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Hoppet Helpers Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the smooth running of this year's event. It was conducted under trying conditions on the day, with changes of course necessitating last minute changes of bunting and flags, but things worked out and the day ended successfully. I am sure that I can speak on behalf of all the chiefs in thanking profusely all the people who worked with them. A few observations though.

It is the club's main source of revenue and has kept membership fees steady for a long time. As such it is not unreasonable to expect that we get a bit more assistance from members on Hoppet day, especially

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**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Search and Rescue Report for the
Search Conducted on Mt Feathertop 31/08/09 and 01/09/09 from
Philip Evans Birkebeiner S&R delegate and Contact.**

Attention Frank Zgoznic,

Convenor BSAR Committee,

PL0, Merv Trease rang at 5:20am on Monday 31/08/09 requesting a S&R Group equipped with snow shoes to report to the Bright Police Station to search for a missing VIP walker.

After approximately 40 phone calls to home phones, mobiles and answering machines we had 7 volunteers ready to meet at the Mt Beauty Police Station where we would collect snow shoes and coordinate travel.

It took 3 phone calls to D24 to get the Mt Beauty Police Station open.

Monday 31/08/09.

At the Bright Police Station 3 other Bush S&R members (not Birkebeiner members) joined our group and were briefed on their tasks.

At 9:15am our group began to search the Bungalow Spur thoroughly to Federation Hut. They were to check for exit points, foot prints etc.

Monday afternoon: Line searches of the gullies surrounding Little Feathertop were conducted.

Search Groups camped at Federation Hut on Monday night. Visibility had been extremely poor with rain and snow falling.

Tuesday 01/09/09

At first light Birkebeiner groups were joined by a Police S&R officer and a line search of the deep and very steep gullies near North West spur was undertaken.

At 10:00am our group observed helicopters hovering over a person waving a space blanket.

With the successful completion of the search the Birkebeiner groups then walked to MUMC Hut for lunch and then walked 3 hours down the North West Spur to the Great Alpine Road and then back to Bright.

The Birkebeiner S&R groups were not informed of any debriefing meetings and therefore did not attend any meetings post search.

Birkebeiner S&R members returned to Mt Beauty by 5:00pm and I informed PLO Merv Trease of their safe arrival.

General Comments

- Very hard walking. The MSR snowshoes were excellent in the soft snow and traversing was made easy.
- Police radio communications were excellent
- Many experienced searchers and organizers were in attendance

Our BNSC group was a very fit and strong group

Discussion Point

After talking with Doug Westerman who was the initial FO, I would recommend that the procedures for FO's be changed.

Suggestion:

When a larger group of BSAR members arrive at Search Headquarters with an experienced FO.....there should be consultation with the country FO and the more experienced FO should then take charge.

(Refer: Field Organiser and Police Liaison Officer Manual Appendix 1 Point 4)

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club S&R Members Attending

1. David Panozzo Group Leader
 2. Doug Westerman Field Officer
 3. Rob Boland
 4. Tony Keeble
 5. Ian Franzke
 6. Ronice Goebel
- Roger Blackwell

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Other members with our group:

Andy Reynolds Alpine Search and Rescue Group Leader

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Philip Evans

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Thanks to all of our members who were able to attend the search on Mt Feathertop this week.

We had several other members who were ready to attend later on Monday but were not required.

S&R members need equipment and food for 3 days searching.

Our group's fitness levels were excellent. The group was given difficult terrain to search.

Ski poles/ extendable walking poles are a bonus in searches using snowshoes. BYO if you have some.

Three of our group were on their first search and all were excellent contributors.

Thanks again, Philip Evans

Junior Joey #3

On Sunday 23rd August a group of joeys and their parents gathered at the club house for a Snowgaine. Three groups ventured out in the wild and windy conditions to find as many of the 20 markers as they could find in an hour. All the groups enjoyed a Lolly bonus at the 'L' checkpoint and they had fun watching the Wallaby and Wombat races at the same time.

The next junior joey event (#4) is scheduled for Sunday September 6th at 10.30am. This will be a family fun day with a dress-up theme of 'FOOTY, FAIRY OR FREAKY'.

Hope to see you there,

Michelle

Junior Joey Report 2009

The junior joey program started off in June with the Development Camp at YMCA's Howmans Gap. The 25 joeys all received lessons as well as having a great time socially, enjoying rock climbing, orienteering and mastering archery. We had a bit of bad luck with poor snow and weather with a few of the scheduled events. A small group of joeys and their parents braved the elements for a Snowgaine and we had five families enjoy the Family Fun Day/Fathers Day celebrations at the Nordic Bowl the weekend after the Hoppet.

Well done to all the Joeys who completed in the Joey Hoppet this year in very trying conditions. Mount Beauty Primary School won both the Boys and Girls Team Trophies (Mount Beauty had not won the boys trophy since the Joey 2000!), a great testament to the growing depth and courage of the young BNSC skiers.

Grants to national team members

BNSC members selected for National Teams are eligible to apply for club grants as outlined below. Please read the policy if you are eligible.

Post applications to
BNSC Grant Application
PO Box 192
Mount Beauty 3699
OR
email to
gargan@internode.on.net

Grants to BNSC Members on National Ski Teams.
The guidelines for funding are listed below.

