



## SEPTEMBER 2011 UPDATE

Dear Snow Country Ski Club Members,

This September update .....

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**History of the SCSC Badge and logo:** *Founding Members Ray and Alice Marchant were so keen on the mountains that they named their home in Woollahra 'Kosciusko', on a piece of round timber they had the name painted in red above three white mountains. After the Club was formed the idea was incorporated into the Club's badge. They wanted to give prominence to snow covered mountains as distinct from most ski clubs which were more inclined to incorporate crossed skis into their badges. The badge colours do have significance; the black at the top signifies the blackened sky before the blizzard, snow covered mountains are represented by the three white mountains, the blue at the base of the mountains signifies the reflection from the snow in bright sunlight, the dark green represents the bush grass lower down the mountain and the light green represents the landscape as you move away from the mountains.*



The three rocks at the Lake Lodge, which were placed to look like the three mountains in the SCSC Badge logo.

If you have something that you think could be inserted in this space please email [news@snowcountry.com.au](mailto:news@snowcountry.com.au)

### **PRE-CHRISTMAS SNOW LUNCH – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

Have you put your group together for the annual Member gathering – it's always a fun event and you usually get to meet a few new Members and put faces to names. Venue will be St. George 16ft Sailing Club – Dolls Point. **WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS – SET THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

## SMIGGINS BOWL RACES – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

It's not too late to come along and join the fun of the Smiggins Bowl to be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, ring Gavin Boyd 0431 496 721. You don't have to be a gun skier, all levels are accepted, littlies and oldies all. The Smiggins Bowl weekend (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011) is FREE to all who attend and involve themselves in the Bowl in some capacity, not necessarily ski racing.

The Smiggins Bowl is an institution and a great opportunity to meet club Members and also to mingle with Members of the surrounding clubs. There is a terrific atmosphere in the mountains when the 'Bowl' is on. You don't have to be a skier to join in. There are always support personnel needed to act as marshals and managers, and to help with the catering side of the weekend. If some family members want to compete then please let them know it is not The World Championships!! If they can ski, snowboard, cross country they can be take part. Imagine being part of the Snow Country Team! Imagine the thrill of standing on the dais with a gold medal around your neck! Well, that might be exaggerating a touch but the pride in taking home the trophy for the club is real. Did you know Snow Country won the Smiggins Bowl in 1966,1974,1978,1984.1985,1985,1990, 2001 and 2009 !! Let's make 2011 a winning year.



If you haven't already, you will even get to sample some of Gudrun's wonderful cuisine !!!

## LODGE MANAGERS ... A TALENTED BUNCH !

When Snow Country asked for a bookshelf last year, the Watson family donated a TV cabinet. It was made from 100 year Oregon and had been recycled from timber taken from the old Luna Park Coney Island. It had been made by a couple of guys who sold furniture in the Rocks Market. Andrew Waugh the current resident on-site caretaker has completely restored this cabinet! He has sanded it back, put a new base on it and stained it! With an antique set of skis on the top it is now a wonderful showpiece in the Jindabyne Lodge. When you next visit also look at the rocking chair which Andrew has also lovingly restored. Christine and Andrew have the Jindabyne Lodge full of character, with lots of little touches and memorabilia adding to the atmosphere of the Club.



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Two weeks ago, one of the guests at the Smiggins Lodge was in a lesson with a 17 year old boy (not from Snow Country). The boy thought he was pretty tough and told the instructor he wanted to ski down Olympic at Perisher ! However, when they got there, he wasn't so gung ho! This prompted Juergen Paul (one half of the Smiggins Lodge manager team) to comment....

*'Olympic is the only mountain without a lift queue at the bottom; the queue is always at the top!'*

## READER'S CONTRIBUTION

### ***Tell her she's dreaming!***

"I am putting my foot down. The one without the pins and plates in the ankle. I am taking a stand. And I am not alone. Skiing Mum's have had enough, we want our own space. We want a Mummy Ski Slope.

A Mummy Ski Slope just for us. A long, groomed run nestled among the white snow gums glittering under the canopy of a blindingly blue sky. A dedicated Mummy Mountain with exclusive membership. A place where we can ski, turn and glide without fearing for our lives. A place where we can feel safe and not have to compromise our style. A peaceful, testosterone free haven away from the seething mass of queue jumping humanity.

This winter wonderland will be just for us. There will be strict entrance criteria to mothers who want to ski. Mothers who have organised their families and wrestled with parkas, pants, skivvies, thermals, goggles, gloves, beanies, helmets, skis, poles, boots, sun block, lip balm, anti-freeze and the price of lift tickets. Mum's who now deserve to have a little fun.

