

CALLING ALL MASTERS SKIERS!

2010 NSWXC Master Skiers Series 2 – New, improved and more chances to win a prize!

- * **As last year – a return airfare for two to somewhere snowy (to be confirmed)!**
- * **A luxurious family holiday for 4 donated by Lake Crackenback Resort – 3 nights of 5 Star accommodation and a dinner for 4 at wonderful “Cuisine” Restaurant!**
- * **A family holiday at Marlo, Vic – a self-contained unit close to the Snowy River estuary – a week’s fishing, swimming and relaxing at the other end of the Snowy! Courtesy of the Morton Family**
- * **An Off-Season week at the Nordic Shelter – self-contained accommodation for 2 (you probably helped build it,, this is a chance to enjoy it from another perspective!).**
- * **Tips From the Olympians – tips and short training sessions with Alex, Ben, Nick and Cameron**

2010 will see the 2nd year of the NSW Masters Cross Country Skiers competition. Competitors over 30 years of age who compete in at least **Seven (7)** of the nominated events during the 2010 season, including at least **2 of the 3 NSW/ACT or National events (*)**, will be in a draw at the end of winter to win exciting prizes!

Last year’s winner was local identity and Master Skier of note – David Cigana, from Cooma. Dave is not just an accomplished cross country skier. He is also a regular volunteer at winter XC events in Perisher Valley and a volunteer coach for the NSW XC Team and Squad. Dave’s children take after him, with Gabi showing particular promise in Biathlon. His family is planning to use the return air tickets that were donated by Justine Couper of Mobile Travel Agents (MTA) for some well-earned R & R after an Australian winter of competition.

There are 13 events to choose from starting with the first Cooma Ski Club event in July, “Clean out the Cobwebs” and concluding with the Kosci Tour in September.

Special participation points will be available to volunteers who sometimes miss out on the chance to compete because they are busy helping organise and officiate at events. One event will be included if you participate as a race official.

Event entry forms and further information will be available at the Nordic Shelter in Perisher once the season commences. Entry for the events in ***Italics*** (and others) will also be available on-line, for the first time. More news about this will be posted on the NSW Snowsports website, www.nswsnowsports.com.au

A great variety of events are organised in Perisher for all levels of skiers. Don’t be put off by the term “Championships”. These are fine events that would benefit from greater participation. Support the volunteers that put these things on and participate – test those years of training (and enjoy!).

There is no registration fee to enter the Masters Series 2 Competition, only the normal race entry fees. HOWEVER – it will be a requirement that skiers are a member (either a full voting member – approx \$60, or a Sports Class non-voting member – approx \$25) of Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA), ticking your choice of State body (NSW, ACT or VIC). Join SSA and your State Snowsports body at www.skiandsnowboard.org.au

See the complete SSAXC 2010 Race Calendar on www.nswsnowsports.com.au for the “big picture” of cross country competition and citizen events in Australia.

Remember – being the fastest isn’t what counts, being part of it all does!!

Masters Series 2 Events (participation in 7 events required, including 2 with a *, to be eligible for the draw):

Sun July 4	Cooma - Clean out the Cobwebs (F) 5km
Sat July 10	Cooma - Clean out the Waxbox (C) 5km
* Sat July 17	NSW Distance Championships (C) 2.5/5/10km
* Sun July 18	ACT Distance Championships (F) 2.5/5/10km
Sat July 24	Cooma Open (F) 10km
Sat July 31	KCros Tour @ Smiggins (C) 12km
Sun Aug 8	City Tatts Boonoonoon Open (C) or (F) 5km
Mon Aug 9	Charlottes Pass Open (C) 5km
Mon Aug 9	Nordic Shelter Night Relays
Wed Aug 11	KAC Classic (C) or (F) 9km
Thur Aug 12	Sundeck Handicap (F) 7.5km
* - Sun Aug 15	Australian Open/Masters (F) 15/30km
	OR
- Sun Aug 15	Snowy Mountains Classic (F) 7.5/15/30km
Sun Sept 5	Canberra X/C Ski Club Kosciusko Tour (C) 18km

For further information about the 2010 NSWXC Masters Skiers Series 2, other NSW XC information and for daily XC track information during the winter season, contact nswxc@bigpond.com