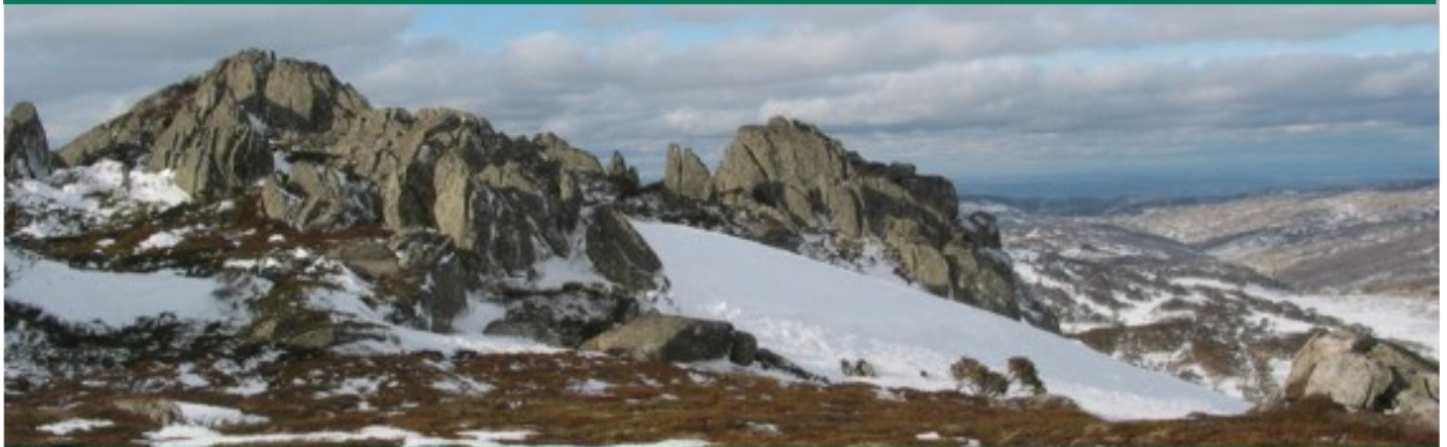




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Message from the Editor

Welcome to a new year!

After a few very pleasant sessions in the mountains recently it is definitely the place to be for a cool change from the heat of the city. Camping, hiking, kayaking and fishing has been great on the sunny days with temps in the 20's and fresh nights with a little rain perhaps. Consider combining a temporary 'tree-change' with a weekend working bee this Summer, and get a guarantee of good company as well as nature at its best in the high country.

With the Torino, Italy Winter Olympics only days away, it will be a savouries platter of action for all snowsport fans. Medals are possible for some of our world-class athletes who are firing with perfect timing – esp. in Moguls, Snowboard Halfpipe and Aerials.

It looks like I'm facing some very late nights and the 'square eyes' I was always warned about as a kid this Feb. Let's hope 7 do a good job of the coverage!

Ed

From the President

Hello everyone,

I hope you survived the heat wave of the New Year. Hopefully thinking about the 2006 ski holidays will be a welcome distraction from the heat and humidity of the summer.

This issue of Cold Facts includes the 2006 season program and booking forms. Bookings open 1 March for members and 1 April for non-members.

This is the last issue of Cold Facts before the AGM, so I'd like to take his opportunity to update you on a few things:

Lodge Extension & Renovations

At the previous 2 AGM's, the possibility of a lodge extension out toward Smugglers was discussed. The first issue to be addressed in relation to this was the status of our lease in Smiggins. At this time, we still do not have a formal lease in place. I have been speaking with the surveyor in Jindabyne and I am pleased to

report that we are getting closer. The lease has been registered, but the red tape of the government continues to tangle things up, with the latest delay now caused by the release of new beds in the mountain.

However, the lease aside, at the November 2005 working bee, the Committee had a builder come up to the lodge to assess the potential extension and we are waiting on more information from him and a rough quote for the work. I expect to be able to share more details with you at the AGM and in the next edition of Cold Facts. We will also then source a second quote.

The other item that has been discussed at the AGM has been the upgrade of the Siberia bathrooms and improvement to the bunkrooms in Siberia. No work has been done this summer, however the plans presented at the last AGM are still in place.

The Committee are in the process of putting together a plan for lodge improvements that can be staged over the coming years. The lodge extension and Siberia bathrooms will be incorporated into this plan so that a more organized approach is taken to the overall goal of improving the lodge. More information and details will be available at the AGM in April and in the next edition of Cold Facts.

