

ILLABUNDA NEWS

Winter 2004

Newsletter for Port Kembla Ski Club

CLUB CAPTAIN

Graham Williams has decided to vacate the position after many years. Graham did a great job organizing the senior and junior race program, he has left a good foundation for the future. Thanks for all the hard work.

The role of club captain has been split in two with a senior and junior race captains, they are Robert McCulloch the senior race captain and Terry Dryburgh the junior captain we wish them both luck.

CLUB CLOTHING

Still some club clothing available, if enough orders received will make more.

So all new members here's your chance to get some club clothing.

For more info: Contact Rob Cavanaugh.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has passed us by. We were able to show a profit of \$21,000 before amortization and depreciation with a final sum of \$8,000. We have approx. \$152,000 in the bank and are now back to our target of maintaining a balance of \$150,000.

Over the past winter we had 77% utilisation which would have been one of the highest in the valley. Unfortunately the fires last summer reduced our summer bookings and therefore our profit.

Over the summer general maintenance was carried out. New shower screens were fitted to bathrooms. New dual flush toilet systems were fitted and new water saving shower heads. This was required as we now have a water meter and we will have to pay for water usage. The lounge and dining rooms were painted as were all external hand rails and some external walls.

A new DVD player was installed and new curtains hung. A new bookcase was purchased for the lounge room.

Ski and boot storage was looked into (this is becoming a very big problem).

The spa was given a thorough check and repairs carried out. Lance Carr has told me that all is in order.

I would like to thank all the people who came on the working bees and once again ask for more members to help.

If we have a good year financially this year we will look to replacing the windows in the lounge room. We will have to remove the external boards to do this and will require a lot of help, so give your time and let Ron Fitzgerald have your name and phone numbers.

I would like to thank our managers, Jochen and Suzette for all their hard work, their friendship and warmth not only to the members but to all our visitors and for making all our times at the lodge enjoyable. We must remember that without our visitors we would be paying much higher rates. To Andrea Harrison, thank you for all you have done in a very difficult position and we wish you all the success in your new job. (If we ever extend the lodge we will call on you, mates rate of course!) To the committee a very big thank you on behalf of all the members for your time, effort and dedication. Without you the lodge could not function.

I would like to congratulate all our racers, both junior and senior and look forward to representing the club under our new flag this year.

For the members who were not aware that young Thomas Williams was badly injured in a bike accident last year and was in a very serious condition for a few weeks. We are very happy to report that with the love and support of his mum and dad, Janelle and Graeme, his relatives and friends and the prayers of so many people and his own incredible spirit, he has beaten the odds and is back at school, is swimming and has even played one game of soccer. There must be a God up there somewhere.

Thank you all for your support over the past year and as I said this time last year, this will be a big year with at least ten more good ones to follow.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Snow conditions held out for the junior training in early July and the team completed a busy program with enthusiasm and great team spirit. Snow boarding lessons rewarded all participants with improved skills.

The 2003 Junior interclub races were held in September at Blue Cow and the Perisher Valley X-Country trails. Our X-Country team of Liam Zeller, Peter McCulloch and Matthew Zeller finished third and were unable to hold onto the X-Country team's trophy. The downhill team of Liam, Jonathan and Ben Dryburgh remained consistent and finished third. Overall the team finished second to Imbac. A great result for consistency.

Our Junior X-Country Club Champions for 2003 are Alexandra McCulloch, Alice Gracie, Liam Zeller and Broden Condran. The Downhill Club Champions are Alexandra McCulloch, Paige Davis, Liam Zeller and Broden Condran. The snowboard champion was Liam Zeller with Liam Zeller and Alexandra McCulloch as combined champions. Our encouragement award this year was won by Jared Dryburgh and a new racer's choice award was won by Paige Davis. Other important team members were Will Gracie and the volunteer parents.

Our Senior training continued to concentrate on downhill and in 2003 we achieved more practice training in the gates.

