



Arlberg News

Post Season Newsletter October 2009
For the information of members and their guests

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Oh ... What A Season

Wow what a year for snow! From the first falls in APRIL to the last in OCTOBER Season 2009 has been one of the longest years for snow at Charlotte Pass in living memory. When the resort closed in late September there was still around 120cm of snow and there were more falls after that. June and July were the best months for snowfalls with around 2 metres of snow cumulating over that period. We had more than 3 metres for the season as a whole, including around 50 cm in September which provided a great experience for late season visitors.

As always the white stuff provided lots of entertainment on and off the hill. In particular we have had

reports of plenty of unique snowmen popping up around the lodge, thanks to some small additions from Yvette and Kent. Make sure you send some pictures of your creations to feature in the next newsletter to **my photos**.

It's a little too early for the experts to gaze into their crystal ball and predict snow falls for next year, but this editor is confident it will only be onwards and upwards at Arlberg in Season 2010.

Kristin Prescott, Editor

Calling All Workers!

The 2009 Anzac Day weekend entered the Arlberg history books as the first time the lodge was booked out for a Working Bee and we are going to need your help again!

We are looking for around 8 people to help on **14th - 15th November** for mostly landscape work at the front of the lodge. Let us know ASAP if you can help.

Arlberg will also be needing your help at two working bees ahead of Season 2010. These will be held on the **Australia Day Weekend** from 23-25 January and the **Anzac Day Long Weekend** on 24-26 April.

For new members and guests this is a great opportunity to enjoy the high country, great company and great food while having fun doing some work around the lodge. You never know it might even snow!

Be quick to register your interest and **Email Sharon** to reserve your spot.

Attention all Debenture Holders and Members

Anual Subs for 2010 Year are due by **January 1, 2010**. Your Subscription Notice will be issued in November for prompt payment to assist the Club's operating cash-flow for the New Year and to secure your 2010 booking preference.



Member Feedback

Thank you to those who took the time to fill out our online guest survey this year. Your directors are always eager to hear feedback from new and long time visitors to the lodge.

Generally, the feedback has been extremely positive about the changes and upgrades made to the lodge for Season 2010 and the board is listening to your suggestions for improvements into the future.

We also understand from your responses and correspondence during the season many people experienced some problems with CPV facilities and processes. While your board has no control over what CPV does, we are attempting to make your concerns known and will do our best to advocate for you in 2010.

We are always interested in your feedback so please feel free to **email your board** or fill out the online survey via the link on the **website**.



Summer at the snow

Just because the snow season has officially ended, it doesn't mean you have to wait until the snow falls again before you can return and share the Arlberg experience. The lodge is available for visits right through the summer so **email Sharon** to arrange your booking.

Renovation Update

It is clear from member and guest feedback the renovations in the lodge have made a big difference to the Arlberg experience.

The **new kitchen** was a stand out success providing a great open area for snacks and preparing those all important cups of coffee and tea (and Brandy Alexanders!). Your board has more updates planned (based

on your requests) for Season 2010 including a glass washer (no more taking glasses and cups up and down the stairs).

The **new chairs and lighting** in the lounge were also very popular. As well as looking fantastic, the new lounge ceiling and insulation has also provided some dramatic and important energy savings, which is great news for the

environment and our budget!

You will be happy to know the work done to the **downstairs kitchen** saw Arlberg given its first 100% pass by the inspector – well worth the effort! Money spent on essential spa maintenance has also been given 100% approval and we are well on the way to finishing the remainder of the necessary upgrades for Season 2010.



Your President testing out the new Arlberg kitchen!

Crabby Celebrations !!

To ring out Season 2009 and say thank you to those who have helped so much this year, your President prepared his famous Crab feast!



Our Managers

Once again our managers, Yvette and Kent, did an **AMAZING** job looking after us all. Their enthusiasm and care certainly made the Arlberg experience one to treasure and that was reflected in your survey feedback.

