



Snow Country Snippets

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Welcome to the sixth and final *Snow Country Snippets* for 2016.....

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

The Snow Country Board wishes all members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year !

Please see at the end of the newsletter some photos from the recent SCSC End of Season party. It was great to see over 100 people celebrating the 2016 season and getting in the festive spirit, Snow Country style...



Club Member of the Year

Congratulations to **David Winfield** on being awarded the 2016 Snow Country Club Member of the Year !



David's efforts in organising our JDP and Smiggins Bowl programs over the past couple of years have been enormous, making him a very worthy recipient.

Well done David and thanks for your contribution to Snow Country !

Get Well Soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Life Member, JILL WARD, who is undergoing double shoulder replacement surgery in coming weeks.

Thoughts are with you Jill - and also Laurie, who we think may be on a forced diet for a number of weeks !



Congratulations

Congratulations to Stuart (son of long time member Robyne) and Kitty Waller who were recently married in Thailand - wishing you years of happiness together !

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Junior Development Program - Expressions of Interest for 2017

The 2017 JDP will run between **July 9 and July 12 inclusive**.



This year the program will run in the second week of the school holidays and like last year there will be a **minimum skier ability restriction** (learn to ski will not be offered). All applicants must be skiing with poles and be able to make a turn with their skis parallel to be accepted (i.e. participants need to be a Level 4 skier or above).

In addition to this all applicants are required to participate in Alpine and cross country disciplines. The program will continue to fully subsidised by the club for children who are full financial members, and there will be a small \$100 charge for non-member children of financial members.

Attached to this newsletter are the 2017 JDP Application Forms. Please have a read and send the forms back to info@snowcountry.com.au if interested in participating. We are again anticipating a large number of applicants this year so please get your forms in before the closing date of **February 12, 2017**. The Board will then notify successful applicants of the acceptance and accommodation booking information.

Annual Subscriptions - 2017

Member subscriptions will be issued to members in January for payment in February 2017.

This years subscriptions will be comprised of :

- any outstanding subscriptions or fees from 2016
- the 2017 Subscriptions and Admin Payments (unchanged from the previous year)
- the Smiggins Refurbishment Project Building Levy (\$550 for ordinary senior members 24 year and over, and \$275 for honorary members)

Subscriptions will be emailed where possible and sent via mail if we do not have an email on file - if you've recently changed your email address please advise David Carr, Registrar.

Smiggins News

Great to report that Kim and Mike, our Smiggins Lodge Managers, will be returning to Smiggins Lodge again next season.

They have made a great transition to Snow Country this year - the food is good and the Lodge has never looked cleaner - we look forward to having them on board again in 2017.

SLOPES update

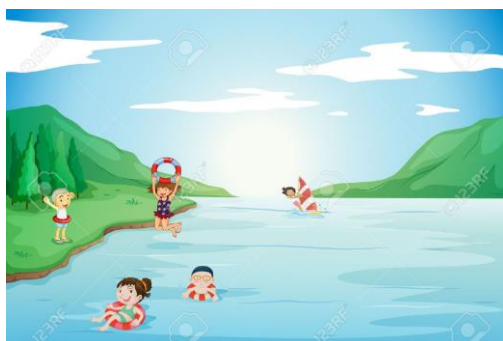
1. Perisher XC Summer Work Party Dates

- Feb 4-5 ; Mar 4-5 ; April 1-2 ; May 6-7 ; June 3-4

2. L'Etape Cycling Race

- December 3-4, 5000 riders ; roads will be closed in the area (tube running)

Summer Holiday.....Why not Jindabyne ?



Every year the mountains are growing in popularity as a Summer holiday destination. Why not stay at the Lake Lodge and see what all the excitement is about!

We have some of the best priced accommodation for members in Jindabyne and encourage members to try a summer break in the high country.

As demand for summer accommodation builds the Board is reviewing the use of the Smiggins Lodge for summer stays.

Special Offer for Snow Country members - Steve's Snow Store

Steve from *Steve's Snow Store* in Wollongong has come up with a special offer for Snow Country members. Perfect for anyone looking to travel overseas in coming months or as a great Xmas present to use next Winter.

Steve's SnowStore is located in the **GPT Wollongong Central** shopping complex.

Specials

- **RED snow helmets at HALF PRICE!**
- **RED DJ helmet compatible headphones, normally \$80, now HALF PRICE!**
- **Let us hot wax your skis or board before your overseas trip - only \$25**

Snow Country members receive 10% off all 2017 stock and a

further 10% off the already reduced stock for the month of December

Smiggins Bowl - Full update on results

Further to last newsletters overview of results please see a full report on the Bowl provided by Club Captain, David Winfield.

Saturday the 17th of September saw the running of the 52nd Smiggins Bowl. The Alpine and Snowboard course was held on the front valley, while the Cross Country was on a track put together at the Smiggins ski area. The weather was cooler than it has been in previous years but T-shirts were still the order of the day by the time the cross country started.

