



Patsch-Work

Christmas 2011 Edition

The joys of this time of year are many. From Sunsets to warm morning walks are typical of the joys of early and mid Summer. Yet like the call of the wild, some members of our Lodge find that instead of shedding clothes they go out of their way to put layer after layer on, place helmets on their heads instead of Summer Straw hats, nip up boots ever so tightly rather than slip into Aussie thongs. For those who decide to hear and head the call of the wild are those who head north like migrating birds. Instincts call them away from our beautiful beaches or peninsular vineyards and their shimmering glorious Summer days to places which are steely blue with ice or white as talcum powder with snow, for they are the migratory tribe of Patscherkofel who have gathered their frequent flyer points and donned their fashion statement ski suit and beanies to places well north of Queenscliff and Sorrento or the banks of the Murray. Well if this is not you and you're not thinking snow and heading north then you will need to start by late Summer because bookings for the 2012 Patscherkofel ski season will be heavily booked if I am any judge. Why I hear you say? Simple, excellent snow is predicted and our Lodge will have undergone a major transformation of its interior. Yes a new look with more than a hint of alpine warmth to it. Anyhow more about this subject shortly. What you as members need to do is: 1. BOOK your winter holidays EARLY to secure that special date along with; 2. BOOK YOUR 4WD PASS, be it outside the Lodge or on the hill at Tip Corner, either way act fast on both to avoid disappointment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club once again. The meeting was well attended by a small cross section of members. Directors furnished their reports, motions were moved with the Treasurers' Report and the accounts for 2010/2011 as approved.

Despite costs rising over the last 12 months, the Treasurer was happy to report that subscriptions for 2011 would remain the same as the previous year. The Treasurer also commented on the value of our memberships which had consistently been sold in excess of \$10,000. This sum reflects the true value of membership in the eyes of the Committee. The Patscherkofel Board remains the same as last year with:

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All have done an excellent job as can be seen by the state of the club's accounts, the standard of our Lodge accommodation and in the activities, which have been well run and attended not to mention a huge success. A copy of the AGM Minutes as recorded are available on our website www.patscherkofel.com.au.

INTERIOR DESIGN

As you are no doubt aware a great deal of planning and work has gone into getting the right look that will see our Lodge remain Mt Buller's premier private Lodge. The Committee interviewed a number of interior designers who were asked to place before the Committee a brief which reflected their suggestions and recommendations on how they saw our Lodge and more importantly how they imagined our Lodge would be enjoyed for the next 10 to 15 years. Whilst the level of professionalism was extremely high the Committee was obligated to make a choice and select a profile which reflected the Australian alpine feel of warmth and intimacy yet remained open and welcoming as our club is. The Committee, after much deliberation, decided upon Melissa Chen, an extremely experienced interior designer who displayed a connection to our needs and requirements and who held the right credentials when it came to references and experience. I am positive our membership will be impressed with our Lodge's new look. If I was to sum up the look, it is warm and comfortable with just the right touch of elegance and whimsicalness. Anyway, you be the Judge!

PATSCHERKOFEL ANNUAL SKI RACE

Just like last year the annual Patscherkofel ski race was a serious success without being at all serious, well for most of us anyway. Thank you Libby and thank you Ray (Libby's very supportive husband). Our champions for 2011 are:

2011 RACE RESULTS

JUNIOR FEMALE

Matilda Parolini

Fastest female on the slopes at 17, but just pipped at the post by her Dad, Ignazio by only .75 seconds.

JUNIOR MALE

J J Monester

3rd fastest male on the day, only 1.84 seconds behind his Dad – well done JJ.

Adult Female

1. Emma Poynton

Not sure whether the tracker recorded at 98 k/h or coming home late, Emma romps it in!

2. Boo Soust

Consistency on the slopes does it again – well done Booeey

3. Emma Goethals

Keeping one in the Chairman's club, a fast finish by EG

ADULT MALE

1. Arash Harandian

Notwithstanding his reverse bib, and red jacket, clearly a wet performer in 1st place.

2. Tim Watts

A surprise runner, demonstrating clear potential for next year as a new Patsch member.

3. Matthew Bowes

Following in last year's performance – Mr Consistency in all conditions.

MASTERS FEMALE

1. Pauline Rice

Overcoming a twittery first run, flashed home in her second to become the Masters Female No1.

2. Celia Sleadman

2nd place - very stylish and fashionable racer. Well done.

3. Danusia Zayler

Challenged the course line by taking a sweeping wide line through heavy conditions.

