



**The Patscherkofel Newsletter**

# **Patsch-Work**

**Summer 2008-09 Edition**

To all members and their families and friends may you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



Looking East from Patscherkofel Dining room – lucky skiers going out that morning

(photo courtesy of Libby)

As 2008 draws to a close many of you may be heading to the beach, you may be even going north, and by north I mean true north, skiing in Europe, America or Japan. Whatever your adventures over the Christmas break may your expectations be met and allow you to start 2009 invigorated and refreshed. Certainly with what's going on around the world and within Australia, a little light relief is most welcome. So switch off your radios, TVs, cancel the newspaper, grab your wife, your lover, watch the sun set, watch the sun rise, use this time to do something a little bit for the soul, and to quote Charles Dickens, "Happy Christmas that can win us back to delusions of our childhood days, recall the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveller back to his own fire side and quiet home". Merry Christmas to all.

## **The Season**

2008 for Patscherkofel was a superb year with excellent snowfalls delivering high quality snow, and I hate to even say this but in some cases there was an over abundance of snow. It became somewhat of a nuisance on occasions, but what a problem to have. Laurie and Ann did a great job under difficult circumstances this year and the club is most appreciative of their efforts. Some changes at the lodge this year occurred. Most noticeably was the change in relation to laundry services which seemed to go remarkably well. The feedback was very positive and the service was well used. I put that down as a win. It's not without its work but the quality and convenience of the service provided seems to be appreciated by all members and their guests.

No more lugging up sheets, pillow cases, towels etc., just step into your room, with freshly starched crisp sheets laid out on your bed ready for your use. During the summer break the lodge will have a few modifications done in relation to storage of linen and some new furniture and a couple of other minor housekeeping matters taken care of.

## Summer Use

Summer use through the Christmas break and early into 2009 is best organised by contacting Ken Long our bookings manager on 03 9328 4491 or by contacting a member of the Committee, namely myself, Lodge Administrator, Damian Moloney 0416 295 773 or email me at [damian@themoloneygroup.com](mailto:damian@themoloneygroup.com). Access arrangements can be put in place to make your stay convenient and comfortable. We should point out that the lodge no longer has a resident summer lodge manager, Laurie and Anne are now residing in Mansfield off the mountain, but have indicated they would be happy to assist over the summer period to open up the lodge and set up the lighting of the boiler, fridges etc. If a member would like to make use of the lodge, however they do require some notice as does the Committee. This year due to costs there will be minimum opening fee of \$300 and then the usual summer rate per night for member and guest. This one off fee is to be distributed amongst groups who are using the lodge during any one period. So the more people you take up the cheaper the cost per head.

A recent visit to the lodge to discuss some internal painting and some carpentry items indicated that the lodge was ready to be used over the summer period. As usual the lodge is spick and span and may I say a great destination in the summer months - excellent for bushwalking, trail bike riding and generally just lounging around. You may even have something that those who have gone down to the beach don't have, and that's the opportunity to light a log fire.

## Race Week

Race week, another blinding success. This time blessed with fantastic snow and as usual Libby and her trusty troops did a fantastic job. The results this year are as follows:

Childrens Female:	12 and under	Elen Soust
Childrens Male:	12 and under	Tom Soust
Junior Female:	13 - 18 years	Ellie Dixon
Junior Male:	13 - 18 years	Tom Wilkins
Open / Adult Female:	19 - 49 years	Maureen Parolini
Open / Adult Male:	19 - 49 years	Martin Soust
Masters Female:	50+ years	Libby McCann
Masters Male:	50+ years	

1. Michael Monester
2. Ignazio Parolini
3. Tim Dixon



Ski champions of the future -  
all in helmets, well done parents.

A truly proud mum (Libby) awarding  
Tom Wilkinson Junior Male Trophy  
with Brahm



### **Special Awards:**

Benz Zee Knees Award:	Will Quinert
The Innovation in Motion Award:	Paul Kimble
The Late Arrival Award:	Bae Biggart
The Snow Bunny Award:	Sky Orloff
The Rising Star Award:	Matilda Parolini
The Excellence Award:	Ken Bowes

Sorry for reusing this photo from last year's Patsch  
Work but to me it sums up the fun of eating spaghetti  
and having fun during Kid's Week

## **Kids Week**

These popular weekends within the club are to be held  
on the following dates 28<sup>th</sup> June to July 5<sup>th</sup> and  
September 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents who would like to take  
their children during this period are strongly advised to  
book early to avoid disappointment. Its possibly the  
club's most popular period so take my advice, as soon  
as you finish reading this informative Newsletter pick up  
the phone, with credit card in hand, or send us a  
cheque and make these bookings ASAP.



## **Subscriptions**

I am here to do Brahm's dirty work with regards to subscription payment. Subs are due at the end of  
January and members are asked to pay on time. Remember the old Labor Party and Premier of NSW  
Jack Lang saying "got ya subs? Pay them on time" or have I got my history wrong and did he really  
say vote early, vote often. Once again the committee has been able to keep subscriptions down which  
represents fantastic value for the facilities on offer.

## 4WD Passes

As a member, if you would like to make an application for either 4WD corner pass or a Village Pass get your application in by end of February. Access passes are keenly sought after. You must make a request through the committee and the committee will advise back in writing of your success or otherwise of your application.

## Summer Maintenance

As stated earlier in Patschwork the summer period is an ideal opportunity to use the lodge. We intend to carry out some maintenance during this period after the heavy use of winter. A number of bedrooms will be painted in February, two new freezers are to be purchased, some furniture for the lounge and some general cooking utensils, not to mention our good old coffee machine which we give a pounding to will be serviced.

## Free Weekend and Lunch

This year's free weekend and delectable lunch is pencilled in for the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May, boy what a great tradition this has turned out to be! Forget about an excuse of coming up to put things in your locker, just sit back relax and enjoy a long lunch and I mean, long lunch for 40 to 50 members either side of one long table. Sumptuous delights being consumed and the odd pork pie being told as to how good I was last year when we had the powder at Buller.

## Memberships

Memberships are available to be purchased and the person to make enquiries through is Michael Monester on [Michael.monester@groset.com.au](mailto:Michael.monester@groset.com.au) and remember your quote of the year. "if opportunity doesn't knock".

## What's On at Buller

23-Jan 2009	Mt Buller Chamber Music Summer School
24-Jan 2009	Kid's Weekend
31-Jan 2009	UCI National Round Mountain Biking Series
31-Jan 2009	Buller Beerfest
14-Mar 2009	Vic Downhill Mountain Biking State Championships
21-Mar 2009	Bike Buller MTB Festival
10-Apr 2009	Mt Buller Easter Art Prize and Exhibition

