Editorial

As I write this there is still no snow but, the current Falls Creek temperature is –0.1°C, but the cameras appear to show rain. Update, I can now see snow. Later still and I have had a downhill ski, it was very good.

I made a small error, relying on memory, about the mc2 website, see elsewhere for the real story on how to use the website. Sorry ‘bout that Chief.

We still need a secretary, please consider it.

The working with children check is a bit serious, if it will affect you please do something about it.

David Walsh has an article about a ski tour next European winter, see page 5.
**Newsletter Delivery**

Last newsletter I gave instructions of how to join the mc2 website and get newsletters through that site, unfortunately the URL I gave was wrong. The correct one is here; [http://mc2.vicnet.net.au](http://mc2.vicnet.net.au)

Go to that site and apply to join the BNSC group, when that is approved you will get an email every time a new file is added to the site. It saves us postage, your email address is always up to date and correct, since you will maintain it on the mc2 website and I have to cut down less trees to print the thing. Email me if you strike trouble.

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**For Sale**

Tim Clarke has a pair of 200cm Peltonen Classic Racing skis with Salomon binding and only wants around $50 for them. They would suit a junior skier who would like a pair of classic racing skis for training/racing. People are more than welcome to see them (Tim lives at Tawonga South), and his contact number is 0400 593 350.

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**Wanted to Buy**

One pair of skating skis with pilot bindings, around size 180.
One pair of skating skis with pilot bindings, around size 190
One pair of pilot boots, size 41-43
One pair of pilot boots, size 42-44

Our contact is  The Pascoes ph. 57562232
Email pascoes@westnet.com.au

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**BIRKIE FAMILY SKI DAY**

*A new event for new and old members*

**Sunday August 3rd**

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<td>LUNCH</td>
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<td>Adult coaching (kids will be supervised in club house or on the snow depending on the weather !!)</td>
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Come along, meet some other club members and learn some new ski skills. Finally, enjoy an afternoon tea in our club house at Windy Corner.

For more info, contact Jenny Kromar 57 541885 or Marg Trnka 57 544637

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**Ski de Femme**

Ski de Femme was a great success. 75 women with no advertising. Anna Trnka made her debut as a coach and they all loved her. Thanks to those who coached and well done to everyone who in poor visibility found their group!!

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**Batman and Robin?**

One of our members who shall remain nameless but I will refer to him as Batman was having his first ski for the season. He was in the club rooms preparing to don his yellow boots for first time. He couldn’t get one foot in. No, not a mouse this time. Put his hand in and felt something furry. Pulled hand out fast. Tipped boot upside down. Out flew 3 bats. Chaos in club house. Caught 2 and released outside. Enter Robin who suggested that ‘We should release the last one in its habitat down the mountain.’ Bat in box. Later that day. Robin standing in garden. Batman watching. Both feeling pretty good I reckon. Release bat. Swoop, swallowed whole by big black currawong! End of story. Sad but true.

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From the desk of the Acting Secretary.

In the June Birkebeiner Bulletin I wrote four articles. In this Bulletin I wish to write follow up notes on three of those articles

1. Vacant Secretary Position

At the time of writing this article the position of Club Secretary remains vacant. I have agreed to stay on as Acting Secretary until the position is filled. However, it must be filled as soon as possible because from early September I will no long be in a position to carry on as Acting Secretary. Thus, if you feel that you are able to take on the club Secretary position then either contact Jim Gargan or myself.

   Jim Gargan President  57541785  gargan@internode.on.net
   Brian Keeble    Acting Secretary 57544910  brian_keeb le@bigpond.com

2. Working with Children Check

On the 1st July this year the new “Working with Children Check” system will be introduced into all sporting clubs in Victoria – including this club. If you do not qualify for an exemption (detailed in the last Bulletin) and you wish to do volunteer work for the club, and that volunteer work involves contact with children under 18, then you need to have a “Working with Children Check”.

You can pick up a “Working with Children Check” form from the Post Office, fill it in and return it to the post office along with a passport size and quality photograph and some form of identification (like a Passport). “Working with Children Check” forms will also be placed in our Clubhouse at Falls Creek.

3. Race Calendar Review.

The Race Calendar Review Committee has developed a “Discussion Paper” and a “Questionnaire” on seven issues related to the existing “Race Calendar”

A number of Club members have filled in the Questionnaire and have returned it to me. That’s fantastic. However, I hope that many more club members will do the same thing – Please.

