

NSW MASTER SKIERS SERIES 2012:

The challenge is aimed at encouraging skiers who might think that they aren't fit or fast enough to try some of the wide variety of events on offer.

Event Organisers love participants, the more the better! Event Organisers are a dedicated lot and work hard for the sport – support the events, have some fun and maybe win a prize! [See News flyer]

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* Sat July 14	<i>ACT Distance Championships (C) 2.5/5/10km</i>
* Sun July 15	<i>NSW Distance Championships (F) 2.5/5/10/15km</i>
Sat July 21	Cooma Open (F) 10km
* Sun July 29	<i>Australian Distance Championships (C) 2.5/5/10</i>
Sat Aug 4	KCros Tour @ Smiggins (C) 12km
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Thur Aug 9	Sundeck Handicap (F) 7.5km
* - Sat Aug 11	<i>Australian Long Distance Championships (F) 15/30km</i> <i>OR</i>
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- Special participation points will be available to volunteers who sometimes miss out on the chance to compete because they are busy helping organise and officiate at events. Two events (including one state or national event) will be included if you participate as a race official.
- Event entry forms and further information will be available at the Nordic Shelter in Perisher once the season commences. Entry for the events in **italics** (and others) is also available on-line. Go to **www.nswsnowsports.com.au** and the XC page to access the On-Line Entry system.
- A great variety of events are organised in the Perisher Range area for all levels of skiers. Don't be put off by the term “Championships”. These are fine events that benefit from greater participation. Support the volunteers who put these things on and participate – test those years of training (and enjoy!).
- There is no registration fee to enter the Masters Series Competition, only the normal race entry fees. HOWEVER – it is a requirement that skiers are a member (either a full voting member – \$60.50, or a Sports Class non-voting member – \$22) of Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA), **ticking your choice of State Snowsports body** (NSW, ACT or VIC).
- Join SSA and your State Snowsports body at **www.skiandsnowboard.org.au** .
- See the complete SAXC/SSA National XC Race Calendar on **www.nswsnowsports.com.au** for the “big picture” of cross country competition and citizen events in Australia.

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[Information about this season's event series can also be seen in the latest news-letter]

The master series is only one option for Masters skiers, below are links to further opportunities both within Australia and Overseas.

Citizen Races [Tour races] in Australia can be found on the Australian Race Calendar. [NSW Citizen Races are part of the master series]

<http://ausxc.com/race-calendar/>

Loppet Races are a series of long distance races in a variety of countries around the world, The Australian Loppet race is called the Kangaroo Hoppet.

<http://www.hoppet.com.au/>

<http://www.worldloppet.com/>

Masters World Cup - Is a variety of races over a number of distances and styles, open to skiers over 30 years of age. These are held in a different country every year, next year the 2013 MWC is in Asiago Italy.

<http://www.world-masters-xc-skiing.ch/>

<http://www.mwc2013.com/en/>

<http://www.mwc2014.com/>

Masters Series Article from the news letter



2012 NSWXC Master Skiers Series

- ❖ Luxurious Holiday courtesy of Lake Crackenback Resort (2 nights for 4 and a dinner for 4)
- ❖ Free entry in the 2013 Master Skiers Series events
- ❖ NPWS Park Entry Pass
- ❖ *Many thanks to the prize donors!*

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Last year's winners were Marg Hayes and Bruce Wharrie (we are pretty sure it wasn't rigged!).

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For further information about the 2012 NSWXC Masters Skiers Series, other NSW XC information and for daily XC trail grooming information during the winter season, contact nswxc1@gmail.com.