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ONE MORE WORK PARTY – 1-2 June 2013:

Many thanks to the 27-odd workers who worked themselves ragged on the weekend of May 4-5. So much was done on the trails that another work party is necessary to finish things off and get the Nordic Shelter ready.

The most thanks go to NPWS - Graham, Greg and Tim. The trails have never been in better shape. Every XC skier should give these three a big kiss and then send a thank-you letter to KNP (Dave Darlington).

So much has been accomplished this summer! Over the four work parties that have been held since February:

- New snow fences have been installed on the Beginners Bowl, the Valley Trail and the 5km.
- Biathlon targets have been relocated to make them more usable and more fun to watch the action.
- Poles have been restored, relocated and remarked on all of the Perisher and Smiggins trails (when you ski on the Porcupine Trail, think of the volunteers who carried poles out there....)
- Rock removal and trial slashing on the 5km and 7.5 tracks.
- A gentler track for beginners and for training, the new Valley Loop has been marked out for trialling this winter we look forward to your feedback on this.
- The Possum Loop has been re-aligned and re-poled.
- Bridges have been covered with Geo-Tex for the winter
- The Trail Conditions sign at the XC Centre has been relocated and wired for lighting and sound.

Still to do:

- More slashing
- Restore poles on the touring trails
- Install the new garbage hutch
- Install safety screens on south wall windows
- Complete new storage areas
- Clean and polish the Shelter in readiness for winter.

If you missed out on the fun and exercise, or want to finish jobs that you started, please join us for the Extraordinary Perisher XC Work Party that is scheduled for June 1-2 (the first official days of winter).

Usual arrangements – please let Peter W know if you can come so jobs are ready. And let Peter C know (mailto:peter.cunningham@actewagl.com.au) if you need accommodation. Bring work gloves, wear solid boots.

TAA-DAAAA!!!.....A NEW WEBSITE - Especially for XC

Get in the mood for winter and give your eyes a treat - take some time to have a good look around http://www.perisherxcountry.org/index.php.

The new Perisher X-Country website has been developed in response to the Perisher XC community's desire to share the sport they love with deserving people (everyone). In particular, the website aims to make skiers (old and new) aware of the great event that XC Week is. A publicity program is in action, with the website as the major conduit of information about XC Ski Week and everything to do with XC in the Perisher district.

Please be forgiving when you look at the website, it is 80% there. There is more information to come, completing and tweaking of some pages, and the inevitable fine-tuning. Let us know what you think, all suggestions welcome. Volunteers working on the project have been lucky to have the services and support of Pepper Design (local graphic designer Simon Blazey) and Toledoh (thanks to Tim for customising the system just for PXC).

Take special note of the new Perisher X-Country logo, above - you will see it around more and more as Perisher X-Country implements strategies to publicise XC skiing, XC Ski Week and the Perisher XC Centre facilities.

Peter Ward Chair NSWXC 13/05/2013