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SLOPES: Perisher XC Trails Report - Long Weekend - Is it Winter?

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There is a good cover of man-made snow on the slopes, but none around the Nordic Shelter or on the trails. Geraldine and Adrian are likely to be around the Shelter area during the weekend, but it will not be officially open. You will have to be patient - the trails and the Shelter have been prepared as much as possible, just waiting for snow.

The road to Charlotte Pass is open for the weekend and there is skiing to be had on the Main Range, although the cover is thin on the road out of the Pass.

Watch the MAC Cam on [PXC](#) for clues as to what the weather is doing - thanks to Mountain Adventure Centre for sponsoring the MAC Cam. Regular XC trail reports will start once there is enough snow for grooming to commence.

The [On-Line](#) event entry system is now active. Look through the various Calendars on [PXC](#), then follow the [links](#) Organisers love the pre-event entries - race day is so much calmer!

On a sad note, Vale Jaakko Laajoki.

Jaakko Laajoki, a keen member of the xc ski community, passed away recently. Originally from Finland, Jaakko spent many years skiing classic technique as a child and in the army. After moving to Australia in the late 1960s with his wife Anneli (dec) and young family, he finally tried out the Australian snow in the 1980s. Jaakko then became a regular participant in Perisher xc ski events until approx. 2005. He always made the trip from Wollongong for NSW race week and any championship events held in Perisher and always brought his sense of humour along. Many of the more mature members of the xc community have fond memories of skiing with Jaakko. He was also a very capable and keen runner and cyclist. His love of xc skiing passed on, and continues to live on, through family members.

Leslie