

After a great start to the season 'snow wise' we've had a few weeks of up and down weather, with snowfalls interspersed with rain and also quite a bit of fog. This year the race was down the 'old' extended Nastar course that winds onto Highway 83 – still a challenging one for all racers and this year we shared the day with Albury Ski Club.

With a combination an early 9am course inspection time, very chilly air and fast snow conditions, this year's racers were keen to get cracking. After course inspection, the serious stuff started in foggy (and slightly windy) conditions when our racers took to the course. It was great to see some new and returning faces along with many regulars, however numbers were a little down due to several other regulars having other commitments on the day. Some excellent racing followed with all competitors except one managing two complete runs and many improving times on their second run.

One noteworthy performance was put in by Ed Browne who, in the past two years had hardly made a gate but this year finally found his rhythm and took out the 10 & Under trophy. Also worthy of note was Brett Dobson who after quite a few 2nds and 3rds finally got his name on the A Grade trophy ...and not a moment too soon as Brett will be competing in Veterans next year.

Another notable young skier this year was Louis Sanderson, son of long-time member Scott Sanderson. Unfortunately Louis was unable to compete in the official races, though watch this space when he becomes a member.

The battle between the snowboarding Burns twins was also hotly contested, with Mila just three seconds faster Lily.

Congratulations to all who competed!

Results were as follows:

Club Champion	Andrew Roberston	Junior Club Champion	Jack Robertson
A Grade Men	Brett Dobson	16 & Under Boys	Jack Robertson
A Grade Ladies	Rachelle Verlin	16 & Under Girls	No competitors
B Grade Men	Alistair Browne	14 & Under Boys	No competitors
B Grade Ladies	Sian Browne	14 & Under Girls	Llewela Browne
C Grade Men	Kai Muller	12 & Under	Jack Dobson
C Grade Ladies	No competitors	10 & Under	Ed Browne
Veteran Men	Andrew Robertson	Junior/U10 Snowboard	Mila Burns
Veteran Ladies	Heather Weston		
Open Novice	Jackson Cairnduff		
Snowboard	Steven Burns		
Hillbilly Men	John Darveniza		
Hillbilly Ladies	No Competitors		

The beauty of an early race was that we all had ample time for a ski and/or a hot chocolate to warm ourselves up before the usual BBQ lunch, cooked by Brett and Andrew. The lunch time Fireball also gave the impetus for an afternoon ski before dinner.

The Milford's supplied a very impressive selection of nibbles and the like, while the roast dinner was being supervised by President Brett. It was all hands-on deck in a great display of club unity in the preparation of

dinner and certainly one of the highlights of being involved in our Club. Sian made her delicious Sticky Date Puddings, which after the three-course meal left everyone with full and very satisfied tummy!

The Heroes and Villains theme brought out the best (or should that be worst!!) of our members' alter egos with superheroes aplenty and quite a few more sinister characters. Superman was there as well as a couple of Batmans and Batgirls and some pirates. The Hulk was stomping about but that did not worry Puss in boots, Wonderwoman or Wondergirl, however the Phantom was seen in close proximity to Hannibal Lecter which was a worry. With Deadpool, Cruella de Ville, the Wicked Witch, a character from Clockwork Orange and a Death Eater around both Detective Pikachu and Harry Potter had to remain vigilant.

All in all another great Myrtleford Ski Club Race day and evening.