

Arlberg News

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Season 2010 is fast approaching and it is looking like a white start to the season. The long range forecast is producing early falls followed by a great June and July.

"I think July could be one of the best for some time" says Pete (The Frog) Taylor.

Some good snowfalls are also expected in August, and with cold conditions on the radar, snowmakers will be able to keep the cover fresh. Forecast-

ers are also expecting September to be a lot like 2009 with periods of warm sunny days mixed with nice falls of snow that will keep the cover great right through to closing weekend.

"Overall I see a good to very good season for the major resorts in regards to snowfalls. With the Spencers Creek snow depth not reaching the 2m mark for the last five years we are well overdue. The longest run of years not reaching the 2m mark

previous to that over the last 40 years was three years (1997-1999)". source: snowwatch.com.au.

We still have vacancies in great snow weeks so if you or your guests haven't booked in yet you need to contact Sharon quickly so you don't miss out.

[Email Sharon](mailto:Sharon), or call on 02 9402 1865

Let it Snow!

ALREADY BOOKED? DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT PACKAGE DISCOUNTS!

It is not too late to take advantage of great discounts available from CPV for your ticket, hire and transport.

Pay by 30th April - save 15%

Pay by 31 May - save 10%

Pay by 30th June - save 5%

more info on the CPV website

Introducing the New Summit Deck



CPV has been busy this summer, and you are guaranteed to see some exciting changes. One of the biggest is the new deck, constructed at the top of the Summit Chair. They even plan to serve coffee and tea for anyone who feels like a pit stop and a relaxing sit taking in the beauty of the back range.

From Your President ...

Jeremy Arnott, Peter Brooks, my Carolyn and I spent the weekend before Easter at the Lodge, making plans for the essential work that is still needed before we open for this season in June. I know Peter and Jeremy have been putting the final touches to their on-going building renovations, which I'm sure you will value when you visit for this year's ski holiday.

Not only was it again breathtaking to watch the sun set over Guthries, with good company, great wine and nibbles, on the best deck in the village (more of you really should make the summer trip) ... it was also particularly exciting to see the progress on renovations to our top floor rooms. With new bathroom fittings, lighting, paintwork and the fantastic mountain ash wood panelled ceilings going in, you are in for a treat! These cosy ceilings are basically

the same as what we installed last year in the lounge area, with special, added insulation layers which will significantly conserve heat and energy.

Most of the pre-season jobs are to be completed by the ANZAC weekend Working Bee. The remaining jobs will be done with help from our mangers, once they take up residency in mid May. We are delighted that Yvette Millst will again be hosting our stay at Arlberg in 2010, with her unique culinary flare and unrivalled hospitality. Yvette tells me she is also excited to be back and has been conjuring some new indulgent treats to spoil us all over again!!

This year Yvette will be assisted by Dan Guider. Dan is already well known in the Village for his all-round hospitality industry experience, showcased while working with our neighbours in

Stillwell Lodge. Welcome Dan!

A quick look around the Village revealed quite a lot interesting update work going on throughout the CPV operations, with big upgrades to the Chalet's new bar areas, new ADSL communications for ticketing, a new 2nd Groomer; as well as more ground work around the lower slopes. In particular. You should see the new Summit Chair public viewing platform and "day-lodge" area taking shape. Just picture yourself feet up, with that Cappuccino and a view of Kosciusko ... Wow ... That's a world-beater!

As this will be my last year as your President, I'm very comfortable with the way things are shaping up for Arlberg for 2010 and beyond. After last year's tight financial conditions, it's now great to see the strong

inflow of early bookings (the best we've had in years). Your willingness to introduce your friends to the Arlberg experience is also building important, new future relationships for the Club.

Your Club is in good shape. You have the best facilities in the Village, ably managed by a strong and hardworking Committee... but we'd love to have some more help ... just one a night a month, plus a bit of homework ... com'on... get involved!! Who knows, you might even become "President" (believe me, it happens when you least expect it!!)

I hope to see you on the slopes ... so LET IT SNOW (but after the ANZAC Working Bee this year please) and here's to a deep white 2010.

Victor



Upstairs Ceiling Work & Bathroom Upgrades

Following on from the exciting work done to the lounge last year, an upgrade of the ceilings of the upstairs rooms at the lodge has also been carried out. The quality and structure of the roofing in the lounge provided clear and obvious energy saving benefits throughout the winter. By putting the same insulation and roofing in these upstairs rooms, we anticipate even greater energy savings for Season 2010 and into the future. A big thank you to Daryl from Snowbird.

