



Dulmison Dump

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A Season of Contrasts



June 10



July 22



August 21



September 16



August 12



September 30



July 29



July 19



October 2

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Editor's Message



What a strange season! Every snow fall was preceded by a significant 'rain event' and this happened on at least three occasions. I will never forget standing on the bridge at Perisher between the ski tube and the Perisher centre watching the water level rise to within half a metre of the bridge. Nor the photo of the whale breaching – which really seemed possible given the huge volume of water. Even as I write this, it is still snowing with over 40cm falling in the last three days!! Here are a few comments from the bookings perspective which may interest you:

Unlike last year, we had lots of Priority 1 and 2 bookings by members although strangely, the July school holidays were not fully booked at either lodge. Once again the snow came just in time! Thredbo was very popular this year, partly due I believe to the school races being held there.

Guests have used the lodges right up until closing weekend (ie the October long weekend), making the most of late snowfalls at both resorts.

The actual number of bookings across both lodges has increased by 10% over last year, with most of these happening in late September!

Inspite of the 'wet' conditions, I am delighted to say that the club has had another successful year and it is wonderful to see the lodges being enjoyed by members of all ages, their families and their friends.

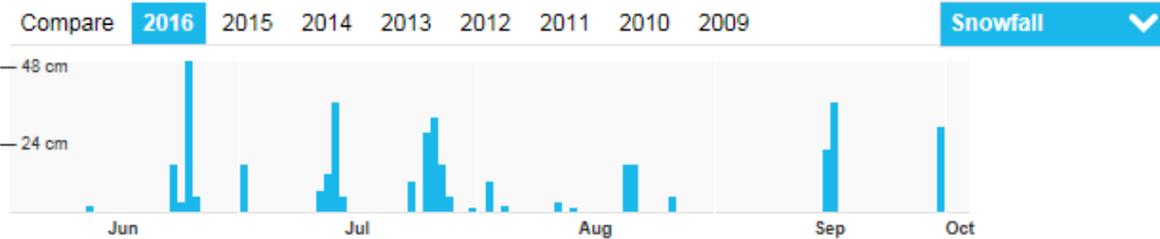
A big thank you to everyone for making the season so successful and particularly to our managers. We wish them a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming them back again next year. If you haven't already purchased your season passes for next year, I suggest you do so asap as the prices are already going up in both resorts. Have a safe and happy summer! See you next winter!

Sue Allman

THE 2016 SNOW SEASON

Perisher Snow History

How much did it snow at Perisher last season? Check out historical snowfall in the graph, and slide right to see snow totals for the entire calendar year or find a monthly breakout below. Click **Compare** at the top left to see a season-over-season comparison of Perisher snowfall, and slide right to see September-April snow totals. In addition to snow history, you can also view Base Depth by selecting it at the top right dropdown, along with other Perisher snow stats, such as Total Snowfall, Max Base Depth, Biggest Snowfall, Total Snowfall Days and Average Base Depth.



Total Snowfall:

366 cm

Max Base Depth:

157 cm

Biggest Snowfall:

48 cm

Total Snowfall Days:

26

Average Base Depth:

118 cm

Views:



Thredbo Alpine Resort Snow History

How much did it snow at Thredbo Alpine Resort last season? Check out historical snowfall in the graph, and slide right to see snow totals for the entire calendar year or find a monthly breakout below. Click **Compare** at the top left to see a season-over-season comparison of Thredbo Alpine Resort snowfall, and slide right to see September-April snow totals. In addition to snow history, you can also view Base Depth by selecting it at the top right dropdown, along with other Thredbo Alpine Resort snow stats, such as Total Snowfall, Max Base Depth, Biggest Snowfall, Total Snowfall Days and Average Base Depth.



Total Snowfall:

303 cm

Max Base Depth:

181 cm

Biggest Snowfall:

70 cm

Total Snowfall Days:

17

Average Base Depth:

112 cm

Views:



FAREWELL TO THE 2016 SNOW SEASON

FROM PERISHER LODGE MANAGERS, ROBYN AND TERRY



Last breakfast cooked and the lodge is empty again. What a weird and wonderful season. The snow was good, rain along the way. But it was the season that kept on giving. September was ski in one day, then walk in the next... then ski in again. Han's over snow didn't know what vehicles to put on the road. Looking out the window tonight (Monday of the long weekend) we are experiencing another blizzard! Everything is white again.

