

HIGHWAY ALPINE SKI CLUB

BULLETIN BOARD

❖ February 2012

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❖ Members Information

Feel free to post any information up on the Bulletin Board. Just email info@highwayalpine.com.au

A reminder the 2012 subscription fees are due on the 1st March. Please ensure your payment is forwarded.

Merry Xmas to all and a happy new year

❖ April 2011

Get ready for snow

❖ July 2010

National Parks and Wild Life Mag – Resot Round-Up

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/parks/DECC20090548RRIssue31Winter2010.pdf>

❖ June 2010

New Book for walking Kosciuszko

Release Date - May 2010

TAKE A WALK

in Kosciuszko National Park

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❖ **Hi All.**

Another Easter another work party which went extremely well. Heaters in rooms 1,2,&3 installed and working, good heating temperature setting No4, need to have instruction on heaters to leave on 4.

Re-cemented the front entrance with mesh grid insert, thanks to one of our paying guests and friend who is a professional concreter. A good bottle of wine would be in order as a thank you.

Albert did the usual cleaning the lounge room heaters, replaces a wall heater room 1 and played with the new electronic weather station for the lounge and general everything.

Carolyn had a final clean of the lodge when the visitors had gone.

Jan, Pat, Jeanette & Carolyn did the restock and new doona covers.

Jan and the diggers planted out natives on the south side boundary.

Replaced the shower plinth tiles in room 9.

Thanks again to all the crew who did a great job.

Ps Graham, no pictures were purchased by Pat this year.

Next visit to the lodge June long weekend for the music festival and maybe one or two jobs, anybody interested? Regards Alan Marshall

❖ **Hurry ! Priority bookings** close at the GPO Box 2357 on Wednesday **31 March.**

Remember also that if you are include friends on your booking application then your booking becomes a 'B class' booking and will only be considered after all 'A class' bookings have be allocated.

❖ **Working Bee – February 2010**

Special thanks to Albert Browne, Pat Martin, David and Robin Longhurst, Jan and Mal Macfarlane who repainted the lodge corridors, scrubbed the walls in all bedrooms to prepare for painting, washed all the bedding and re distributed it so that each bedroom now has 4 pillows, a king size doona plus 2 small doonas and 2 blankets.

Outdoors the trees were trimmed back from the building and fire escape and the long grass was slashed to clear it from around the building.

Also Albert install the experimental snow barriers along the roof, the barriers are based to a European designed



❖ NSW Cross Country Summer 2010 Newsletter – 29.01.10

Vancouver Olympics

Wild Congratulations to NSW XC Team athletes Ben Sim, Alex Almoukov and their coach Nick Almoukov. The same to Esther Bottomley, Paul Murray and National XC Coach Finn Marsland. They are all off to the Vancouver Olympics.

Ben has qualified by being very good at everything! He is qualified to compete in five events: 15km Freestyle, Individual Sprint Classic, 30km Pursuit, Team Sprint Freestyle and 50km Classic – what an athlete!

Esther and Paul will both compete in Sprints, Esther in the individual Classic Sprint and Paul in the Individual Classic Sprint and the Team Sprint Freestyle.

Alex and Nick's extraordinary focus and dedication have resulted in qualification for two Biathlon events.

Callum Watson also met the qualification standards, but was snookered by the lack of a position for him – next time!

Congratulations also to Katie Calder, CAC member and former Aust National Team member, who will be skiing for New Zealand in Vancouver.

Irina Almoukov, Alex's Mum is in Russia, a long way from Vancouver. A fund has been set up to try to get her to Vancouver (tickets to Alex's events are already waiting for her). If you would like to make a contribution toward Irina's travel expenses, you can make a direct deposit into NSW Snowsports Westpac account :

(BSB 032-728 acct # 168910 – description, Alex and your name).

Time is short, so if you would like to contribute, please do so by Thursday, 4/2/10.