The food rated especially well (thanks to Yvette and Kent!) and made Arlberg the envy of the resort. We can't wait to see what they come up with for Season 2010!

Race Report by Kristin Prescott, Race Captain

Arlbergians have once again proven to be demons on the race track with some fantastic results. In total we had 28 people from Arlberg take part in races, but unfortunately bad weather prevented some taking part – I hope you will use that pent up energy to hit the gates next year. I have to give a special mention to those at the lodge for the week beginning the 19th of July. Fourteen people took part in the race that week, in a true reflection of the Arlberg spirit. I challenge everyone to try and better that in

Season 2010.

Once again Arlberg was well represented by the kids in the Paddy Palin races (see photos). The majority of children there that week competed despite rotten weather conditions and all performed very well.



Future Racers!



2009 RACE RESULTS

Congratulations to Ellie Sargeant our Arlberg Champion for 2009.

Well done Ellie, you have been doing so well through the gates for years now it's nice to see you on top! However, I must also congratulate Ellie's sister, Emma. She was only 0.1 of a second behind her little sister – also a fantastic result! A special mention also goes to Pita Catt who added the title of fastest woman on the mountain for her week to her gold standard race medal. Pita also finishes 1st in her Cross Country race division and 3rd overall. Well done.

Our **2009 Male Champion is Michael Specht** who won his gold despite the soft, heavy race conditions. Congratulations.

We had three boarders compete this year and I am happy to announce **Guy Stenvert as our 2009 Snowboard Champion** finishing the race just 1.8 seconds off the standard time. Congratulations.

Unfortunately we won't have a junior champion as yet because the times are unavailable but I know EVERYONE did a fantastic job!

HONOUR ROLE

ARLBERG CHAMPION

Ellie Sargeant

FEMALE CHAMPION

Ellie Sargeant

MALE CHAMPION

Michael Specht

SNOWBOARD CHAMPION

Guy Stenvert

SPECIAL MENTION

Emma Sargeant (Gold)

Pita Catt (Gold)

Linda Cockburn (Gold)

Nic Cox (Silver)

Vicki Sargeant (Silver)

Peter Catt (Silver)

Vin Cox (Silver)

Adam Sargeant (Silver)

Bill Cockburn (Silver)

Douglas Odling (Silver)

Matthew Bradfield (Silver)

Nancy Inglis (Bronze)

Michael Bailey (Bronze)

Michael Amundsen (Bronze)

Jeremy Arnott (Bronze)

Jeff Haylor (Bronze)

Eliza Banks

Cherie Pethard

Clare Graham

Dennis Banks

Alan Nicholas

George Pethard

Ned Petch

Len Haylor

JUNIOR RACERS

Harry Cox

Sally Bradfield

Caitlin Woods

Sally Broad

Lachlan Woods

Tim Bradfield



A Story of 2 Pokers

You may have noticed the lodge now has not one, but a choice of two fire pokers.

The first is a result of hard work by Robbie Kilpatrick who handcrafted her antique-look masterpiece from recycled and found objects (including a Celtic brooch found in the UK).

The other is a more traditional piece. A cut down stock made in Arlberg's own workshop constructed by Peter Catt.

Offering a choice of poker ... that is the special Arlberg touch.

Arlberg X-Country Clinic Week

Have you ever thought about trying Cross Country skiing? Or maybe you would like to brush up your skills so you can go sight seeing in the back country or for a stroll along the Perisher road.

We are looking for expressions of interest for our FIRST X-COUNTRY CLINIC WEEK.

The inaugural Arlberg Cross Country Clinic would be held during the last week of the season (leading into the October Long Weekend) when

snow conditions are usually ideal for Cross Country.

Accommodation would be offered at a discount rate, but still fully catered by our managers. Special equipment hire arrangements would also be made for Arlberg guests. As an added bonus your Cross Country instructor will be staying at the lodge to provide instruction and advice throughout the week.