You can download a copy of the “Discussion Paper” and “Questionnaire” from the Kangaroo Hoppet Web site – www.hoppet.com.au Just open up this site, click on “The XC Files”, then click on “Autumn News” and then click on “May 23 – National Calendar Review”. From that page you can download,

- 2008 Calendar Review Discussion Paper
- 2008 Calendar Review Questionnaire.

Brian Keeble
BNSC Acting Secretary.
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☐ I wish to get my newsletter from the my connected community website
   (http://mc2.vicnet.net.au)

FEES

Annual membership fees

☐ Family $66.00 (including fulltime under-graduates) ☐ Family 5 year $330.00
☐ Singles $33.00
☐ Students $20.00 (fulltime) ☐ Single 5 year $165.00
☐ Associate* $20.00

* Intended for existing members who no longer ski, nor use the club house, but would like to remain club members and receive the newsletter, or for new search and rescue squad members who do not require the use of club facilities.

Please make cheques payable to BNSC and send to:

The Membership Secretary,
BNSC,
Box 192,
Mt Beauty 3699

Fees are due on June 1 and are payable by the end of June.

The club offers the following activities and services to members: • a day clubhouse facility at Falls Creek, a junior ski squad, • learn to ski days, • social activities, • a search and rescue squad, • races at club, state and national level, • the annual Worldloppet event, the Kangaroo Hoppet. The club advises the Falls Creek Alpine Resort on XC matters.
CLUB COACHING DAYS

FOR ADULTS

A GREAT WAY TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP YOUR SKIING SKILLS

Come along and learn a few new skills

Or

Just sharpen up and change a few habits

Great instructors from the YMCA XC Ski School at Windy Corner will make sure you go away with something to focus on. Just call YMCA Windy Corner by 4pm on the Friday before each instruction day. It will go ahead regardless of whether its two or ten Birkie members. PHONE 57 583408

SATISFYING * REWARDING * FUN * FREE

MEET AT THE RACE HUT, THE COACH WILL FIND YOU!

SAT 26TH JULY

Sat 9th August

Sun 17th August
For our midseason dinner bring your festive spirit along to:

Christmas in July at Roi’s

TRADITIONAL FEAST

MAIN COURSE

Roi will cook you a delicious feast of hot ham, roast turkey breast, and roast beef.

These will be accompanied by special sauces, gravy and chutneys which Roi will create for each meat.

A vegetarian option will be available and roast vegetables will accompany the meats.

DESSERT

Plum puddings with hot brandy custard or lemon tart or Roi’s tiramisu for those who prefer.

$25 pp (subsidised by BNSC). Drinks extra.

RSVP: by Sunday 27th July to Sue Hertzog Ph: 57 544 219.
Scandinavian Tour

David Walsh was a long time member of Birkebeiner. He has asked for this to be placed in the newsletter in case there is any interest out there.

I was a member of Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club for about 20 years but have dropped out because I am not interested in racing anymore and was not getting enough opportunity to get up to Mount Beauty in recent years. I am doing more of my skiing overseas these days and Alpine Touring rather than Nordic touring. I also go overseas most northern summers to do some mountain biking. I just returned two weeks ago from mountain biking the Annapurna circuit, and an off to Russia and Germany on a walking trip in two weeks time. When I am in Melbourne during the winter, I prefer to go to Mt Stirling skiing on a Saturday and mountain biking on a Sunday.

I am organising a nordic ski tour on the Kungsleden (Kings) trail in Sweden next April as a private Melbourne Bushwalking Club trip. I would be delighted if any Birkebeiner members wanted to join as the cost to fly to Sweden means that we are unlikely to be overwhelmed with participants even though it is a lot cheaper than a commercial trip. The Kungsleden is very famous in Scandinavia but it is not well known to Australian skiers or high on many Australian’s to do list.

Here is the link to the webpage I have set-up about the trip.

Melbourne Bushies
Kungsleden Ski Tour
EASTER 2009

A 200 km Arctic ski tour from valley to valley, hut to hut, completing half the famous Scandinavian Kungsleden trail, carrying only a day pack.

An opportunity to complete the trophy ski tour aspiration of most Scandinavian skiers

for more information visit the tour website

www.kiewaview.com/Ocker/kungsleden.htm
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