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Message from the Editor

Welcome back - to the IAC 'central commentary position' and a shiny brand new year in 2008. Another busy winter is just around the corner and some of us are lucky enough to have got in early with awesome first tracks in Japan, Canada and the USA. Some of us have mowed a lot of lawn and cleaned out the garage. One of us has even re-engineered our garbage sled with an upgrade to all wheel drive. I learned how to fix a toilet cistern. Such is life.

Whatever floats your boat, may your start of year and remains of Summer be a simply marvellous effort, that. Catch you at the AGM – 7pm at North Wollongong Surf Club Monday 28th April.

Got news? Email coldfacts@iacski.com

From the President

Hello everyone,
I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and those of you who escaped the humidity to ski somewhere north found good skiing. I myself will be tasting the European Alps for the first time and I'm excited by the fact that Europe is having its best season in 10 years!

This issue of Cold Facts includes the 2008 season program and booking forms. Bookings open 1 March for members and 1 April for non members. Please send your bookings to the PO Box or book on-line via the web site as per usual. Take note of the phone number that we have for booking enquiries - you will find this on the booking form and also on the front page of Cold Facts

Siberia Bathrooms Upgraded

I am very excited to report that over the summer the bathrooms in Siberia have been upgraded. This is something that has been on the "to do" list for over 5 years, and I am glad to say that at last it is done. The bathrooms were upgraded to the same standard as the main bathrooms and in the same configuration as the old bathrooms. This year, Siberia guests will enjoy heated floors and new fittings – so enjoy your shower this season!

As to other improvements happening this summer, new hot water systems have been installed and the downstairs bunkrooms have been prepared by the builder ready for a reconfiguration using the space reclaimed from the boiler room and creating more 2 bunk rooms downstairs. All this work will be completed this summer and a new look Lodge will be ready for the season.

Committee Vacancies

As we have previously advised, Mike di Leva has decided to stand down as Treasurer this year after an amazing 17 years in the role. Mike's contribution over many years has been nothing short of incredible, he has been awarded Club Person of the Year several times and has added a lot of value to the general running of the Club during his time as Treasurer.

Mike has set up great systems and processes to streamline this function over the past several years, and we are now looking for a new Treasurer to carry on Mike's fantastic work and maintain the function going forward. If you would like to find out more about the role and what it entails, please contact Mike diLeva to discuss in more detail at treasurer@iacski.com. Ideally, the new Treasurer should be Wollongong based due to the access required to the bank, post office and booking officer.

Club Person of the Year

Each year at the AGM, we announce the Club Person of the Year award. This award is given to someone who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Club and has been a great Club member. I am calling for nominations now!

If you would like to nominate someone who you feel has been an outstanding Club member, I'd like to hear about it. You can email me at president@iacski.com. Last year, this was not awarded, so I would encourage you all to give this some thought and nominate one of your fellow members to recognize their contributions to the Club.

Life Membership

Life Membership is an honour that can be bestowed on a member at the AGM if the members feel that they have made a significant contribution to the Club over many years.

If you would like to formally nominate a member to be awarded Life Membership, you would do this by proposing a motion that the person be awarded life membership at the upcoming AGM. Please send their name and a short explanation as to why you have nominated them detailing their achievements and contribution to the Club.

The motion nominating someone for Life Membership must have a "second" – someone else that is prepared to support the nomination.

All nominations must be received by the Committee by 31 March 2008 in order that the notice be included with the other AGM papers sent out in advance of the meeting. Ideally, we would like you to be present at the AGM so that you can speak to the nomination at the meeting before it is put to the vote.

Lodge Managers

We have our lodge managers Kirk Donkin and Melanie Golby looking after us this year again, so welcome back Mel and Kirk! We are all looking forward to the fabulous cooking again this year.

Presidential changes in 2008

I am writing this report from a grey and chilly London, where the sun sets at lunch time if it rises at all at this time of the year. A new job opportunity brings me to London and I will be relocating here this year on a two year contract with my company. Working overseas is something that I have always wanted to do and I am very excited to take on this new challenge and the opportunities that it will open up for me.....Val D'isere, Chammonix,to name a few!!

Unfortunately this means that I will be standing down as President at the AGM. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and wanted to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for all their hard work and for the support they have given me over the past 5 years – I will miss being involved with the Club at this level and look forward to joining in again when I return home in the future. Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and successful 2008....and a good dump at Smiggin Holes this year!

