

2020 Presidents Report.

2020 has certainly been a remarkably interesting year for the Wanaka Ski and Snowsports Club.

We started off planning for a normal year, but then COVID came along!!

We are all now aware of the effect of COVID, but at the start, we weren't even sure that we were going to have a ski season.

Once we realised the effect that COVID was going to have on the Ski fields and the ski season, the club initially took a very conservative and cautious approach to the coming season, and we held off planning and detailing almost all expenses and events.

Closer to the start of the season we did finally have some clarity and were able to move forward with a much-limited range of events both on and off snow. At this point I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance we got from Cardrona for the season that we just had. We worked closely with them to try and keep as much on the event calendar as possible.

As we all know we were not able to run any International FIS events, however most of the Youth and Junior Alpine events happened as per normal along with the usual range of snowsports and club events, such as 'Race your mates', Schools events etc.

The 'Grass roots' program once again became the focus of the club for the season. Along with this program, we were able to distribute close to \$22,000 in grants to club members across a range of programs and codes, with funds going towards their training and development on the mountains.

The grassroots program remains the cornerstone activity for the club and our Snowsports Community throughout the season.

2020 was always going to be an interesting year with the merging of Cardrona and Treble Cone ski fields, under one management team.

This has certainly been a big advantage for the Club and all its members, with training programs now running across both venues and the members ability to access both areas with one pass.

I think going forward this will bring huge benefits for the club and likewise for the mountains and our local snow community.

As usual in most years the workload of the club falls heavily on our committee members. I would like to acknowledge their hard work and input throughout the season.

This year we see a slight change in the committee with the retirement of Peter Duff as a committee member.

Peter intends to stay on the race organizing committee but will step down from general committee duties. Peter is already a life member, but I would again acknowledge his ongoing workload and commitment to the club. As far as I'm aware Peter has been on the committee for 30 plus years. His help and assistance have been very much appreciated. Thank you, Peter.

Another change this year is the retirement of Bonny Teat, from the position of secretary. Bonny has held this position for a long period of time and like Peter her efforts to the club and the skiing community will be extremely hard to replace.

Bonnie's communication, energy and commitment has kept us in touch with the club and all its members and their activities for many years now. Bonnie I would like to thank you on behalf of the club for all your work and efforts as secretary. It has been very much appreciated. Bonnie will be staying on as a committee member and assisting going forward with the 'Grass roots' program.

Thank you again to Flick Wallace as treasurer and ROC Secretary. While I've been chairman, Flick (along with Bonny and the committee) has taken care of almost every other aspect of running the club and without Flick's help and assistance, things would not progress in the orderly manner that they do.

To the other helpers through out the year including our Social committee, countless volunteers, supporter's and club members, THANK YOU.

We have some exciting times ahead, both as a Club and a Ski town/region.

While the shape of 2021 is still a bit unknown, I do know it will be exciting and fun.

Thank you.

Grant Winsloe.

President.