

# Piste Again!

PRE SEASON NEWSLETTER 2012



## Introduction

Believe it or not, we are on the eve of yet another epic African snow season! Afriski officially opens this week, and that means the buzz of faithful members will be heard throughout the mountains for the next 3 or so months. So now is no doubt as good a time as any to refresh your memories with some of the club rules, booking procedures and special dates to look out for! We have updates from the Mystery Dinner and club improvements. So settle in, all you need for snow season 2012 is here.....

## Dates to remember

**Snowboarder AGM** - 19 June at Gone Skiing  
18h30pm

**Ski Club Winter Trip:** 24 June - 29 June

**Ski Grand Prix:** 29 June – 1 July

**Kings Cup** 13, 14 and 15 July

**Christmas in July** – 21 July - 22 July

**Quick Snow & Ski Festival:** 3 August - 8 August



## Socials 2012

Whoever said that we were a drinking club with a skiing problem was ... sadly correct it seems!!

### Maluti Mystery Dinner

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 25 unsuspecting and brave Club Maluti Members gathered for an evening never to be forgotten, the Maluti Mystery Dinner! Promptly, at 19h30 two buses arrived at a designated meeting point, where everyone was assembled. Not so promptly, and in true Club M style, we all hopped on board for the adventure to begin! With drinks in hand (a few already in the belly) and smiles on faces our journey began.



After a 25 minute ride through some green and maybe slightly orange robots, along a small highway, a diversion stop at Shell and over a couple of hills we arrived at The Troyeville Hotel. After mandatory table rearranging we were off to a good start! Mussels, Calamari, Chorico and Holoumi to start! Prawns, Kingklip Espangnol and Trinchado for mains! Followed be delicious Chocolate Mousse and delectable Crème Caramel.

To end the evening we headed to the roof for some Champagne and Stars.

As quoted by our Chairman "Splendid function. One of our best."



## Maintenance Overview for 2012

The Club is looking better than ever after an incredible 5 work parties were done this year! The response to the work has been phenomenal, especially from new members and all their hard work this year has really paid off. We are proud to announce that for the first time since I can remember there will be far shorter queues outside the showers with **4 working showers**, each with their **own** piping hot geyser. One bathroom is entirely new, and two of the other bathrooms have been redone with a new coat of paint, tiling and accessories. The A-frame is also looking a lot better, having received a much needed scrape and brush down, followed by a fresh coat of paint. Rusty patches and leaks were fixed, a new gutter was installed, doors varnished, and more plinths poured. Inside, the kitchen received a new wooden ceiling with down lights to set the mood. Wiring and gas lines have also been redone to give the whole place a much cleaner look. Besides the annual spring cleaning, we bought extra gas bottles and stocked up heavily on gas, fuel, anthracite and wood – more than enough for what looks to be a busy season. We have all seen the “Nuit de le Glisse” poster and its accompanying pictures of epic seasons in years gone by, but looking at those photos, it would seem that no one has been to the club since the 80’s. We would like to capture some of the best memories from



years gone by on the walls of the A-Frame, and in this regard, would like you to send through some of the best photos from your most memorable trips over the past few decades. If they are not hidden in a forgotten folder on your PC, then dig up those old prints and scan them in so that we can mount a selection in the A-Frame. Send your pics to [sebastien.gruber@gmail.com](mailto:sebastien.gruber@gmail.com).

For those of you who haven't had the





chance to contribute to the club so far this year and would still like to, we have a stack of small tasks that can be done mostly back home and taken up when you visit the club. Give me a shout if you would like more details. Lastly, thank you to all those members and newbies who contributed so much of their time and effort this year, your effect will definitely be felt this season:)

## Club Maluti Hoodies

So it has been 2 years in the making....we finally present the **CLUB MALUTI HOODIES!**

Price: R230.00

Sizing chart (thank you to our models):