There were lots of memorable moments during the season.

Awards for the season are many

Smiley award Gus

Curry award-Charles

Fastest dinner Brett Williams & Co. a race to the Sundeck, \$6 beers and Sharks V Cowboys for a Grand final Place

Frequent flyer awards Jim Allman Steve Walpole Tony and Kathy Brain

Broken arm Award Sammy

Broken leg Award -Leanne Redbo - August 2012

Biggest recycle bottle week - Yes Shaun you have it!

Best Jokes-Morris

Best night of entertainment- The Rappaport Family Trivia night

Trivia award -Brigid and Alex

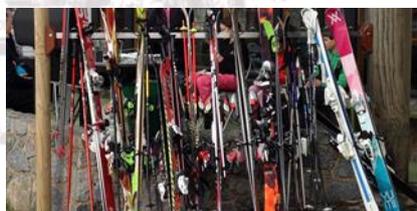
Queenslander Award-Leonie and Les

The season goes by in a blink. It feels like yesterday we were getting the lodge ready and here it is October! Thank you to everyone for making it an enjoyable one for us. Special thanks to Sue for all the work she does for Dulmison bookings.

Have a great summer. If you are heading to the flip side for some skiing or boarding we hope you have an "Epic" time! See you next year @ Dulmison Lodge. Ski hard and laugh often.

Skiing: the art of catching cold and going broke while rapidly heading nowhere at great personal risk.

Home is
not a place..
it's a
feeling.



FAREWELL TO THE 2016 SNOW SEASON

FROM THREDBO LODGE MANAGERS, KIM AND BRENDAN

September = grey. Seemingly the month produced a few days of sunshine, the rest being rain, sleet or snow. just grey. And in keeping with the previous months forecasts, the amount of snow that fell often did not reflect the forecast. That is, no snow forecast meant 20 cms +. A forecast of 30 cms + meant 5 cms or snow !!! Just when it seemed the season was over by mid September,, when the Supertrail was more brown than white -bingo - 30 cms + and it was time to buy a lift ticket.!!

All said and done though , September was a replica of the earlier months, rain snow rain snow - really weird. Including the October LWE when it all turned white - again. I had it proved to me , again and again. - the ONLY way to evaluate conditions is to be in Thredbo and buy a lift ticket. You simply cannot predict conditions from afar. Despite all , some good skiing was had, especially for the Shelley, Neville and Eaton crew - The last week of the season offered super skiing, fresh snow and sunshine - oh, and some rain to round the week off. A couple of moments -

Nora Rubin , the world according to- "men never make mistakes, it's always a misunderstanding. " "Oh ,please give me a really really small dessert. that way I can have two and not put on weight !!"

Which adult got caught at the cookie jar at 6.28 am. Elliot Afif -bravely engulfing the tequila worm. Carolyn Eaton - winner the penny against the wall tournament. The giggling girls - Emma & Vivian Eaton and Amy Shelley The always cute and polite -Talía, Bianca and Amelia Nowland In fact ,all kids all season long ,were well behaved and a pleasure to have at the lodge. The abominable snow man appearance - and once again, it evaded capture . The only dunces hat (dereliction to duty award) winner all winter - Peter Mapledoran.

A special mention again to the frequent travellers , Anne Maree Mitford and Elizabeth Fryer, The Bryce family-john ,lonie , Chloe and Xavier, Brett Williams, Annie (wonder woman) Ross with Misty, Alfie and Monte and Paul, Justine & Sophie Darling.

In summary a winter where occupancy was very high, the snow was inconsistent, but overwhelmingly, people just chilled- skied when conditions allowed, or took the inclement weather in their stride and simply relaxed. Basically a holiday that included a ski, rather than a ski holiday and nothing else. The way it should be. Have a happy Xmas everyone and a new year where dreams come true. Cheers!



2016 INTERCLUB RACES

BY MIKE PENNELL

The Thredbo Interclub Races were held in early August and Dulmison Ski Club was well represented with seven members racing for the club and collecting another trophy and many great memories. Our team, consisting of Matt Vizard, Tom Roche, Brett Williams, Craig Griffin, Rob Carlson, Paul Darling and Mike Pennell had high hopes of matching last year when Brett Williams managed to win the highly sought-after prize of the 'Broken Ski Award' for the biggest crash - perhaps this year we would win Fastest Team of Seven? The snow conditions were very icy but the skies were clear enough to be able to watch the pre-cursor race, the Top-to-Bottom downhill, from our lodge in preparation for the Interclub event.

