



Snow Country Snippets

November 2019

Welcome to the final edition of *Snow Country Snippets for 2019...*

2019 – a great season!

Sadly the 2019 season has come to an end – but what a season it was! Blessed with over 2 metres of snow for much of the season, lodge usage was up on last year in both lodges and members enjoyed the excellent hospitality provided by our lodge managers Steve and Alison and Gudrun and Juergen.

It has been a big season on and off the snow and despite our large investment in the Smiggin's refurbishment project the Club has traded profitably during the season.

The Smiggin's refurb project has delivered a vastly warmer and quieter lodge that will last us for decades to come. We held some highly productive work parties prior to the season and will look to do the same again this year at both lodges – volunteers required please!

We launched the online booking system for Smiggin's and will expand this to Jindabyne in coming months. We have also launched a new Club clothing website (see below) where members can order new Club merchandise.

The Club successfully hosted and competed in the Smiggin's Bowl race event in September which comprised 290 competitors with some of the participating Clubs saying it was the best organised Bowl event ever held.

Finally, a huge thank you to the managers of both Lodges for their efforts throughout the busy winter season in making our members and guests feel so welcome.

Welcome to our newest members...

A warm Snow Country welcome to the following new members. We hope you enjoy your new association with the Club for many years to come.

- Christian Hoegh-Rasmussen
- James Morris



To ensure our Lodge facilities remain highly accessible by members, the Board has determined that **NEW memberships are temporarily suspended**, with the exception of member's immediate family members. Anyone who wants to join the Club, who is not a spouse of sibling of a current member, will be placed on a waitlist until membership is reopened.

New SCSC Club Clothing – Order Now for Christmas!

Don't forget you can now purchase a new round of Club gear that members can order and pay for themselves online.

The link below takes you to a website that will display the available gear – which looks fantastic! **There are hoodies, t-shirts, soft shell jackets, fleecies, beanies and caps in all sizes.**

<http://www.xpresspromotion.net.au/snow-sports/snow-country-ski-club>



Annual Subscription Fees and Levies

Annual fee notices will be sent to you via email in January for payment in February. The fees will reflect the changes approved at the May AGM by members and include a small Building Levy of \$150 to be used for constructions works required to keep our lodges at a high standard.

Please remember that members need to be up to date with their fees before they can make bookings in the Lodges.

Smiggin's Bowl Report

The 2019 Smiggin's Bowl is done and dusted for another year. Congratulations to Rob McFadden and the organizing team for hosting what some clubs told us was the best organized Smiggin's Bowl for many, many years!

A big thanks to **Kristen O'Connor, Alison Howes, Alisa Hawkins, Paul & Rayna Livissianos and Sue McEvoy** for their huge efforts on the day as well!

A special thanks to all of our volunteers who gave up their time to help with the race judging - which helped the events run as smoothly as possible.

Congratulations goes to ALL of our competitors who braved some horrible wet and windy conditions to represent Snow Country so admirably. We had a team of over 50 competitors proudly racing for Snow Country on Saturday who battled the elements, especially in the XC.

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Some highlights were:

- Our Smiggin's Bowl alpine racing team of Adam Moate, Michael Moate, John Hopkins and Keiraley O'Connor won their section of the Bowl event!
- John Hopkins has the 2nd fastest time of all Bowl competitors
- Snow Country won the overall Smiggin's Shield!
- Snow Country won the Junior GS, Women's GS and Veterans GS Smiggin's Shields
- Jemma Hopkins won her GS and XC U/13 events
- Joe Livissianos won his snow board U/13 event (with Ari Ganassin coming in 2nd)
- Rihanna Burke won her Ladies Snowboard Shield event
- Juergen Paul won the Veterans Shield GS
- James Hopkins, Ella Moate and Michael Stomps all placed in the tough XC event
- Special mention to Don Fergusson, Snow Country's most "mature" competitor (who performed superbly on and off piste) and grandson Jack Hawkins (8 Yrs old) who was our youngest competitor - a real family affair !

Members enjoyed a catch-up after the event at Smiggin's Lodge - thanks to Steve Osborne and Alison for their delicious catering for the hungry competitors !

See some photos below of our the 2019 Smiggin's Bowl team.

The Board wishes all members and their families a happy festive season!



Smiggin's Bowl 2019 – Hosted by Snow Country



