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Welcome from our Winter Managers



Hello and welcome to another season at Ullr! It's great to be back for our third winter as managers and we're looking

forward to this one being the best yet! Our summer adventures included a working holiday in Niseko Japan, the powder capital of the world! We'll be returning next season to manage an Australian owned lodge, so anyone in search of the powder experience of a lifetime should have a quiet word to us and all can be arranged!

The July school holidays saw many familiar faces making the most of the early season conditions as well as new members the Spillane's doing a great job in surviving their first family holiday at Ullr ski lodge! A win for Italy in the world cup gave Dom Pupo the perfect excuse (as if one was needed!) for a week of indulgence in assorted homemade alcoholic beverages, and even though we all know it should have been the green and gold on the podium it would have been un-Australian to let our one Italian celebrate on his own!

The kids are definitely growing up and it looks like they might be turning into Snowboarders!!! Jake Brislane led the charge closely followed by Zoe and Edward Miller and Steve and Karina Pupo. There was only one casualty and I wouldn't want to embarrass Karina by going into detail about that! We hope to see them all back next year with baggy pants and phat attitude!

As for the snow: definitely not the best start to a season we've seen, however the weather was great and the snowmakers were extremely busy. By the end of July, things began to improve, with regular light snow falls and a promising August emerging. Whatever the snow, at worst you can sit back, enjoy the views from the lodge and look forward to the latest culinary delight to appear on our new black board Menu.

Belinda is now taking the bookings and will fit anyone in wherever a space exists. We still have the odd vacancy in August and for the best value ski holiday in recorded history don't miss out on our spring special! Refer to www.ullrlodge.com.au for availability. See you at Ullr.....**Belinda and Michael**

New this Season

Since your last visit work done includes:

- new boot drying racks;
- new weatherproof steel framed cool room door, with key lock;
- satellite dish to replace storm damaged TV antenna;
- ski and boot locker allocation realigned to current register;
- fire break surrounding lodge cleared under supervision of NPWS;
- marked hazardous tree removal program continued under supervision of NPWS;
- replanting of snow gums with advice from NPWS;
- completion of oiling of internal stairwell;
- gallery table refurbished;
- dishwasher repaired.



From the Chairman

The snow is falling and more is expected. Good news for members and guests planning to stay at the Lodge in August and September and a chance for those who visited in July to take up the special September offer.

The season seems to be getting later each year. Belinda and Michael are back with us for another season and continue to offer wonderful food and good fare.

The Bullrtin has a new Editor. Our hard working Secretary Jon has taken on the challenge after retired Director Sandra lifted the publication to a new level. We need to make this a regular publication available on email and through the Ullr website but it does

need contributions from all members. So please share your fun and memorable experiences with your fellow members and let Jon have these while they are fresh in your mind.

We welcome Ray Bennie to the Board. The Board has a number of issues to address especially with National Parks and maintaining a 40 year old Lodge in good repair and ensuring those members and guests using the Lodge always have a comfortable and more than enjoyable stay. Good skiing, wonderful hospitality, and great company is what Ullr is all about.

Terry

Summer Season Working Bees

Working bees in November and March helped prepare the lodge for summer visitors and the 2006 winter season.

November: Bert and Linnie, Elizabeth and Richard, Jon and Pauline - sugar-soap bedroom walls, sparkle up lounges' vintage skis and boots, plant 12 snow gums, scrub barbecue, audit ski and boot lockers register, chop and stack wood and do general maintenance and repairs.



Team gives bbq a workout as mist rolls in

March: Bert, Jon and Pauline check seedlings; audit and label lockers, general tidy up inside and out; hang art work, remove old ski equipment and clothing, meet with builder, chop and stack wood, emu parade for rubbish in the grounds.

Members greatly appreciate the contribution of the Working Bees.

All Members and guests are very welcome to join future working bees.



A picture's worth a thousand words: if there's no more wood to chop 'n stack then it must be time for a beer. Chopper: Bert, stacker: Jon

Lodge Bookings

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Contributions to Bullrtin

Please send photos as jpegs and text in Word

Clothing Tips from the Ski Patrol

We have our fair share of sunny skiing days in Perisher, but alpine weather is unpredictable and weather can deteriorate into cold, wet, high wind or blizzard conditions. Clothing must be versatile and you should have ready access to protective clothing.

Clothing can be divided into two layers:

Inner, insulating layers

In cold weather, the most important layers. Several thin layers that trap air and made of material that will stay warm even when wet are better than a couple of thick bulky layers. How many layers depends on the weather and your activity (eg down hill skiing, snow boarding, cross country skiing, bush walking).

Outer windproof and waterproof layers:

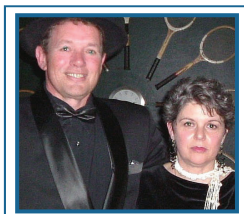
Staying dry and reducing the effects of wind chill are important: your jacket and over pants should be waterproof and windproof.

Never wear jeans or cotton/vinyl gloves – they do not give adequate protection against wind, rain or snow.



Member Profile

New Board member Ray Bennie



Ray and Nonna

I was first invited to Ullr by Doug Esdaile in the winter season of 1993.

I found the lodge exceeded all my expectations: great lodge, great skiing, lovely food and even better company!!!!

I was very happy to be invited to become a member in 1997. In 1999 I became responsible for new member recruitment; a task I still relish.

The lodge has become a home away from home for my family in both summer and winter. We have formed some wonderful, long lasting friendships with other members and their families; our children enjoying a warm and social environment not experienced elsewhere.

I consider my appointment to the Board earlier this year a great honour and it is my intention to work diligently with the other Board members to ensure the continued improvement and good management of Ullr for all members and guests.

For me there is no other place like Ullr.

Ray

Outgoing Board Member

Sandra Blackburne retired from the Ullr Board at the 2006 AGM. Sandra's contribution was acknowledged at the AGM by the Chairman, Terry, on behalf of all members.

Sandra's business and creative skills have served the lodge well, with Sandra producing the newsletter Bullrtin for many years, being a member of the house committee advising on interiors and refurbishments, organising end of season dinners and hosting the monthly Board meetings at her home.

We look forward to Sandra's continuing interest in lodge affairs and to Sandra, Ian and their family's regular visits to Ullr.



Where's the snow in the off-season?

A number of members and managers of Ullr past and present were spotted on the ski slopes of Hokkaido Japan in early 2006. Belinda and Michael, Jane and Peter, Ashley and Anne, Ric and Pam, Pauline and Jon to name a few! Wall to wall snow, volcanic mountain landscapes, perfect grooming or dry powder,

excellent food, hospitable locals and affordable skiing are all great attractions.

In Furano a kangaroo snow sculpture captured local and visitors' attention: kids big and small could crawl in from the back to play joey, then depart by backwards slippery dip.

From discussion around Ullr's dinner table it sounds as though there'll be quite a few other members and friends heading to Japan in 2007.



At Furano's Snow Festival, Hokkaido



Mount Yotei, Niseko area, Hokkaido

SLOPES— What's in a name?

SLOPES advises that the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is looking to formally name the major roads within Perisher, Guthega and Smiggin Holes.

The objective: consistency and a sense of place as well as making it easier for the public and emergency services to locate areas in the resort.

Some "localisms" may be formalised in this process. Your input is invited.

Guidelines for naming roads can be downloaded from www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/info

Send your suggestions to:
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