As is the normal process the bowl teams raced first with 2 runs down a slalom course and then 2 runs down the GS course. The Snow Country team of John Hopkins, Adam Moate, Michael Moate and David Winfield did us proud taking out the alpine team event. John Hopkins was the fastest skier overall winning the slalom and finishing 3rd in the GS. John continues to dominate his younger rivals!

It wasn't only the Bowl men that did Snow Country proud this year with their win in the Alpine event, our Juniors and Vets teams both had great days winning their shield events. Our Juniors won the overall shield which was a combination of Alpine, Cross Country and Snowboarding. In these events the fastest 3 skiers from each club in each event combine their times to find the winner.

In the junior events Snow Country had their largest representation ever (35 children) which was a fantastic effort. Our Junior development program was a great success this year and the results showed in the racing. Our youngest skier was Clarissa Winfield at the bright old age of 4 years old. With 35 Junior skiers this year including 14 Under 10's our future is looking great. It will be great to see some of these younger skiers coming through and relieve some of the older blokes racing in our bowl team!! Special mention to the following skiers after placing in the Bowl or Shield events:

Joe Livissianos – 2nd place U9 Male GS
Noah Winfield – 3rd place U9 Male GS – Despite having only just turned 6!!
Amelia Bond – 2nd place U13 female GS,
Mac Livissianos – 2nd place U13 male GS
Kirra Budd – 3rd place U13 female Snowboard
Indya Ward – 1st U9 female Snowboard (2nd overall)
Declan Budd – 2nd U9 male Snowboard, 3rd U9 Cross Country
Ella McFadden – 1st U13 female Cross Country
Alex McFadden – 2nd U13 male Cross Country

In the adult categories the following people obtained results for Snow Country:

John Hopkins – 1st overall alpine bowl, 1st overall mens slalom, 3rd overall mens GS Bowl
Sally Hopkins – 2nd overall open womens GS
Janet Fabbri – 1st overall Female veterans GS
Rob McFadden – 3rd overall Mens Snowboard GS
David Winfield – 2nd overall Open Bowl Cross Country

The day continued after the alpine events with the cross country in the afternoon. The weather was warm with a nice breeze and a difficult course was made around the Smiggins resort including a climb up the Jbar and an even trickier descent back down it! Snow country had 19 competitors which was encouraging to see. Our bowl

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team which consisted of David Winfield, Helene McFadden, Janet Fabbri and Peter Bond finished 3rd with David finishing 2nd overall and Helene finishing 6th overall and first overall female. Fantastic effort by Helene!!

The day also acted as our Snow Country Club Championships. These were for all junior categories and we also had an adult cross country category. The results were:

Cross Country:

U9: Declan Budd 1st, Noah Winfield 2nd,
U13 Male: Alex McFadden 1st, James Hopkins 2nd, Cameron Winfield 3rd
U13 Female: Jemma Hopkins 1st, Amelia Bond 2nd, Tessa Bond 3rd
U17 Male: Liam Filan 1st, James Wray 2nd
U17 Female: Ella McFadden, Ella Moate, Melanie Filan

Snowboard:

Kirra Burke 1st, Rhianna Burke 2nd, James Wray 3rd (Special mention in this one to Indya Ward and Declan Budd who are still only U9's!!)

Alpine:

U10: Joe Livissianos 1st, Noah Winfield 2nd, Jemma Hopkins 3rd
U13: Mac Livissianos 1st, James Hopkins 2nd, Cameron Winfield 3rd
U15: Ella Moate 1st, Luca Gibbs 2nd, Melanie Filan 3rd
U18: Kirra Burke 1st, Rhianna Burke 2nd, James Wray 3rd

Special Awards:

Ced Pepper Trophy: **Joe Livissianos**

Willi Rieder Trophy: **Mac Livissianos**

Stanton Trophy: **Ella Moate**

Harry Green Trophy: **James Wray**

Club Captain Snowboard Trophy: **James Wray**

Walter Langsam XC Cup: **Alex McFadden**

Bryan Coombes & Stig Virtanen XC Encouragement award: **Noah Winfield** for being the youngest competitor in cross country and his sheer determination to chase his mate Declan Budd who was just in front of him!

Jim Hopkins Encouragement Shield: **Clarissa Winfield** for being Snow Country's newest and youngest competitor!

Volunteers:

As always, events like this don't happen without the volunteers so special thanks to Kate Bond for putting together our schedule for the volunteers. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out with volunteering.

Mike and Kim are our new lodge managers at Smiggins and they had a baptism of fire with their first Smiggins Bowl. Feeding the 70 odd people that came back to the lodge for dinner was a mammoth effort so a special thanks to them for their super efforts on the day.

Summary:

Overall the day was a great success, everyone had a lot of fun and no one got hurt despite a few good crashes. Our Bowl team, Vets and Juniors did us proud winning their bowl events and our juniors also improved on last year. Thanks to everyone for their participation this season and I look forward to an even bigger and better year next year!

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Snow Country End of Season Lunch





