



Snow Country Snippets

April 2018

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Welcome to the April 2018 *Snow Country Snippets*

Dates for the Diary

16 April 2018

Bookings opened for guests.

11am, 6 May 2018

Annual General Meeting – Illawarra Leagues Club

15-18 July 2018

Junior Development Program

22 September 2018

Smiggins Bowl

AGM Update – CHANGE OF TIME TO 11AM*****

The SCSC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday 6th May 2018, commencing at 11am at the Illawarra Leagues Club, 97-99 Church St, Wollongong.

THERE ARE FOUR (4) RETIRING DIRECTORS IN 2018:

Retiring; Laurie Ward, David Carr, Sally Bartley and David Winfield.

Sally Bartley and David Carr have indicated they will not be standing again this year, David Carr has indicated he can assist the board and continue to complete the role as Registrar.

The Board would like to think that there will be new nominations received prior to this year's AGM, so there can be a full board of nine (9) Directors attending to the Club's business. If there are more nominations than positions available, then a vote will be required at the AGM. The board can indicate that we are looking for another person with financial skills.

Notes:

The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (in the evening, usually around 6.30pm) at the Georges River 16' Sailing Club, Sanoni Avenue, Sandringham. Currently the board meets face to face on at least four occasions and the remainder via tele-conference.

Enthusiastic members (both female and male) with Business Acumen, Administrative Skills, Secretarial Tourism and/or Financial Skills are especially encouraged to nominate. Note if you are nominating another club member, please ensure that the nominated member has endorsed the nomination prior to the AGM.

If you are interested in nominating yourself as a potential candidate, or wish to nominate someone else, you may do so by completing the SCSC Director Nomination Form (previously emailed to members) and forwarding to the secretary Paul Lyth at either info@snowcountry.com.au or paullyth@optusnet.com.au by Saturday the 28th April 2018.

If you are interested in joining the board and would like more information, we encourage you to contact Michael Brannon by email michael.brannon@imb.com.au .

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Smiggins Work Party

The annual pre-season Smiggins Work Party is scheduled for the weekend of 28/29 April 2018. Jobs to be done include slashing, deck staining, cleaning, shampoo bedroom carpets, put mattress protectors on beds and repair rendering on rear north west corner..... **we would like to strongly encourage members that are available to attend – as everyone knows – more hands make light work (and quicker too 😊)**

For those that are able to make it accommodation at Smiggins will be provided, and fuel for travel down and back will be reimbursed with presentation of receipts.

If you are able to attend, book your attendance (and a bed) by contacting David Bartley 0437608838 or sunrise@spin.net.au

Smiggins Bowl

After two seasons of a great turnout by Snow Country, now is the time to pencil in the dates and get your booking forms ready for the 2018 Smiggins Bowl. This year the Smiggins Bowl is being held on 22nd September with our Club Championships being held inconjunction with the Bowl.

The Bowl is a great weekend for the club, with lots of laughs, a few beverages, great comradeship and most importantly lots of “serious or not” racing. If you can’t race, there is still something for everyone. We always need more cheering down the course or on the cross country course, help sorting and organising the club team, and officalling on the course. The more competitors, supporters and officials our club has on the snow the better chance we have of bringing home the silverware and a very happy club captain 😊 .

And don’t forget the club dinner on the Saturday night to re-live those awesome (and not so awesome but worth a mention) performances from the day, along with highlights from the season over dinner and a few beverages.

After some successful racing last season lets look to make 2018 Snow Country’s year and try our hardest to bring home the Bowl again.

Annual Membership Fees & Building Levies

Invoices have been posted to members for the 2018 membership fees, along with the building levy contribution. To ensure you can enjoy our lodge accommodation at members rates please ensure you have paid your fees.....if your member subs and levies are not up-to-date you can not enjoy our accommodation at member prices, or enjoy the member preferential booking periods.

Smiggins Refurbishment Project - Update

The Smiggins Refurbishment committee have been working extremely hard behind the scenes. They have received a draft Consent from the Department of Planning. After a few negotiations, they have submitted some requests for changes in writing. Fingers crossed these changes will be accepted and the Consent will be issued. This will then enable the committee to get firm quotes from builders and get the ball rolling.

A full update of the project progress will be provided at the AGM.

Booking details for 2018

Booking forms for 2018 have been loaded onto the club website. The Board is happy to advise that they have been able to keep the accommodation rates for members at the same rates as 2017. Bookings have been open for members for a number of weeks now, with bookings opening for guests this week.

