

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?



Behind the scenes at the Hoppet Kangaroo Hoppet Inc. Board Members



Phil Bentley

PHILIP BENTLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARC

Since his appointment to the ARC in April 1990, Philip Bentley has been responsible for many changes, including the closure of the two regional ARC offices, and the head office move to Box Hill.

A recent convert to skiing, Mr Bentley is now an
avid downhill skier, however he sees an expansion of
cross country skiing in the
future. His confidence in
the growth of the sport was
demonstrated by the commission's decision to purchase the first Rolba
tracksetter, which played an
important role in the success of Australia's bid to
host a Worldloppet event.
RICHARD GREEN

CHAIRMAN, ARC

Richard sees the ARC's involvement with the



Richard Green

Hoppet as an ideal opportunity for the commission to exercise its charter to expand tourism in Victoria.

Although a downhill skier himself, he also sees cross country skiing as the growth area of the industry and believes the Hoppet will be a huge asset to the Falls Creek and Mount Beauty areas.

JACK HEBERLE FALLS CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As a long-time resident of Falls Creek and Mount Beauty, Jack has seen Falls Creek grow from a fledgling resort in the fifties to the present village of around 4000 beds.

A keen skier in both disciplines all his life, Jack's name was for many years synonymous with the Falls Creek Race Club. More recently he has been active in



Jack Heberle

the organisation of cross country races at Falls Creek.

BOB LAWTON AUSTRALIAN SKI FEDER-ATION

Bob Lawton has been involved in sport as a teacher and administrator since 1962. He has held numerous positions with sporting organisations and has been the executive officer of the Macquarie University Sports Association since 1971.

In 1981, Bob managed the Australian Universities Alpine Ski Team at the World University Games in Spain. Since then he has managed many other university and national ski teams. He is a member of a number of Olympic committees, is the ASF cross country committee chairman, vice president of the ASF and has recently been appointed as the general



Bob Lawton

manager of the Australian Winter Olympic Team for Albertville, 1992.

ALIAN MARSIAND BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB

Allan played a major role in last year's successful bid for the Worldloppet accreditation for our race. He presented the initial proposal to the Worldloppet at their annual meeting in Helsinki in June last year, which resulted in the decision by the League to send delegates to assess the race in September.

Allan was then part of the delegation which addressed the League in Germany last November. The outcome of that meeting was the acceptance of the race as a member of the Worldloppet.

Last month, with Richard Green, Allan attended the



Allan Marsland

1991 Worldloppet AGM in Germany.

Allan is a founding member of the BNSC and an experienced race administrator. He has skied in all 11 Birkebeiner races.

BRIAN KEEBLE BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB

Brian has lived and worked at Bogong School Camp for the past 10 years. He is an enthusiastic cross country skier and an active member of the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club. He has competed in Sweden's loppet, the Vasaloppet.

As the Chief of Race for last year's 'trial', Brian was largely responsible for the running of the event, and its success was largely due to the tremendous amount of work he did in the monus leading up to the race.



Brian Keeble

PETER MAI MOUNT BEAUTY & DIS-TRICT CHAMBER OF COMMMERCE

Peter has been actively involved in the tourism industry in North East Victoria for the past 15 years. As a businessman in the area, he has been a long-time member of the chamber, being on the executive committee for most of that time and serving a term as president.

Inaugural RACE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
are: Brian Keeble,
Allan Marsland, David
Chew, Mark Gray, Chris
Heberle, Helen L'Huillier,
Paul L'Huillier,
Jeanette McLaren, Jack
Slocombe, Margaret
Smith, Rob Spargo and
Garry White.