electronically, otherwise copies are welcome. Stories and recollections on audio tape or as electronic files also welcome. Rhonda Boxall has kindly agreed to advise and act as 'consultant' – being a busy retiree! Email contributions to coldfacts@iacski.com Or mail to *Cold Facts* c/o 21 Lockyer St, Griffith ACT 2603.

Summer Alpine Ski and Snowboard storage

As the season wraps up, it's time to start considering how to set yourself up for success next season. Take the time now to store your equipment properly.

Leave your skis and snowboard in a tuned condition. Either tune your own or have a pro do it for you. Once the wax coat has been applied, ask that the excess wax not be scraped off. The extra coating will help protect the bases.

Store all gear (skis, snowboards, boots, etc.) in a dry place where temperatures stay fairly constant. Upstairs closets are a great location. Locations that are not great are garages, basements, and sheds.

Store your boots in a closed position. Buckle downhill boots and buckle/tie snowboard boots in a shape similar to the size of your feet.

Store all clothing in a clean condition. Remove grease and oil which tends to fall off the tower wheels of the lift in warmer temperatures. Re-waterproof outerwear using the manufacturers' recommended method; wash-in products work very well.

You can dial back your downhill ski bindings so that the DIN is zero. This releases the tension on the spring which may extend the lifespan of the bindings. A more important consequence of dialling back your DIN is that you'll be in a position to have the bindings checked by a certified ski shop at the beginning of next season, which is an excellent way to go.

XC Summer Ski Storage

Ensure the longevity of your skis and their continued performance by protecting them from the heat and dry air of summer.

For classical skis one should use a wax remover and fiberlene to thoroughly clean all kick-wax and klisters from the kick zone, sidewalls and tops of the ski. Next, the glide zones must be cleaned. You clean the glide zone of a classical ski (tips and tails) the same way you clean the whole base of a skate ski. This is done using a soft wax such as Swix CH-10. With your iron at a low temperature (so as not to over-heat the base) drip a generous amount of CH-10 on the entire base.

Next, slowly heat the wax and the base by walking the iron from tip to tail. A generous amount of wax is used as a protective layer so the base is not exposed to too much heat. Walk your iron in a slow continuous motion from tip to tail as many times as it takes (about 3-5 slow passes) until the whole base is covered in a molten, liquid layer of CH-10. Fischer bases respond very positively to low heat. This simple method allows for superior wax absorption, and the heat from the iron will open up the pores in the base allowing the dirt, grime and filth hidden therein to rise up into the molten wax. While the wax is still molten, take a sharp plastic scraper and scrape the liquid mess off your ski.

Next, while the base is still warm, use fiberlene to wipe off the remaining wax. Let the ski cool a little bit. As the base cools, the pores squeeze a little more wax and dirt out. Gently scrape the base again and brush with a nylon brush. The next step is applying the summer layer of wax to the base. A thick layer of CH-6 will protect the base and will not melt as easily in the summer heat as something soft like CH-10. Swix Base-prep is another good wax for this duty.

You do not need to apply any wax on the kick zones of your classical skis (or do anything special to them other than clean them), but if you feel compelled to do so, use a hard kick wax such as Swix Special Blue - don't glide wax your kick zone as that will make it harder to get kick wax to stick come next winter.

With a layer of wax on the base, store your skis in as cool a place as you can find. You do this for the sake of the base and also for the sake of the glue that holds the binding-plate down. In very warm conditions even the

glue that holds the ski together can be affected by summer heat. To avoid softening the camber of your skis, store your skis with your ski-ties loosely fastened. Skis should not spend the whole summer strapped tightly together, especially in hot conditions. If you take the time to care for your skis, they will run fast for you next winter.

Pete Vordenberg

Kosciuszko National Park "Resort Round-up"

The Resort Round-up newsletter can be emailed directly to you as a PDF or as a hotlink.

If you would like to be on the email distribution list then please contact Dave Woods – Environmental Liaison Officer on 6450 5616 or email:

dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au

Below is a sample of the areas & news covered: (Ed)

Sawpit Creek landfill closure

After many years of operation the Sawpit Creek Landfill has finally closed with site rehabilitation planned to commence in 2007/2008.

Revegetation of disturbed sites

The former sewage ponds at Smiggin Holes were rehabilitated in 2006/2007 to reduce their visual impact. In 2007/2008, the disturbed areas will be planted with thousands of grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees to assist in returning the site to a more natural condition.

Similarly, the route of the water rising main from Pipers Creek to Kosciuszko Road will also be planted.

Elsewhere in the Perisher Range Resorts, a planting program of more than 500 trees will also commence this summer.

Septic tank rehabilitation

Since transferring to a reticulated sewerage system in the mid to late 1980's, the old septic tanks around the resort areas have slowly deteriorated, often creating safety hazards as they partially collapse. A program of making these tanks and trenches safe will continue in 2007/2008.

Concrete road construction

Throughout the summer of 2007/2008, a large program of road construction will be undertaken on the western side of Smiggin Holes and at Guthega. Totalling approximately 1.5km in length, the road construction works will greatly improve the environmental performance of the road network by reducing sediment in stormwater runoff.

Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) now the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC)

DECC is a new agency that was formed on 27 April 2007. The new department brings together a range of conservation and science programs, including native vegetation, biodiversity and environmental water recovery to provide an integrated approach to natural resource management.

Combined Illawarra Ski Clubs' End of Season Party

When: 27th October 2007

From 7.00pm to midnight

Where: Portofino Function Centre - 26 Atchison St. Wollongong

Cost: \$65.00 per person includes a 3 course meal with beer, wine and soft drinks for 5 hours

Entertainment by Graham Wilson (Four Kinsmen)

Dress: neat casual

IAC Members wishing to RSVP please contact

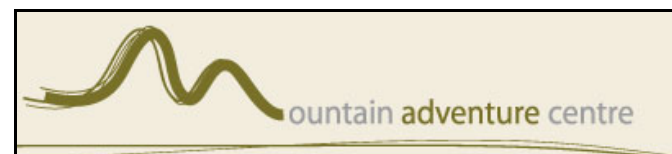
Viola Hallahan before the 12th October

Phone: 02 9742 5518

Or email: viola@vanap.com.au



A D V E N T U R E



Paddy Pallin Store Manager and IAC contact: John Weir
Thredbo Turnoff, Jindabyne

FREE CALL 1800 623 459

Ph: (02) 6456 2922,

Fax: (02) 6456 2836

Email: jindabyne@paddypallin.com.au

Web: www.mountainadventurecentre.com.au

Opening Hours – Winter 2007

Monday to Thursday 8:00 - 6:00

Friday 7:30 - 12:00 midnight

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 - 7:00

Last Run

Preparing for a Ski Holiday?

Soak your ski gloves in water, freeze them and wear for 5 hours.

If you wear glasses, start wearing them with vaseline smeared on the lenses.

Throw away a hundred dollar note - now.

Find the nearest ice rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car. Sporadically drop things.

Place a small but angular pebble in your shoes, line them with crushed ice, and then tighten a clamp on your toes.

Buy a new pair of expensive gloves and immediately throw one away.

Secure one of your ankles to clothes line and dare a friend to run into you at high speed.

Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$15.00 for a hamburger. Be sure you are in the longest line.

Clip a lift ticket to the upper zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.

Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button and let the spray blast your face. Leave the ice on your face until it melts. Let it drip into your clothes.

Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the toilet.

Repeat all of the above every weekend until it's time for the real thing!