XL - Paul Hughes

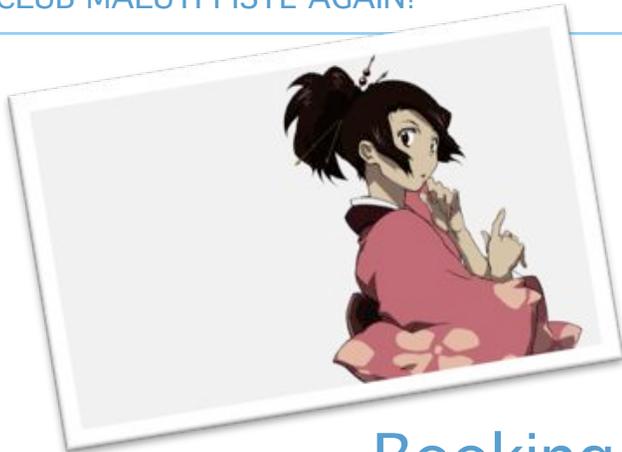
L - Kuba Graniki or Shaun Brassel

M - Bronwyn Biccard

S - Megan Couzyn

To order email your size to [liaison@clubmaluti.co.za](mailto:liaison@clubmaluti.co.za) or [bookings@clubmaluti.co.za](mailto:bookings@clubmaluti.co.za)





## Booking Procedures

2012 Season is kicking off, so we would just like to remind you about booking your spot in the mountains.

Step 1: Email [bookings@clubmaluti.co.za](mailto:bookings@clubmaluti.co.za). Your email must have:

- 1) Dates of arrival and departure. E.g. 1 June - 3 June
- 2) Number of people
- 3) Names of people
- 4) Who are members and who are non-members (Remember only 1 guest per paid up member, unless otherwise arranged)

Step 2: Wait for booking confirmation

Step 3: Pay for accommodation. This must be made **before leaving**.

Step 4: Email payment confirmation to [bookings@clubmaluti.co.za](mailto:bookings@clubmaluti.co.za)

House rules:

- 1) Full members (subs paid and work party attended) get priority over provisional members and non-members
- 2) Provisional members are **not** allowed to bring up guests
- 3) Full members are allowed 1 guest (non-member) per stay unless otherwise arranged
- 4) Bookings and payment **must** be made minimum 3 days in advance

Rates for 2012 remain the same. So, we will be looking forward to seeing more of you.

Winter member: R130

Winter non-member: R200

Banking details:

