



Patsch-Work

Season 2008 Edition

The evenings are growing cooler; the sun is setting a little earlier each day. Early mornings are a little darker, its getting harder and harder to get out of bed. The lighter blankets are being swapped for doonas, and yes, the white season is steadily approaching. For those who love their skiing and aren't we all so lucky to have such a great mountain only 3 hours from Melbourne. Autumn is steadily tiptoeing into winter. The telltale signs of once green foliage is now turning to golden amber and burnt reds, all trumpeting the message that one season is quickly moving into the next and Mother Nature is preparing to lay out her winter coat in the mountains. Talking of seasons and winter coats, Mt Buller has already had a dusting of the white stuff and the long range forecast is looking extremely promising. So what's on the Agenda?

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is being held at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road, South Yarra on 13th May 2008. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with Patscherkofel mates and hear the ins and outs and how well your Club did through the financial year and what works have been carried to make the Lodge even more comfortable and what is planned.

The AGM is set to commence at 7.30PM sharp, with drinks available at bar prices from 7PM to 7.30PM (Melway Reference 2M D2). Please note that mobile phones aren't able to be used within the Club. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this.



Race Weekend

Patscherkofel's Race Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, 9th August. Members are reminded that this weekend can be booked now as it is a very popular weekend, possibly our most popular activity. So in order to again avoid disappointment, if you are wanting to join us for the 2008 Patscherkofel Race Weekend, make contact with Ken Long our booking officer ASAP.

The Great Lunch

The Great Lunch which has become one of Patscherkofel's traditions and once again it is to be held on the weekend of 31st May to 1st June. This weekend is our traditional free members weekend which is hosted on the Saturday by celebrating with the grand lunch. If past lunches are anything to go by, very rarely are members seen leaving the table before 5.30 – 6PM. Anyone who has sampled the delectable delights of this great traditional lunch will be keen to put their name down for this one.

Please contact Ken Long our booking officer on 03 9329 6595, by fax 03 9329 8839 or email: mrkflong@bigpond.com I suggest you get in early because it's a very popular club activity and books out very quickly.

Lodge Manager for 2008 Ski Season

Once again our Lodge Managers for 2008 ski season are Laurie Harcus and Anne Jaggard and Patsch is extremely lucky to have the dynamic duo once again. Their delightful manner, easy relaxed nature ensures that guests and members are treated in the 5 Star manner. Members and their guests are reminded good managers are very hard to get and we have the best, so please look after our managers and adhere to their requests.

Booking for 2008 Ski Season

Ken Long has let it be known that bookings are quite strong particularly for August and more particularly in relation to Inter Schools. So if you still haven't made your booking and you want to get in early, now is the time to do so to avoid disappointment. Check out the 2008 Booking Sheet for full particulars in relation to tariff, contact details, rates and cancellation requirements.



Also set out are the dates in relation to Kids Week. Please note that there is a correction for the Kids Week in June/July. The correct date is **June 29th not June 20th** as stated on the booking sheet. Also note that Continental Breakfast and linen are to be included in your tariff for the 2008 ski season. No more lugging sheets / towels etc. These are provided, crisp freshly laundered.

Also on the booking sheet are those ski clubs which Patscherkofel has arrangements for reciprocal rights. This can be a great way to see other resorts at a very moderate rate. Please note that Patscherkofel is a non-smoking lodge and that bookings can only be taken if members are financial. All subscriptions due must have been paid for before a booking can be accepted.

Note Kids Week is 29th June to 6th July.

Membership

No new membership transfers have taken place since the last Patschwork was sent out, but if you have a question in relation to membership either selling or wishing to buy, feel free to contact Michael Monester on email: Michael.monester@groset.com.au

Housekeeping Items

Since last season the Lodge has undergone some internal painting, some carpentry works, replacing of carpets, repairs to windows and a new dishwasher all in readiness for what we hope will be a busy ski season for 2008. Also attended to were faulty locks to members lockers and additional keys cuts so as to ensure that a full set of master keys exists. Our fridges have had attention with thermostats being changed so as to ensure that they do not freeze items of food which seems to have been a complaint from last season. Our ski tuning benches had a bit of attention, with a full set of tools and tuning equipment locked into place.

Have you moved?

If you have moved could you kindly let us know by simply emailing Brahm on Brahm@nicol.com.au or posting us change of address details by completing the attached.

Old Skis

We have one of the finest collections of old skis possibly on the mountain. Those members who either haven't skied for a while or have a particular liking for skis beyond 2 metres, possibly they would like to remove them from our ski compactor and take them home. They would look great on the wall over your bar.

The compactor is overloaded with multiple pairs of skis, the majority of which appear to be quite old and have been there from one season to the next. So members are asked, next time you're up would you mind taking away your old skis so as to take some of the load off our compactors and make it more accessible.

We have been asked to donate them to the Mt Buller Museum so if you would like us to just drop me a line on damian@themoloneygroup.com and I'd be happy to oblige.

Games

Do you have any old or unwanted DVD Games that could be donated to the lodge? If you do, give Libby McCann a call on 9690 3070 or email; lmccann@bigpond.com or drop them off at the lodge. That would be fantastic, because they certainly are greatly appreciated by our younger members.

Internet Connection

The Club has wrestled with this issue and it has decided not to go down this road. The reasons are simple and there are three major issues. It is very expensive for 3 months use. It is not able to be supervised adequately and there are numerous alternatives such as the existing service provided at Mt Buller and commercial alternatives such as those by Telstra, Optus etc. So that's the logic. If you don't agree or wish to discuss the issue in detail come along to the AGM and hear it from the Committee and have your say.

Foxtel

Yes, in a word. The committee has given the green light to include this service at the lodge. You lovers of Channel 2 at least it will be a crystal clear screen and Foxtel's footy coverage will be available. So it's a big win for our armchair sports fans, Rupert Murdoch sends his regards to each and every one of you.

Club Website

Boo Soust and Margaret Mark have made fantastic inroads on our website project and by the time your reading this Newsletter the Club's website should be up and running (1st May). It has loads of information on what the Club offers, who we are plus input for members feedback. Visuals are excellent and it will be an instant hit for sure. Excellent work ladies. Beauty and brains, how are we men meant to complete? The web address is: www.patscherkofel.com.au