This would be a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to learn the basics of Cross Country or improve existing skills

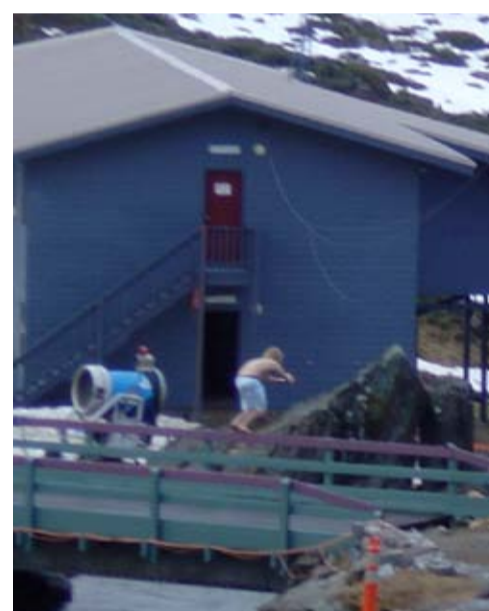
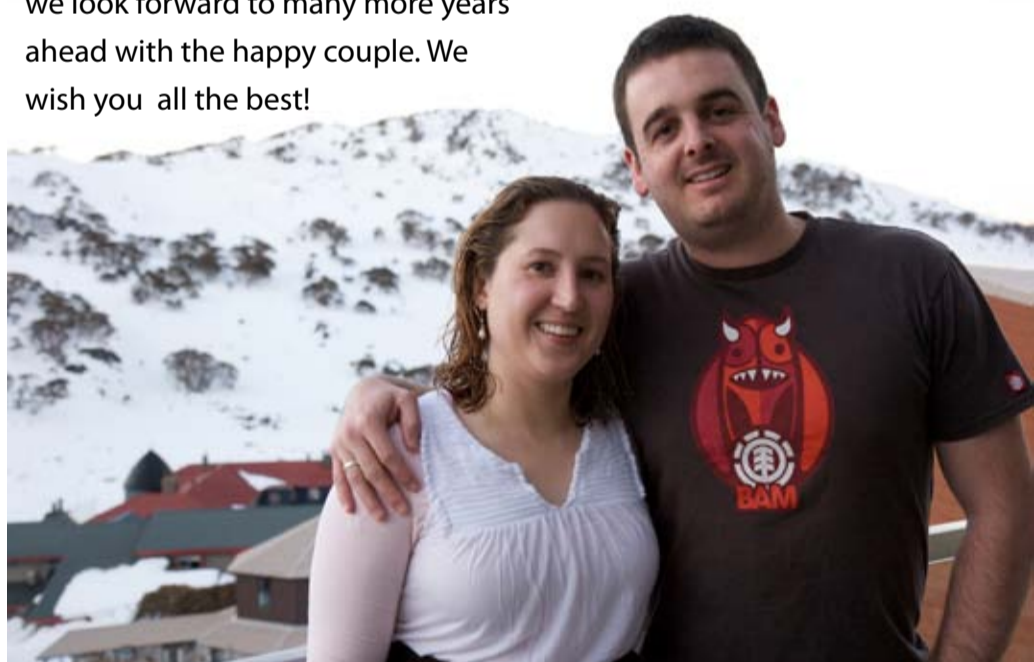
and when you feel ready you can join private Arlberg Cross Country touring trips, complete with picnic lunch, around Charlotte Pass. Experienced Cross Country Arlberg skiers would also be able to help guide the beginners as they find their new snow feet. What a great way to welcome Spring in the Pass.

If you would be interested in participating in this new Arlberg experience in 2010 you need to **email Sharon** by **November 30** so we can plan the logistics.



Congratulations Annella and Nathan!

There is another engagement to add to the Arlberg history books. Congratulations to Annella Winton and Nathan Chambers. Annella grew up skiing at Arlberg and has just bought her own deventure, so we look forward to many more years ahead with the happy couple. We wish you all the best!



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