



Snow Country Snippets

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

Let it....snow !

The snow has arrived and Smiggins looks great ! Looks like there'll be a good snow cover well into September. Still beds available across both lodges so why not make a late season visit.

Smiggins looking back to the pub - thanks for the photo Michael Moate



New Member Payment Plan

Reminder - 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**. This plan has been introduced to encourage new members who may have difficulty in meeting the normal upfront joining fee of \$3,750. New members who take advantage of the instalment plan will pay an annual instalment plan levy of \$125 per year during the instalment period.

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)**.

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Great New Club Gear for Purchase - orders by August 24

The Club will be introducing some branded t-shirts and hoodies with designs and pricing shown below. As we are keen to get some gear prior to the end of the season, we need to place our order with the printer soon, so the timeframe to get orders in is pretty short...

T-Shirts - Price : \$22

Front



Back



Hoodies - Price : \$55



No Print on back

Attached is an order form for the gear with size charts. If you'd like to purchase a t-shirt or hoodie, you will need to fill in the order form and send (fax or email) through to Booking Officer **KAREN LYTH** with your payment details - the gear will only be ordered upon receipt of payment.

We need to have orders received by **August 24** and they will be ready for delivery in September (around 3 weeks after order). At this stage we are working through delivery options, so get your order form in and we will work on keeping delivery costs down in the coming week.

Thanks to Giselle Budd and Karen Lyth for managing the order/payment processes which will allow Snow Country members to proudly display our Club logo across the mountain.

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Junior Development Program - 2015 Report

The Junior Development Program was held in early July and below is a report on the program from Club Captain David Winfield.

JDP Report - 2015

The 2015 JDP program was a great success with 25 children participating and strong camaraderie was again evident between the members, parents and children involved.

The JDP ran over 4 days from Sunday 5 July to Wednesday 8 July and was based in the race gates on Sunday and Tuesday, and aimed at general skiing on Monday and Wednesday. The sessions ran from 9am to 12pm on Sunday and Tuesday, and 9am to 11am on Monday and Wednesday.

The participants in the JDP program were divided into 3 groups based on ability. These groups were determined by the instructors after watching the children come down the racecourse at the start of the first day. The groups were reviewed on the 3rd day and some participants were moved up a group where appropriate.

We were fortunate to have Juergen and Christine as the key instructors again this year, while the third and fourth instructors were different each day. At the end of the program the club held an afternoon tea at the Smiggins Lodge. At the afternoon tea the children were presented with Snow Country JDP T-Shirts and certificates of participation.

Club captain awards were distributed after discussions with the ski instructors - congratulations to the following award winners:

Most Improved
Best Listener
Encouragement Award
'Little Ripper' award

Aeyla Brennan
Kira Budd
Georgia Aikman
Joe Livissianos (6 years old in the top group)

At the presentation all participants and parents were thanked for their participation. As with any program there are opportunities to improve and the current format of the JDP will be reviewed to ensure we can deliver an even better and sustainable JDP for members in the future.

David and Giselle

The JDP Crew...

.....looking good in their JDP T-Shirts



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Snow Country Members FACEBOOK page

Checkout the new Snow Country Ski Club MEMBERS ONLY Facebook group. Follow the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037497112945896/?fref=ts>

Important Dates for the Diary - 2015

Smiggins Bowl	September 19
Snow Country Christmas Party	November 22

Lodge News

Jindabyne Lodge - Summer Rates

Taking into account the increasing costs of year round operation, **Summer** room rates for the Jindabyne Lodge have been slightly increased. Member's rates have increased by \$10 to \$15 per night (dependant on number of people in room), while non-members rates have been increased by \$12 to \$15 per room per night.

These changes maintain Jindabyne Lodge as a highly affordable summer holiday option for members with rates working out at \$35 per person per night when 2 people share a room for more than 1 night.

Smiggins Lodge

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.

Get Well Soon....

Very sad to hear that our Smiggins Booking Officer **Karen Lyth** has torn the cruciate ligament (ACL) in her right knee while skiing at Perisher last week.

Karen will be seeing the surgeon next week and we wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

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Note from Perisher - Perisher Performance Plus Race

Performance Plus Race

For season 2015 Perisher would like to offer a public recreational racing opportunity - The Performance Plus Race - to give everyone a chance to compete and compare times to friends, family and club members. We will run this race on select dates throughout the season; it will be an easy giant slalom on intermediate terrain, allowing skiers and riders of all abilities and ages to experience the thrill of racing. Come join the fun; Race and compete against yourself, your friends or club members.

Date: Saturday Sept 12th

Registration: Online registration for all competitors (limited to 150 entrants per event; minimum entry is 30 by the Thursday prior to the race.)

Cost: \$25 per person.

Entry: Open to all skiers and snowboarders.

- There will be an option to put your club name in registration process to enable club/group results to be produced.

Format: Giant Slalom on an intermediate run (TBA). Consisting of 2 timed runs. (Intermediate standard skier/rider recommended).

Helmets: Are required for all participants.

Waivers: All participants need to complete on-line registration, and as part of this process will sign an online waiver.

Link to Registration:

<https://regonline.activeglobal.com/2015perisherperformanceraces>