Perisher Trails / Nordic Shelter Work parties

Although work will be done on the Shelter this summer, the focus will be on the trails (a nice change). The Park has several areas supplied with new snowfence material, dropped off during the winter. NPWS staff will install the fencing in the coming months. They are also in the process of obtaining a rock splitter. Those vicious rocks with the orange spray paint on them are targeted for removal but probably not until the March work party.

Focus for the Feb work party will be pole installation, coloured arrow attachment, general trimming of shrubberies and hazardous regrowth, rubbish collection around all the trails.

Alan Civil will be M/C for weekend with assistance from Peter Cunningham on Sunday.

Work Party dates: February 6/7

March 6/7

April 10/11

May 1/2

Canberra Alpine Club has, incredibly generously, offered accommodation for work parties. CAC has done this for many years. It is the kind of contribution that really makes the work parties successful and fun. Please call Peter Cunningham on 0411 129363 if you require accommodation at the lodge.

Please respond to this email if you can help with the first working bee, Feb 6 & 7.

Nordic Shelter Building Fund

Australian Sports Foundation fundraising continues, but not for long. A short extension has been granted by ASF to allow contributions through winter 2010. So there are two more opportunities for tax-deductible donations. A donation form is attached.

This summer should see the replacement of the north wall, completion of the safety railings, safety grids on the south ground floor windows and the installation of a display case (for trophies that have been floating around homeless for years).

Online event registration

Online systems are being investigated for entering events this coming winter. Once the system is in place, we will put the word out. There have been many requests for this kind of system and especially the means to make payments by c/c or online. This winter will be a trial of the system, but it should make life easier for both competitors and organisers. Paper forms will be available in the Shelter, as always.

Masters Series Competition

Congratulations to Dave Cigana who won a return trip for two to New Zealand, courtesy of Justine Couper of MTA (Mobile Travel Agents). Thanks to all the skiers who skied in the various events and met the requirements to go into the draw. It was, at times, a challenging series of competitions!

The 2010 Masters Series is being planned with some changes to eligible ages and more of the fun events included in the series. As before, the prize will be awarded based on participation, not results – all the qualifying skiers will go into a draw for the big prize at the end of the season. Details will come out closer to winter.

World Masters Success for Australia – below is excerpt from a Zac Zaharias email

“Irene Dunn won Gold for Australia at the World Masters Winter Games in the 7.5 km Biathlon Individual Event at Pokljuka, Slovenia in the BF3 (40-44 year) category. Irene was first with 5 penalties in a time of 34:27 beating Russian and ex-Olympic Biathlon Gold Medallist from Lillehammer, Nadzeda Talanova by 1 min 24 seconds with 11 penalties.

Irene’s Gold is the first for an Australian Woman biathlete at a World Masters Championship Event”

Congratulations to Irene and good luck for the rest of the competition.

Best wishes for a good summer,

Peter Ward

NSW Snowsports Cross Country

❖ **Road Construction Program:** For your information are the critical Construction dates as they are known at this stage.

Below are the contractual dates for the contract to which the Contractor is to adhere to. However there are holiday periods at Australia day and Easterholidays which overlap.

Notes 2 and 3 is how we would like to manage those dates, and will advise any changes should alterations be required to these proposed arrangements.

Candleheath Rd	- Part road closure	- 11 Dec 09	- 25 Jan 10
	- Full road closure	- 25 Jan 10	- 15 Mar 10
	- Part road closure	- 15 Mar 10	- 23 Mar 10
Wheatley Rd	- Part road closure	- 18 Dec 09	- 1 Mar 10
	- Full road closure	- 2 Mar 10	- 29 Mar 10
	- Part road closure	- 29 Mar 10	- 2 Apr 10
Farm Creek PI	- Full road closure	- 25 Jan 10	- 27 Feb 10

Notes:

1. Construction closure over the Christmas period is from 24 December 2009 until 4 January 2010.

2. Australia day is Tuesday 26 January 2010, and expect roads to be open until 27 January 2010, (25 January 2010 noted is the contract end date for part road closures)

