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Arlberg Ski Club Inc.

It's May

The days are shorter, temperatures are dropping, autumn is with us and already there's a dusting of snow, not enough to ski but we have a great winter to look forward to.

Snow and weather permitting Whakapapa opens June 29th!

Subscription invoices for 2013 have been mailed to all members along with a letter outlining plans for our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2014.

UNI SKI & BOARD SALE

Gear down and Gear Up

On Friday 24th May club members get exclusive access to The Uni Ski and Board Sale at the Snowcentre.

Ski Club Showcase Help Wanted

Can you help on a stall at the SnowCentre Uni Ski and Board sale? To attract new members we showcase our club, there will be a competition for a 2 night stay and a voucher for an introductory weekend at members' rates for those that provide their details.

If you can contribute a couple of hours Sunday 26th May (between 10am and 4pm) please contact michael@arlberg.co.nz

Thank you to Committee Members!

Many thanks to all the committee members who have worked diligently to serve the members and make the club what it is today. On behalf of our members I thank you.
Glen McBean John Hutchings, Esther Menzie and Reid Mossman have stepped down. We are still looking for a Maintenance Officer, Club Captain, Food Officer and Editor for the Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting Update

The AGM was held on 10th April 2013. Thanks to the SnowCentre in Newmarket for once again providing our venue. We had a good turnout with 25 members present enjoying a lively and good natured meeting with drinks and plenty of appetizing finger-food before and after the formalities. If you want a full copy of the minutes email secretary@arlberg.co.nz

Michael McLean (President) welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked the SnowCentre for providing the venue. Michael presented his report. Treasurer Hamish Stevens followed with his outline of the Club's sound financial position.

The meeting endorsed our 2013 Committee:

Michael McLean (President)	Greg Owen (Vice President)
Hamish Stevens (Treasurer)	John Priest (Secretary)
Linda Danen (Membership)	Leonie Deane
Rob Nicholls	Kathleen Stone

The Maintenance and Club Captain positions remain vacant. Maybe you could make a contribution by stepping up for one of these roles?

The meeting agreed subscriptions and lodge fees would remain at the 2012 rates.

General business items included discussion about current and future maintenance requirements. Thanks to Linda Danen for preparing a maintenance schedule.

We discussed possible criteria for nominating Life Members. If you have someone in mind please recommend them to a committee member.

The "five year rule" for work parties was discussed, in particular the need to show flexibility for inactive or low use members. The committee will look at other ways we can encourage work party participation.

Ideas for the format of the 50th Anniversary celebration in May 2014 were discussed. There was general agreement that drinks and dinner at an Auckland restaurant, at a reasonable price, would be appropriate.

Food Officer Needed

We all need to eat after a day's skiing, but someone needs to make sure we have a supply food! This role involves receiving reports on stock levels and ordering food and supplies as required. And all done in the comfort of your home through the Bidvest website. You don't need to attend Committee meetings, though attendance is welcomed when you want to. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael at president@arlberg.co.nz.

Events Calendar for 2013

29 June	Whakapapa and Turoa projected opening
12 – 28 July	School Holidays
15 - 19 July	First of two Kids' Weeks . Bring all the little ones including your under 4's and have all the family on the white stuff.
3 Aug	Christiana Derby – Interclub Race Event, hosted by Christiania Ski Club
4 - 8 Aug	School Group of 25 hosted by Arlberg.
17 August	Haensli Cup - Interclub Race Event, hosted by Ruapehu Ski Club
26 Aug – 30 Aug.	North Island Primary School Champs Week 1
31 Aug.	Ngaruhoe Trophy Race - Interclub Race Event, hosted by Ngaruhoe Ski Club. This is the one with a great after ski do.
2-6 Sept.	North Island Primary School Champs Week 2
13 – 14 Sept. TBC	Arlberg Race weekend - Show us how fast you can go. Great social racing followed by a catered dinner and a night of partying
27 Sept – 13 Oct	School Holidays
30 Sept - 4 Oct.	Kids, Week II if you have children under the age of 4 Please feel free to book this week for your family

Committee Vacancies

Great clubs don't run themselves and it's rewarding to help make the Arlberg experience enjoyable for fellow members. Maybe you could take on one of these roles for this year?

Food Officer: Orders food on-line.

Maintenance Officer: Helps us plan maintenance of the lodge

Club Captain: Helps set up the club race day.

Newsletter: Writes and distributes "The Arlberg Edge" 5 or 6 times a year.

To find out more about each role see the April newsletter or email president@arlberg.co.nz.

Five Year Work Party Requirement

The committee sees implications in the current 5 year work party rule that do not serve the best interests of the club. It will not be implemented this year while we review other more equitable means to satisfy our requirements.

Arlberg Ski Club 50th Celebrations in 2014

Arlberg is nearing the 50th Anniversary of the construction of our lodge at Whakapapa. It's a very significant milestone in our history and a chance to acknowledge the contribution of some important people who have made Arlberg what it is today. Of course a celebration is called for so we can have an opportunity to catch up with skiing families and friends we may not have seen in years.

We want members, past members & friends to get involved by sharing memories, photographs and spreading the word.

We are forming an organising committee led by Leonie Deane, our committee Social Activities officer. Leonie needs assistance to start the ball rolling and would like to hear from you, so please contact Leonie at leonie@arlberg.co.nz

Update on the Lodge



The March work party oiling the cedar weatherboards near the lodge entrance.

The lodge is all ready for the new ski season. Work parties over summer have done lots of maintenance, given the lodge a top to tail clean and made sure we have a stack of firewood. The season officially starts on 29 June and we hope it will be a beauty!

Watch out for the Wildlife

The amazing summer has seen small four-legged intruders searching for food in lots of places (read lockers in the fridge room and the computer in the pantry). Luckily the bags in the pantry have not been sampled. The bait stations and traps are keeping incidents down. We recommend that any food items in your locker be left inside hard plastic or metal containers. We will look at options for sealing the lockers against these pests.

NORTH ISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SKI CHAMPS (NIPSSC) (includes INTERMEDIATES)

Bookings for the lodge during the NIPSSC require prior approval. Please alert Sasha at bookings@arlberg.co.nz of your requirements ASAP as we anticipate heavy bookings.

The North Island Primary Schools Ski Champs have become so big the event is being run over two weeks this year. The races and racing format will remain the same as in previous years but the groups will be split to put less loading on the ski field and NIPSSC infrastructure.

Week 1: Monday 26th - to - Friday 30th August

Skiers from Full Primary Schools (Years 1 - 8) and Contributing Primary Schools (Years 1 - 6).

Week 2: Monday 2nd - to - Friday 6th September

Skiers from Intermediate Schools (Years 7 & 8) and High Schools/Colleges with Year 7 & 8 Classes as well as all Snowboarders. Provision will be made for Paralympics NZ and Special Olympics student athletes this week.

Could you be the next editor of “The Arlberg Edge”?

After two years collecting stories, photos and content for “The Arlberg Edge”, editor Reid Mossman’s other activities have encroached on his spare time and he has decided it is time to hand on the editor’s role to someone new. Thank you Reid for keeping everyone up to date with interesting and timely articles for our newsletter.

Regards,

Michael McLean
(interim editor)

Note from Editor:

I need your input – please contact me at editor@arlberg.co.nz to share your stories and photos.