New Lodge Managers for 2006

As many of you know, at the end of last season John and Bea Philman decided to leave the white slopes of Smiggins for the the sunshine and new opportunities away from the mountains. John and Bea did a fantastic job for the Club over the past few years and I thank them for their fantastic attitude, sensational meals and great company.

We have appointed new managers this year. Kirk Donkin and Melanie Golby. They are both chefs and have extensive experience. I am confident that we will be well looked after this year. Please make sure that you introduce yourselves to Kirk and Mel when you get to the lodge this year.

2006 / 2007 Committee

If you have ever considered joining the IAC Committee, you will have an opportunity to be nominated for a position at the AGM in April. If you have any questions about any of the roles, you can contact anyone on the current Committee and we would be happy to answer any questions that you have. Email addresses are available on the website at www.iacski.com.

The position of Booking Officer is vacant again this year, and I would like to thank Robert Hannam for taking on the responsibility last year. It is a very challenging job and we really appreciate the time and effort that Robert put into it last year. Later in Cold Facts, we have included a summary of what the job entails and how much time is involved. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested, so give me a call if you would like some more detailed information.

In the meantime, Geoff Sturday will have the bookings phone and a team of people from the current Committee will be making sure that all the current season bookings and enquiries are handled as efficiently as possible.

Bookings for 2006 open shortly, so 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. Also in this edition of Cold Facts is a timely reminder of the booking rules and conditions. I would ask you please to read them carefully and please stick to them. It will make our job a whole lot easier and ensure that your bookings are processed quickly and efficiently..

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 – or call me on 0410 405 358 with the details.

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 2006 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 2006 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.

2006 AGM

The AGM will be held at Wollongong Surf Club at 7:30pm on Wednesday 26th April 2006. I hope to see you there.

Fiona Montgomery

From the Webchief

As always, submissions for the website are encouraged. Please contact me by email: webchief@iacski.com with any items that may be of interest.

Our website is constantly being improved and updated – be sure to bookmark and visit on a regular basis for news, developments and an extensive directory of member services and Club contacts.

For 2006, the important news is the updated pages for Booking Rates & Booking Terms and Conditions

(Rules). It is important to review these BEFORE making any booking. We encourage the use of the online booking system and/or email to communicate with the booking team. Please type in your email address for follow up in the notes section of the online booking system. If you are unable to access the online services then please feel free to use regular mail or call and leave a message on the bookings number - 0424 61 7707.

We look forward to your messages! A happy and healthy New Year to all!

Viola Hallahan

From the 'hotdesk' of the Booking Officer

The decks are cleared and a new season approaches. Notwithstanding the dedicated efforts of Robert and assistants, 2005 was indeed a difficult and very much a learning year. The job of Booking Officer is arguably the most difficult and pivotal to the success of the ski season for Illawarra Alpine Club. To assist the Booking Officer in their task, the club would like to remind Members of both their responsibilities and the club rules governing bookings, all of which contribute to the smooth running of the booking system.

Wherever possible, make your booking via the IAC Web online booking form at www.iacski.com or direct email to bookings@iacski.com. Please INCLUDE your email address in the comments.

If you do not have email and your preference is for a written booking (see form included), please write clearly and accurately so that the request can be "actioned" by the Booking Officer in a timely fashion. Follow-up contact to decipher what has been written will only cause delay.

The Booking Officer is not on 24hr call. Direct phone calls as an initial booking request is the least preferable as again there will be a "window access time" during the day where the Booking Officer will be available to answer the phone directly. At other times you will only be able to leave a voice mail message. This presents another difficulty (for the Booking Officer) in that often messages are rushed and garbled and very difficult to understand. Please speak clearly and leave relevant contact details so we can respond. If you do speak to the Booking Officer directly, please be brief as others may be attempting to call.

We need your CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS!

If you haven't already given us your email address or have recently changed your email address please tell us. Response times are much faster by email.

Booking Rules.

A good deal of the booking difficulties during 2005 were generated by Members not complying with the published booking rules of the club.

*Bookings MUST be followed by a deposit payment within 7 days of booking.

*Bookings MUST be paid in full two (2) weeks prior to arrival.

*Late payments WILL INCUR a late payment fee.

*Booking Cancellation policy will be strictly enforced.

*Bookings will not be accepted from unfinancial members.

