



Snow Country Snippets

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Hi every one and welcome to newsletter #3 for season 2013.... and after a wet start, the good news is that snow has finally started to fall!

*** Checkout www.snowwatch.com.au for the latest updates ***



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the Club's AGM in May, the motion to grant life membership to 5 long-serving members was endorsed. Congratulations to the following members on their well deserved recognition:

- David Boyd
- David Carr
- Don Ferguson
- Jill Ward
- Laurie Ward



To the life members, thank you on behalf of all members for your hard work and dedication to the Club over many years!

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

As you would be aware from previous correspondence, the Board is seeking to change the Club's structure from a Co-operative to a Company, limited by guarantee. At the recent AGM, members endorsed to review the Club's constitution, in order to bring it in line with the requirements of a company structure. It will then be taken to the Co-operatives Society for approval, which, if granted, is another step closer to the desired change. Members will be asked to vote on this change before the transition is made.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the AGM the following directors were appointed for a two-year term:

Gavin Boyd, Helen Brown, Clif Felton and Michael Brannon

The board now comprises the abovementioned members, plus....

David Boyd, David Carr, Della Whitton, Laurie Ward and Adam Moate.

Julia Smith did not seek re-election to the Board this year and we thank Julia for her significant contribution over many years, in particular her overseeing of the Smiggins Lodge.



OCCUPANCY RATES

The occupancy rates for our Lodges in 2012 are shown below compared to the prior years:

Occupancy Rates for Smiggins Lodge			
	2010	2011	2012
Total Beds Occupied	1098	1153	1262
Occupancy Rate	48%	50%	56%
Member/Total Usage	n/a	80%	70%
Occupancy Rates for Jindabyne Lodge			
	2010	2011	2012
Total Beds Occupied	414	410	497
Occupancy Rate	37%	37%	44%
Member/Total Usage	43%	62%	75%

* Winter season stats only for Jindabyne Lodge

GET WELL WISHES

Well wishes are sent to Fabian and Sebastian Marsden. Fabian underwent a kidney transplant (donated by his brother Sebastian) a week ago, and we send our well wishes and kind thoughts to you both.



Robert Alford (husband of Penny Alford/Hopkins) underwent major Pancreas surgery on the 19th June. We send our love to Penny and wish Robert a speedy recovery.

LODGE MANAGERS

We welcome **Gudrun and Jurgen** back to Smiggins for another season, after a trip home to Europe.

We also look forward to Christine Hornig continuing as manager of the Jindabyne Lodge. She will be assisted by Max and Rita this season.



The Board wishes to thank Andrew Waugh for his hard work and assistance in previous years at Jindabyne and wish him all the best in the future.

TRIVIA QUESTION



Q: What is the name of the road that leads up to the Smiggins Lodge?

A: Find the answer in the NPWS story below.....

LODGE INFO...

There has been lots of activity at both lodges over recent months with a number of work parties. Below details the work completed and see the last page for some photos of the work - visit the Snow Country website www.snowcountryskiclub.com.au to see all of the photos.

SMIGGINS LODGE

- New ceramic tiles have been laid to the floors of the bathrooms / foyer / ski room.
- New plumbing and more efficient shower water drainage grates have been installed.
- New toilet suites, showerheads, taps and internal seating installed.
- New wall heaters in both bathrooms
- The layout of the Ladies bathroom has been modified, to now include three toilets and two showers instead of the previous two and two.
- New ceilings and LED down lights have been installed to the three rooms
- New shower and toilet partitions, plus vanities and mirrors to each bathroom.
- New central seating and clothing / ski helmet hanging racks have been installed in the foyer / ski room.

JINDABYNE LODGE

The new Units 9 and 10, with interconnecting doors, have immediately proven to be popular. At this stage we have received 13 bookings for these two interconnecting rooms and we have also had to knock back a number of bookings, as they were already booked!

WORK PARTIES

As you can see from the following photos, an enjoyable and productive work party was held at both lodges on 18th & 19th May. A big thank you goes to:

Mary & Andrew McDonald, Sarah & Chris Smith, Sebastian Marsden, Jonathan Marsden, Gavin Boyd, Margaret Sykes, Adam Moate, Michael Brannon, Jeff Day, Debra & Barry Whitton, Brendan Ward, Laurie & Jill Ward, David & Robyn Carr and their friends Barry & Marie Hancock.

Peter Parry was planning to come along from Orbost in Victoria, however at the last moment encountered vehicle problems. Peter, thanks for your involvement on previous weekends, and we look forward to seeing you either in the snow, or on work parties next summer.

We all had fun, and the message seems to be that all want to know when the next work party is on, because they want to come and help again.

Two weeks after the big work party, on the 1st & 2nd June.....

We thank Adam & Leonie Moate and their girls, Ella and Lyza and Jeff and Tori Day for the extended effort in making a second trip to the Smiggins Lodge to finish off a number of small building internal building works to make the lodge ready for the upcoming winter season.

A BIG THANKS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO ALL OF THE ABOVE - MENTIONED FOLKS, FOR THE HELP THAT WAS GIVEN TO ENSURE THE LODGE IS GREAT FOR EVERYONE!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Smiggins Lodge was built in 1963, which means 2013 will be the **51st year** that SCSC members have been visiting Smiggins and staying at the Lodge!

NATIONAL PARKS NEWS

NPWS have advised that **they will be clearing the road outside the Smiggins Lodge** this season - the good news is that you'll be able to drive right to the steps to unload (and reload) your luggage and ski gear! The not so good news is that you'll only be able to ski to the end of the road and not to the steps this year. By the way, the name of the road is Corroborree Road....(trivia question up above)

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest SCSC members - **Kate Bond & Isabella Fabbri**.

If you know anyone interested in joining the SCSC, brochures on the Club will be sent to every current member over the next month and can also be found in both Lodges.

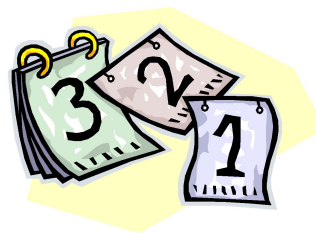
REMINDER

Annual subscriptions are now OVERDUE - if you're not paid up, please ensure you do so ASAP.



KEY DATES

- + July 7 - 10: Junior Race Training Program
- + August 10: Senior Interclub Races
- + August 31: Junior Interclub Races
- + September 14: Smiggins Bowl
(Smiggins Lodge is now booked out, but there are still rooms available at Jindy)



19-24 YEAR OLDS - ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS CHANGE

To support the retention of our younger members, annual subscription fees for 19 - 24 year olds who are part of a family membership will now be included in the annual family subscription fee - previously the family subscription cut off at age 18.

WANT TO GIVE YOUR TODDLERS A SKI EXPERIENCE AT SMIGGINS LODGE?



Smiggins Lodge is having a **Toddlers Week** where children under the age of 4 are allowed to stay in the Lodge.

The Toddlers week will be the week commencing 15 September and toddlers would be charged at 50% of the Children's rate. Toddlers will need to be accompanied in the lodge by an adult at all times.

PS: the Lodge is available to all members during this period - not just those with toddlers!

'SNOWLINE' SKI HIRE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR SCSC MEMBERS



Snowline Ski Centre at Smiggins is offering a 20% discount for members who book and pay for ski rental online before June 30.

And if you're staying at Jindy, Snowline offer an overnight minding rack to save you carrying gear up each day.

Visit the online booking site www.snowlineskicentre.com.au



