



Christmas Newsletter

President's Report

What's Coming;

Just wanted to tell everyone to have a wonderful Christmas, ski & drive safely, and enjoy your time with your family and friends this holiday season

The pre-Christmas end of the season is notoriously changeable weather-wise, and this year was no exception. It started colder than usual, warmed a bit, then got colder still. We had water temperatures of 13 degrees early in November - that's not pleasant. But it improved steadily since then and the last month has seen some great skiing in Waihola and at Henley on Club nights and at weekends. A highlight for me was one night recently at Henley when the water went 'mill pond' around 8 pm and I finished the

The committee has had a lot on so far this season, starting with resurfacing the jump, which has sat in the Waihola domain now for two seasons. After some confusion over mixing of paints, the job is not finished yet, but discussions with the regional council (ORC) have thrown a spanner in the works. ORC has taken over jurisdiction of the waterways around Waihola and have told us the jump needs to have a red hazard light installed on it. While the light can be purchased cheaply, we are concerned that it could be subject to

have access to the jump. ORC is also planning to raise the 5 knot speed restriction above the State Highway 1 road and river bridges, so we are looking at whether this would open up suitable areas for skiing, especially if we had a portable (floating) slalom course and could run competitions in more sheltered and quieter water ways. There is a large network of channels connecting lakes Waihola and Waipori to the Taieri River, some of which are sufficiently wide and long enough to put in a course, or just have a ski. Then some are quite narrow, and make for interesting driving when 'keyhole' turning at the end of a run.

Speaking of slalom courses, we have received a grant for \$2,000 towards a floating course from the Bendigo Valley Foundation and have fingers crossed for the additional \$1,000 to come in from other grant applications made in November. A floating course would allow us to run slalom competitions and training at any suitable venue. Floating courses can reportedly be installed in 20 minutes with practice.

Our next Club event is the Waitangi weekend camp-over at the domain by the dam at Lake



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

evening after 4 skis and 2 bare foots.

Club nights and weekends have been well attended but there's still a lot of faces we haven't seen at the lake yet. Do make sure you join in the fun and get along to some of the post-Christmas events we have lined up for you.

vandalism and would need to be monitored year round to ensure continuous operation. Given the little use the jump gets, we are looking at other options, one of which would be to send the jump to the On Edge ski school at Perkins Pond (near Millers Flat) which is not a public water way and where members would

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Last Minute News

BBQ at Mitre10 - New Year at Waihola

The Simpson, Joint, Burrow and Caderas Family will run a BBQ at Mitre 10 to raise funds for the club.

If you returning unwanted presents on the 28th Dec. or cashing in voucher, look out for us.

After missing two previous dates thru the year, 28th Dec. is what was left.

Hopefully surviving the rush, the same group has decided to spend a few days over New Year at Lake Waihola.

Praing for skiing weather we will be up with the birds to catch some good water.

Would be good to see some of you there as well.

But also fully understand if you heading to the clean and fresh lakes up Central.

Buon Natale e Felice
Anno Nuovo

Stefan

