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Editorial

Just a small newsletter for the last edition of the year. Esther Bottomley, Casey Wright, Phillip Bellingham and Linky Grimmer have all written thank you to the club for its support over the last year, they are on the next pages.

At its last meeting the committee approved grants to the following National Team/Squad members to help with their overseas expenses. Phillip Bellingham, Paul Kovacs, Marl van der Ploeg, Lescinksa Grimmer, Aislinn Kildea and Alasdair Tutt.

Remember the BBQ at the pondage, see back page for details.

If you are going to be anywhere near Kerang on Saturday week, Bob Heddle is launching a children's book he has written and is exhibiting and selling paintings and prints, see back page for details.

Thank you letter from Esther Bottomley

Dear Birkebeiner Committee,

I would like to thank you, the committee, and the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club for your support with my skiing and racing.

This season I will be heading overseas from 25 December to 29 February to train and compete in a number of events. I'm especially looking forward to the two new World Cup sprint additions in Milan and Moscow. City sprints are usually really exciting events to be involved in, with the race being brought to the crowd rather than the crowd having to get to the World Cup event.

From July this year I have been working full time, which has been a really good experience (although quite challenging with trying to fit in training). With working and winning the ANZ Continental Cup I am not seeking funding from the club this year.

I am writing to thank the BNSC for the many years they have supported me and so many other athletes.

I hope everyone has a great summer/winter.

See you when the snow's falling.

Kind Regards,
Esther Bottomley

Thank You Letter from Casey Wright

Dear BNSC,

I would like to thank you for the support you have provided me for this past ski season. Through the generosity of the BNSC I was able to make the most of the ski season and compete in the ski races. Overall I feel I have had a successful season. Here are some of my race results for this season:

- 1st female division 1, Victorian Interschool Championships, Mt. Buller
- 2nd female, Joey Hoppet
- 1st female division 1, Australian Interschool Championships
- 3rd female Under 18, Australian Championships Classic distance
- 1st female Junior, Birkie Classic

Even though the snow season was short I felt I made the most of the snow while it lasted! One of the highlights of the season was being able to assist with the Ski de Femme and the Birkie Junior Coaching Camps, which I enjoyed. I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity. I feel I gained valuable experience from both sessions and would be very keen to be involved next year. Finally I would like to say I feel lucky to be supported and be part of BNSC that has the same passion as me – I love to ski!!!

I know, like me, the rest of you are looking forward to a great snow season for next year. Thank you once again,

Casey

Thank You email from Phillip Bellingham

I would like to thank you and the Birkebeiner NSC on receiving an athlete grant this year it is very much appreciated and will go a long way towards helping me with the cost of my trip!

Thank you once again,

cheers,

Phil

Thank You email from Linky Grimmer

Thanks for the support, it is much appreciated - getting in some good ski training here in Alaska, although yesterday it was -16 when I went skiing at one O'clock in the afternoon, and with seven weeks until the official start of winter I am in for a shock.

Thanks again, cheers,

Linky Grimmer

Ski & Snowboard Australia Cross Country Skiing 2011 National Distance Rankings

Open Men Distance Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Almoukov	Alex	NSW	1.90%
2	Sim	Ben	NSW	1.94%
3	Watson	Callum	NSW	2.71%
4	Darlington	Chris	NSW	6.06%
5	Bellingham	Phillip	VIC	8.77%
6	Derrick	Ben	VIC	9.61%
7	Kovacs	Paul	VIC	13.71%
8	Watson	Ewan	NSW	19.40%
9	Morton	Damon	NSW	21.88%
10	Roberts	Hamish	ACT	22.42%
11	Pollock	Mark	VIC	23.59%
12	Montgomery	Nicholas	VIC	24.90%
13	De Freitas	Matt	VIC	25.22%
14	Gibson	Alexander	VIC	28.16%
15	Harmer	Dyllan	VIC	30.26%
16	Tutt	Alasdair	VIC	35.37%
17	Grech	Louis	VIC	38.72%

Open Women Distance Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Bottomley	Esther	VIC	0.00%
2	Watson	Aimee	NSW	4.65%
3	Grimmer	Lescinska	VIC	5.61%
4	Glanville	Lucy	NSW	6.27%
5	Merritt	Georgia	VIC	6.42%
6	Phillips	Belinda	VIC	9.80%
7	Trnka	Anna	VIC	10.16%
8	Kildea	Aislinn	VIC	10.36%
9	Baxter	d'Arcy	NSW	12.30%
10	Spittle	Ashleigh	VIC	14.67%
11	Dewez	Xanthea	VIC	16.70%
12	Slattery	Sarah	NSW	18.79%
13	Pollock	Megan	VIC	19.97%
14	Jones	Siobhan	NSW	19.99%
15	Cigana	Gabriella	NSW	21.86%
16	Wright	Casey	VIC	23.29%
17	Paul	Katerina	VIC	30.30%
18	Colebourn	Jillian	NSW	30.66%

Open Junior Men Distance Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Bellingham	Phillip	VIC	0.00%
2	Roberts	Hamish	ACT	4.89%
3	Morton	Damon	NSW	9.57%
4	Gibson	Alex	VIC	11.04%
5	Pollock	Mark	VIC	11.16%
6	Montgomery	Nick	VIC	12.34%
7	Harmer	Dyllan	VIC	17.19%
8	Tutt	Alasdair	VIC	21.82%
9	Grech	Louis	VIC	24.73%

