

Myrtleford Ski Club Downhill Race Report

July 15th 2017

For the second year in a row the weather was good and 28 Myrtleford Ski Club members tackled the more challenging extended NASTAR course. Whilst the numbers were a little lower, due to some regular competitors not being able to race, a good mix of old and young could be seen with some returning racers, some newbie young faces as well as two snowboarders for the first time for quite a while.

Unfortunately, due to Falls Creek Ski Lift scheduling three different events on the day, racers were limited to only one run but that did not deter the skiiers with a very competitive race being witnessed. Club Champion Callum Barnard's winning time was a standout being 2.3 seconds faster than the second time, however the next 5 fastest times were only separated by the same 2.3 second margin. As well as the closeness in these times, the Ladies A Grade section result was very close with a very small 0.3 second margin between first and second.

In the final countdown we now see that most parents have had their times clobbered by one or more of their children. Brett Dobson and Andrew Robertson continue to retain 'bragging rights' as well as returning racers Alistair Browne, Craig Morton and newbie Sian Browne. However, with the way the young 'uns performed they all know that they won't hold their family title for much longer.

Well done to everyone who competed!

Results were as follows:

Club Champion	Callum Barnard	Snowboard	Steven Burns
A Grade Men	Andrew Robertson		
A Grade Ladies	Rachel Verlin	Junior Club Champion	Jack Robertson
B Grade Men	Callum Barnard	16 & Under Boys	No Competitors
B Grade Ladies	No competitors	16 & Under Girls	Jessica Gehrig
C Grade Men	Darcy Cleeve	14 & Under Boys	Jack Robertson
C Grade Ladies	Suzy Gehrig	14 & Under Girls	Yvonne Morton
Veteran Men	Craig Morton	12 & Under	Matthew Gehrig
Veteran Ladies	Heather Weston	10 & Under	Jack Dobson
Open Novice	Sian Browne		

The traditional race day dinner was also a great success. The catering was planned by Brett Dobson and, with his band of willing helpers Julie Roberts, Andrew Gehrig and Barb Summers, once again produced a sumptuous meal for everyone. Without being asked others pitched in and helped out and even though this was mentioned in last year's report it should re- stated again as it one of the great things about our club and its membership.

This year's theme was 'Favourite Character and super heroes Supergirl and Wonder Woman were there trying to sort out the villains like The Joker and Darth Vader. Tweety and Sylvester were there causing trouble and we even found Wally in the kitchen. Sherlock Holmes was sleuthing about the lodge and a young witch was seen flying around.

The usual presentation of trophies was done and it is always amusing to see trophies being handed out and accepted by people in costume. Nonetheless there were some proud first time winners and also some proud parents watching their children move up through the ranks.

With music maestro Graeme keeping the music going throughout the night the Myrtleford Ski Club once again celebrated a great race day event and night.