The Mummy Ski Slope will be closed to the general public. It will not have to endure ski instructors calling out "pizza yar" to ducklings of snow ploughing ankle biters. There will be no beginners. Access will be denied anyone under forty. We won't be exposed to bodies wearing skins and racing bibs. Blurring hurtling hordes of kids will not be entertained.

And ...drum roll, there will be NO snowboarders. Totally banned! We will not have to dodge and second-guess the moves of visually impaired riders. Just like surfers they will be cast aside into their own area out of the flags of the Mummy Ski Slope to wreak havoc upon each other.

We will be able to hear to the wind through the trees instead of the rasping drawn out crunch of the approaching boarder. We will not have to shiver with shoulders tensed and eyes darting everywhere. We can relax and enjoy the scenery. We can concentrate on our rhythm and pick up speed feeling confident that we will not become victims at every turn.

We will not be cut off and sent sprawling down the hill in a tangle of boots, boards and skis. We will not need rides in banana boats and hours getting our bones set.

The Mummy Ski Slope will rule. We deserve a break! But not the kind many of us are getting."

**Mary Watson**

## EVENTS IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS – PERISHER SPRING CARNIVAL

The Spring Carnival at Perisher is always a fun time to be in the resort and a jam packed entertainment calendar for all ages to enjoy and get involved in the fun. Throughout the week there will be activities such as: Music on the Deck, Kids Jumping Castle, Night Skiing and Boarding, Fireworks and much much more. The Spring Carnival begins Saturday 10 September until Sunday 18 September. Check out the Perisher website for events calendar.



## CHECK THIS OUT – PERISHER 2012 FREEDOM SEASON PASS



For the ultimate best value season pass you can't get a better deal than this for the 2012 winter season. Ski or snowboard when you want between 9 June and 1 October 2012, accessing Perisher's four resort areas, seven mountain peaks, up to 1,245 hectares of terrain and 47 lifts!

Pay just \$699 adults and \$399 students (to Year 12) and you'll also get a FREE day's skiing or boarding this season from 5 September.

You can secure your ticket for an up front payment of only \$199 adults and \$99 students and pay the balance in May 2012, but don't delay, the offer is limited and when the V8 reaches the top station on the Perisher home page time's up and the offer is closed!

## MID-WINTER SALE AT SLOPESTYLE MOUNTAIN SPORTS – UP TO 60% OFF

Save up to 60% off all stock at Slopestyle Mountain Sports. There are heaps of items to choose from whether it is skis, boards, outerwear, boots or helmets it's all on sale at marked discounts.

For your convenience there are seven Slopestyle stores located around Perisher. You're sure to find some great bargains!

## WORK PARTIES – C'MON SKIERS, C'MON, C'MON....

Please consider organizing a few friends to assist with the TLC of your Club's Lodges.

As well as the new initiative the following work parties are planned:

- Working Bee 1            25 – 26 February 2012
- Working Bee 2            21 – 22 April 2012
- Working Bee 3            2 – 3 June 2012

Please contact [info@snowcountry.com.au](mailto:info@snowcountry.com.au) Gavin Boyd 0431 496 721 to advise of your wish to be involved.




And don't forget about the **NEW INITIATIVE !!**

The Board would like to invite all Members to consider organizing their own Work Party weekend. The criteria is really very simple:

- Pick a weekend or two days mid-week (Oct-May non peak times), that is compatible with your diary.
- Encourage a couple of mates, Members or Non-Members to join you.
- Ring Gavin Boyd (0431 496 721) to check that your chosen weekend is compatible to a working bee.
- A list of handyman and cleaning chores will be allocated to your group.
- Petrol for 1 vehicle per 4 persons will be re-imbursed, with receipts.
- Accommodation for two nights will be free of charge.
- \$25 per person will be provided towards meals over the 2 day period.

So now is the time to check your diaries and allocate some dates to give something back to your Club.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

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|  Summer Bookings Open    | Bookings are now open for the Lake Lodge Summer |
|  Races:<br>Smiggins Bowl | Saturday September 24 2011                      |
|  Social Event            | Sunday November 20, 2011                        |

## ARE YOU TOO BIG FOR YOUR BOOTS?



If you have any good quality ski clothing or gear that doesn't fit or suit any more, let us know. You could donate to a Snow Country family, maybe swap, especially kids clothing, or if it is valuable put a price on it ! Simply write a description, size, make etc, include a contact number and send in to the newsletter. A photo would be good as well. Members could then get in touch with you !

## MEMBER NEWS – KEEP 'EM COMING !

It is wonderful being able to pass on the news of our Members – Many thanks go to contributors to this Newsletter.

If you have news and photos that you would like to contribute please email [news@snowcountry.com.au](mailto:news@snowcountry.com.au)

Yours Sincerely

Gavin Boyd  
President  
On behalf of the SCSC Board

PS - If you would like to be removed from the SCSC email list, please reply with the words "REMOVE"