Open Junior Women Distance Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Glanville	Lucy	NSW	0.00%
2	Kildea	Aislinn	VIC	3.30%
3	Trnka	Anna	VIC	3.65%
4	Spittle	Ashleigh	VIC	7.05%
5	Dewez	Xanthea	VIC	9.80%
6	Jones	Siobhan	NSW	12.27%
7	Pollock	Megan	VIC	12.89%
8	Cigana	Gabriella	NSW	14.67%
9	Wright	Casey	VIC	15.99%

— Birkebeiner member

Ski & Snowboard Australia

Cross Country Skiing

2011 National Sprint Rankings

Open Men Sprint Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Sim	Ben	NSW	0.00
2	Watson	Callum	NSW	0.24
3	Bellingham	Phillip	VIC	1.51
4	Kovacs	Paul	VIC	9.06
5	Watson	Ewan	NSW	10.37
6	Gibson	Alexander	VIC	16.81
7	Tutt	Alasdair	VIC	18.83
8	Roberts	Hamish	ACT	19.41
9	De Freitas	Matt	VIC	20.06
10	Kaye	Benjamin	VIC	22.01
11	Morton	Damon	VIC	23.70
12	Harmer	Dyllan	VIC	24.85
13	Montgomery	Nick	VIC	27.93
14	Trnka	Michal	VIC	37.55
15	Grech	Louis	VIC	38.47
16	Thomas	Lachlan	VIC	41.68
17	Catto-Smith	Robert	VIC	45.03
18	Wright	Abe	VIC	49.43
19	Bull	Matthew	NSW	52.66

Open Women Sprint Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Bottomley	Esther	VIC	0.00
2	Glanville	Lucy	VIC	7.58
3	Trnka	Anna	NSW	8.43
4	Merritt	Georgia	NSW	8.87
5	Dewez	Xanthea	VIC	11.65
6	Kildea	Aislinn	NSW	12.10
7	Jones	Siobhan	VIC	13.09
8	Phillips	Belinda	VIC	14.09
9	Cigana	Gabriella	NSW	14.12
10	Baxter	D'Arcy	NSW	14.27
11	Wright	Casey	VIC	15.18
12	Spittle	Ashleigh	VIC	17.44
13	Pollock	Megan	VIC	27.94
14	Pascoe	Tilly	NSW	29.33
15	Slattery	Sarah	VIC	29.41
16	Lloyd Jones	Alex	VIC	34.50
17	Howell	Sabrina	SA	36.22
18	Paul	Katerina	VIC	37.01
19	Hodge	Sarah	NSW	39.80
20	Colebourn	Jillian	VIC	40.01
21	Lewis	Sophie	VIC	40.19
22	Adams	Victoria	VIC	50.24

Open Junior Men Sprint Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Bellingham	Phillip	VIC	0.00
2	Gibson	Alexander	VIC	12.78
3	Tutt	Alasdair	VIC	13.83
4	Roberts	Hamish	ACT	15.87
5	Kaye	Benjamin	VIC	16.88
6	Morton	Damon	VIC	18.62
7	Harmer	Dyllan	VIC	19.58
8	Montgomery	Nick	VIC	22.55
9	Trnka	Michal	VIC	31.86
10	Grech	Louis	VIC	32.71
11	Thomas	Lachlan	VIC	35.68
12	Catto-Smith	Robert	VIC	38.93
13	Wright	Abe	VIC	43.18
14	Bull	Matthew	NSW	46.12

Open Junior Women Sprint Ranking

(Average of best two results in selection races)

1	Glanville	Lucy	NSW	0.03
2	Trnka	Anna	VIC	0.89
3	Kildea	Aislinn	VIC	2.56
4	Spittle	Ashleigh	VIC	3.55
5	Dewez	Xanthea	VIC	4.06
6	Jones	Siobhan	NSW	4.84
7	Cigana	Gabriella	NSW	6.10
8	Wright	Casey	VIC	7.20
9	Pollock	Megan	NSW	18.85
10	Pascoe	Tilly	VIC	20.46
11	Slattery	Sarah	NSW	21.61
12	Lloyd Jones	Alex	VIC	25.75
13	Howell	Sabrina	NSW	26.45
14	Paul	Katerina	VIC	27.60
15	Colebourn	Jillian	NSW	29.63
16	Hodge	Sarah	VIC	30.65
17	Lewis	Sophie	NSW	30.73
18	Adams	Victoria	VIC	39.45

== Birkebeiner member

Bob Heddle Book Launch

Long Time club member, Bob Heddle is launching three books he has written. Details of the launch and the books are listed below. If you are around Kerang at the time, drop in.

You are invited to the launch of three children's books
written and illustrated by Bob Heddle

2 pm 12 November 2011
Kerang Memorial Hall

Cnr Nolan St & RSL Drive

Book signings and sales of paintings and prints
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November

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The books are about the adventures of a group of children in the local areas of Gannawarra, Manangatang and Wychitella. They're not moralistic or educational. They are just about kids being kids. Little Steps Publishers have produced 1000 copies of each story. They will retail at \$20.00 each or the three titles for \$50.00.

There will also be approximately 40 original paintings for sale with prices ranging from \$120 for smaller watercolours to \$5,000 for one large group of panels, as well as A3 sized copies of some of the books' illustrations at \$5.00 each.



Annual BBQ at the Pondage.

The annual BBQ will be held at the pondage on **Saturday 26th November** from 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Families bring a salad and dessert to share. Singles/Couples bring a salad or dessert. The club will provide meat (veggie burgers available) and bread. BYO chairs, drinks, crockery and cutlery. In the case of inclement weather, the BBQ will be held under the verandah at the Hoppet Office.