*EFT (Direct Deposit) payments can be accepted. Please contact treasurer@iacski.com

The above rules, as with all other detailed rules of the club, will be strictly applied to season 2006 and beyond. While this may appear outwardly harsh, it is the only way to be fair and equitable to all. The vast majority of members do the right thing and we are endeavouring to prevent the undisciplined actions of some disrupting the running of the club.

If anyone would like to try booking over the web but doesn't know their ID and password, just drop me an email at bookings@iacski.com and I'll mail you back the info you need.

Booking Officer

P.S.

*Tempted by a summer getaway? It's not too late!
Cool off with a natural high – the great flat rates of \$15 pp for Adults and \$10 pp Children remain. (Ed)*



From the Club Captain

Race Update - January 2006

Last season, club teams won the Smiggins Bowl, the Junior Shield (GS) and Smiggins Shield events. The snow was marginal for the Bowl weekend (24th Sept) but all participants had a go - (even Jarvis went in the Cross Country event and got the second fastest time!!!). Again, we get great results in alpine skiing but we need more interest from the snowboarders and cross country skiers for these race weekends. Only one snowboarder, Craig Mason, raced in the Senior Illawarra Interclub event and Jonathon Walsh was our only racer in the XC event. Jonathon's efforts in the GS and XC were inspirational.

Smiggins' Bowl date has been confirmed as 16.9.06

Illawarra's juniors won the Junior Shield (GS) at the Bowl weekend and their team came a very close second in the Junior Illawarra Interclub GS event.

The Bowl and Shield events are to be hosted by IMBAC this year. Port Kembla (Illabunda) will host the Illawarra Junior and Senior races.

Please get your bookings in early for the races this year.

Junior Racer Training - 2006

Andrew Brown and Andrew Dengate left the group at the close of last season. Their racing skills improved dramatically during their time with the junior racer squad and they made great contributions to our interclub race results.

Each year we need new starters for our program. Please contact the Club Captain with any queries and expressions of interest for entry to the squad.

Junior Racer starters for 2006.

Brittany Ainge, Alexis Dengate, Carrin Di Milia, Blythe Fairweather, Eric Mandl, Whimbrel Wilson
Possible New Starters – (please call to register interest!)

Cross Country starters 2006.

(As per junior racer squad.)

If any of these juniors CANNOT take part in our 2006 training please let Jonathan Mandl or me know ASAP.

Geoff Sturday

New Management Team for Season 2006

Your Committee has engaged a new Management Team for the coming season.

As many would already know John & Bea decided to venture to sunnier / warmer shores after their time with us & we said goodbye to them at the end of last season, bound for new adventures in Queensland.

The positions were advertised at the end of last season, and following interviews & lodge visits with prospective managers, the outcome is the appointment of Kirk Donkin & Melanie Golby for the coming season. Both are qualified chefs, Kirk has worked at the Smiggs Hotel for the past 5 seasons, Mel for 1.

Both are from the Central Coast & have several years experience in the hospitality / catering industry & we welcome them to our Club for the coming season. They have some knowledge of our Lodge & set-up being friends of John & Bea's and having helped out when John injured his shoulder a couple of seasons ago, so make yourself known to them & lets make them welcome in our Lodge.

Both are due to be at the Lodge on the weekend of the 'Food' working bee on May 19/20.

Geoff Mettam

Maintenance and next Lodge working bee

Our last working bee was held in November, and was attended by Tim.L, Bob.D, Steve Angerer (all the way from Austria!) Fiona.M, Geoff.M, Atta, Mike.D and myself.

The jobs we completed were painting the lounge and dining room ceilings, inside boot storage and doors of boot room. The main entry door was finally repaired, great job Tim and Bob! A whipper snipper was purchased so Mike could cut the grass around the lodge, in half the time. A builder came around about 4pm and we went over:

- 1) lodge extensions
- 2) bathrooms in Siberia and

3) the possibility of moving some of the walls around the lodge to create more useable space.

Dinner was looked after by Geoff and Fiona plus the beer and wine was flowing, thanks to me.

The next working bee is to be held in March from Friday the 10th to Sunday the 12th.

Depending on numbers I would like to see the lounge room get a coat of clear varnish to all timber walls and the ceiling?? Also the Northwest stonewall is in need of re-grouting with bush sand and concrete. The two men's toilets need to be painted and also in shower area.

Please feel free to escape from whomever and have some fun with the members.

Look forward to seeing you.

