



Snow Country Snippets

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Welcome to the first *Snow Country Snippets* for 2016.....

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, please send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

Happy New Year !

The Board would like to wish all members and their families a safe and prosperous 2016. We look forward to a bumper year with great camaraderie between members and plenty of fun on the snow !

Welcome to our newest members

We welcome the following new members to the Club who have joined since Xmas:

- Trent Morgan
- George Farrugia



Welcome aboard - we trust you will enjoy many wonderful years as members of Snow Country !

Annual Subscriptions

All members would have received their subscriptions notices for 2016. Invoices have been issued from our new booking system so they look a bit different to last year.

Invoices are due for payment by March 13, 2016.

We look forward to prompt payment - remember, you're unable to book accommodation if you have outstanding or overdue subs.

Get Well Soon

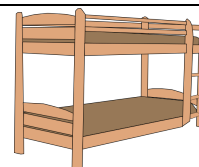
We wish Gudrun Paul a speedy recovery post her hip operation in February. Gudrun has advised the operation was successful and she was off crutches within a week of surgery, which is great news.



Winter Bookings - March 14

Winter bookings open for members at BOTH lodges on **March 14**.

Non-member bookings will be accepted from April 14.



The Board has also expanded the booking exclusion times for non-member bookings so that members can have the priority for lodge accommodation at other peak times of the year. The opening times for member and non-member bookings are shown below:

	Bookings open for members	Bookings open for non-members
July School Holidays	14 March	14 April
Winter	14 March	14 April
Christmas (25 Dec to 2 Jan)	1 April	1 July
Easter	1 July	1 October

Notes:

1. These opening dates apply for both lodges
2. If there is a group booking where non-members are part of a group (or family), then the bookings for the non-member bookings can only be accepted from the "bookings open for non-member" date (except where the non-member is staying in the same room as the member at Jindabyne).

PLEASE NOTE - the new booking system will NOT be used by members when booking accommodation this winter.



Please use the usual booking forms that can be found on the Snow Country website and payments will be made by direct debit, credit card or cheque, not via the system.

The booking officers will be using the system so they are able to identify any issues/bugs before we go live with the system for members use in season 2017.

Accommodation Rates

Reflecting the increasing cost of running and maintaining our Lodges, and in light of booking rate changes at some other lodges, accommodation rates at Smiggins and Jindabyne Lodges have been increased for season 2016.

Booking forms will be updated and placed on the website over the next week.

Junior Development Program - 2016

Please see the following update on the JDP from the Club Captain, David Winfield:

The time has come for the Snow Country junior development program to be organised. The JDP will run between **July 10 and July 13 inclusive**. This year the board has approved for the program to return to its more traditional format with some additional rules based on the anticipated high numbers of applications.

This year the program will run in the second week of the school holidays and unlike 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 Level 4 or above - see the table below.

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 is the new JDP policy as well as the application forms. Please have a read and send the forms back to me if interested. We are anticipating a large number of applicants this year so please get your forms to me before the closing date of March 11. The board will then notify successful applicants of the acceptance and accommodation booking information.

Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

David

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Ski Levels

Level 4	Are confident riding lifts and can bring the skis parallel during the turn
Level 5	Can start the turn with the skis parallel on all intermediate terrain and is confident riding t-bars and pomas
Level 6	Strong parallel turns on all green and blue runs, attempting easy black runs.
Level 7	Able to ski strong parallel turn on black terrain, short turns on all blue runs in all snow conditions
Level 8+	Can ski all black terrain and snow conditions easily.

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Smiggins News

A warm Snow Country welcome to our new Smiggins Lodge managers, **Kim and Mike Collingham**.

Kim and Mike join us from their most recent role as managers at a lodge in Charlottes Pass and bring a wealth of hospitality experience with them.

Welcome Kim and Mike !



KNP Season Pass - Discount

A \$15 discount on Annual Passes to NSW National Parks is available to customers renewing their vehicle registrations online. See the following link below for more details:
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/MinMedia/MinMedia20121501.pdf>

Reminder: it is much better to buy your season pass at the National Parks entry station on the Kosciuszko Road at Sawpit Creek. This is because 95% of the amount you pay goes towards the running of the Perisher Range Resorts. It is only 35% if you buy the pass from the Jindabyne NPWS office or online.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !

A huge thankyou to those who attended the Smiggins Lodge work party in February ! The group undertook a range of general maintenance and also removed the existing 'temperamental' oven - a real challenge given it doesn't fit through the kitchen door...

- Dave Bartley
- Michelle Langsam
- Col Brennan
- David Boyd
- Mary and Andrew McDonald
- Neil and Julie Larcombe
- Nigel and Nicole MacDonald (potential members)



There will be another work party before the season starts - watch this space as we need another good roll up of members to ensure OUR Lodges are in tip-top shape for the season ahead.



Snow Country Clothing

We still have some Snow Country branded gear available for purchase as shown in the table below - if you would like to make a purchase please contact Michael Brannon on michael.brannon@imb.com.au

ITEM	SIZE	QTY	Price
HOODIE (Black)	6	1	\$50
	12	1	\$50
	XXL	1	\$55
T SHIRT (Black)	XS	2	\$22
	S	1	\$22
	M	1	\$22
	XL	1	\$22
	XXL	2	\$22

Important Dates for the Diary - 2016

Junior Development Programme - Expressions of Interest Close - Program dates	Mar 7 10 - 13 July
Winter Bookings Open - Members	14 March
Winter Bookings Open - General Public	14 April
Annual General Meeting	May (date TBC)
Senior Interclub Races	20 Aug
Junior Interclub Races	3 Sept
Smiggins Bowl	17 Sept

