

# PISTIE AGAIN!

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Apres ski, Cheese and Wine and Jager Party -  
26 October 2012

Final Work Party of 2012 -  
2 - 4 November 2012

Novemberfest -  
23 - 25 November 2012

AGM -  
29 November 2012



# KINGS CUP 2012

## And what a King's Cup it was...

2012 was set to be the season of seasons with epic snow falling early and unbeknownst to us lots more to come...

White out conditions and heavy snowfall on the Saturday forced everyone to leave the slope early and for the comp to be held on Sunday. This meant early party times at Club M!

Sunday got everyone up and ready to go early, really early. Back up the mountain, back to the competition! Good thing everyone brought their "back-outs", "same, same but different's" and good old 4x4's! They were needed. We managed to get as far as the top of the lift station, however a massive snow drift blocked our way and we had to park and walk down the slope. (News24 actually posted a picture of the make-shift scubi parking lot)

The ladies competition got going first with 7 competitors in total. The men's competition was a bit more contested with about 23 pros and amm's entering. All coveting both the King's Cup and the title of TTR rated Burton Rail Jam Champ.

The layout of the competition was slightly different to previous years with the separation of pro's and amateurs and this definitely made for some interesting riding and a "new" competitive edge coming out between the "old schoolers."

Mawa did here thing and styled! Winning the ladies King's Cup title. VJJ showed us her moves and easily took the ladies Burton Rail Jam title. On the gents front, the King's Cup was a little more competitive with Marci, Luke and Dean all going out and throwing some sick tricks. In the end the title of King went to Dean. With Davo winning the men's Burton Rail Jam for amateur men. Overall Club Maluti took the most trophies home...well with the most competitors and the best riders how could we not?

Sunday Afternoon did not turn out as well as most hoped with the pass being well and truly closed! Although some did try it, more than once...no names mentioned! So this meant more partying at Club Maluti! And a heavy dose of food bartering. Mike and I would like to thank Ammo's for their potatoes...

Overall the weekend was fantastic and Club M represented at the competition

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

## Things were merry

Christmas in July is always a highlight in our winter season calendar. My first Christmas was pretty dreadful. I was still a student and decided to tag along after an exhausting but epic ski trip. Not wanting to cook on the Friday, I spoiled myself with grub from the infamous 'Wespub' restaurant at the resort. Needless to say food poisoning found me and for me things weren't merry.

This time round things were different...

We had great weather, plenty blue skies and very little wind. Saturday morning saw us shredding the slopes in Onsies and chilling at our usual pace. After a great day of riding we dressed the group with Christmas hats and kept ourselves warm with some gluwain while the sun went down. Things were merry and even a team based bumboarding race was held but I'm still not sure who won.

Back at the club, the Rassmann's were busy firing up a storm and preparing our meal for the feast. Sebastian and Jay got the club decorated while I "sort of" helped. Everyone else was ushered into the B-Frame for some class distraction and entertainment. Finally the table was set, decorations were done, lights were on, carols were playing, and we were ready to see if Father Christmas would join us for the evening.

Our members generally "misbehave appropriately" during the year so as expected a great turnout of random gifts found themselves under the tree. Starters were served and everyone dug in to an epic spread of cheese, crackers and other tasty things. Dinner followed, and it was AMAZEBALLS! The Rassmann's had out done themselves and prepared some fantastic Pork Neck, Potatoes, to name a few. We ate like Kings and before we knew it M83 snuck its way on our sound system and down our ladder Santa 'Chris' arrived!

Busting out into an incredible dance routine with his white moustache and massive belly, even managing to do the worm, showing the ladies that he still has what it takes to deliver presents in style. After such an epic anatomic display of movements by our little fat red friend, he called us up one by one (I'm not sure how he knew our names) and got everyone's Christmas wish spot on.

As the last gift was handed out we invited Santa 'Chris' to a fireworks farewell and as he waved goodbye on his sleigh we lit his way home with some pretty explosive lights. Happy with our gifts, energetic and well fed, we changed our tunes and partied till the early hours of the morning.



# QUIKSNOW SA CHAMPS

On the weekend of the 3rd of August 2012, QuikSnow was held at Afriski for the 3rd year running. Besides our long list of local veteran riders, this years Champs saw the field fill up with some new young hopefuls as well as some international interest. Aljoša Krivec from Slovenia returned to defend his championship title. Forum also sent 3 pro riders to join in. Although they didn't compete I think they did have a good time riding our park and some of the features, including the race station.

