

Winter came so suddenly and early that the lucky ones got a bonus pre-season weekend of fine weather and fun skiing – Perisher donated ticket money and raised \$32,000 for local Snowy Mountains communities and charities. The following June long weekend opened what looks likely to be a great season with plenty of snow.

Club news

Kandahar historical review



In 2001 Ethel Robson completed a history of Kandahar begun by her husband Gordon, who founded the Club in 1954. These booklets are now out of print however, with Ethel's permission, I have had it scanned and uploaded to our website, About Kandahar page. Because the file size is quite large, it is in 2 installments -

Part 1 is the chronological history and

Gordon's personal account, with photos and Part 2 is the Appendices and features the Club's earliest records, starting with the initial 1954 letter to friends inviting interest in forming a ski club. If you would like to receive a PDF please email me.

If you have photos of the Club (and any stories) please be in touch so that I can build on Kandahar's archives and when our website is upgrade will add to our gallery.

Kandahar post vs email newsletters

The Club spends quite a bit on posting out newsletters – over \$6,000 last year – and we are aware that for some members, the email updates are sufficient. We now also have several family members using one postal address who may not need a hard copy for each member and we have a few members who live overseas. For those without email, post will remain, however we want to take the opportunity to reduce our print run and save some trees. We are emailing out our survey shortly (it may have already arrived in your inbox) which includes asking how you want to receive Club updates: email, post or both.

2012 AGM summary

This summary was emailed out last month and is also on our website, news page.

The AGM was not well attended this year - not sure if this was because we had to hold last year's quite late in October. We are back on track holding it prior to the snow season with a new auditor providing better and more efficient service.

Social

Maria Silk Young is our social committee (with valuable help from her husband Scott) and at the AGM was congratulated on a great BBQ held in summer at Elvina Bay. Other event ideas are being considered, possibly a wine tasting evening with venues being explored; and also ways to get the Gen 3s together (a few Gen 3's took up the uni holiday week this year).

Recycling

NPWS have introduced a waste collection system with recyclable waste streams as outlined in the table below. This information is also in each lodge - Lodge captains please take note. Garbage is collected from the lodges during winter on Monday and Thursday mornings, along with the normal garbage collection.

Please separate waste and recyclables:

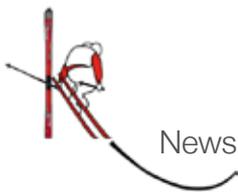
Waste	Acceptable storage
Garbage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy black or green garbage bags
Bottles, cans & plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS issued clear plastic bags
Paper and cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS issued white woven bags • NPWS issued clear plastic bags • Flattened & stored in a box or tied

Perisher news

Perisher Resort's discount tickets / refund

A SLOPES member discovered that the 7 Day Advance Purchase tickets offered by Perisher from 1 June are actually cheaper than the Early Bird Discount Perisher tickets sold earlier.

SLOPES raised this with senior management at Perisher and was informed that Perisher overlooked that their post 31st May pricing for some tickets is cheaper than their pre 31st May offer and will refund any differences in pricing. Contact Perisher Snow Holidays - 1300 655 811.



Sports – Perisher winter calendar

For what's on this winter go to Perisher's event calendar. Good luck to all members participating this season and send in photos (evidence!) www.perisher.com.au/resort-activities/events-calendar.html

Australian Junior Series: 3-5 August

A hugely popular event; open to junior snowboarders seeking a challenge as they develop their skills in a competitive environment.

Blue Cow Cup SSA Children's Series 10-12 August

The Blue Cow Cup is a part of the NSW Children's Series and is open to competitors aged under 10 to 21 years old competing in Giant Slalom, Slalom and Skier Cross. Entrants must be Members of Ski & Snowboard Australia.

Australian Freestyle Moguls Championships 16-18 August

See top local and interstate Freestyle athletes compete against some of the world's best in Australia's premiere mogul event only at Perisher! Online entries coming soon... excellent spectator sport too.

Chix with Stix: 19 August, Blue Cow 9:00am

What is it? An all-day grass-roots workshop, designed specifically for girls to receive FREE tuition from some of Australia's top women's coaches. All you need is a valid lift ticket and the will to learn. Chicks with Stix aim is to provide much needed encouragement and opportunities for girls, to progress their skills, get comfortable in a competitive environment and add some new tricks to their repertoires in skiing - bumps, freeride, slopestyle and big mountain, plus new for 2012 at Perisher - snowboarding!

Masters Alpine Championships 24-25 August

The event is open to males and females from 30 years of ages and over who like to race! Alpine disciplines include: Slalom, Super-G & GS.

Australian Masters Alpine Championships 30-31 August

Are you over 30 and like to ski race? Proving that age doesn't mean you have to slow down, the Australian Masters is being held at Perisher.

There are three events over two days: Super G, Slalom and Giant Slalom; open to competitors 30 – 75+ years of age. Get into your best Lycra, come join the fun and compete for an Australian Masters title.

Perisher's Winter Sports Club conducts season-long programs designed for enthusiasts to develop and progress their snow riding skills. The program caters for kids 3 years and over to adults who are interested in recreational skiing through to competition level. For more information > <http://www.perisher.com.au/wsc>

NSW Snow Sports is the peak body and state sporting organisation for Snowsports in NSW. Their website provides information on membership as well as events calendars and race results, particularly for the annual Interschools Championships competition.

XC Winter 2012 online entries are found here too: www.nswsnowsports.com.au

The KAC (a.k.a. Martini Rossi) 10.45am 8 August

www.kac.org.au/kaccrosscountry.html

Kandahar members – join in: a mass start citizen ski race from Perisher to Charlotte Pass. At the finish of the race in Charlotte Pass, KAC (Kosciusko Alpine Club) hosts a party and prize giving with beer, gluhwein and hot food. Subsidised transport is available for those who prefer not to ski back to Perisher.



Looks like it could be a long snow season for 2012. If you haven't booked this year, keep an eye on the long range weather forecasts and think about booking over spring.

All the best,

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