



# Snow Country Snippets

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Welcome to the sixth *Snow Country Snippets* for 2015.....

## *Sincere Condolences .....*

Chris Gurton has advised that his father **Eddie Gurton**, who was one of the three “founders” (with Don Latimer and Ray Marchant) of the original Snow Country Club back in the early 1950’s, passed away peacefully on Monday September 28, aged 90.

Eddie was the original Club Treasurer, and he participated in the building of both the Smiggin’s and Jindabyne lodges, among much more involvement with the Club.

Chris writes “Eddie was my Dad, and I have fond memories of many happy winters spent with him and my Mum, Joannie, on the ski slopes with the Snow Country family; the Marchants, Latimers, Prings, the Langsams, Peppers and many others, most of us staying at “The Creel on Thredbo” (which is now under Lake Jindabyne) being hosted by Bill and Pearl Stanton.

*With Sympathy*

Snow Country members pass on their sincere condolences to Chris and his family.

## *Happy Birthday to you...*

**Congratulations to Thelma Parry** on turning 95 on October 1.  
Many happy returns Thelma !



## ***Farewell and Good Luck, Gudrun and Juergen...***

Gudrun and Juergen, our wonderful Smiggins Lodge Managers have advised the Snow Country board that they will not be returning next season.



On behalf of all Snow Country members we thank Gudrun and Juergen for their contribution to our Club over the last 6 seasons.

They will be missed and we wish them the best of luck in their next venture.

## **Smiggins Lodge**



As mentioned last newsletter, we encourage members to review the presentation made to the AGM on the Smiggins Lodge maintenance requirements which can be found on the Snow Country website with the last newsletter. This is an important matter to be addressed and will ensure the future of Smiggins Lodge for decades to come. It will require significant effort and cooperation from members and the Board will ensure members are kept abreast of developments.

## **Jindabyne Lodge**

This year has been our best year ever with a 48% change over rate above the figure set by the board in 2012 as our guideline.

We would like to thank Helen, who has done a remarkable job keeping the place clean and satisfying all the needs of the members and friends. The lodge looks great!





We would also like to thank **Mark Ward, Laurie and Jill Ward** and their friend **Mike Green** for their work at the Jindabyne Lodge over the October Long Weekend.

They were extremely busy and carried out the following jobs:

- *Replaced wooden surrounds and plants under the spiral stairs.*
- *Cleaned up garden under lattice.*
- *Spread more crushed rock in car park.*
- *Welded additional posts to spiral stairs and painted.*
- *Installed gate to spiral stairs and painted.*
- *Re-installed shade cloth to BBQ area and top balcony.*
- *Fitted dead bolts to down stairs and upstairs common area sliding doors.*
- *General weeding of all gardens*



## Reminder - Snow Country Xmas Lunch - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

The Snow Country Christmas Party will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at the **Georges River 16ft Sailing Club, Sanoni Drive, Sandringham.**

Lock in the date and join fellow Club members for a great opportunity to catch up before the end of the year.

Invitations have recently been sent out, so while it is on your mind, please send your acceptance slip through to Karen Lyth, either by email or by post.

It a fun day, and a great way to catch up with friends you may have not seen for some time.



### Smiggins Bowl Report

Club Captain, David Winfield, has compiled the following report on the Smiggins Bowl. The Club thanks David and the other members (included in the report below) who coordinated Snow Country's involvement in the event....see the end of the report for some photos from the races.



*Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September saw the running of the 51st Smiggins Bowl. The Alpine and Snowboard course was held on the front valley, while the Cross Country was on a freshly groomed (albeit very slushy) purpose built track at the Nordic area. The weather started out overcast but it wasn't long before everyone was basking in the sunshine at the top of the course.*

*As is the normal process the bowl teams raced first on a slalom course and then 2 runs down the GS course. The Snow Country team of John Hopkins, Paul Livissianos, Cameron McMillan and Dave Bartley did us proud and while we weren't able to win it this year we still finished in the top 3 overall. John Hopkins was the fastest skier overall and continues to dominate his younger rivals!!*

Although the men didn't win this year, our Women's and Vets teams both had great days winning their bowl events. In these events the fastest 3 skiers from each club combine their times to find the winner. The women's team of Rayna Green, Sally Hopkins and Chantelle Pusell had a big win in the open women, and the Vets Team of Jeff Day, Juergen Paul and Steve Wray also had a great victory.