Fiona

From The Booking Officer

Hello to all and welcome to a new year. Once again email is the best way to contact me (bookings@iacski.com), or you can phone between 7pm - 8pm, Monday to Friday on the ski club phone, **042 461 7707**. Please do not use my personal home phone number.

Last year most of the bookings received were via the on line booking system or email. These are the easiest ways to make a booking, but you can still do it the old way, via snail mail.

With your bookings, please consider no booking will be accepted/confirmed until a deposit is made. In our rules you have 7 days to pay a 25% deposit. Your booking will be on hold (not confirmed) until a deposit is received, so if another booking comes in (after your 7 days are up), with a deposit, it will jump ahead of your booking. A full set of rules can be found on our web site.

There are two ways to pay your money. Cheque to our mail box or direct deposit into the IAC account. If you pay by direct deposit can you please put in a reference e.g your surname or/as well as your guest's name. If you

require the IAC account details, please email me and I will be happy to forward you the information.

Don't forget if you have a food allergy (coeliac etc), or require lunch on the day of arrival, or no dinner etc, please advise me at the time of your booking and I will forward the information onto the managers.

Looking forward to another great season with you all!

Julie Irvine - bookings@iacski.com

From the Club Captain

If you've read this far you've seen our Club Program and racing dates for Winter 2008 – showing a crowded schedule for August! Note that due to unanimous agreement from Smiggin Holes Club Captains, the Smiggins Bowl will be held on the 2nd of August – where we can count on excellent cover (barring an 'act of God') and favourable snow conditions.

I have already had discussions with Julie, our Booking Officer, pre-empting a shortage of beds during August to accommodate both Jnr and Snr Racers. Julie and I will work together on alternatives and options for nearby accommodation where possible, and advise via *Cold Facts* or direct contact as necessary in the coming months.

As far as our season's forecast is concerned, I'm aware of a strong European, Japanese & North American season with some huge dumps here and there from foreign correspondents so far this Summer.

Can this trend rub off on us, and combine with our 'La Nina' for some awesome falls? Let's hope so.

More money has been spent by Perisher Blue on snowmaking infrastructure, with the current goal to have Happy Valley covered for 2008, and more coverage in Blue Cow also. Insider info includes PB now having direct access tapping in to a Snowy Hydro aqueduct near Guthega to supply high volume, high pressure reliable supply for the resorts' snowmaking matrix. There's even talk of getting coverage for Smiggins in the near future, as the need for more season-round 'green' level runs for a booming market of new-comers to snowsports in coming years. PB are targeting this 'beginner experience' market as the future, while also balancing the need to attract experienced adrenaline junkies.

This sport isn't getting any cheaper, but it seems that there is investment taking place slowly but surely in our 'backyard'. In the meantime, keep saving your loose change in a jar for this year's season passes! (Ouch!)

Jonathan Mandl

From the Maintenance Chief

While you're reading this the Lodge is going through a transformation, the 'Siberia' bathrooms and the all the bedrooms downstairs are being refurbished. When the builders move out, it will be time for members and guests to go down for a working bee, so we can get the Lodge ready for the season.

Please email or call me if you are available.

There is a 90% chance that it will be the ANZAC weekend, depending on the progress of the work. If it isn't that weekend, I'll let people know.

Tony DiMilia

maintenance@iacski.com

Ilawarra Alpine Club 2008 Calendar

February 1 – Subscriptions due

March 1 – Winter bookings open for Members

March 21-24 - EASTER Working Bee – (dependent on completion of internal construction works)

March 28-31- Huts – Cascades / Tin Mines maintenance weekend – dependent on agreement from NPWS

April 1 – Winter bookings open for Guests

April 25-27 - ANZAC - Working Bee – (dependent on completion of internal construction works)

April 28 - IAC AGM – Nth Wollongong Surf Club, 7:00pm

May 24-25 – Food weekend / Working Bee

June 1 – Bookings open for Apres members

June 7 – Lodge opens for Winter season

June 16-20 – Toddlers Week #1

July 14 – 18 - Junior Race Dev Program Week # 1

August 2 – Smiggins Bowl

August 16 – SENIOR Interclub Races

August 23 – IAC Club Championships

August 25 – 29 - Junior Race Dev Program Week # 2

August 30 – JUNIOR Interclub Races

September 8-12 – Toddlers Week #2

October 6 – Lodge Closes for Winter season

October 11 – Lodge open for Summer bookings

(End of season Club event TBA)

S.L.O.P.E.S 'BACK TO PERISHER WEEK'

APRIL 12-19th 2008

THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IS APRIL 12-19TH IN 2008

All of us who have been to Perisher in Summer or Autumn have loved it, but it is often lonely. We have 1600 Club Beds collectively in Perisher and we hope to achieve at least 1200 visitors enjoying themselves at the same time and saying G'day!

