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Dear members

Here we are at the end of another ski season and all is going well at Maranatha. Clarky has been cooking up a storm and seems to be keeping our guests happy. Below are a couple of photos of Clark “in action”. The first one shows him preparing room 4 for new guests on changeover day. The second shows him equipped for a different type of action.





Our sports captain, Astrid Kreilis has been active this year, running all of the usual events, as well as doing all of the organisation associated with hosting the interclub events. Well done, Astrid. Astrid's reports on those events appear as a supplement to this newsletter. Owing to the size of the files they will not be emailed but are available on the club website.

This year's interclub saw the 20th running of the Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub (and the 20th anniversary of Brian's death). Special efforts were made to ensure that the milestone did not go unnoticed and that Brian's memory will be kept alive. It was considered important that the younger participants in the race not go away thinking, "who was this Brian Donegan anyway?" It appears that the day/evening was a success on all counts.

For the presentation the lodge was decorated with historic photos, racing bibs were placed on the railings of the stairwell and a DVD of photos of Brian and previous interclubs was running continuously. Bill Torrey provided some schnapps to keep the evening "flowing". Thanks to Sam Curtis for producing the DVD and to Bill for providing the liquid refreshment. Members should keep in mind that Extreme Surf and Ski is a major sponsor of this event and remember this when shopping for ski and surf gear.

Members are reminded that the lodge will be available for summer bookings. Contact the Booking Officer if you are interested.

Enjoy your skiing (and your summer activities)

Kevin Donegan

SAD NEWS INDEED

It is my sad duty to report the deaths of three of our long standing members. Brian O'Loughlin passed away in April and Judy O'Loughlin was reunited with him on 2 November . Doug Smith's treechange on the farm at Braidwood was cut short in August. Heath Barnes has posted a Tribute to Doug on the club's website.

Doug and Brian both made a significant contribution as committee members and it was always a pleasure to be at Maranatha at the same time as Brian and Judy or Doug. Pleasant and sometimes stimulating dinner conversation was assured. They will be sadly missed. We extend our condolences to the O'Loughlin and Smith families.

BACK to PERISHER WEEKEND.

EASTER 2010

(2ND ~ 5TH APRIL).

Following this years successful inaugural Back to Perisher Week SLOPES with the strong support of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Perisher Chamber of Commerce, Perisher Resort, the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol, The NSW Fire Brigade and other interested parties SLOPES and the NPWS are planning the 2nd "Back to Perisher Weekend" to be held between the 2nd and 5th April 2010.

Feature events will include:-

- The "Second Annual Fun Run" from Perisher Valley to Charlottes Pass.
- Guided bush walks organised by the enthusiastic Dave Woods of NPWS.
- A Gala get together at the Man. (Food and drinks will be available) following the fun run.
- Children's rides on fire trucks and cross country vehicles.

Both the Fun Run and the evening at the Man will be held on Saturday 3rd April.

This is a preliminary advice and a fully detailed programme will be provided on the SLOPES website as they become available.

Missing Photo Albums

Members may recall that we keep a number of photo albums at the lodge. These contain photos going back a long time. A couple of these albums have gone missing. We suspect someone has taken them home with good intentions of copying or scanning the photos and then returning them.

If you are the person who had those good intentions please search your spare room so that these important heirlooms do not disappear into a black hole and then return them. You may contact me to arrange an anonymous return if you wish to avoid any embarrassment.

Some pictures from this year's race events



We have finally found a valid use for a snowboard

Keep those nibblies coming!



Our Cross-country team in the Brian Donegan Memorial InterClub