The Interclub GS race was held on the Rossie Course and Dulmison drew the number two bib so our first runner had perfect course conditions to lay down a fast time only to see some of the ex-Olympians tear up the course with super quick skiing and perfect technique. The competition really got going after everyone had had their first run and decided who they wanted to beat as their personal challenge in the second run. Matt Vizard stood up to the challenge and achieved Dulmison's fastest two times. Then it was Tom Roche's turn to lay down a fast time. He skied like he had never skied before – faster and faster he flew through the gates, just on the edge of control, until... Until the finish line which he crossed for his fastest ever time then caught an edge, spun around, lost his skis, bent his poles, hit his head, got knocked out and slid under the safety fence down towards Lovers Leap. When he came to he looked around and asked "Did I win?". Yes! Tom's crash meant that Dulmison won the Broken Ski Award for the second year running giving us another successful year and a reputation as a club that is prepared to leave everything on the race course.

Thanks to all of the racers who travelled to Thredbo for that weekend of fun and racing.



CONGRATULATIONS TORSTEN

COURTESY OF MIKE PENNELL

This year was Torsten's last to compete in the Alpine school races that are held every year at Thredbo and Perisher Valley, and it turned out to be his most successful. He has had to balance his HSC with three separate trips to Thredbo and Perisher to represent his school, Shore, against the fastest school aged racers in Australia, many of whom actually live in the Snowy Mountains all winter.

2016 started with lots of race training in Colorado with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club on a FIS approved GS course plus about 1000 runs through the local NASTAR course. His 2016 Australian race season started with the Division I Redlands Cup in Thredbo when his team of four Year 12 Shore boys beat everyone to win the Gold medal. Next was the Sydney Regionals race on Mother-in-Law at Guthega where they won Bronze and qualified for the NSW State Championships.

The State Championships were held in Thredbo in horrendous conditions down the World Cup course, starting just below Kareela Hutte and they again achieved Bronze which also qualified them for the Subaru National Inter-schools Championships held on Zali's at Blue Cow in September where they scored a top ten finish. Winning three important ski medals and competing in Division I of the National Championships was a great way to finish off his school ski racing career that has spanned eight years and he is now focused on his HSC and the years ahead.



I would just like to wish Torsten all the best for his upcoming HSC exams.

If he does as well in them as in his skiing, as I am sure he will, then his future is set!

PS on that note, good luck to all other members' children who are sitting the HSC exams later this month.

photo gallery courtesy of the Brown family



Some photos from
our trip to Japan
where we visited

photo gallery

Members & Guests at the Thredbo Lodge—September 2016

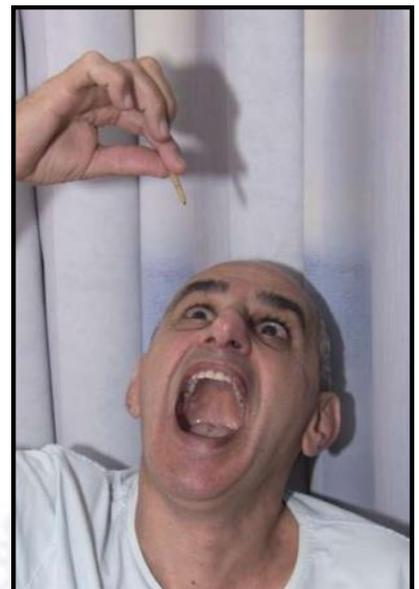
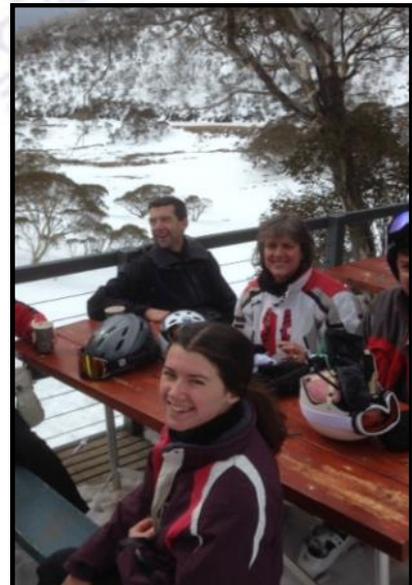


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