Email maintenance@iacski.com or phone 0418423091.

Tony Dimilia

Summer XC Trail grooming – Help needed!

Member families and friends looking to drink in some fresh alpine air and assist with the maintenance of our local Smiggins X/C tracks in May are very welcome to join our group on the 13th and 14th.

Local NPWS Summit Ranger Tim Greville will lead and direct the tasks and I'll give you details of what gear you would need to bring along. Accommodation is kindly supplied by the Club.

I can thoroughly recommend this weekend to other families, who are very welcome. We always organise adult supervision for the children at the lodge or out around the work party area.

It's always good to see new faces each year, so why not join us?

Please contact Ian Stuart by email at fianelly@iinet.net.au by phone on 02-94121402 & 0412-517-572

Ian Stuart



Thredbo River

Huts News

APRIL 14-17 Pilot Wilderness Huts Working Bee

All welcome to call for details and join our group over the Easter break. Works may target Carter's Hut this time. NPWS may have a new name in being labelled Parks and Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Conservation - but they still plan to do a heritage

assessment of Teddy's Hut, accelerated due to storm damage to its roof in January plus the re-posting of Cascades.

Peter and Jenny Charker
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General News

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR PERISHER BLUE SKI RESORT – from *Perisher Blue Press Release*

Ashley Blondel, after almost 12 years with Perisher Blue has decided to retire from full time employment, and will be leaving his present role as Perisher Blue's Chief Executive Officer at the end of March 2006. Peter Brulisauer, Perisher Blue's Deputy CEO, has been appointed as CEO Designate, and will formally commence in his new position at the end of March 2006.

"I believe the company is well positioned for the future with a very strong, competent executive led by Peter Brulisauer. It is hoped that within the next twelve months, the many years of resort planning that would deliver sustained growth and development will be concluded".

Blondel will continue as a Director of Perisher Blue, and will also take on a new part time role within parent company CPH.

Torino 2006 Olympics Update

A record 40 athletes will represent Australia at this month's Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

Twenty-two men and 18 women make up Australia's biggest ever Winter Games team, which includes the country's first competitors for the women's bobsleigh and skeleton events.

The size of the team for the February 10-26 Olympics is a big increase over the 27 athletes sent to the last Winter Games in Salt Lake City four years ago.



Local Cooma Snowboarding identity Torah Bright is a real podium contender for the Olympic Halfpipe

More than 3.2 billion people are reported to have televised access to the Games, an increase of 5 per cent from four years ago. (IOC press release)

Don't miss these key sites for all the news: (Ed)

www.owia.org

www.7sport.com.au

www.torino2006.org

www.skiingaustralia.org.au

www.fisski.com



Australian Jono Brauer in the sort of action that won him 1st in the WC Slalom in Hinterstoder, Austria last month.



Australian skier Dale Begg-Smith – Olympic Moguls chance (shown here after 3rd straight Worldcup Moguls win - currently ranked World No.1)

S.L.O.P.E.S. Update

For the interest of Members, a copy of the S.L.O.P.E.S. Presidents' report from the 9 Nov 2005 AGM has been placed on the Club website. It contains a detailed response to the IPART report among many other current issues affecting IAC. *Recommended reading! (Ed)*

XC News

For the last 33 years KAC members have organized a cross country ski race from Perisher Valley to Charlotte Pass, which is now called "The KAC Cross Country Classic".

This race could be compared to the "City to Surf", but is on skis. It caters for everyone from the raw beginner to the elite skier. Competitors range from "my first time on skis" to current Australian and International team members, and have included all ages from 12 to 85. It is also a great social occasion and culminates in a party at Charlotte Pass immediately after the race.

In 2006 the race will be held as usual on the second Wednesday in August, (the 9th), so make a note in your diary now.

The race is mass start, and is now divided into two sections. Those skiing in the classic style (diagonal stride) start first and those skiing freestyle or skating, start 15 minutes later.

There are prizes awarded for placegetters in each section, as well as for numerous age groups. Trophies are also awarded for winners after subtracting a handicap time for age, gender and style.

The day is exceptionally good value, is one of the most popular, good-fun days in the snow, and is part of the Nordic week in Perisher.

Whether you have participated before and would like to renew old acquaintances, or whether you have not yet tried "cross country", why not be in the 2006 KAC? Get some friends together and be part of the fun.

Contact the KAC's Registered Office (02) 9411 5974 for further details.