The battle for the men's SA Champion saw Marcin Jekot and Luke Dutton come head to head. In 2011, Luke took the title from Marcin, so Marcin was in for the reclaim! The format for the final worked as follows: 3 runs, highest score counts! This format allowed riders to push their limits and show us what they can do. Regardless of the excellent efforts displayed by the other competitors Marcin's smooth technical ability and impressive versatility saw him regain the QuikSnow SA Champion title.

The South African women's division was once again dominated with 5 of the top 6 riders proudly riding under the Club Maluti banner. Marta Jekot "killed" the competition, easily taking the leading lady title; Brigitte Heeb came in second after a three year absence from the snowboarder scene; Vanessa Jackson proudly placed third knocking Nathalie Scott, a podium regular, into 4th place. 5th place was taken by resort local, Carmen Van Heerden with Club Maluti's Zoe Goodbrand claiming 6th.



Club Maluti proudly conquered the Men's Amateur section with all the top 6 places going to Club M members over 30. Hence the renaming, "Veterans".

1. Davo Phillips
2. Michael Rassmann
3. Alessio Lacovig
4. Brecht Hufner
5. Shaun Brassell
6. Kuba Granicki

Following the fierce competition the after party frenzy was fuelled by some more snow, shooters, DJ Mehow and a Tupperware of magical cookies, which no one will admit to baking.

**Thanks go to all our riders for such fantastic results.**



# SKI CLUB

**La grande réouverture du Club de ski (That's "The Grand Reopening of Ski Club" for those that cannot converse in French)**

Ski Club, a place that has a soft spot in all of our hearts. For many of us, we have seen it undergo renovations on more than one occasion. We are just going to throw this out there, but Ski Club 3.0 is DOPE (awesome, if you prefer)! We were all sad to hear of the closing of the club in 2010 and it seemed as though we were never going to have another party on West Campus. But with the help of AOJ, the new club was designed, fitted and opened in grand style in August 2012. Even though the club looks totally different, there is still that familiarity which we all know as "tonight is going to be great"! The crowd was buzzing, the beats were banging and the booze was flowing. It was great to see so many old school faces, remembering where their roots lie. There is nothing quite like a night at Ski Club and this new club is going to create many a new memory for us!

**In requiem - Gonorrhea Alley (1985 - 2009)**



# WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

## Winter 2012

At some point during the season I found myself sharing a drink with Otto Lutz at the Gondola Cafe. Otto who predates my club Maluti membership by probably a decade is now a family man and father of two. He listened intently to stories about the on-going refurbishments, and the parties with equal enthusiasm and interest.

These seemingly random encounters remind me what a special and unique club we have, and how many different lives the club has touched, shaped and affected.

This season was no different, but for me it was punctuated by the new characters that have started blooming in the absence of older, seasoned and now absent winter friends, (Robbie Alunni, Meg and Nolan Couzyn, Kevin and Laurie Hingst, Ania Gorna, Kerry-Lynn van Randen) your absence was felt this year.

But instead of writing some nostalgic piece about how we all get older I'm simply going to summarize this season with several key phrases that are uniquely 2012:

- Conference Calls
- Elevator
- International line
- Mini Countryman
- Master Chef Lesotho
- Back country snow mobile extractions
- Snow storm of the Century
- Adam and Calisi "mother of dragons"
- Cheetah wood ceiling plank
- Missing toilet door

If none of these make sense, use it as an indication that you were not present this year and that you need to step up in 2013. See you all at the cheese and wine and eventually at our AGM

**Kuba Granicki**  
**Chairman**



# BOOKING PROCEDURES



**This is a reminder about how bookings work for summer and winter -**

**Step 1:** Email 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

## House rules:

- 1) Full members (subs paid and work parties 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

Members (provisional & full): R100.00\*  
Non-members: R130.00\*

\*This may change at any time. Any changes will be communicated.

# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

**Here is your step by step process to becoming a Club Maluti Member -**

- You must be nominated by 2 members who are already full Club Maluti Members.
- You must have attended at least one work party in the last 12 months. (the more work parties attended the better).
- Once you have completed the above two steps, send your motivational letter through to liaison@clubmaluti.co.za and bookings@clubmaluti.co.za.
- The committee will read and review your nomination and decide whether you can become a provisional member.
- All new members are provisional members for one year after such time the committee will review your request and notify you of your change in status.

**In the best interest of Club Maluti and the “Epicness” that the club holds, the committee reserves the right to deny anyone membership.**

# 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 "outrageous". 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 of the dogs in the A or B frame**.

## Banking details:

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