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Birkie Bulletin

June 2024

2024 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Wednesday 22nd May with 11 members attending in person and 4 attending via Zoom.

A full committee was elected. Thank you to all members who volunteered for a role. For full reports please click or tap:

President

Financial

Membership

Juniors Committee

Hoppet Committee

Race Committee

2024/25 Committee

President –
Andrew Hall
Vice President –
Paul Gray
Secretary –
Michelle Forrer
Treasurer –
Jeanette McLaren

Ordinary Committee:

Allan Marsland
Ewen Silvester
Michel Trnka
Ronice Goebel
Jessica White
Stephanie Germancheva
Warren Sanders
Kate Prest

For complete list of committees & volunteers please visit
www.birkebeiner.org.au

Many thanks go to outgoing President, Ewen Silvester, and Secretary Ronice Goebel, for their tireless efforts over the years.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

At the recent AGM it was resolved to keep the fees the same as 2023 i.e. Family \$75, Individual \$35, Junior or Student (not in a family membership) \$25, Associate* \$25. Fees are payable by 30th June 2024.

To JOIN OR RENEW please click or tap [HERE](#)

BNSC 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.

BNSC Casserole Dinner

When: Saturday 8th June, from 6pm

Where: Senior Centre, Tawonga Crescent, Mt Beauty

Please bring: a casserole (singles) and a salad or dessert to share (families).

Presentation: Katerina Paul will be sharing her experience with the Ski Classic

Please RSVP to: birkiebulletin@gmail.com

Falls Creek Lakeside Development

While Alpine Resorts Victoria has stated there will be no clearing of the road until the ANARE shed has been redeveloped, and therefore no clearing this coming winter 2024, the possibility in future of losing valuable XC trails is still very much on the table.

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Considering this and other environmental issues, XCSAV has filed an application with Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (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 more detailed information please tap or click:



**Alpine Observer
29/05/2024**

**XCSAV President
Update**



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

- [**XC Coach EOI 2024/25**](#)
- [**Cross Country & SkiMo - 2023/24 Season Wrap**](#)
- [**Kat Paul Named an AIS Thrive with Pride Ambassador**](#)



Birkie Bits...

The annual pre-season **clubhouse working**



bee was Saturday 25th May, a sunny day, with not a snowdrift or snowflake in sight! Ten super keen club members (including our new clubhouse manager and some new members) set to work to prepare the club house for the upcoming winter. Jobs included a thorough kitchen clean, wiping down tables and chairs, vacuuming carpet, cleaning windows, cleaning the toilets and basin, emptying and cleaning storage shelving, de-cobwebbing, mopping floors, children's toy area and storage shed clean out. Having good numbers ensured the job was done in good time, finishing with morning tea and cuppas.



fun fact: rats love mustard!



Photo:
Back: Bridget, Jess, Peter, Jen & Henry
Front: Vince, Steph, Alistair, Nick

Special thank you's to:

Keeps for his work cleaning out the race hut prior to the working bee.

Pete Smith for dealing with the storage shed rat mess and delivering a car load of items to the race hut.

Sheepy for managing the clubhouse last year and organising for the snowmobile to be serviced off the mountain.

Jess for taking on the clubhouse manager role and first aid kit checks and restock,

and **Mish** for organising the day and writing this report.

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The 18th May 2024 was a perfect day for the **Mt. Beauty Running Festival**, and many people got out there and enjoyed the run. The new courses introduced this year were well received. The 10 and 21k went around the pondage and alongside the pristine Kiewa River, past Pebble Beach. The trail run was increased to 18k. which included a

new section along the Kiewa River through Ausnet Park. BNSC members **Eddy Franzke** & **Harry Silvester** claimed 1st and 2nd place in the trail run. Eddy's brother **Alec** took 2nd in the 10k.



BNSC member **Rosie Franzke** to be recognised in the Mount Beauty Hall of Fame for her part in the Winter Junior Olympics. Rosie was selected to represent Australia at the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea. Along with Samuel Johnson, Clancy Harvey, and Satara Moon they placed a hard-fought 18th in the 4x5km Mixed Relay. Her individual best result was 38th in the 7.5km Classic.



An inspiring article on BNSC member **Anna Trnka**, cross country skier & coach, SkiMo athlete, and busy physiotherapist. Please click or tap to read:

Women of Winter: Two

Sports and a Career



Katerina Paul was a 2023/24 recipient of a BNSC grant to assist with her overseas travel expenses. As a condition for receiving funds, athletes are required to report on their trip to the committee and members. Have a read of her report to find out how her season went.

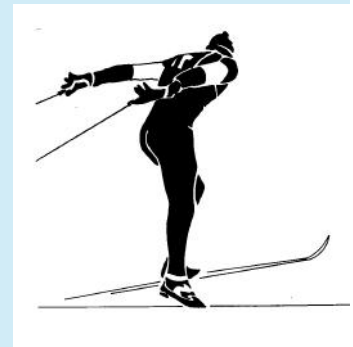
Kat's Season Report

Other recipients of the BNSC travel grant 2023/24 include Rosie Franzke, Anna Trnka, and Hannah Gray. We look forward to reading their season reports in the next Bulletin.

Looking Back...

Interested in some XC technique history? Click below to read about the early origins of skating:

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Message from the new President

Hi Birkies, just a quick introduction.

My name is Andrew Hall and I have just been given the honour of being the new president of the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club.

For those who don't know me, I have worked in the cross country ski business for over thirty years, first at Lake Mountain, then at a couple of resorts in California, and having moved to Mt Beauty five years ago Falls Creek is now my base.

I have skied a lot, in all sorts of places, and I don't need to tell you how great the Nordic skiing is at Falls Creek and on the Bogong High Plains. We are very privileged to have such fabulous skiing available to us.

There are some seriously big shoes to fill in my new role with the club, I hope to be able to live up to the expectations the position demands. With this in mind, I would love to hear from members with your thoughts on how our club can serve you best and any ideas on growing the club and importantly, growing our sport.

Look forward to hearing from you soon, and if you do see me skiing around, please stop and say G'day. (I'm the "older" bloke usually in a Swix Gunde beanie)

Cheers

Andrew Hall

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