ALAN HISLOP & GUS HEARL (Co-Convenors)



Austria's Mikhail Botvinov leads a charge in WC XC

Skiers to pay for alpine upgrade

Rosslyn Bee – Canberra Times 5 Nov 2005

A massive \$250million environmental program and overhaul of Kosciuszko National Park's tourism facilities will be partly funded by a hefty increase in visitor fees to the park's ski fields.

The NSW Government announces plans today for the alpine overhaul, paid for from an \$11 increase in park entry fees during winter, a \$105 increase in the price of an annual pass to the national park, and a developer levy on new ski-resort beds.

ACT ski enthusiasts can expect to pay more to visit Kosciuszko in winter, but residents across the border in Queanbeyan and Bungendore will be exempt from the increased winter entry fees.

Leading alpine ecologist Roger Good praised the Government's announcement as "a long-awaited recognition that more funds need to be poured into the park to successfully manage it".

The park upgrade is the biggest project of its kind ever announced in NSW, and will roll out next year with a \$12million improvement program.

This will include upgrades to walking tracks, camping areas, lookouts, horse camps and the Yarrangobilly Caves. Nine historic huts destroyed during the 2003 bushfires will be rebuilt.

The new visitor charges will increase winter entry fees to Kosciuszko from \$16 to \$22 in 2006, plus a further increase to \$27 in 2007.

The winter charges will apply from June to the October long weekend. There will be no rise in summer entry fees.

The cost of an annual pass to enter Kosciuszko will rise from \$85 to \$145 in 2006 and then to \$190 in 2007.

ACT residents will pay the winter surcharge, but local NSW residents including those from Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra, Yass and Bungendore will be exempt.

The Kosciuszko ski fields are a favoured winter destination for Canberrans and the city is promoted by ACT business and tourism organisations as a gateway to the alpine resorts.

But NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus says the state's taxpayers should not be expected to subsidise the ski industry.

He said the winter surcharge on park entry would bring the cost of entering NSW ski fields in line with Victoria's.

Today's announcement follows an investigation by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal into the cost to NSW taxpayers of funding essential infrastructure such as roads, sewerage, water and waste disposal for the Perisher Range ski resorts.

"After careful consideration of IPART's report, the NSW Government has determined that NSW taxpayers should no longer be asked to subsidise commercial operations in the ski field," he said.

The Government will invest \$250million in park improvements over the next 30 years, including \$32million from the Snowy Hydro Authority to rehabilitate about 400 environmentally degraded sites within the park that were damaged during the construction of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electricity Scheme in the 1950s.

Essential infrastructure such as roads, water, sewerage and waste management at the Perisher Valley, Guthega, Smiggin Holes and Mt Blue Cow ski resorts will also be overhauled.

The Government also has announced 520 new beds for smaller resorts and lodges in the Perisher Range.

Other improvements will include measures to reduce traffic congestion at the entry to the park in winter and "a major program to rehabilitate the rooftop of Australia" with alpine revegetation schemes.

Mr Debus said the NSW Government already spent \$15million a year managing Kosciuszko, and the rise in fees would lift the taxpayer burden of funding essential sewerage, water, waste and road infrastructure for the Perisher Range resorts by \$159million over the next 30 years.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife chief Tony Fleming said the increased fees would also fund control of foxes and feral cats, rehabilitation of alpine ecosystems, roadkill mitigation and enhanced protection of the endangered mountain pygmy possum.

"It is a big spend, a huge spend, and it will allow for a focused effort within the park over a significant period of time," he said.

Call for Kosciuszko park fee spending to be identified
Graham Downie – Canberra Times 17th Jan 2006

With the annual entry fee to the Kosciuszko National Park more than doubling to \$190 by next year, NSW Labor Member for Monaro Steve Whan is seeking annual statements on how the winter surcharge is spent.

Having successfully argued for most people in his electorate to be exempt from the winter surcharge, Mr Whan has asked NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus to provide annual statements on how the money is spent.

Mr Whan said he believed Mr Debus had agreed. "I am waiting to get this in writing."

He had had reservations about the surcharge and had worked hard to ensure locals were exempted.

"But I also recognise that a big investment is needed in our park."

The financial statement should include the amount collected and how the funds were spent.

A spokesman for Mr Debus said the minister was happy to comply with Mr Whan's suggestion. "In any case, it would be recorded through the National Parks and Wildlife Service's annual report."