Activities will include:

- 1). A 6.2km Fun Run from Perisher Gap to Charlottes. The run will start at the top of the hill near Eyres TeeBar, so the run does NOT include the heartbreak hill. Charlottes Chalet will be open for the runners to revive. Paramedics will be there. Water stations on the way. Buses to return the runners to Perisher. For those who bring bikes, a bike fun run from Spencers gap to Charlottes and return..
- 2). Catch a Ski tube ride to Blue Cow from Perisher and return down the road, or over the top where you usually ski.
- 3). Organize a car driver swap, half go to Thredbo, half to Rawsons, and then walk over the top 13 ½ k,(or including the summit 15 ½ k) from Thredbo to Rawsons or vice versa. Down or up the Thredbo Chair lift. There is a hugely expensive toilet being installed near the summit!!
- 4). The Porcupine walk, and the old cattle stockade.
- 5). Walks at Guthega to Illawong, 1 hr each way or longer. Guthega Hotel will be open.
- 6). Inter Club Tug of war!!! Fire Brigade demonstration.
- 7). The Basil bar will open in Perisher as a watering hole for everyone to get together for a beer. Milk, papers and

bread and coffee will be available at Gingers in the Ski Tube building.

8. Clubs will be grouped in threes, and each Club should have the other two clubs over for a drink during the week so as to see how the other half live.

9. Visit Rainbow 2km Walk at Dainers gap and see the original wooden water pipes used in the 1800's.

10. Take a day and drive to Cabramurra or other parts of the Snowy scheme.

11. All insurances supplied by *Snowline Insurance* gratis.

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

** Editors' note: The IAC Lodge is undergoing building works during April and accommodation may not be possible before Anzac Day (likely Working Bee date) Please stay tuned to next Cold Facts or check with our Booking Officer via email for developments.*

Perisher Nordic Shelter Update

The first concrete pour occurred mid-November - 26 m3 was placed in the retaining wall footings.

We experienced about 3 weeks of intermittent wet periods late last year which has impacted on progress of the excavation but now have the drainage system under control. The ground floor slab was completed before Christmas with associated drainage and storm water systems in place.

The working bees so far were well attended and achieved lots of tasks which have saved us many thousands of dollars for the project.

Regards,
Peter W.

P.S. The photo shows the excavation for the drainage and the retaining wall - that back wall was all underground. This should stop the spring thaw from running THROUGH the Shelter.



Perisher Nordic Shelter works – Nov 2007

Perisher Historical Society (PHS) 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:

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Monday to Sunday 9:00 - 5:00pm

**Paddy Pallin are the suppliers of Cross Country hire equipment to the Illawarra Alpine Club Junior Development Squad*

Last Run

Q: When is a garbage sled not a garbage sled?

A: When you place it in the hands of it's creator over a long hot 'Gong summer!'



The new and improved IAC sled – 100% Dolphin friendly and carbon neutral garbage transport for the future.

Tim originally wanted to enter a turbo-charged 200Kw version in *Summernats 2008*, and maybe even make the cover of *'Hot 4's and Rotaries'*, but we talked him out of it. Tim compromised with an environmentally-friendly all-terrain all-wheel-drive gravity fuelled design that can be steered by small children like Jeremy, Brooke and furry friend – as proudly demonstrated here! Onya kids! (Is there anything that Tim lee can't do??)

At this rate, there'll be a rush to snare 'garbage duty' on the roster so the younger guys can finish up just cruising 'round the carpark towing this lowered, fully sick-as babe magnet!

Speaking of high-powered machines – next time your'e passed on the F6 by a black blur at close to light-speed, it may just be our very own 'Top Gun' Jarvis Fletcher on his way to Kelly McGillis' place. Yes, our favourite 'Maverick' has gone for a 2 wheel solution for his need for speed. Don't even think about trying to beat him off the mark at the lights – it only encourages him! Now all we need is to cast Nick Brown as 'Iceman'. LOL