



# **Patsch-Work**

## **Season 2010 February**

It's a very strange feeling to be sitting at my desk attempting to enthuse even the most dedicated skiers of Patscherkofel about the forthcoming season when in fact its approximately 36 degrees and humid. When I look back at last years Patschwork, I couldn't help but chuckle in reading the first few lines, it took me back in time, it started with the following; *"Yes! There is a distinct nip in the air and if you haven't lit your first log fire then I suspect the days are fast approaching where you will be able to and we all know what that means, our minds start turning to skiing."* This little paragraph I think you'll agree, is somewhat out of place given our current weather in Melbourne. Now I know we are all dedicated Patscherkofel members and skiers but it's a very hard to get into the frame of mind where you're thinking skiing in the midst of summer.

Maybe I would have been better to have written this Newsletter when I come back from a little trip planned to the northern hemisphere, alas and alack, time waits for no man and in my case the Patschwork is needing to be circulated ASAP so I will just have to do my best in attempting to enthuse you all to think cool thoughts. So forget about salads and start thinking steaming vegetables and roasts, drop your shorts and pull on a beanie because you know need to get your bookings in for 2010. Anyway its only 4 or 5 months away and we'll slipping down the fluffy stuff.

### **Bookings 2010**

You will have all no doubt 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 your 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, as you are well aware, is the club's booking officer and he is the person to contact in relation to your particular needs. All his details are set out on the booking sheet. Also worth noting are those clubs that have reciprocal rights with us. This can be a great way to see other resorts at a very economical rate. Patscherkofel has reciprocal rights at Thredbo, Dinner Plain, and Falls Creek just to name a few mountains.

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

## **Lodge Manager for 2010**

Laurie and Ann our managers for 2009 remain our lodge managers for 2010. Laurie and Ann are fast approaching being one of our longest serving couples as lodge managers. That's for a very good reason, they do a great job and members are very grateful for the efforts they make. Please look after our managers by being respectful and courteous in every way. Laurie and Ann will in turn provide you with the five star treatment that is their hallmark.

## **Website**

Boo Soust, our IT guru, has been toiling away and has produced an amazing website for Patscherkofel. You are no doubt aware of this because that's how you got to read the newsletter. There are a large number of members who we don't have current email addresses for. What we would like to do is ensure that our records are up to date, so in the interest of electronic communication, please email any changes to your own email address to Boo Soust [boosoust@mac.com](mailto:boosoust@mac.com). To also help disseminate club information, if you are friendly with other club members, please let them know to check the website for this newsletter. For those of you who are checking this newsletter and have not received the notification in your inbox, please send a quick email to Boo Soust [boosoust@mac.com](mailto:boosoust@mac.com) with the subject line Patscherkofel Lodge 2010 as the subject. This way, your details can be added to the distribution list.

## **Race Week**

This year's Race Weekend is Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> August at 10am on Skyline. Bookings can be made now. Race Week is driven by none other than our very own racing starlet, Libby McCann. Once again Libby pulled off another terrific event which saw blistering times, dynamic styles, egos enhanced or shattered.

Whether you were a winner or a finisher, we were all equal at the cocktail party as I don't think there was anybody who raced that missed out getting some form of recognition, medal or a trophy. It really is a fun event and last year's winners were.

CHILDRENS MALE 12 AND UNDER

TOM SOUST

(3rd fastest time in male categories and 4th overall)

JUNIOR FEMALE 13 – 18 YEARS

MATILDA PAROLINI

(fastest female overall and 3rd fastest on the day)

JUNIOR MALE 13 – 18 YEARS

JJ MONESTER

(1st year in this category and 9th overall)

OPEN FEMALE 19 – 50 YEARS

GEORGIA DIXON

(2nd fastest female and 5th overall)

OPEN MALE 19 – 50 YEARS

MARTIN SOUST

(no surprises here! Fastest time for all with 28 and 29 second runs!)

MASTERS FEMALE 50 YEARS PLUS

HELEN LOVETT

(5th fastest time in female categories and looking ever so gracious and stylish)

MASTERS MALE 50 YEARS PLUS

1ST: IGNAZIO PAROLINI (2nd fastest time on the day and only 1.77 seconds behind Martin Soust)

2ND: DAMIAN MOLONEY (6th fastest time and following in his gorgeous partners style)

3RD: TIM DIXON (Just in front of our Chairman Brahm!)