The surcharge had not been applied outside the snow season because of concern tourists would go elsewhere. "The summer tourism market is a lot more price-sensitive."

First Tracks

A new segment in Cold Facts - this issue features commentary from an expert source...

Physical Training - a Long Term Approach

by Sebastien Michel – Canadian Ski Coach Federation Performance Level facilitator - Athletics Director

What is the definition of an athletic person? What characteristics do Herman Maier or Bode Miller possess that enable them to perform on a consistent basis? Physical fitness, effective technique, a psychological advantage, good equipment, the right strategy or an ability to adjust to the unexpected. At different stages of early development, the training of some skills have more impact on the final result than others. Unfortunately, far too many ski programs favour short-term results as opposed to long term development.

In the short term, a 13 year-old athlete who lacks good endurance or well developed basic motor skills, but who devotes 75 days a year to skiing, can perform at a reasonably advanced level. The question is though, how will they perform in the future when the degree of difficulty of the run and the speed involved increase, when situations become more complex and unpredictable or when courses and seasons get longer? Isn't it more important to prepare our athletes for the future than for next weekend's race performance?

Up until very recently, the general tendency was to train each performance factor separately (physical, mental, motor and technical abilities), and then test the impact on overall performance in simulations or races. The latest research (Vickers, 2000) shows that there is another more effective way in the long-term.

By introducing two or more components at a time into one exercise, for example a mix of speed, precision, balance and problem solving elements, this enables us to develop several components at once (just as playing soccer improves our endurance, agility and coordination). When used in physical preparation, this approach enables athletes to become more autonomous and to adapt more easily to unexpected situations. The objective is no longer to execute one or more moves but to enable them to understand the situation, solve problems, have fun doing it and to be effective.

A 10 year-old athlete should devote more time to developing basic motor skills such as speed, balance and coordination because that is when the body will develop the most for that type of stimulant.

However, a 16 year-old athlete whose growth spurt has ended can begin training to increase physical strength. This is a good time to exploit that component. Research shows that by the age of 13 or 14, speed, agility, balance and coordination skills are determined much more by the work that was done earlier than by what will be done in the future (Norris, 2000). We must understand these "windows of opportunity" in order to prioritise physical training.

This long term approach to physical training is based on solid growth and development principles, developing the right physical and motor skills at the right time.

References:

Dr J.N. Vickers (2000), Decision Training : A New Approach to Coaching.

Dr. Stephen R. Norris, Harsh Realities. Elite Performance Development.



US Champion Bode Miller

JULY 3 – 7th IAC Junior Racer training–BlueCow (*Selected juniors only- WK1) (3xp.m.'s TBC during 3-7 July week) - IAC Junior X/C - Snowboard training*
4 – 6th IAC Junior Rec. Skier training - Smiggins (IAC juniors welcome)
11-13th IAC Junior Rec. Skier training - Smiggins (IAC juniors welcome)

AUGUST 9th KAC Cross Country Classic
TBA Snowy Mountain Classic
19th Senior Interclub race (Host club - Illabunda)
26th IAC Senior / Junior Championships
28 – 1st Sept IAC Junior Racer training (*Selected juniors only- WK2) (3xp.m.'s TBC during 28-1 Sept week) - IAC Junior X/C - Snowboard training*

SEPTEMBER 2nd Junior Interclub race
10-15th Toddlers week (#2)
16th Smiggins Bowl (Imbac)

OCTOBER 2nd Lodge closes for winter season
7th Lodge opens for summer Bookings

TBA IAC - End of season Party & Presentations



IAC CLUB PROGRAMME FOR 2006

- FEBRUARY** 1st Subscriptions due
- MARCH** 1st Winter Bookings open for Members
10-12nd Working Bee (see COLD FACTS)
- APRIL** 1st Winter bookings open for Guests
14-17th Pilot Wilderness Huts Working Bee - see note in COLD FACTS
26th (Wed) 7:30pm Annual General Meeting – North Wollongong Surf Club
- MAY** 13-14th Working Bee (Summer Grooming) – Smiggins X/C tracks – see note in COLD FACTS
19-20th Working Bee (see Lodge Maintenance note in COLD FACTS)
- JUNE** 1st Bookings open for Apres Members
9th Lodge Opens for winter season
18 – 23rd Toddlers week (#1)

Last Run

Perhaps not the silliest thing to do with unlimited \$\$ in Dubai is to build your own ski resort in the desert...

