

ILLABUNDA NEWS

Spring 2005

Newsletter for Port Kembla Ski Club

PERISHER BLUE SALE

The Financial Review had an article (13th September 2005) stating that Perisher Blue has withdrawn the Business from sale.

The reasons given are that the buyers will not come up to the \$200 million asking price.

The profitability of P/B is given as \$15 million in an average year, and \$20 million for a good year. Presumably these are after tax figures but this is not clarified.

Other reasons are the weather uncertainties.

The article also says that P/B are unlikely to proceed with the new village development, as developing has not been the Packer role.

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee on the 12th & 13th of November. Contact Ron Fitzgerald if you can attend.

JUNIOR RACERS



Well, they've done it again! It just goes to show that dedication on the training week, practice and a HUGE effort from every single kid on race day has

paid dividends for Illabunda, by becoming Illawarra Interclub champions again, just to prove that last year was no fluke. We lost a couple of our older kids to the senior ranks this year which meant that everybody had to step up, which they did without a doubt.

The training week was held in early July as usual and this year the girls showed a big commitment to tough it out and put in the hard work on the Snowboards. The race coaches were very complimentary towards our juniors, stating good manners and the desire to listen and learn as the qualities that made them a pleasure to coach. This year's races were held on the 3rd September in brilliant sunshine and good snow at the "Upper Rollercoaster" course.

The race format was 2 Snowboard runs followed by 2 GS runs prior to lunch and the X- Country after lunch.

I think what made the difference at the end of the day was the fact that we had a high participation rate in the various disciplines for all age groups. I'm looking forward to the day where each of our Juniors participate in GS, Board and X-Country on race day. We're not far off it.

This years Interclub results are as follows:-
COMBINED TEAM: 1st Illabunda

GIANT SLALOM TEAM: 1st Matthew Zeller,
Jonathan Williams, Ben Dryburgh.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: 1st Jonathan
Williams, Ben Dryburgh, Matthew Zeller.

SNOWBOARD TEAM: 3rd Ben Dryburgh,
Jonathan Williams, Broden Condran.

BOYS INDIVIDUAL COMBINED : 1st Ben
Dryburgh, 2nd Jonathan Williams

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL COMBINED: 3rd Nadine
Dryburgh

U13 GIRLS SNOWBOARD: 2nd Elloise Smith, 3rd Paige Davis.

U13 BOYS SNOWBOARD: 3rd Jared Dryburgh

U17 GIRLS SNOWBOARD: 1st Nadine Dryburgh

U17 BOYS SNOWBOARD: 1st Ben Dryburgh

U17 BOYS GIANT SLALOM: 2nd Matthew Zeller

U17 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: 2nd Alexandra McCulloch

U17 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: 1st Jonathan Williams, 2nd Ben Dryburgh

At Illabunda, we use the Illawarra Interclub results to determine our club results.

They are as follows:-

BOYS COMBINED CHAMPION: Ben Dryburgh

GIRLS COMBINED CHAMPION: Nadine Dryburgh

U13 GIRLS GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION: Paige Davis

U13 BOYS GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION: Jared Dryburgh

U17 GIRLS GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION: Nadine Dryburgh

U17 BOYS GIANT SLALOM CHAMPION: Matthew Zeller

U13 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION: Alice Gracie

U13 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION: Jared Dryburgh

U17 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION: Alexandra McCulloch

U17 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION: Jonathan Williams

U13 GIRLS SNOWBOARD CHAMPION: Elloise Smith

U13 BOYS SNOWBOARD CHAMPION: Jared Dryburgh

U17 GIRLS SNOWBOARD CHAMPION: Nadine Dryburgh

U17 BOYS SNOWBOARD CHAMPION: Ben Dryburgh

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: Remy Condran



KIDS CHOICE AWARD: Katherine and Elloise Smith

The end of the 2005 season sees the departure of three valuable skiers from the Junior ranks. Nadine Dryburgh, Jonathan Williams and Matthew Zeller. They have all been instrumental in contributing to the club's achievements over the years. We wish them well in their endeavours in the seniors next year. Jonathan Williams participated in the seniors this year and performed well as expected.

Emma Gracie succumbed to an ankle injury and could not participate in the races this year. However she proved that High Jump competitions are not a good training platform for Ski races. Next year she is banned from Athletics in the ski season.

This year we had some new faces come into the racing ranks and their determination will hold them in good stead for the future. They did us proud with their results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the juniors for their committed efforts with training and racing this year. The results speak for themselves. They are a bloody good bunch of kids who display camaraderie and friendship to each other and are a credit to the club. Well done kids. Thank you to the parents who contribute in more ways than one to make the year a success. They are

a tower of strength and assist to make my job a lot easier. Their efforts on race day, organising equipment and transporting it to the race track is vital.

Jochen and Suzette who go the extra yard for the training week and race weekend. It's got to make them mentally stronger, despite the extra stress we subject them to. Thank you to the committee who for the funding and encouragement they provide throughout the season to make the races a success. Thank you to Liam Zeller who gave up his time to attend training week to assist with training, particularly Cross Country. Thank you to Graeme Williams who also added valuable tuition. For a few years now, Rhythm Snow Sports at Cooma have supported the Illabunda Junior Races, by way of many items donated for the presentation night, which is very much appreciated by all of the kids. Many thanks go to James at Rhythm, who is unfortunately leaving this year to attend University. Don't forget to request your Illabunda discount on your next visit to Rhythm. They support us, so lets support them.

In 2006, Illabunda is host club and the huge task of organising the entire Illawarra Interclub event will be tough. I have already enlisted the help of some parents who have the various necessary skills to make the races a success. I will be in contact with those people.

Signing off for the 2005 season
Terry Dryburgh
Junior Race Co-ordinator



The Junior Race Team

WANTED YOUR PHOTOS

If you have some photos of the old lodge, working bees on the new lodge and most importantly photos of members skiing, ski races, club parties etc. we are trying to get a history of the club to celebrate 50 years of PKSC. Please send photos to editor. Thanks



Ben Timmins using the jump in front of the Lodge

COMBINED ILLAWARRA SKI CLUBS CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is a Christmas Party organized for Saturday the 26th of November at the Illawarra Master Builders Club. See the attached flyer.

If interested in going contact

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SENIOR RACERS

The senior race team had great results this year:

Combined Team Results – 2nd

Combined Individual – Liam Zeller 3rd

Todd Fairbrother 4th

Jonathon Williams 5th

Graeme Williams 14th

Robert McCulloch 15th

Sian Bilboe 17th

Team Giant Slalom - 2nd
Team Snowboard – 2nd
Team Cross Country – 3rd
Over 50s Event – Graeme Williams 1st

Great results from a great team. Illawarra Alpine were the hosts of this year's event and was run with minimal problems (Kate and Brendon Fitzgerald became one female competitor earning a third place in the women's competition).

I'd like to thank the whole team: Bob McCulloch, Graeme Williams, Todd Fairbrother, Michael Livermore, Brendon Fitzgerald, Ben Zeller, Liam Zeller, Johnathon Williams, Debbie McCulloch, Janet Delaney, Kate Fitzgerald and Sian Bilboe. Our support crew also deserve a mention Emma, Jo and Joan, Joachim and Suzette.

We now have the honour of being hosts of next year event and can't wait to show them how great we are off the snow.

This was my first year as senior race captain and I couldn't have asked for a more helpful team.

Special thanks to Bob McCulloch, Graeme Williams and Terry Dryburgh for their guidance and support.

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