BATHROOM UPGRADES

Jeremy Arnott, Peter Brooks and Victor Darell spent a very productive weekend at the lodge in March, with Carolyn Darell providing important technical support and supervision! During the visit they began the upgrade of the fixtures and fittings in all the upstairs bathrooms.

Bye Bye blue plastic! The bathroom renovations will see new, compact sinks installed, mountain ash framed



mirrors and a new paint job with the work to be finished during the ANZAC Day weekend.

Summer Grass Glory!

Congratulations to Jeremy Arnott for doing such a great job with the Indigenous grass and irrigation system out the front of the lodge. If you're only coming down for the winter, you'll have to take our word for it (see picture), but it is certainly another great reason to come and

enjoy the lodge during the summer season. Don't forget your deck chair! We think the Pigmy Possums might even be moving up the hill from the Guthries Moraine.

Jeremy's landscaping as viewed from the Arlberg Balcony!



RACERS REV UP from your race captain, Kristin Prescott

Season 2009 was one of Arlberg's best with many young racers really coming into their own. I was thrilled to see a new name heading the Arlberg race table, with Ellie Sargeant named Arlberg Champion for the first time.

Over the 25 years I have been coming to Arlberg, taking part in the races as a new skier, teenager then eventually CPV instructor was always a highlight of my trip to Charlotte Pass. Arlberg may be small, but we have always had a fantastic reputation for "giving it a go".

I have no doubt that 2010 will see that Arlberg race spirit alive and well, and I'm looking forward to hearing about all the amazing results from Arlberg's skiing stars, young and old.

So wax up those skis and boards, sharpen your edges, sign up for the standard race and do Arlberg proud!

Don't forget to fill out the race book!

Here's to a great Season 2010!



YOUR HOSTS FOR 2010

You will all be thrilled to know Yvette Millist and her extraordinary culinary skills will be back at the lodge again this year. This year, Yvette will be running the lodge with the help of Dan Gilder. Dan has extensive experience in the hospitality industry, including two seasons working at Stillwell Lodge, Charlotte Pass. Dan is also a great handyman and very handy in the kitchen we're told! Welcome Dan and welcome back Yvette!

It's going to be a great 2010!



Cost per person

Sunday to Sunday (8 days, 7 nights)

Members

\$1,630 per person

Guests

\$1,980 per person

CPV Lift tickets will need to be purchased separately

**Call Sharon on 02 9402 1865
or email to book now**

Special rates apply for the Cross Country week only

CROSS COUNTRY WEEK REMINDER

For all aspiring Cross Country skiers, or anyone who already enjoys the freedom Cross Country has to offer here is an **IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

Bookings are now being taken for Arlberg's Inaugural Cross Country Clinic to be held the last week of the season commencing **September 12, 2010**.

Your Cross Country package includes:

- + Accommodation
- + 3 meals a day
- + X-Country Tuition (for 5 days)
- + Equipment Hire

While the week will involve organised instruction and other optional evening activities you will have plenty of opportunity to tailor your visit to ensure maximum enjoyment.

Group sizes will range from 6 – 10 and all experience levels will be catered for ... so come along and have some fun.

In 2009, the snow was there long after the last downhill tracks had disappeared. Spring 2010 is YOUR opportunity to extend your ski season and enjoy our unique backcountry and skiing in the Australian Alps.

Space is limited so don't miss out!

Introducing Your Board Members! and searching for some new blood!

Your Board (l-r):
Andrew Perry,
Peter Brooks, Jeremy
Arnott, Victor Darell
(Pres), Grahame
Woods
Absent: Donna Tay-
lor, Suzanne Young,
Kristin Prescott



While Arlberg's members are the heart and soul of the club, it is your Board members who keep the lodge moving forward year after year.

Each member has their own unique skills and knowledge, but all have one important thing in common ... a passion for skiing and for Arlberg.

What we need now are more members who share this passion to take up a place on the Committee.

It isn't scary or requiring a huge time commitment.

The board meets once a month, and shares any necessary tasks out based on time availability and skills.

To understand the diversity among your existing board, we have compiled some short biographies for your to take a look at.

If you are interested in coming along to a meeting, or joining up, [email Sharon](#) for the next date, time and venue.

All comers are welcome – we even provide snacks!

JOIN IN AS A VOLUNTEER!

You can also help out WITHOUT officially joining the board so we would love to hear from you if you would like to help out!

Current ex-officio voluntary committee members:

GARY SANDILANDS

Company Director, helping out with managing the Club's insurances

MATTHEW BRADFIELD

Accountant and Business advisor, assisting the Club on property and lease matters

ROBERT PRESCOTT

Senior Art Director, managing and developing the Club's website

VICTOR DARELL

Victor is in his third (and final) term as Arlberg President. When he's not 'Prezzing' or mixing 'BA's' for Arlberg, he's either, running his very busy, boutique Marketing Consultancy business, knocking out some works of art, baby-sitting the grandchildren, or just playing down at the beach ... not necessarily in that order.