3. Good Friday is 2 April 2010, and would expect all roads open that weekend until the Tuesday 6 April 2010.

❖ **November 2009**

Highway Alpine Ski Club Wants:-

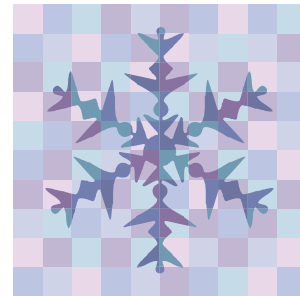
Painters for the bedrooms

Concreters for front entrance

IKEA fabricators for bedroom furniture

2nd January to 9th January 2010

For more information email: martechm@optusnet.com.au



❖ **October 2009**

The AGM is on again this year at the NSW Sports Club on Thursday night at 6.30pm. Hope you can make it. Don't forget summer is a great time down at the lodge.

❖ **August 2009**

Any members staying down the lodge with a camera handy could you please take some photos where the snow falls from the roof and lands on the ground and balcony. This is the area approx. on the inside of the "L" shape lodge. Email photos to maintenance@highwayalpine.com.au

❖ **May 2009 - Highway Lodge report 15-17/05/09. Repair and maintenance.**

Fix door closure in drying room. Fitted external door draft excluders to stop gale blowing up the bedroom hallways. Check during the winter if it worked.

Filled holes in the hallway walls. Trial fitted snow roof retainers, weather conditions too dangerous to full fit, summer job. Installed the table tennis table, looks great, weighs a ton and levelled with a bubble level.

Summer Job list. Painting the bedrooms, hallways, summer entrance, winter entrance including hallways, drying room and laundry. Furniture for the bedrooms, bedside tables, mirrors, storage units (IKEA flat pack) and window key chains. Ski room paint and new ski and pole holders.

Rename the smoker's room and make into usable area, ideas. Replace the columns supporting the beck and add handrails around the winter entrance. Games room.

Mesh screen around the water heaters and remove old doors. Re-concrete the front entrance with mesh insert. Look at retrofit under floor heating in bedrooms 1, 2 & 3.

Contact supplier for quote.

Contractors. Highlander Combined services. Replace the fire hose ground floor.
Members Help. You too can be a Volunteer and it's absolutely free. Painting team required early January 2010. Any interior decorators' out there that are fee free? Furnishing team, bedroom furniture, visit IKEA; don't forget the Allen key or ideas, you get to spend other people's money. Ski holder design or manufacture, we can buy the steel and weld. Games Room or kid's room. Furniture, carpet, black board on the wall, any ideas.
If you have any ideas or can help send me an Email at martechm@optusnet.com.au
Alan Marshall Lodge manager (Not retired)

❖ **May 2009**

This winter will be a very different one for XC skiing in the Perisher Range area – there have been some changes around the place:

Perisher's franchise rights changed with the signing of their long term lease. There is now a line along Kosciusko Road and many activities can take place on the south side of the road that were limited before. In particular, instruction can now be provided by anyone with a NPWS Commercial Tour Operators' Licence. This is something that the XC community has lobbied for and is pleased to see in place.

Another change is the establishment of a temporary XC ski hire in the Ranger Station. Changes to the Perisher Ski Centre meant that the cross country services there had to be shifted. NPWS has called for tenders for the provision of hire and other XC services and a decision will be made shortly. We are grateful to NPWS for providing the space and facilitating this project.

And the grooming. Hans Oversnow has been upgrading machinery all summer and was ready to go as soon as the snow fell. They have been hard at work and skiers this weekend will probably get a pleasant surprise.

Thanks to NPWS for the enormous financial, material and administrative support and direction that is being provided for XC in the Perisher Range area. Where would we be without it?

❖ **May 2009**

- A reminder the 2009 subscription fee of \$75 is due on the 1st March. Please ensure your payment is forwarded.
- A new ping pong table will be ready this winter for those who enjoy a game or two.