



AUGUST 4th, 2011 UPDATE

Dear Snow Country Ski Club Members,
What a bumper season !!
This August update

JINDABYNE SPECIAL OFFER – ONCE ONLY – 25% OFF PEAK SEASON RATES !

"Remember the show on TV called "No Leave, No Life"?

Well now is the time to take some leave and get a life in the BEST SNOW IN DECADES!

And we aren't exaggerating. On July 7 it was 158.9cm at Spencer's Creek, the best since 1990 and since then much, much more has arrived. Skiing between the four Perisher Blue resorts is easy and beautiful - top to bottom in Thredbo is bliss!

Now is the time to grab a few friends or family and come and enjoy our newly refurbished Lake lodge.

To help you celebrate this great season the Board has decided to offer a very special deal. For all new mid-week bookings (Check in Sunday pm to check out Friday am) for the **JINDABYNE** Lodge made from (Thursday 4th August 2011) we are offering a 25% discount on our standard rate as published in the 2011 booking form. This offer is effective and valid from the date of this Newsletter until the 2nd September 2011. All new bookings are subject to availability. **Offer valid for Members friends as well !!**

SMIGGINS SPECIAL OFFER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 25% OFF SHOULDER RATES – ONCE ONLY !

Five Nights ONLY – Book In on Sunday 11th September for 5 days – Out on Thursday 15th September.
Children of any age accepted during this period.

Yes, that's right 25% off to help you really enjoy this fantastic snow, where it is now really and truly 'ski in ski out', as well as enjoying the culinary delights that Gudrun presents at the Smiggins Lodge. And you can tell all your friends too, because we are extending this great offer to **Member's friends as well !!**

No leave no life? Get some snow into YOUR life!!"

AGM REPORT

The AGM, held on the 21st May, was a successful night which highlighted a number of the key operational aspects of the Lodges. In particular, a significant amount of time outlining the finances of the Club and a helpful discussion was held on the ongoing need for the Club to be profitable. The Directors elected were Lucille Back, Gavin Boyd, Clif Felton, Julia Smith and Della Whitton. These Directors join the remaining directors David Boyd, David E Carr, Anthony Newton and Laurie Ward on the Board.

Please see second attachment for current list of Officers for the next 12 months.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST ...

Calling all SCSC Members who remember 1964!

It was a great pleasure to meet up with and ski with Jenny Morris (now Lewis - daughter of Bob and Claire Morris and sister of Annette and Cathy) after 40 years! Better still we skied together at the world's best snow ski resort (after Smiggin Holes, Australia) Alta, Utah in February this year. Jenny is well and married (to a Pom) with two teenage children living in New Jersey and fortunately for her she has a house in Salt Lake City as her ski base. It was fun reminiscing about the old days in the Lodge and the children and families that returned every year. We made a promise to join the "over 80's Alta club" in the distant future and invite all our old ski buddies to join us! This is a lovely photo of Jenny, and myself at our beloved Alta.



I have VERY fond memories of those fun and carefree days (at least they were for us children). One of my abiding memories is of little Jonathan Marsden who used to collect the safety pins that attached our ski tickets to our clothes (remember the ones that the t-bar operator punched every time you took a ride) and by the end of the week Jonathan had a Guinness Book of records length of chain attached to his chest!

I might catch up with some other Members one day at SCSC!! - My husband and I plan to snow shoe in July sometime around Guthega and stay at the Smiggins lodge.

Debra Blunden (Nee Peninton)

Jenny Lewis (Nee Morris) & Debra Blunden (Nee Peninton)

NEW OLYMPIC T-BAR SNOW CAM

Olympic T-bar has a new snow cam installed and is now live on the Perisher website. Revel in the breathtaking 110 Degree view from one of the highest points in the Snowy Mountains. The cam faces east, capturing the beautiful sunrise over the Valley each morning, as well as showcasing the excellent, deep base we have across the resort.

WEEKEND GROUP BOOKINGS AT SMIGGINS OR JINDABYNE LODGES CHAMPAGNE AND PORT CUP – WATSON & SMITH RECALL

Some of our young adult Members (or any Members) may be interested to know that they can book out the whole of the Smiggins Lodge (subject to availability) with their friends. All it requires is a letter to the Board for approval – simple. Indeed there was a group of friends who did book a regular weekend annually for many years (about 15 years), until the commitments of children made it too difficult to continue, though there is talk of a re-union weekend happening, now that the children are grown up. The event was named the 'Champagne and Port Cup', though the participants cannot recall exactly why it was given that name.

'Lucille Marsden thought it would be fun to book out the lodge In August 1984 for a long weekend. What started out as a group of single friends enjoying a weekend in the snow, quickly turned into an Annual World Championship Event. The Champagne and Port Cup as it was coined, became a yearly event . Over the following years the participants married , came and went and often a new baby meant that the skiing had to be put on hold for some. Robert Watson held the record for 100% attendance, thanks to his wonderfully understanding wife remaining at home with each of their four children. The highlight of the weekend was the Awards Presentation night where unsuspecting skiers were singled out for a variety of embarrassing skiing situations.

One of the most entertaining aspects, in retrospect was the subtle discerning changes over the years in our choice of refreshments. A shopping list from The Evening Star Hotel in the early years includes Cask wine, Sambucca, Stolley, Tia Maria, Cognac Jim Bean, Gordons and can you believe it Long Panatella cigars? Our tastes did mature to the point where the same shopping list in 1993 included Perrier Water and bottled wine.