The 2003 Illawarra Interclub was held earlier in August on good quality snow at Blue Cow and Perisher Valley X-Country trails. Our Downhill team of Graeme Williams, Tod Fairbrother and Michael Livermore were third against a fast competition from Illawarra and Thirroul. Our X-Country team of Frank Zeller, Helmut Zeller and Graeme Williams also finished third against a very fast Thirroul team. The snowboard team of Tod Fairbrother, Justin Tierney, and Daniel Campbell recorded the best result with a second placing, which assisted our final result of second overall behind Thirroul.

Our team also included Ben Salon, Caron Zeller, and Bob McCulloch.

The 2003 Club X-Country Champion is Frank Zeller. The Downhill Club Champion is Graeme Williams and the Combined Champion for 2003 is Tod Fairbrother.

Special thanks to Bob McCulloch and parents who assisted with the Junior Interclub races and

congratulations to our Snowboard teams for great results.

My additional thanks to Jochen and Suzette for their support and assistance and to our Interclub Major race sponsors EXTREME SURF AND SKI Wollongong and PADDY PALLIN Jindabyne.
Graeme Williams

VOID

In order to overcome the problem of storage in the void the skis have been retaped. If they are not used within two years they will be placed under the building and then thrown out. Members are requested to please **remove** old skis and boots.

NEW BOOKING OFFICER

A little bit of info from our new Booking Officer

I'm 57 years of age, born in the Netherlands and migrated in 1957.

Married to Veronika and have a 15 year old (going on 25) daughter named Natalie

I first stayed at Illabunda in 1994 when Stephen Beckhaus introduced me to the Lodge. Have been involved in working bees since then. Became a member in 1999 after a number of years on the waiting list.

Lived in the Macarthur area for most of the time and moved to Narellan Vale 18 months ago. Have owned my own Exhaust Centre in Campbelltown since 1978.

My fav sports are Offshore yacht racing, golf (although I'm not very good at it) and of course skiing.

Regards
Leo Delissen

Welcome to Leo Delissen as the Booking Officer. Thanks for taking on such a demanding position. Good luck

There are still a lot of vacancies in September and a few for the rest of the season. To find out what is available go to www.illabunda.com.au
Then get in contact with Leo

WORKING BEES

Make an effort to come along to a working bee.
Plenty of work and fun for all. Remember it's your club get involved and help make it the best club.
For more info contact Ron Fitzgerald

JUNIOR RACERS

I would like to welcome all of our junior thrill seekers to the 2004 snow season. I'm new to this role of organising this years junior races, so I hope you will all be patient with me. If I can do half as good a job as Graeme Williams has in the past, I'll be happy. They're big boots to fill.
Well, it's time for all of you champion daredevils to start focussing on the task ahead. We have race training in early July (4th – 10th) and the races are on the 4th of September, which is the day we'll show our competitors that Illabunda rules the mountain. We might be saddling up some of the smallest skiers in the races but with hearts as big as Pharlap's, I'm sure all of our young guns will be hitting the finish line knowing that they did there best for our mighty lodge.
So dust off all of your ski gear, wax up and let's get into it.
It will be great for the whole team to catch up again and I'm sure we'll all have a great time, as we do each year. Remember, the most important thing is to have fun.
Our fantastic managers have had plenty of time to re-charge their batteries and psyche themselves up for the arrival of you hungry, well behaved warriors. Enough chit chat for now, see you on the slopes.

Terry Dryburgh

SENIOR RACERS NEEDED

Robert McCulloch needs more senior racers. If you are interested contact Robert. Dates for Training and Races.

Senior Training Weekend 31st July & 1st August

XC Week 8th to 14th August

Illawarra Interclub Saturday the 21st August

Perisher Cup Saturday & Sunday the 2nd & 3rd October

MISSING FROM THE LODGE

Timber Cabinet with glass leadlight doors.

Approximate Height 1200mm.- Depth 400mm.-
Width 400mm.

Last seen at the lodge 18/04/04. Found missing 14/05/04.

Contact a member of the committee if you have any information

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