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SLOPES - SLOPES website new details/NSW XC Newsletter Winter 2013/Perisher winch grooming

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Dear SLOPES Members

An update follows on a few topics:

1. SLOPES website - new details

We have added to our website details of the websites that we know of for SLOPES Members and Associates.

The link is here: http://www.slopes.org.au/?page_id=232

We hope you find this information useful.

Please email us with corrections and additional sites if not listed.

2. NSW XC Early Winter 2013 Newsletter

A copy is attached FYI.

Peter Ward's covering email states:

*The XC Early Winter 2013 newsletter attached has news, useful information and an essential link to the new PXC (Perisher Cross Country) website.**Bookmark it and use it as your reference for everything XC in Perisher and surrounds this winter.***3. Winch grooming in Perisher - Safety Alert**

Attached is the release dated 12 June 2013 from Perisher on this topic.

The release is similar to the one issued a few months ago with the **additional important point to note that winch cats can operate on all slopes.**

As the release contains important safety information, we suggest a copy be placed in your lodge in a prominent place for members and guests to read.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
SLOPES

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**Safety Alert Winch Grooming June 2013.pdf**

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XC EARLY WINTER 2013



Fingers crossed – this coming weekend might be the beginning of something wonderful! The air is cold, the peaks are dusted, weather forecasters are positive and all of the preparations have been made.

Perisher XC Centre:

XC skiers in Perisher will see and experience some obvious changes. Other work and upgrades will be hidden under the snow, surreptitiously improving your experience.

The start of the XC access trail near the Fire Station is now clearly marked. Turn south from the Kosciuszko Road at the **Boulder Outcrop** with classy directional signs to the Perisher XC Centre (the new inclusive name for all of the Perisher XC infrastructure and facilities) and the Nordic Shelter.

The trail and grooming sign near the Nordic Shelter has been relocated to make it more accessible. The new trial Valley Loop is just waiting for snow. Additional snow fences, rock removal and selective pruning will help climate-proof the trails. Pole maintenance will make sure you get to where you are going.

XC Events and Information:

A variety of events for XC skiers of all ages, skill levels and abilities are organised throughout the winter by dedicated volunteers who are happy to share their enthusiasm for a unique and gratifying sport.

Go to www.perisherxcountry.org - all you need to know about XC in the Perisher area, with a focus on **2013 XC Ski Week**. Join in the traditional XC Week events and some very interesting new ones.

And enjoy the quirky ads created for the PXC Partners – fresh from the creative and intriguing mind of PXC website designer, Pepper.

On-line Race Entry is now available for a number of events and can be accessed through the links on the Events pages of www.perisherxcountry.org.

The Nordic Shelter:

Safety projects and regular maintenance were the main activities here – not exciting, but still important.

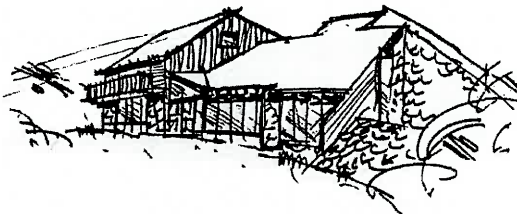
A new initiative is the provision of a limited number of secure boot lockers and ski-bag storage facilities for seasonal rental. These will provide both a service that has been regularly requested and a much needed income stream for the Nordic Shelter. If you are interested in obtaining either (or both) of these to store your equipment for the winter, please contact nswxc1@gmail.com with an expression of interest by Wednesday 19 June and we will send you the details. If we are flooded with requests, a draw will be considered.

Finally, the Nordic Shelter Donation Form is attached. As all operating and maintenance expenses are met through donations and fundraising, the many volunteers who look after the facility are very grateful for the support that comes from clubs and individuals.

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14 June 2013

Please return this form to:


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Perisher Valley

Personal Details:		
First Name		
Last Name		
Business Name		
Mailing Address		
Town/Suburb	State	Post Code
Phone #	E-mail address (Please print clearly)	
Fax #		

Donation (for the operation, upkeep and upgrading of the Nordic Shelter):	
I/We donate the sum of: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other-\$ _____	
Payment Details: Please indicate your payment method by ticking the appropriate box.	
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DATE ____ / ____ / ____	
I require a receipt (Note: donations are not tax deductible)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
I would like to receive XC skiing news and information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
I would like to receive winter daily Perisher XC track reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

PAYMENT OPTIONS		
DIRECT DEPOSIT BANK: Westpac ACCT NAME: The NSW Ski Association BSB: 032-728 Acct # 168910 Include "NS Your Name" in the description/reference field. * Please forward your donation form to an address above.	CHEQUE Make Cheques payable to: NSW Snowsports XC * Please attach the cheque to your donation form and forward to an address above.	 BILLER CODE: 126359 REFERENCE #: 690007011 * Please attach the deposit details to your donation form (so your donation can be easily identified) and forward to an address above.



The Cross Country Committee of NSW Snowsports is the caretaker of the Sverre Kaaten Nordic Shelter, located at the Cross Country Skiing Trailhead in Perisher Valley, and is responsible (with the help of many volunteers) for the upkeep and operation of the Nordic Shelter.

The Nordic Shelter is freely available to all XC skiers. All operating expenses are met through fundraising activities and donations.

The Cross Country Community appreciates your support.

Safety Alert



Winch Grooming

12 June 2013

Perisher operates four dedicated Winch Grooming Machines (Winch Cats). Winch Cats can operate on medium to steep terrain using a large winch and rope mounted on the back of the machine to attach to anchor points at various locations on the mountain.

The winch and the rope assist the machine to climb uphill and therefore groom on medium to steep slopes. Winching operations generally take place at night and early morning but may, in special circumstances, be carried out during normal lift opening hours.

During winching operations the winch rope can be extended up to 1000 metres in length. At times, the Winch Cat operator will be unsighted and unable to see the full length of the rope.

During winching operations the winch rope will at times be under tension and taut, however please be aware that it will move and whip vertically and horizontally at great speed.

WARNING

BEING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A WINCH CAT OR THE WINCH ROPE DURING WINCHING OPERATIONS COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.

WINCH CATS MAY OPERATE ON ANY RUN AT PERISHER

WINCH ROPES MAY CROSS OVERSNOW ROUTES

ALL OVERSNOW VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE OPERATORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WINCH CAT AND WINCHING OPERATIONS OCCURRING AND THE EXTREME DANGERS INVOLVED BEING IN AND AROUND THESE OPERATIONS.

Winch Cat operators will notify all Perisher two way radios when winching operations are in progress and will install signs and flashing orange lights at major oversnow route crossing points. All winch cats are fitted with flashing lights and a flashing orange light will be installed at the anchor point when the winch rope is connected.

Any oversnow vehicle or snowmobile operator who is authorised to cross a route where winching operations are taking place must never approach a Winch Cat or a winch rope when it is operating. Wait at the crossing point until you make visual or radio contact with the Winch Cat operator and then only cross the route when the operator gives you clear indication that it is safe to proceed.

The Office of Environment and Heritage issues all oversnow vehicle permits and operator licenses to operate on designated oversnow routes and Perisher would like to take this opportunity to remind all oversnow vehicle/snowmobile operators that all other access to the ski area requires Perisher's prior authorisation.

David Milford
Safety Systems Manager