In the junior events Snow Country had their largest representation ever (25 kids) which was a fantastic effort. Our Junior development program was a great success this year and the results showed in the racing. We even had three 5 year old competitors including Noah Winfield, Kade Brennan and Teileah Pusell – the future is looking bright!



**Special mention to the following skiers after placing in the Bowl or Shield events:**

Jemma Hopkins – 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall U9 GS, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall U9 Cross Country

Amelia Bond – 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall U13 female GS

Mac Livissianos – 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in U13 male GS (Despite still only being 9 years old!!)

Will Ramsay – 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in U17 male GS

Melanie Filan – 3<sup>rd</sup> place over U13 female snowboard

In the adult categories the following people obtained results for Snow Country:

John Hopkins – 1<sup>st</sup> overall alpine bowl, 1<sup>st</sup> overall mens slalom, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall mens GS Bowl

Rayna Green – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall open womens GS

Sally Hopkins – 3<sup>rd</sup> overall open womens GS

Jeff Day – 1<sup>st</sup> overall veterans GS

Juergen Paul – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall veterans GS

Richard Budd – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall veterans snowboard



*This year was the first time we had a junior snowboard team and it was fantastic to see a few of our junior members strapping on a board. Liam Filan, Melanie Filan and Indya Ward all competed in the snowboard with Melanie managing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in U13 Female.*

*The day continued after the alpine events with the cross country in the afternoon.*

*The weather was warm and rain was on the way! Snow country had a nearly*

*20 competitors which was encouraging to see. Well done to Jemma Hopkins*

*who took out 1<sup>st</sup> place in the u9 Cross Country. Our bowl team which*

*consisted of David Winfield, Will Ramsay, Cameron McMillan and Peter Bond finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with David finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall and Will coming up from the juniors to race in the opens.*



*The day also acted as our Snow Country Club Championships.*

*These were for all junior categories and we also had an adult cross country category.*

### ***The results were:***

#### ***Cross Country:***

*U9: Jemma Hopkins 1<sup>st</sup>, Declan Budd 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*U13 Male: Cameron Winfield 1<sup>st</sup>*

*U13 Female: Amelia Bond 1<sup>st</sup>, Ella Moate 2<sup>nd</sup>, Melanie Filan 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*U17 Male: Will Ramsay 1<sup>st</sup>, Sam Boatswain 2<sup>nd</sup>, Liam Filan 3<sup>rd</sup>*

#### ***Snowboard:***

*Melanie Filan 1<sup>st</sup>, Indya Ward 2<sup>nd</sup>, Liam Filan 3<sup>rd</sup> (Special mention in this one to Indya Ward who is only 6 years old!!)*

#### ***Alpine:***

*U10: Mac Livissianos 1<sup>st</sup>, Cameron Winfield 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jemma Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*U13: James Hopkins 1<sup>st</sup>, Amelia Bond 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ella Moate 3<sup>rd</sup>*

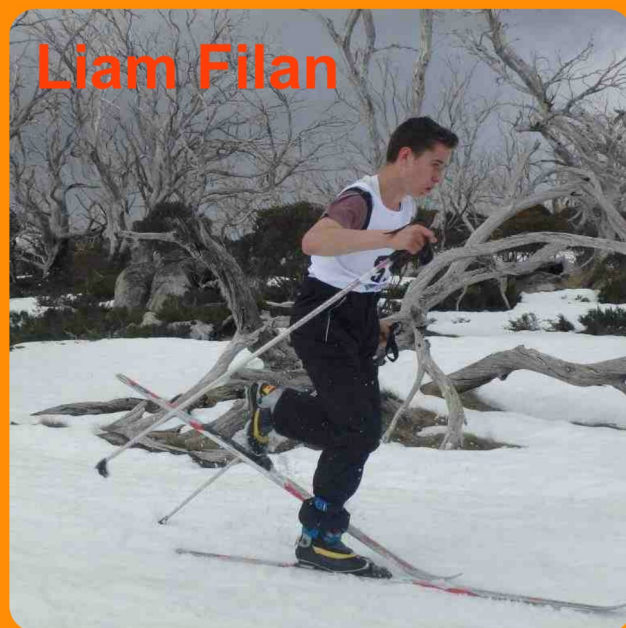
*U15: Liam Filan 1<sup>st</sup>, James Wray 2<sup>nd</sup>, Molly McNair 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*U18: Cameron McMillan 1<sup>st</sup>, Will Ramsay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Courtney Wray 3<sup>rd</sup>*

