

## Presidents report for year ended 31 October 2019

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wanaka Ski and Snowsports Club. 40 years of promoting good fellowship and encouraging Snowsports.

The season started off with a night to remember with the 40 years 'Lets Party' celebration at the Lake Wanaka centre. At the beginning of the evening we started in the Armstrong Room with 52 Grassroot recipients each receiving awards worth \$300 from the club, \$20 fuel vouchers from QLDC Rural Travel Fund and a brilliant presentation by Sam "IBEX" Lee. This was followed by a bbq cooked by our Grassroot Parents and ice creams donated by Black Peak Gelato.

Celebrations then moved on to the 18+ 'Lets Party'. Guests arrived unrecognisable in their fantastic costumes to be welcomed outside by Cardrona's hostess Carole Little 'the welcoming winter angel'. Photos were taken on the Racers Edge chairlift by Marg Hurley, in the beautifully decorated winter wonderland. With a Complimentary glass of bubbles guests wandered through to the main room where the atmosphere was beautiful with brilliant lighting and decorations, the amazing Cemetery Road Band on stage, a mouth-watering grazing station, and 40 years of fabulous and hilarious photo's and video. Guest speakers were some original members speaking about their snowsports experiences with WSSC during the last 40 years. Overall, a fantastic night with thanks to all our sponsors and the massive effort by the social committee, members, Grassroots parents and the Executive committee. In addition, \$5,186 was raised towards our Grassroots fund from a silent auction while the night's party broke even as planned.

### Other Social Club Events.

Cardrona and Treble Cone 'Race yr mate' events were very popular again this year and well run by our social committee and Grassroot parents. We always love the competitive banter between families and friends.

Friday night socialising was held at Baluga apart from 1 night at Jack Rabbit where the children were able to join in and use the clip n climb.

### Race Organising Committee [and how WSSC raises funds to assist our members]

2019 had a slow start to the season due to poor snow conditions, forcing the ROC to postpone the Wanaka FIS Tech Series. A huge thanks to Winter Games and Cardrona for allowing us to reschedule these races in conjunction with the Winter Games Para events and run them as the cancelled ANC races from Australia. 2 days of successful racing with 174 starts.

The Upper Clutha Primary Schools race at Cardrona was another great event for 192 enthusiastic children. Special thanks to our convenor Robyn Millar.

The ROC also ran 2 Interfields, 1 at Cardrona and 1 at Treble Cone with a combined total of 210 athletes.

Lastly on the calendar was the National Alpine Champs for the top U14 and U16's in the country and ended with a prize giving and social gathering at the Cardrona Hotel.

We would like to thank all the fabulous volunteers who made this years competition possible, total volunteer hours on snow of approx. 1,050 hours, not to mention the hours off snow. Without volunteers we cannot hold these events. Thank You! The proceeds of the funds raised by our ROC goes back to the athletes. In 2019 a total of \$6,850 was granted to 17 athletes to help fund their training in the Northern hemisphere. The rest will go to our 49 Grassroots recipients to top up what they had already fundraised.

A huge thank you to our Executive Committee for their positive and supportive contribution.

John Hogg for his work overseeing the accounts yet again.

Bonny Teat as always deserves a special mention for keeping us all ticking over with her ongoing enthusiasm for snowsports and our athletes.

And lastly, a massive thank you to Ross Rainsford our retiring Treasurer, the last 2 years have been an absolute pleasure working with you.

Unusual , but exciting times, are ahead of us for the 2020 winter and I wish you all a fun and successful season.

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