



Perisher X-Country – Midwinter Newsletter - 26 July 2017

It seems more like the beginning of winter – the snow has arrived and the Perisher tracks are now in good shape. The [MAC Cam](#) is recording the snow as it accumulates. A number of events have been held, including Australian Sprint and Distance Championships on the weekend just past.

There is lots of news, so make a cup of tea, read and plan the rest of your winter

PXC Website Works:

PXC is pleased/relieved to announce the launch of the upgraded and glamorous new PXC website – this is the new link, www.perisherxcountry.org/. The major improvement will be apparent when you look at the site and grooming reports on your mobile phone. The daily Grooming Report will now occur through the website. The new website is still a work in progress and all comments and pointers to sections that need attention are welcome.

If you currently subscribe to the daily Grooming Reports and are not receiving them, look in your Junk or Spam – that is where I found it in my email.

Remembering Carl Melvey:

Dedication of the Carl Melvey Room at Boonoona Lodge (City Tattersals Club), 5pm, Sunday 6 August 2017

On the 2017 Boonoona Open race day, immediately before the presentations, the main lounge at City Tattersals Club's Boonoona Lodge will be dedicated as the "Carl Melvey Room" in recognition of Carl's immense contribution to Boonoona (and to City Tatts itself) on making Boonoona into the well-known, strong competing lodge it is today. Pat Campion, the Chairman of City Tatts, will make the dedication before the traditional awarding of the race day prizes.

The City Tatts Ski Club invites race participants and all who knew and loved Carl to come to Boonoona to help celebrate and remember Carl and renew acquaintances, stories and good times at City Tatts. Drinks and food will be supplied throughout the dedication and prize giving.

The Boonoona Open race day (6/8/17), and all of XC Ski Week, will be a great opportunity to remember Carl. Help make Carl's favourite event a great one and honour him at the dedication with the XC community.

XC Cross Country Ski Week (5-13 August 2017) is coming:

Get your Lycra out of mothballs and your skis out of the garage to get them ready for XC Ski Week.

Fun, friends and some good, healthy exercise are on the agenda for 9 days. There is something for every one - Mystery Coffee Tours, the Night Relays, Charlotte Pass Open, the Sundeck Handicap to find a Cinderella (i.e. unexpected) winner, the historic KAC, Boonoona Open, (remembering Carl Melvey) and Snowy Mountains Classic events and much more. [Follow the link](#) for info about all of the events and activities.

The Nordic Shelter Night Relays and Candlelight Dinner usually raise funds for the Nordic Shelter. In pre-Olympic years the funds raised support NSW Shadow Olympic Team members – this year Callum Watson, Barbara Jezersek and Aimee Watson. There will be the usual strange and wonderful racing by lights on the Sprint Loop. You don't need to be a racer, survival skills are more important. Refreshments follow with dinner for those who would like to stay later. A silent auction throughout the week of donated special items will boost the funds raised for our Olympians.

Another little gem amongst the variety of XC Ski Week events is "Hello in the Snow":

Perisher X-Country joins with Perisher Historical Society for the annual

"Hello in the Snow" Apres Ski Drinks

Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 4:00 pm - Marritz Hotel

Finger food is provided

All are welcome.

XC Come & Try Fridays:

If you are staying in a club, lodge or hotel in the resort areas or if you are working and living there, please spread the word about the new XC Come & Try Fridays. This is a new initiative aimed at getting skiers staying and living in the resorts to try XC skiing. [Use this link](#) for more information and to register.



Amelia XC Time Trials and Team Sprints – 22/8/17

The Amelia XC Time Trails and Team Sprints are both a fundraiser for the Amelia McGuinness Foundation and a chance to gain valuable XC event experience under race conditions before the Interschools competitions.

An individual XC Time Trial will be conducted near the Nordic Shelter. The course will be determined on race day dependent upon snow conditions and therefore the distance could vary from 400 to 1,000 metres.

An XC Team Sprint competition will be held after the Time Trials. Teams will be assembled by the event organisers.

Bring your skate skis or your classics – whatever you will have the most fun on!

At the conclusion of the Time Trial, parents and others can ski the course, receive a time and join in the fun.

Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/302498>

All entry fees will be donated to the Amelia McGuinness Fund.

Live Timing:

Real-time event competition progress and results are now being trialed on the new PXC website. Use these Live Timing links to follow your favourite athlete in Perisher XC competition:

www.perisherxcountry/events/results

www.vola-racing.com/skinordicpro/blakeadrian/