



Kandahar

News – Winter 2011

This is to let you know that Kandahar's Annual General Meeting will be held later this year – most likely in August/September. We have yet to set the date as we're waiting on the audit (which is later than it usually is) and consequently the Board is preparing to appoint a new auditor. We will advise you of the AGM date as soon as possible.

For a number of years now we have been having issues with the auditor not prioritising our work and this has been causing frustrating delays. We have also had difficulty in finding a new auditor who is willing to take on the role.

Last year our fees for audit were about \$4000 while our annual "profit" is only between \$20-30,000 so it is a very significant expense. We are now in a position to appoint another auditor who will be more cost effective and timely than our current auditor, and we will be putting this into action at the AGM.

The Board would like to thank our recently appointed Treasurer, Chris Paine, for setting up a simpler process for the annual audit to make the transition to a new auditor much better and cheaper for the Club. We also owe a significant thank you to Chris's wife Sue whose professional expertise has been invaluable.

Sport

Kandahar kids and Interschools racing

Quite a few of Kandahar's third generation take part in the Interschools races. The competition has got off to a great start with some huge snow dumps during the July school holidays. The 2011 season is shaping up to be one of the best in decades with the snow depth at Perisher officially reaching 158.9 cm in the second week of July. Not since 1990 has the snow been as deep at that time of the year. If your children participate in this year's Interschools, please send me some photos with a few details.

Bookings

There are a few vacancies in K1 for the week of 23 July. Both lodges are available from the first Saturday in September, and with the current snow depth the picture looks great for some crowd-free spring skiing. Call Anne Strange, Booking Officer to make a booking.

Kandahar emailed updates

We send out a few email newsletters in between the snail-mail ones however there are a few bounce-backs and not everyone has provided an email address. For those of you who didn't receive the last email sent in April, overleaf is a summary of what you missed (also on our website), including an update on recycling. The NPWS have introduced white recycling bags for collection on Mondays and Thursdays for glass, bottles and cans – important for lodge captains to organise better recycling this year (we were rubbish at it last year). More detail overleaf.



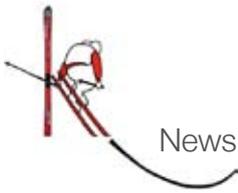
Sam McDonald gets ready for the Skier X, Northern NSW Division. Training zero – competing just for fun. Sam came 21st out of a field of 61. He also competed in the Skier Alpine GS and Snowboard Alpine GS and was the first person to represent Wahroonga Public in a snowboard race.

During the season the competition alternates between Perisher and Thredbo with the NSW State Championships at Perisher in the last week of August. The Australian Championships take place in September at Falls Creek.

Happy skiing,



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Club news

Working bee April 2011

We did the usual chores including emptying out the basement, finding the stores and then packing them into both lodges (this involved some detective work as they had been delivered to another lodge in South Perisher). With the blessing of NPWS, we planted 12 snow gums to replace the dying gums that slightly screen us from Cronulla Lodge and their awful fluorescent light. The plan is that the old strand of gums will shelter the saplings rather than fall on them. Photos are up on our website, Photogallery.

Recycling

The working bee revealed that Club members' skills at recycling are not going to meet the planet's needs! We pulled out many ute-loads of boxes full of unflattened cans and fat, empty 2 litre bottles of milk. Even a jar full of curry paste.

NPWS have just introduced white recycling bags which are collected from the lodges during winter on Monday and Thursday mornings, along with the normal garbage collection, and we get two bags per lodge (one each for K1 and K2).

The bags are for plastics, glass, tin and aluminum cans and bottles. Paper and cardboard still need to be stored under K2 and removed during the working bee after the snow season. The task of clearing out the basement next working bee should take a lot less time and reduce trips to the Resort's recycling bins.



Door code

We have changed the door access code for this winter which is up on our website.

Perisher news

Perisher Resort has a couple of new initiatives this winter.

MyRide is a new on-line way to purchase lift tickets. You can log on to Perisher's online eStore and recharge your tickets to get "direct to lift" access. More convenient than lining up at the ticket office and could be fun as you can review your stats - easy to see how many runs you've done and work out value for money. In addition to lift tickets, you can purchase lessons, and hire equipment online to allow you to get onto the slopes more quickly once you arrive at the resort.

Superski ticket: Access to 1,700 skiable hectares, over 60 lifts all on the one ticket.

A new Superski ticket allows skiing/snowboarding at both Perisher and Thredbo. The 'SuperSki' ticket is a 5-day lift ticket (\$499 for adults and \$275 for children), available in the peak winter season from 25th June to 4th September and can be used within any six day period. With the new lift ticket, skiers and snowboarders can choose to ski at Perisher for a minimum of three days and Thredbo for up to two, or vice versa, with the first day being redeemed at their nominated 'home' resort (refer to www.superski.com.au for more details). See links on our website.

Ice Skating: There is a new "Super Glide" Skating rink located outside the Smiggins Hotel. Open into the evenings, it could be a reason for visiting Smiggins. For more information call Smiggins Hotel on 02 6457 5375.

A classic race – The KAC (known as the Martini Rossi)

10.45 am WEDNESDAY, 10th AUGUST, 2011: A mass start citizen ski race from Perisher to Charlotte Pass.

This is the 40th Anniversary Year for one of the largest cross-country ski races in NSW. The race route, from Perisher Valley to Charlotte Pass Village, traverses 8km of gently undulating terrain through magnificent scenery. Anyone over 12 may enter. If you are in Perisher that week, why not give it a go, there are categories for everyone.

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.

The Club used to participate in years gone by and even if you don't enter, take some photos and send into me.

www.kac.org.au/kaccrosscountry.html