2015 Winter to 2016 Summer - Perisher Cross Country News

Winter 2015

2015 was a different kind of winter! On- snow activities were exchanged for training on frosty ovals. Event after event fell away as we waited for the snow to come. Fundraising was a non-happening.

And then, like it almost always does, the snow came – not in great amounts but plenty for our purposes. The grooming kicked in and from then on it was a ski season packed with activity while Luke the Groomer, skiers and event organisers made up for lost time on the Perisher XC tracks.

The Nordic Shelter upgrades from last summer were appreciated. Adrian looked after the Shelter and those who used it with unfailing cheerfulness. If there was ever anyone who personifies the joy of a good hour on skinny skis, it is Adrian.

In spite of losing a month or more of the season at the beginning, the ending was a genuine eye-opener. We all appreciate the effectiveness of the snow fencing in collecting snow so the groomer can prepare the trails. NPWS and a small army of volunteers have spent many summer work parties over many years installing and fine-tuning the fences. Thanks to the fences and Luke the Groomer, on the 29th of September it was still possible to ski most of the trail system on an adequate to deep cover that had been groomed a few days before. The ribbons of snow along the XC trails were clearly visible from the downhill slopes. Just goes to show what value can be found in simple, low-tech technology.



Work Party - November 28

Which brings us to the next important topic – **Summer XC Work Parties**. The first work party is scheduled for **28 November**. The Nordic Shelter will be packed up from winter, the temporary drainage pipes will be removed and plans made for the rest of the summer. Accommodation will be generously provided Canberra Alpine Club.

Please contact Peter Ward (nswxc1@gmail.com) if you will attend and Peter Cunningham (peter.cunningham@actewagl.com.au) if you require accommodation. Bring work boots, gloves, food, sheets and towels. Work parties are always sociable, energetic and productive weekends.

Further work parties will be announced as the dates are finalized.

Check the Perisher XC website (<u>www.perisherxcountry.org</u>) from time to time for news and information over the summer.

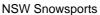
The Sverre Kaaten Nordic Shelter - Tax Deductible Once Again!

The Federal Government has kindly reconsidered its rules for tax deductibility and all donations to the Nordic Shelter are now tax deductible if they are made through the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF). This is the same government organization that helped with the fundraising specifically for the extensions to the Shelter. The new rules allow donations to cover the day-to-day expenses of running the facility, which is what fundraising for the Shelter is now all about.

Copy this link (https://asf.org.au/project/sverre-kaaten-nordic-shelter/) into your browser to go to the new ASF website and the Sverre Kaaten Nordic Shelter project. You can make your donation and obtain your receipt in the easy electronic way. A paper form is also attached. That can be forwarded to ASF or to PO Box 934, Jindabyne, 2627.

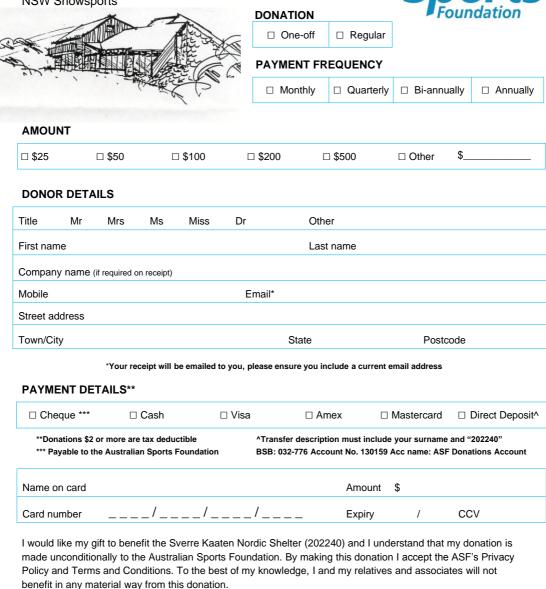
Many thanks to the clubs, organisations and individuals who support the Nordic Shelter through donations of funds, time and materials. Aside from the occasional government grant, the Shelter opens every winter purely through the generosity of the XC community. Even with a truncated season like the one just past, the donations were enough to comfortably pay the bills.

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