1. Applicants must have been a BNSC member for a minimum of three years. This condition could be waived in exceptional circumstances.
2. Applicants must be a member of a Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA) Cross Country Ski Team.
3. **Written applications** must be received no later than 16/10/2009. This the FRIDAY before the October Committee meeting. (Proposed date 21st Oct.)
4. Applications must be accompanied by a financial statement that outlines other grants received by the applicant, outlines any sponsorship arrangements held by the applicant and outlines anticipated expenses for full participation in the Team . BNSC Grants will only be made if other levels of funding leaves a significant shortfall.
5. A maximum of \$ 3000 will be allocated for grants in any one year with a maximum of \$ 1000 to any one individual, regardless of the number of grants received.
6. These guidelines will be reviewed biannually by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee.

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at pack up time from club members who have competed in one of the three events. We have many members who contribute heaps before the event and during the event but pack up time is one time when we can always do with more assistance. Jim, Meg and Belinda Crebbin, Robyn Rodd and Tony Keeble were some that I saw that worked hard at the finish packing up in the rain after having competed. Great job guys. I don't want embarrass any of that group by mentioning ages, but of those listed only one is under forty. Come on you youngsters, do a bit.

BNSC Race Committee Report.

2009 BNSC Race Committee

This year the following club members were involved in one or more of the Race Committee meetings – Judy Bottomley, Bill Little, Jim Gargan, Nick Grimmer, Finn Marsland, Paul L’Huillier and Brian Keeble.

Races Conducted

The Race Committee conducted the following races. All races had good fields, they were all financially viable and they were all conducted free of incident, problems or issues.

The Race Committee would like to thank all Club Members who turned up on Race Days to help run these races.

Sat 4th July Birkebeiner Classic

Sun 5th July Ski de Femme

Sat 8th Aug Australian Sprint Championships

Sun 9th Aug Australian 15/30 Championships and the Falls Creek Junior Cup

Sun 23 Aug Wallaby & Wombat.

2010 Race Calendar

The Race Committee has discussed their involvement in conducting races in 2010 and has set down the following parameters.

1. The Race Committee will limit their involvement to conducting races on three weekends in 2010. This could involve running up to 6 races.
 2. The Race Committee will only conduct races on Saturday and Sunday and is not interested in conducting races on weekdays (Monday to Friday).
 3. The Race Committee would like to continue to conduct the Birky Classic/Ski de Femme events on the middle weekend of the Victorian school holidays at the start of winter.
- The Race Committee would like to continue to conduct the Wallaby & Wombat on the Sunday before the Hoppet if it can fit onto the SAXC Race Calendar around the possible National and International programme.

The Race Committee will convey these parameters to both SXC and SAXC.

Brian Keeble
BNSC Race Committee
1st Sep, 2009

I wish to add that without Brian, Judy, Jim and Graeme’s work before the races on race day and the work that gets done before race day, there would be no events. This is not meant to demean the work that others do, but without that lot the rest of us would not be needed. A few succession plans would not go astray, heaven forbid if all of them got crook on the same day.

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

As there were not many sunny days that I can remember, and judging by its use; the club house proved to be a welcome refuge this winter. The new Nobo heater solved the temperature problems and the new fridge and games for the kids looked after other needs.

For those of you with young children, a safety gate putting the stairs out of harms way will be installed by next winter.

As we do not employ cleaners, cleaning up is up to each of us. So thanks to everyone who has kept the club house in good shape over the season, and thanks to everyone who is going to turn up to our FUN working bee in December! (details below). *(If you bring rubbish in take it home. Ed.)*

Ideas for club house 'improvements can be forwarded to myself or any members of the Birkie Committee.

Ronice

CLUB HOUSE WORKING BEE (followed by ride/walk)

INVITATION

DATE Sunday December 6

TIME 10 AM at the club house OR carpooling from Hoppet office at 9.00 am

TASKS Thorough 'Spring clean' clean up of club house and its windows, and reframing of Hoppet Posters on the wall. This job entails taking off backing paper, removing staples and replacing old faded posters.

Please come along...many hands make light work.

ATTRACTIONS : Music and materials supplied followed by light lunch and optional bike ride (or walk) in the afternoon.

RSVP to Ronice Goebel 57544910 or 0409332642



Just how bad was the weather report that Conrad had if this was his training for the Hoppet?



Ronice at the last Charley Derrick on wooden skis

the Joeys enjoying a game at the Family FUN day.



Brent, Lauren, Ebony and Josh Tanzin and Jarrah Forrer collecting points in the Snowgame.



Annual BBQ at the Pondage.

The annual BBQ will be held at the pondage on Sunday 22nd November from 6.30pm. Families bring a salad and dessert to share. Singles/Couples bring a salad or dessert. The club will provide meat (veggie burgers) and bread. BYO chairs, drinks, crockery and cutlery. In the case of inclement weather, the BBQ will be held under the verandah at the Hoppet Office.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birkebeiner Products</u></p> <p>Beanies \$8.00 100% Acrylic, Blue with white stripe</p> <p>BNSC Cloth Badges \$4.00 9cm x 7cm White with blue or blue with white</p> <p>Contact Trish on 5754 4323</p>	
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