

## *Myrtleford Ski Club – 75 Years and still going strong*

On 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1938 a meeting was convened by Mr Reg Watson that proposed the formation of a ski club in Myrtleford. This club was named the Myrtleford Ski Club and so commenced a 75 year journey.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 (almost to the day!!) at the Myrtleford Ski Club Lodge at Falls Creek, members and special guests gathered to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club's foundation.

The lodge was appropriately decorated and decked out with a large amount of the club's memorabilia and, as they have done for many of the race day parties, lodge managers Graham and Barb Summers sourced music from 1938. The playing of this, together with a continuously looping 20 minute presentation of nearly 200 photos (including many from when the lodge was constructed), helped set a great mood for the day.

The club was privileged to have many special guests in attendance

Founding members of the club that reformed post WW2: Elspeth (Rollason) Greenhill, George and Val McPherson

Life Members: John Robertson, Alf Richardson, Bob Walpole, Kerry Rim and Leonie Williams

Past Presidents and Treasurers: Rachelle Verlin, Rob Bone & Andrew Showers

and, along with the current committee, these people mingled with current members throughout the day sharing stories and enjoying the food and the company. We also received quite a few apologies from invited guests (including 4 Life Members and 6 Past Presidents) many of whom expressed their disappointment at not being able to attend.



Elspeth Rollason (centre) reminisces over some club photos with Life Members Kerry Rim (left) and Bob Walpole (right)

Held on the annual club Race Day (itself the best attended in the history of the club), the celebrations included the presentation of gleaming trophies splendidly refurbished for the occasion and an honour board of life members donated by Leonie Williams, a Life Member and committee member with 32 years' service.



Special guests with the new Life Members Honour Board.  
 L to R: Kerryn Rim, John Robertson, Leonie Williams, George McPherson, Alf Richardson, Elspeth (Rollason) Greenhill, Bob Walpole and Val McPherson

A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday followed the cutting of a commemorative cake by John Robertson who, along with Gordon Muller, shares the honour of being the first Life Member of the club.



Commemorative cake, Club Champion trophy and A Grade Ladies and Men's cups

Special guests were then introduced with a description of their achievements and work as members of the club. Each guest then presented placegetters in one section of our race competition with their place badges and trophies. The newly crowned Club Champion, Charlie Showers, thanked the gathering for the opportunities the Myrtleford Ski Club has offered its members over the years but most of all the families who have enjoyed working, playing and skiing together for more than seven decades. Several of these families now have three generations active in the Club.

To see all of this year's race results [click here](#)



President Brett Dobson (right) presents 2013 Club Champion Charlie Showers with his trophy

President Brett Dobson gave a short history of the club over the decades, initially describing the building of the lodge in the late 1940s, using timber from Whorouly South and rock from Ruined Castle. He went on to mention the various upgrades and extensions that have occurred since and that have got the lodge to where it is today. Brett also mentioned that the improvements will continue as the committee is in the process of starting plans that will maximise the term of our new lease (due to be signed in 2017).

We thank the Border Mail for their coverage of our Anniversary and for those who have not seen the article [click here](#)

### **Race Weekend Fancy Dress**

The time put in to organising this day coupled with some groups needing to leave the mountain to meet sporting commitments early the next day resulted in fewer people being involved in the traditional Race Day fancy dress night. This year's theme of Diamond Jubilee did however bring out several "royals", a White/Silver lady and some 1930s gentry. King Brett and Silver Lady Lauren took out the prizes for best dressed Adults and Princess Tahlia, Tiahn and Knight of the Realm Jack shared the best dressed children's prize.



Left: Princesses Tiahn and Tahlia

Right: Sir Jack – Knight of the Realm



Silver Lady Lauren



King Brett



The Dobson Royals



Judy and Andrew dress to impress



Graeme, Leonie and Barb



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "dine in style" table