Club Maluti

FNB Commercial Suite

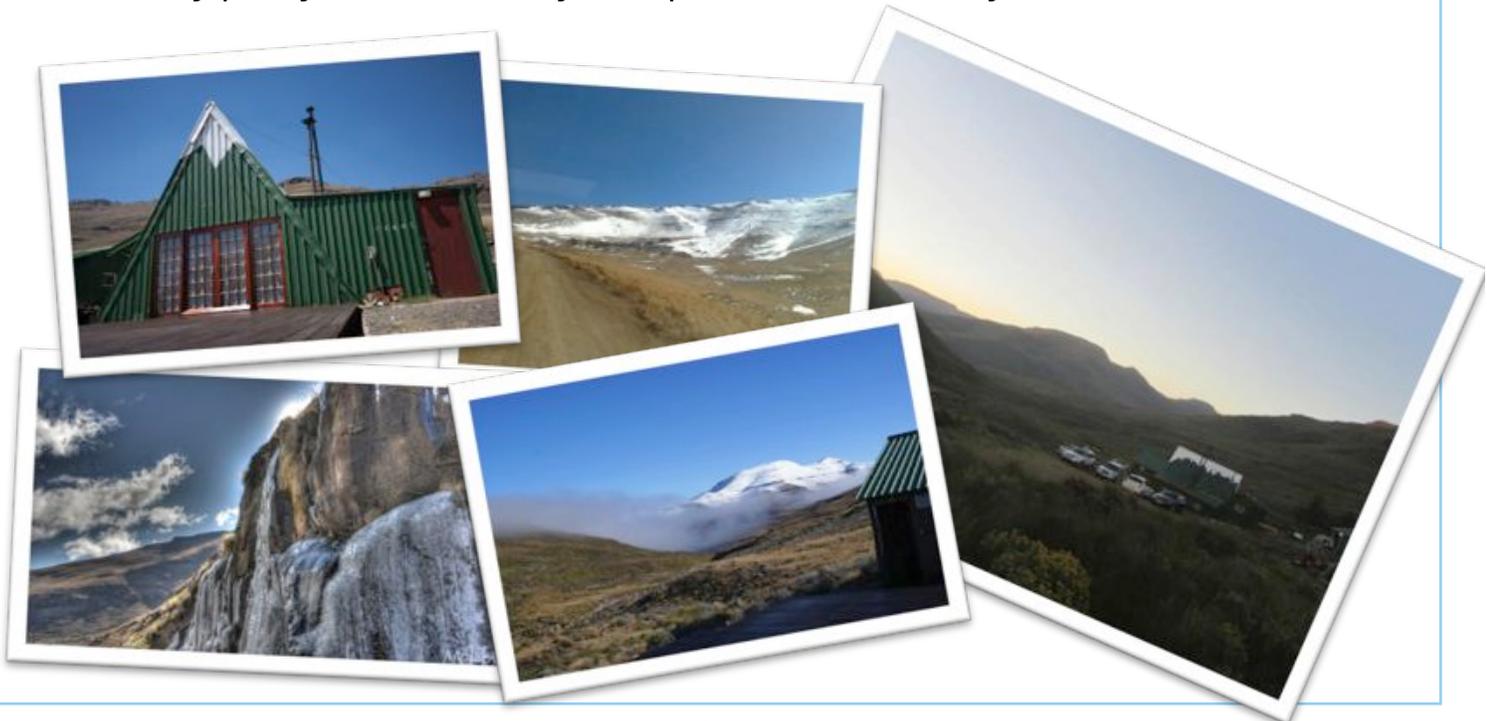
Branch code: 260 950

Account: 592 500 37933

## House Rules

These are the little things that we really don't want to have to monitor like school prefects, and so if you could always keep these in the back of your mind when you are up in the mountain it will make life very easy for everyone:

- The generator doesn't turn itself off. So please remember to ensure that the last person retiring off to bed knows that the generator must be switched off, and that they know how to do it!
- While you may not all know Inja and Skok as well as the chairman, they make a big effort to make your stay in the mountain even more epic than we all know it always is, so please can we help them out and follow the basic kitchen rules regarding windows and dishes! And please don't forget to leave your little bit of appreciation in the form of your R15 per night tip.
- Our furry friends are a welcome addition to our club, but they are not accustomed to our rich food, so please if you have anything for them Skok has a strategically placed dish for their little treats. If you really can't control yourself and find yourself with an overwhelming urge to give them a little treat, remember there is no feeding the dogs in the A or B frame.
- Some of you may have met Klein Greame, our future mountain star who is always looking for a lift up to the resort. If you are generous enough to give him a lift please try remember to bring him back.
- To the smokers, please don't litter, the mountains are beautiful, and your cigarette butts add no value to the environment. The club has made special, very pretty ornaments for you to put those butts this year!



## And the final word!

Firstly greetings to all our existing members, those who have only been with us a little while, and all those die-hards that still pay their subsidies even though I have never met you. To the latter I can only deduce you are great people.

Secondly I welcome the many new provisional members, I thank you for the hard work earlier this year in preparation of our winter season.

I wish you the making of many great snow memories and many great and lasting friendships. Last but not least I would personally like to thank the very hard working committee of 2012 for their continued enthusiasm in running the club. You are an amazing group of diverse, intelligent, witty and capable people that have not only contributed to club Maluti but have in the process made me a little better :-)

Since this is at the end of our newsletter and you have no doubt read all the reports, there is no reason for me to mention the many upgrades that have taken place; not least among them 4 working piping hot steaming showers. Nor do I need to name drop the enthusiastic people that have made it all possible.

I would simply like to end with a gentle reminder, that you our members are the ingredient that transforms our little A-frame; from a humble shelter in the mountains into many unique memories and experiences that transcend verbal description.

With that in mind, I invite you all to reconnect with the mountain, catch up with old friends and make some new ones, in what promises to be another amazing winter season.

Wishing you all many safe trips, and second last runs!

## Your Committee 2012



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Chairman



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Vice-Chairman



Cara Gough  
Treasurer



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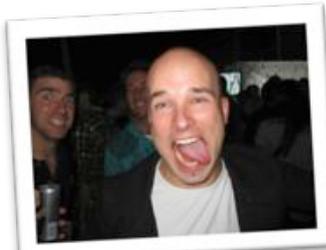
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