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The start of another great day from
“the best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley

Lodge By Laws Amendment

The Board has amended the Lodge’s “By Laws” to revision 1.5, with the addition of clause 2.1.3 to item 2.0 *House Rules*. A copy of the current “By Laws” is available from our web site.

2.0 House Rules

- 2.1.1 Our code of conduct is fundamental to the well begin of the lodge and to the enjoyment of all in and associated with the lodge.
- 2.1.2 The House Rules are available on our web site ‘www.ullrlodge.com.au’ and in the lodge.
- 2.1.3 All children 14 years and younger are required to be under the supervision of a parent or a parent-appointed carer at all times while the children are in the lodge.



From the Chairman



Terry Hughes

The snow came and we all had a wonderful season. Great skiing, great companionship and wonderful food and hospitality from Emma and Cameron. Thanks Emma for all those wonderful meals. The Lodge had a high occupancy all season and the special offer in September saw us fully booked right to the end of the season.

As a result of Cameron accepting additional responsibilities on the mountain, Emma and Cameron will be at the Lodge until December and returning at the beginning of March. This will help the Board with its desire to develop a summer program with the option of a catered stay for those groups/families looking for a totally relaxed few days in the off season.

Now for a change. Emma has agreed to take over the

bookings for the Lodge year round. We will be encouraging members and guests to enquire online ullrlodge1@telstra.com or phone Emma at the Lodge on 02 64575200 from March to December in 2009.

We owe a great debt to Doug for his untiring efforts over the last 15 years in keeping members and guests happy with their requests for accommodation. Doug has agreed to take over the Treasurer's role from Ray as he already performs a number of these functions.

Jon has organised a working bee for the weekend of October 25 and 26. Please contact Jon at ullrlodge1@telstra.com if you are able to attend.

The end of season Christmas function is being held at Nu's Restaurant in McMahons Point on Thursday November 13. This will be a great night, so put it in your diary NOW and let Jon know how many are coming by Friday November 7. The cost of \$60 per person includes all the food and drink you can manage. We look forward to seeing you there.

From the Board, a big thank you for all your support this season and to you and your families have a wonderful festive season.

Best wishes

Terry



The 2008 End of Season Dinner Party



The dinner party will be held on Thursday 13 November at "Nu's" restaurant, 178 Blues Point Road, McMahan's Point phone 02 9954 1780. All members, guests and friends are invited along at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

A 3-4 course set menu meal will be served, with beer and wine - all for \$60.00 per person. All are invited and we would like to see as many there as can make it. There will be three door prizes.

It's a great night to catch up with members and guests of Ullr Ski Lodge. Please RSVP by Friday 7 November to Jonathan Lillis on 0418 113 508, or email on ullrlodge1@telstra.com, with subject line "Ullr Dinner".

Letter from Niseko, March 2008



Vanessa & James

We'd promised the family (son and daughter, James and Ness, plus son-in-law Luke and six month old Arielle) a trip to Japan to ski. We'd heard great reports about Niseko, on Hokkaido Island, in the far north of Japan.

After a long but unexpectedly bearable flight in economy with Arielle (who slept all the way) via JAL we landed in

Tokyo, our stopover for a couple of days to shop and get a feel for the city. A freezing wind blowing in from Siberia, marked our time there. We heard later that planes heading for our next stop, Hokkaido were unable to land because of the blizzards so passengers on our flight who had intended to continue on, slept in the airport with 1,000 stranded others. Takashima department store in Times Square and the Ginza shopping district marked the extent of our cultural activities in Tokyo.