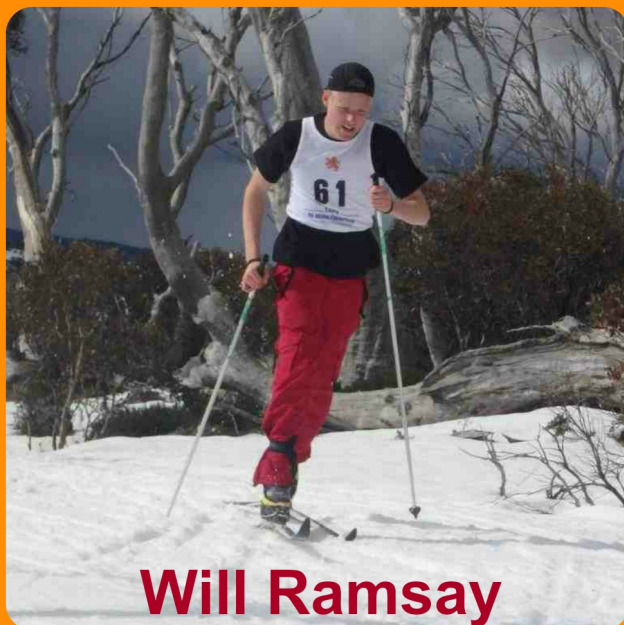




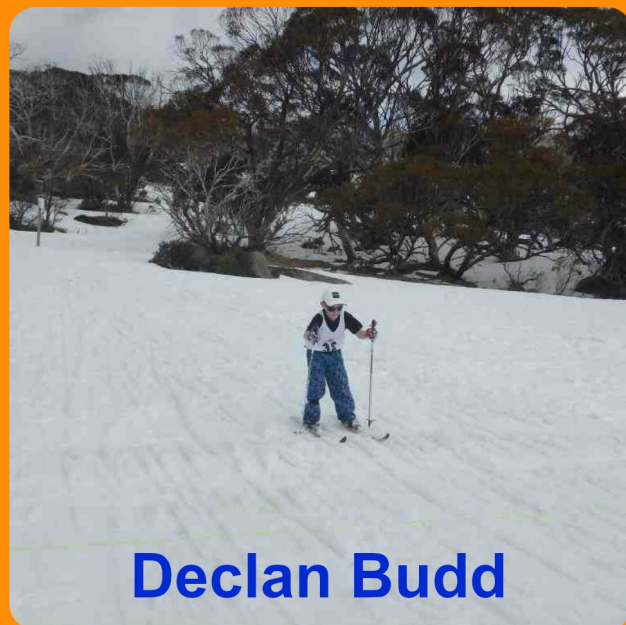
Noah Winfield - our  
youngest competitor



Liam Filan



Will Ramsay



Declan Budd



**Waiting up the top!**



**U13 Female XC - Melanie Filan 3rd, Amelia Bond 1st, Ella Moate 2nd**



**Juergen Paul, Rod McMillan and Jeff Day with the Vets Trophy**



**Declan Budd - Jim Hopkins Encouragement Shield**



### *More injuries !*

Following Karen Lyth's (nee Moate) serious knee injury (torn ACL) requiring surgery, her brother Adam (SCSC Board member) has also injured himself while skiing.

Adam suffered a torn meniscus (knee) and damaged rotator cuff (shoulder) after the fall - but bravely backed up a few weeks later to participate in the Smiggins Bowl.



We wish Karen and Adam speedy recoveries.

### *New Member - Payment Plan*

#### **Reminder - New Member Instalment Payment Plan**

If you know someone that would like to join Snow Country Ski Club, membership just got a bit easier with our new instalment payment plan that was approved by members at the recent AGM.

The new instalment plan allows new members to **pay their Joining Fee in three (3) equal instalments**. If you require any further information on membership refer to the SCSC website or contact **Michael Brannon (0411 735 283) or David Carr (0418 280 693)**.