



Birkie Bulletin

July 2024

Falls Creek finally has enough snow to groom some XC trails. Skiing up around Mt McKay has been great, and hopefully there is more snow forecast in the near future. In the meantime, have a read of what's been happening and about exciting events to come.

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Birkie Bits...





The annual **casserole dinner** was the 8th of June. Club members gathered at the Mount Beauty Senior Centre to enjoy a variety of delicious dishes contributed by all.



After dinner BNSC member and XC ski racer, Kat Paul, gave an informative and entertaining presentation on The Ski Classics, a race series, which the Hoppet has joined in the Challenger category. To learn more:



Ski Classics

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Anna Trnka, Hannah Gray, and Rosie Franzke were 2023/24 recipients of BNSC grants to assist athletes with overseas travel expenses. As a condition for receiving funds, athletes are required to report on the trip to the committee and members. Have a read of their reports to find out how their seasons went by clicking on their photo.



Anna Trnka



Hannah Gray



Rosie Franzke

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Interested in hosting an international athlete? German XC ski racer Christian Winker has reached out to BNSC regarding accommodation near Mount Beauty for a few weeks in August from the 4th to the 25th.

You may have seen him skiing and racing last season at Falls Cree when he was here with some Swiss and Czech athletes. They rented house together, but this year the 27 year old is coming to Australia to train and race on his own. If you would like to discuss options you might have for him, please contact Christian directly via his email christianwinker@googlemail.com

Volunteer Spotlight

Welcome to new committee member and clubhouse manager, Jess White. Jess started XC skiing when she moved to Mount Beauty last year. She is an educator at the Outdoor School so you will see her on snow for both work and play. Thank you Jess for stepping up and taking on volunteer responsibilities with the Club!



Clubhouse Rules

The Clubhouse is for Day Use only. And for the comfort of others the committee asks all members to please observe the following rules:

1. No skis or waxing inside the building. (Waxing can be done in the skidoo shed next door, or in the Windy Corner Day Shelter waxing room.)
2. Use the shelves and hooks for your belongings, keep the downstairs benches clear for people to sit.
3. No outdoor footwear or wet clothes upstairs.
4. Clean up after yourself - no dishes to be left on the sink.
5. Take all your rubbish home. We do not have a rubbish bin in the clubhouse.
6. If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse please ensure all lights are off and the upstairs electric heater and kettle are off
7. Lock the door if are the last person to leave, even in the middle of the day, to keep our belongings safe while we are out skiing.

2024 BNSC RACE COMMITMENTS

Sunday 14th July 10.00am Birkie Classic 2.5/5/10km (C)

Saturday 27th July 9:30am AUS Open Sprint Champs (C)

Sunday 28th July 10:00am AUS Open Champs 15/15km (F)

Saturday 10th August 10am Ski De Femme 1/2.5/5km

Sunday 11th Aug 10:30am Rocky Valley Rush 22.5/15/7.5km (F)

Saturday 24th August 9:30am Kangaroo Hoppet 42/21/7km (F)

Sat 31st Aug 9:30am AUS Junior Championships Sprint (F)

Sun 1st Sep 10:00am AUS Junior Championships Distance (C)

2024 XC Race Calendar

Telemark Nordic Ski Club Come & Try XC Skiing 2024

When: Saturday 6th July, from 9.15am

Where: Falls Creek

What: Development of basic XC skiing skills in a safe and friendly environment.

For more info and registration:

**Come & Try XC skiing
2024**

Howmans Gap All-stars High Plains Tour

Date: Saturday 13 July

Where: Falls Creek

Courses: Freestyle with 1km, 2.5km, 5km and 10km options

Start: 11 am start in the Nordic Bowl

For more info and race entry please click or tap:

For more info and race entry:

High Plains Tour



Early Bird Entries Close 13th July 2024

Get in before the price goes up!



More info, registration & volunteering can be found:

**Hoppet
Website**



BNSC Birkie Classic

Date: Sunday 14 July

Where: Falls Creek

Courses: Classic with 2.5km, 5km and 10km options

Start: 10 am start in the Nordic Bowl

For more info and race entry:



**BNSC Birkie
Classic**

Mid-Season Dinner

Saturday 20th July from 5pm

Mountain Monk Brewers (formerly West Peak Hotel) Mount Beauty

The club's Birkie Award & Lifetime Membership will be presented to very deserving members.

Please RSVP by Sunday, 14th July to Mary Hall:

birkiebulletin@gmail.com

Numbers are limited so be sure to RSVP early so you don't miss out!



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News from Finn Marsland, Director Snow Australia Cross Country, which may interest you...

- [XC Coach EOI 2024/25](#)
- [Seve de Campo | AIS Mental Fitness Ambassador](#)



Falls Creek Lakeside Development



The XC Skiing Association of Victoria (XCSAV) has filed an application with VCAT to review the planning decision to grant a permit for the redevelopment of the ANARE Shed at Falls Creek. XCSAV has engaged legal counsel and is asking for donations to assist with expenses. For detailed information & to donate:

International Skiers have taken up the charge to save Falls Creek XC. An article about the potential snow clearing of BHP Road from Windy Corner to the ANARE shed is currently the number one most read on Proskiing.com. It has been shared by World Champion XC skier Jessie Diggins and translated into Norwegian and Swedish. To have a read:

[Save Falls Creek](#)

['Iconic XC Ski trail under threat'](#)



Looking Back...

Did you know the Fédération Internationale de Ski et de Snowboard (FIS) is 100 years old this year, and when it started it was all about Nordic skiing? To read more:

[FIS](#)



A book on the 100 years of FIS has been donated to BNSC and is available to read at the clubhouse.

About us

2024/25 Committee

President – Andrew Hall

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MEMBERSHIPS

Family \$75, Individual \$35, Junior or Student (not in a family

membership) \$25, Associate* \$2

Fees are payable by 30th June

2024. To JOIN OR RENEW please

click or tap [HERE](#)

[Membership](#)

*Intended for existing members who no longer ski, nor use the clubhouse, but would like to remain club members and receive correspondence and the bulletin newsletter, or for search and rescue squad members who do not require the use of club facilities.