We have such wonderful memories of these fabulous weekends and would encourage any of the younger Members to book out the lodge and enjoy the camaraderie and fun times!! It 's what memories are made of!

Mary Watson

Here are a couple of photos from that era – circa 1986, interesting to see the Lodge as it was way back then...



Bob Smith in red jumper.



Mary Watson in grey stripes.

CHAMPAGNE AND PORT CUP (CONT...)



Frank Back and Rob Watson behind bar.



Lucille Marsden with shower cap on.

“The annual Champagne and Port Cup weekend was memorable for many reasons, not only for the skiing, but also the classy entertainment, World Championship races, cinematic excellence from Cecil B De Wakim, fashion parades of both ski and apres ski wear, not to mention the wine and other beverage tasting which would usually extend to the wee hours of the morning. Many friendships were cemented over the years and many of the attendees are now long time Snow Country Members. Having the opportunity to exclusively book out the Lodge meant that the creativity of the weekend was not compromised, I would recommend such a booking to all groups, especially the young and the young at heart.”

Julia Smith

FROM THE PERISHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Keep your eye out for the recently released Stamps featuring the snowfields of Australia, from Australia Post.

FIRST TRACKS EVERY SUNDAY MORNING!

First Tracks Mornings are a truly special Perisher experience, allowing a limited number of resort guests to enjoy access to a selected area in beautiful Blue Cow riding the Ridge Quad chairlift before anyone else. First Tracks are conducted on Sunday mornings in the months of July, August and September, subject to conditions. Cost is just \$25 per Adult and \$15 per Child.

THANK YOU CLUB MEMBER MARGARET SYKES

The next time you and/or your guests enjoy a glass of your favourite red or white wine whilst seated at the newly renovated Bar at the Jindabyne Lake Lodge you can thank Club Member Margaret Sykes for the recent donation of a couple of dozen brand new wine glasses. It will surely be an improvement on the motley collection that was on offer before her kind donation. Margaret, your Club is indebted – many, many thanks!

EVENTS IN SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Upcoming events in the Snowy Mountains include:

- 19-20 August 2011 Australian Freestyle Championships Perisher Valley
- Playstation Night Slopestyle Series

20 August / 17 September – up to \$40,000.00 in Cash and Prizes – Check Perisher website

The Coca-Cola Tube My Ride is back for a third season! Grab a camera and maybe a mate to film you (or film yourself if you want to). Skiers and boarders are invited to take on the PlayStation Slopestyle course on Front Valley.

The twist is that your runs (can be multiple runs pieced together) are to be captured on film and edited into a slick video of no more than 3 minutes with a Coca-Cola sign or logo in the clip (this is a must). You don't have to nail the perfect run or runs on film, or be the best park rider in the world; you just need to put together a slick vid cut to selected Launch Your Band Music! You don't have to film your entry on the weekend on 30-31 July, but that's when Coke signage will be set up. www.perisher.com.au/tubemyride

NEW IN SMIGGINS 2011 – SUPERGLIDE SKATING RINK

The BoaSuperglide Skating Rinks are novel and fun portable skating surfaces that can be set up in any location and allow children and adults the opportunity to experience the joy of ice skating with proper ice skates and on an outdoor rink in any temperature. Superglide will be operating in Smiggins Holes during the 2011 winter.

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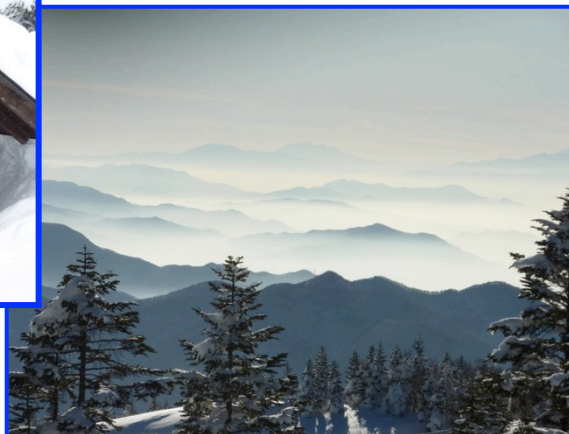
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have advised the Club that the next national census will be held on Tuesday 9th August 2011. Consequently any persons staying at either the Smiggins Lodge or the Jindabyne Lodge will be required to fill out a census form at either Lodge on that date.

MEMBER NEWS – TRAVEL TALES FROM THE LYTH FAMILY



Gabby and Emily Lyth at the Nagano Olympic Slalom Start at Shiga Kogen



Morning Sunrise



Cross trail looking at Shiga Kogens



Shiga Kogens Highest Point

Hi, just a sample of some of our family photos in Shiga Kogen Japan which is accessed from Nagano. We had a great time, with 3 days of pure powder blizzards up to 4 feet deep and then 4 days of brilliant sunshine.

72 Actual lifts with many more individual runs which took us a week to actually complete each one at least once!! Absolutely fantastic resort, the largest in Japan with skiing for all standards and some fantastic panorama views.

Coldest day -17C with wind chill -28C and the mildest day was -5C, highly recommended, there is something for every standard and all family members.

Regards Paul, Karen, Emily and Gabby Lyth.