MASTERS MALE – Martin Soust Award

1. Martin Soust

Showing remarkable speed, using maximum leg efficiency again with 2 times of 17 seconds.

MASTERS MALE

1. Michael Monester

Second fastest time on the day with great course knowledge.

2. Ignazio Parolini

Grim determination and competitive nature, beat his darling daughter.

3. Geoff Dixon

A late arrival from the operating theatre. Consistency does it again

INNOVATION IN MOTION AWARD

James Dixon

Tenacity plus, 360 degrees at first gate, 6 second faster on 2nd run

THE SNOW BUNNY AWARD

Ken Bowes

For dedication, involvement, consistency, let alone looking gorgeous on the slopes

THE LATE ARRIVAL AWARD

Susie Cowan

Those wide lines and snow plough turns between gates demonstrated determination to make it to the finish.

FASHION EXTRORDINAIRE ON THE SLOPES

Martin Jacobsen

BENZ ZEE KNEES AWARD

Maureen Parolini

Crashing at the finish gate, being rescued by her daughter.

THE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Brahm Goethals

First run was a beauty – 22 seconds, however on his 2nd attempt disaster struck.

THE RISING STAR AWARD

Will Coukie

Coming from famous Ken Bowes' stable, he showed glimpses of improved performance to keep the family name going.

MEMBERSHIP

Patscherkofel membership has been very quiet of late with only the odd family transfer taking place. There are a number of members looking to sell so if you think you might like to snaffle a bargain now that our Lodge is the trendiest Lodge on the mountain, then now is the time to act. Simply contact Michael Monester on Michael.monester@groset.com.au.

KIDS WEEK

Kids week was another great success. It has gone from strength to strength with more fun, games and laughter, not to mention Pizza. A great deal of effort has gone into this week over the years and our current group of yummy mummies are doing an excellent job.

LODGE MANAGER

The position of Lodge Managers will be filled once again by Laurie and Ann. Laurie and Ann are very well known to us at Patsch and have done a fantastic job looking after our every need. So welcome them back and treat them gently.

SUMMER BOOKINGS

If you are thinking of using the Lodge over summer we would appreciate as much notice as possible as this season we will not have our managers on site. So, lighting the boiler and getting the Lodge up and going for groups will need to be coordinated. Also this year we are replacing carpets in mid to late January, so that period will not be available. Furniture will be removed with new items being brought in so more than likely after Easter will be a No Go time s well.

As a great deal of our furnishings will be replaced with new, existing couches, tables chairs, side tables, bedside tables etc will be sold at a Huge Garage Sale, so watch this space for details. We intend to advertise in the New Year and first in best dressed wins the right to snaffle a bargain!

WEBSITE

Boo Soust, our IT guru has been toiling away and produced an amazing website. You are no doubt aware of this because that's how you got to read the newsletter. There are a number of members for whom we don't have email addresses. What we would like to do is ensure that our records are up to date, so you have not sent us your email address or if it has changed, then please send us an email on via the Contacts section of our website www.patscherkofel.com.au.

BOOKINGS 2012

You will have received your booking sheet and noted the particulars in regards to tariffs, contact details, dates of interest and cancellation requirements. This form is very important. Please study it well because it is the roadmap, or may I say the Melways on how to make a booking and what rates are charged and all the procedures that go with making your stay at Patscherkofel a breeze.

Ken Long is the Lodge's Booking Officer and he is the person to contact in relation to your particular needs. His details are on the booking sheet. Also worth noting are those clubs that we have reciprocal rights with. This can be a great way to see other resorts at a very economical rate. Patscherkofel has reciprocal rights at Thredbo, Mt Hotham and Falls Creek just to name a few.

Don't forget when you stay at Patsch, it's all so easy. Not only is there continental breakfast included but we have crisp white linen sheets, pillow slips and fluffy white towels and doona's. So no more lugging blankets and paraphernalia, you simply throw in your bag, toothbrush, clothes, wallet and head up to us. It's that easy.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

No doubt you have now received your subscriptions and more than likely writing your cheque or pressing your BPay buttons. The club needs your money. At the end of the day it all revolves around a sheckle or two, please send in your sheckles as soon as possible. We can only keep subscriptions down if we have a positive cashflow and every little bit counts.

4WD PASSES

As a member if you would like to make an application for either (4WD) , Tip Corner pass or a Village pass, get your application in by the end of February 2012. Access passes are keenly sought after, so you must make your request through the Committee. The Committee will advise back in writing of your success or otherwise.

Last but not least, have a very safe and joyful Christmas and delightful and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas from all on the Committee of Patscherkofel