DONNA TAYLOR

Donna has been involved with Arlberg since 2000, starting as the Club's Booking Officer. In 2005 she became a member of the Board, and is also the Club Secretary. Donna is married with 2 young children. She has an administration background and currently works part time in her husband's business responsible for accounting and human resources matters.

PETER BROOKS

Peter joined the board in 2003 and has been primarily involved with the maintenance and refurbishing of the lodge. He is 54, married with 2 adult daughters and is a self employed Architect (we also know he also has the classiest wine in the cellar).

JEREMY ARNOTT

Jeremy is a past President and our electrical engineer that keeps the lodge powered from season to season. He can also do lots of other things and if you don't know him by now you need to spend more time at Arlberg!

GRAHAME WOODS

Grahame has been a member of the Board since 2003 (or 2004, he's not sure which). He is 46 but looks older and has two children who are just starting to talk again (they are 15 and 13). He is an accountant and is in his last year as Treasurer.

ANDREW PERRY

Andrew has been a member of the Board since 2009 and recently agreed to take on the Assistant Treasurer role. His work background is risk management in banking and finance. He is 39 years old, married to Rachel and has two children, Zara (4) and Mitchell (1).

SUZANNE YOUNG

Suzanne has been a member of the Board since 2002 and is our membership secretary. She is in her late 30's and has two young children. She is a lawyer and has a hospitality background."

KRISTIN PRESCOTT

Kristin has been a member of the board since 2007. She is a ski and race Instructor, is our Ski Race Captain, handles the website, newsletters and any media/marketing requirements. Kristin is in her mid 30's and has a daughter Cassidy (21 months). She has a law degree, is a journalist (but don't hold that against her) and is currently working part time as a Communications and Project Development manager.

Club Debentures Available Now

There are currently some very good value Arlberg Club debentures available for purchase.

After many years of patronage, several of our long-standing members have decided that they are no longer able to use their Club Debenture. Consequently they wish to retire their membership as soon as possible. These Club debentures are now offered for urgent sale at negotiable and competitive prices.

This may be a unique opportunity for Ordinary Members,

who are planning a long-term relationship with the Club to upgrade their membership and acquire a tradable asset.

Or, if you know someone who is looking to secure a place within one of Australia's truly unique alpine resorts, with all the exclusive benefits that an Arlberg Debenture offers, please let them know about this special opportunity.

Debentures are acquired by confidentially negotiating directly with the Club member who has registered their debenture for sale.

A list of contacts and further membership information can be obtained from Arlberg's Membership Secretary, Suzanne Young. [Click here](#) to send Suzanne an email.

NB: The Club's current lease with CPV expires in 2015 and your Directors have confidence that there are no barriers to Arlberg Ski Club, renewing its tenure as a sub-lessee beyond 2015. Club memberships are subject to Board approval.



Unclaimed Ski Equipment

Please check the following list. If anything belongs to you and you want to keep it in storage it is crucial you let us know by the end of the season. Unclaimed items at this time will be disposed of. [Email Sharon](#) to ensure your ski equipment isn't lost by mistake.

NO NAMES

- * Elan MBX M16 Monoblock ess bindings
- * Fischer XTR Carve 190 telemark bindings
- * INSKI blue & white bag with 2 pairs X-Country skis and with boots
- * Blue/red Atomic bag, Atomic downhill skis & stocks
- * Caldicott boots, Salomon boot bag

LABELLED

- * Percy Label - 2 sided black bag, 2 pair Atomic downhill Alpine skis with stocks
- * Allan Morgan - Ski Bag (black)
- * Altman - black bag with purple zippers with 2 pairs downhill skis & stocks
- * Denise Barry - black bag, green zip with green & black handles containing 1 pair downhill Dynamic skis & stocks
- * McSwiggan - blue bag containing 1 pair cross country skis & stocks
- * David Green - grey bag, 1 pair Rossignol skis, Salomon alpine bindings, skis & stocks
- * Facey - light/dark blue boot bag, Koflack red boots

WIFI UPGRADE THROUGHOUT THE LODGE

Last season Arlberg was the envy of the village with great internet access available to all members and their guests. This year it will be EVEN BETTER!

We have upgraded Arlberg's WiFi capabilities and we can now offer 100% reception in every room of the lodge. The new ADSL capabilities in the village will also ensure better speed and reliability.

So if you want to use the internet, don't forget your laptop and see your managers for an access pass.

A huge thank you to Carolyn Darell for helping get it all set up.

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