Members will also notice the change in single night bookings for Jindabyne Lodge, with the previous surcharge of 50% now reduced to 25%. Please note, single night bookings will only be accepted within 5 days of the accommodation date, subject to lodge availability.

Finally, please don't forget that if your membership fees and levies are not up to date you will not be able to enjoy our member rates at the lodges.

Jindabyne Update

After over four years of managing, cleaning, fixing, taking bookings and all the other things she does, our wonderful Jindabyne Lodge Manager Helen Waite, has had to resign from her position due to personal reasons.

The Board will be advertising this position externally, but if you know a person or couple that would be interested in filling Helen's massive shoes, please drop our President, Michael Brannon an email, michael.brannon@imb.com.au for further information.

We will really miss Helen (and her daughter Gabby) this winter, and wish them all the best in the future.

Smiggins Update

David Bartley has been hard at work behind the scenes over summer. One of the many tasks he has done has seen him busy crunching numbers this has resulted in the phone and fax lines being disconnected at Smiggins prior to the 2018 season, and providing the Managers with a mobile phone. Not only will this make contact easier with the lodge (because anyone that has tried contacting the lodge knows the ongoing trouble we have had with the landline there), but will also contribute to savings for the club.

Junior Development Program - 2018

Expression of interest forms for the 2018 JDP have been emailed to members and up-loaded to the members Facebook page. This was extended to Wednesday 28th March to enable as many U/18 members and children of members to apply.

All successful applicants have been notified and accommodation all allocated for another great Snow Country JDP.

News From the Perisher Historical Society:

The Perisher Historical Society is delighted to be hosting the AASHA Conference 2018 from 4th to 6th May 2018.

Join the society at this gathering of people from the historical societies of all the major Australian ski resorts.

Always a fun event, an opportunity to meet and mix with skiers who have a fascination with history,

- Friday evening Welcome Function at Corroboree Lodge at 6:00 with light food and hearty soup.
- Saturday – Conference Day proper at the Perisher Skitube building
- Saturday evening - Conference Dinner at Corroboree Ski Lodge.
- Sunday is a Field Trip with presentations at Charlotte Pass, Guthega and the site of the Hotel Kosciusko.

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For all who would like to know more about the development of skiing along the Kosciuszko Road here is a golden opportunity.

Full details are contained in the attachments:

- Conference Invitation
- Conference Program in detail
- Conference Registration Form

Call Philip at anytime, he would be delighted to have a chat:

Philip, *President - Perisher Historical Society*
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Support Snow Country Member Raising Monday for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

A request for support from one of our members, Warrick Affleck, who is going to jump of the Rydges Building at Port Macquarie, to raise money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The Helicopter Service not only patrols the waterways of the NSW Coast, but also attends medi-vacs, car accidents and medical emergencies throughout NSW. If you can support Warrick in his heart racing endeavor please contact him, details provided below:

Dear Friends / Colleagues / and hopefully supporters

As you know, the "Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service" save many lives in our community. We have seen many clients or friends who have experienced the magnificent community service that Helicopter Rescue provided to help them or a family member. But the Helicopter Rescue Service is a charity organization that cannot continue to operate just off Grants....it relies on kind donations and sponsorship to enable it to continue to fly and save lives ...and I am aiming to raise \$2000 in support donations. Therefore, my challenge is to take the "Leap for Life" and abseil from the rooftop down the 9 storey building of Rydges Port Macquarie on 1st June, 2018....if I don't pass out just thinking about it beforehand.

So I seek your kind support....please lend me a hand by donating towards my page and come along and join me on the day and watch me summon my courage and take the Leap for Life!

Any contribution, great or small, that you could make would be greatly appreciated! Please go to: <https://leadersleapportmacquaire.gofundraise.com.au/page/WarrickAffleck>

Please follow the easy steps....and keep your fingers crossed we can reach the target...and that I can reach the ground below Rydges Hotel, without leaving too much of an impression.

Thank you for your great support!!

Regards

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Member Discounts

Steve's Snow Store in Wollongong offers a 10% discount to members. Check out their website as they can also organise a 20% discount on hire in Jindabyne from The Base Ski & Snowboard Centre. Steve's website is <https://steveessnowstore.com/> . Steve is a great supporter of the club, so if you are in Wollongong, pop in and say hi.....just don't forget to mention you are from Snow Country!

They also have their annual Sydney Northern Beaches sale coming up 4-6 May in Mona Vale. Check out their website for more information.

Snow Country Facebook Page

Don't forget to request to join our facebook page for all the latest information and last minute booking availabilities.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=snow%20country%20ski%20club%20-%20members%20page>

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