The next day saw us at Haneda, Tokyo's domestic terminal after a 5am wake up - as usual we were three hours early, but the upside was sitting looking through a picture window at a perfect Mt Fuji style snow capped volcano as we waited for our flight. Our baby screamed half the trip and went into a sound sleep just as our plane negotiated its way through jagged volcanic mountain terrain into white farmland intersected by black gridlines. We were thankful to see a cleared runway emerge out of the snow. Chitose airport is just outside the city of Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido and home of the famous ice sculptures. We piled into our ski bus with our fourteen pieces of luggage plus 7 pieces of hand luggage for the 2½ hour trip to Niseko in brilliant sunshine. Niseko is a fairly raw visceral ski town, even under snow. Our very tasteful Scandinavian style come modern Japanese apartment was spacious and comfortable - good heating, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a well equipped kitchen with a cappuccino machine. There were spectacular floor to ceiling views of the mountain from all rooms. It seemed that all mountains in Japan look like Fuji.

The first trip to the supermarket is always interesting. The local co-op was modern well lit and clean, but it was a challenge to deal with Japanese writing and unfamiliar packaging and we ended up with some interesting combinations at mealtime. We quickly worked out that meat, pork only, sold in 2 oz packets, would be used sparingly, Japanese style with lots of noodles or rice and vegetables. Stir-fry pork with noodles for dinner every second night, but we did find vegemite and a wonderful bakery.



Day 4, Tuesday snowed all day, and we were on the slopes by 10am, but time didn't matter as we skied in a complete whiteout - we could see about three meters in front of us. Coupled with the unfamiliar terrain and getting our ski legs, it proved quite a challenging day. James dam him, skied beautifully, leading the way. The good thing about skiing in Japan as opposed to the US and Europe is the long days. We could ski till 5pm and then the mountains were lit every night till 9pm and night skiing was included on the day ticket.



Did I mention the snow? Day 5 Wednesday was still snowing mountains of snow, after continuous snow overnight. Visibility improved, some lovely runs, its hard to put a foot wrong - long black runs - lots of bumps, but great powder and aching legs - a grand feeling. The next day more bumps runs wrote me off with several spills. We explored the top of the mountain: 'Ice Station Zebra' has seriously steep runs, seriously deep snow and a biting wind. Saturday again snowing heavily. We skied through the Aspen trees in new powder to the sound of cool jazz piped across the mountain then down untracked knee deep powder - whether to turn or not to turn - oops, should have turned.

In the evenings we walked through the village which looks magical at night with Japanese lanterns in the windows of the many eating places and bars. Meals when we didn't cook at home were at excellent restaurants. Recommend Zhivago's as a great family place and one of many on the mountain. One night we ordered dinner cooked in, which came with its own Japanese chef who cooked for us, cleaned up and left, all at very reasonable prices. Alternatively a degustation menu at the restaurant in our apartment building was as good as Tetsuyas and as pricey.

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Vanessa

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Niseko as a ski destination was an excellent experience for either singles who will appreciate the excellent snow and great variety of challenging runs, and for families with children. JAL were wonderful with babies, and our apartment building had a child-care centre on the ground floor. The people are impeccably polite, the lifties brushed the snow off the seats with little brooms, and slowed down the lifts as you got on. The efficient operation of the e-tag system meant that at all gates your tag stayed in your pocket – no fumbling at lifts, very few queues, and efficient people movers in the form of high speed lifts and gondolas.

Would we go again? The answer is yes. Japan is great value, our return flights, ski tickets and accommodation through Travelplan (excluding meals) cost about \$15,000 for five people for 10 days, including the Tokyo stopover. Coupled with the wonderful snow, lack of crowds, efficiency of the lift system, and overall politeness of the people makes it a winning destination. The one negative, if you could call it that is the huge Aussie contingent. If you are skiing overseas for a cultural experience you won't get it in Niseko. But beware. The prevailing weather is from Siberia so when the wind blows...

Sandra Blackburne

Artist Week February 2009



Sandra Blackburn is co-ordinating a week from Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 February 2009 at Ullr Ski Lodge for artists and friends. If you would like to spend a week or just a few days in the Snowy Mountains with a

group of art inspired members, friends and guests, please contact Sandra on E: sandrab@wix.com.au or phone 02 9956 7211.