BENZ ZEE KNEES AWARD

VELOCITY TEAM

ALICE RUDD      LIZ GAUNT      RACKAL EBELI

Alice led the team that saw Liz reduce her snow plow turns drastically on her second run whilst Rackal showed so much dash in his first run that he didn't need to compete in his 2nd run – well done team!

THE LATE ARRIVAL AWARD

PETER RUDD

Cutting 11 seconds off his 1st run but managing to hold Rob Clemente up for a half a run and still finishing gracefully with style

THE SNOW BUNNY AWARD

CAROLINE CLEMENTE

As gracious as ever, collecting her performance after many a crash in each run but finishing with style and a smile

THE EXCELLENCE AWARD

MATTHEW BOWES

Showing continuous support to the club and his Dad Ken and even finishing 2nd in the Open Male Category

THE RISING STAR AWARD

BRAHM GOETHALS

Pipped at the post and coming 4th in the Masters male and for being our wonderful Chairman

THE HILARIOUS HAT AWARD

CATH REDDEN

For bringing a bit of "animal" to perform on the slopes

INNOVATION IN MOTION AWARD

TOM WILKINS

For skiing both runs backwards with 360degree turns through the gates(if only we could ski like this) and for then coming in 9th overall in the male awards – well done!

## **Subscriptions**

No doubt you would have all had your subscriptions notice and more than likely paid them. But just for the chosen few who may have overlooked forwarding their payment would you kindly do so ASAP. The club needs your money and at the end of the day it all revolves around the shekles coming in. So please send in your shekles now.

We can only keep subscriptions down if we have a positive cashflow and every little bit counts.

## **4WD Passes**

As a member of Patscherkofel if you would like to make an application for either 4WD tip corner pass or a village pass, you must get your application in. Access passes are keenly sought after, so you must make a request through the committee by the end of February. The committee will advise back in writing of your success or otherwise. See the 'Contacts' page of the website for email addresses.

## **Housekeeping**

This year's summer maintenance has been limited to some very minor issues. One of the housekeeping matters relates around televisions which are currently at the lodge and are looking a little bit tired. The committee has approved the replacement of two TVs. We are investigating an idiot proof DVD, TV, CD selection device, where you simply push one button for the service you need and bingo up it comes. This is to ensure people don't start fiddling with cables and settings which sees the TV lose its reception and cause us great frustration.

There will be a little more painting to take place, just to keep our lodge up to the mark, but basically over the last several years all of the significant works have been done and its time to take a breather, both from a cheque book point of view and that the lodge is in good order.

## **Memberships**

Memberships are available to be purchased and the person to make enquiries through is Michael Monester. Michael can be contacted at [michael@monester.com.au](mailto:michael@monester.com.au)

## **Old Skis**

We still have the finest collection of old skis on the mountain, even the museum can only take one or two pairs and we have many more than that. If the museum won't take them, and you don't need them, then possibly its time to donate them to a skip which we are organising over Easter. I would like to see that this year we make a positive effort to rid ourselves of skis in excess of 2 metres. If you haven't noticed, we are all skiing on short skis these days and yes, they really do turn and they really are fast. Seriously the compactus is finding it difficult coping with the large quantities of skis which far exceeds the number of members. We need to take drastic steps. Before the club rids itself of skis in excess of 2 metres, why not grab your pride and joy and either take it home and nail it above the bar, use it to go water skiing or show your grandchildren how fantastic you were and what a dynamic style you had on your long skis.

This year we intend to mark all old skis prior to the season and if they are still there unused by the end of this coming season we are just going to start moving them out to

the rubbish tip. So, for those who didn't realise I was a hard heart, the truth has been revealed. Please come and collect your old skis! If you would like me to remove them for you, I am happy to do so. Just send me an email at [damianmoloney@pacific.net.au](mailto:damianmoloney@pacific.net.au) and I would be happy to oblige.

## **Upgrade of Kitchen Utensils**

We have had some terrific suggestions by members using the suggestion book as to what needs to be replaced by way of kitchen utensils. This year will see the female members of the committee, or should I say, those with the better culinary skills, going through the utensils at the lodge and replacing anything that is past its use by date, including non-stick fry pans that have lost their non-stick.

## **End of Season**

I know it sound ridiculous to talk about the end of season before the seasons has even begun, but I think its something that needs to be said a couple of times, because its very irritating to find that at the end of the season we have a litany of clothing, skis and snowboards left strewn through the lodge, and the day room a ski storage area.

Members are asked that our ski store day room is reserved for weekend or week skiing storage only. At the end of your stay please ensure that all your gear is removed from this room and place your gear in the appropriate ski locker that you have been allocated.