

THREDBO 2010 AUG 15TH – 20TH

Sunday 15th

This year was a relatively small group compared to previous years but some last minute attendees brought our numbers to 40 adults and 3 young people.

As usual the welcome party provided an opportunity for old and new members to get to know each other and catch up with the latest news. Plenty of food was provided by the Keller Bar and there was enough left over for some groups to scavenge a couple of meals for their apartments later in the week.

Monday 16th

This was most probably the best weather day for skiing and although it was a bit windy up on top of the mountain a good day of skiing was had by all. So good in fact that Matt Brimmer injured an ankle and Peter Dooley broke his left hand..

This year our traditional beach party was combined it with a trivia night at the Piano Bar. The usual array of beach gear was to be observed until Con Mantzioris arrived in the tightest pair of Greek budgie smugglers ever seen only to be trumped by David Adler in his Borat mankini – too much meat and potatoes on display was a common remark. The trivia part of the night was lots of fun with someone from every apartment winning a prize or two and the bachelors' room of Greg, Steve, Con and David winning the night.



Tuesday 17th

This day was a free skiing day without any evening group entertainment organized. The weather was mostly sunny early on but it was very windy on top of the mountain, but most made it out for a few hours to practice their racing skills for the following day. Apart from Steve Lubich wiping out any children who got in the way of his snowboard and Daniel Beamer becoming famous for crashing on every run on the mountain – he now becomes the club's official crash test dummy – no major injuries were reported.

Rhiannon was lucky to survive the "Merrits Download Incident" with just a bit of skin off her knees and a couple of bruises, when she was spectacularly thrown off the edge off the Merritts chair lift platform and disappeared from view into the safety net.

Wednesday 18th

Another windy day and the Kosciuszko Express lift closed very early which made the Snowgums chair the only way of getting to the top of the race track. The GS was run on the short course as the lower section had been turned into a terrain park but at least it helped us complete the racing in under an hour, but just before the start of the DS the Snowgums chair was closed due to ever increasing winds and the only way to get to the top of the course was via the

Gunbarrel chair and the Traverse. The race course became strewn with foliage stripped from the trees and the time taken to get to the top of the course forced the decision to cancel the DS.

Of course this didn't stop the race bar and BBQ going ahead in an apartment with superchef Fifield cooking a million snags in record time.

All the medals and trophies were presented at the Keller Bar with Greg Patrick and Nicole Campbell receiving the Tony Bird Cup, Con and Margaret the GS winners with Dr Dog 2nd, as ever the bridesmaid, but beating Dools was far more rewarding to him. Laurie Riddle and Robyn Parker were this year's Master's champions

The 1001 Arabian Nights party was held at the House of Ullr on their karaoke night. As our politically incorrect tribe invaded, a variety of ladies wore authentic middle eastern clothing, some were straight out of I Dream Of Jeannie, a number of sheiks and suspicious males wearing dubious rapid deployment tea towels were seen drinking. Greg Patrick was dressed as a genie complete with Alladin's lamp but looked more like Ghengis Khan while Steve Brett came as Osama bin Liner. To impress the locals, Matt Brimmer decided to arrive with blood streaming from a cut above an eyebrow after headbutting a lamp post and last but not least, Steve Lubich was refused any alcohol and threatened with eviction from the bar all within 15 minutes of arriving – I believe this is a new club record.



Thursday 19th

Again we had high winds, rain, sleet and snow to make our skiing a challenge but it was all forgotten at the formal dinner held at the Sante Churrasco restaurant. Jugs of Sangria and meat on skewers kept the conversation loud and cheerful. Due to the cancellation of the DS race the normal Champions trophies were not presented but the new Flying Ski Dunny Perpetual trophy was still presented for the most impressive skiing disaster of the week to Rhiannon for the infamous "Merritts Download Incident"



Friday 20th

Once again the weather was wet at the bottom, with wind, snow and sleet at the top making the day a challenge for those brave enough to get out. Unfortunately Nicole broke her leg while getting in the last runs of the week – get well soon!

Despite the generally unfriendly weather, the snow conditions were reasonably good – for Thredbo- and most importantly the social conditions were up to the club's usual standard of friendliness, fun and just a little mayhem.

Cheers everybody,
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