The "Artist Week" will operate as a self-catering group, members will be teamed up with a cooking mate (or bring your own mate) to prepare one meal during the week. Picnic lunches will be planned for bush walks in the mountains to scenic locations to inspire works of art. All are most welcome, including walkers, photographers and writers, beginning artists or professionals.

The day will start early with a mountain breakfast and we will be outdoors (weather permitting) and setting up by 10 am. We will share a picnic lunch around 1 pm. There will be ample opportunity to talk about art and to see what others are doing after dinner.

If you are a beginner, please ring Sandra for a recommended list of materials. Please book early as numbers will be limited.

Cost per person per day all inclusive, en-suite room \$55.00. Minimum three days.



Perisher Ski Patrol

Stay “Safe in the Snow” with “SnowSafe’s Alpine Responsibility Code” rule number 5 of 10:

“When entering a trail or run or starting downhill, look uphill and give way to others – they also have the right of way.”

Know and observe the code: it’s your responsibility and have great snow fun.



IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

Do not leave the injured skier/boarder alone.

Approach them from below or the side if the slopes are icy.

Do not remove your own skis/board if the slopes are icy. If it is safe to remove your skis/board cross them and place them upright uphill from the injured skier/boarder.

Do not remove the injured person’s skis/board.

While one person remains with the injured skier/boarder make sure another reports the accident to any Ski Patroller or the nearest lift operator – say what the person is wearing – there can be more than one accident on the same run at the same time.

Have someone stand uphill from the accident to give verbal warning to other snow users when someone, including Ski Patrol, is attending to the patient.

Give the exact location of the accident and nature of the injury and wait for the patroller. Reassure the patient and keep them warm. Do not remove them or attempt to treat them unless you are qualified in first aid.

SO, STAY SNOWSAFE.

E-Payments and Tax Invoice Number



Write me down for next time

When making an e payment direct into the Ullr Ski Lodge account, please reference the Tax Invoice number on your Tax Invoice, and include the following information. It makes life a little easier for us when we are reconciling.
We thank you for your co-operation.

Ullr Ski Lodge bank account information:

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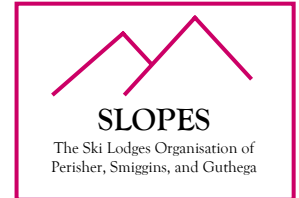
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Snowy Mountains Cloud Seeding Trial Extension 2008

The Snowy Mountains Cloud Seeding Trial Amendment (Extension) Bill authorises Snowy Hydro Limited to undertake further cloud seeding research over a larger geographical area. The aim of the research project is to increase snowfall from clouds passing over the Snowy Mountains and to assess the effectiveness and reliability of precipitation enhancement technology in the region. The experimental design developed by Snowy Hydro relies on replication in time rather than in space to statistically demonstrate the impact of cloud seeding - that is, the longer the trial runs, the greater the chance to reliably demonstrate if cloud seeding has increased snowfall. This bill will amend the 2004 Act to expand both the geographical area and the duration of the study.

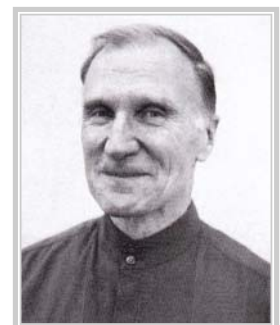
The trial area will be extended 87 kilometres from the Kiandra region in the north to the Ramshead Range in the south and 40 kilometres from the Jagumba

Range in the west to Eucumbene and Jindabyne in the east. The total size will be approximately 2,250 square kilometres, which is about double the size of the current target area. This area covers the main catchments of the Snowy scheme. The trial will be extended in duration for a further five years to the current project, that is, up to and including the winter of 2014. This additional period will allow Snowy Hydro time to build, set up and test the new equipment and incorporate the new area into the experimental design. The increased duration will significantly increase the statistical strength of the trial. The additional data can be integrated with the records and analysis of the trial to date. In other words, continuation of the research project, with an expanded trial area, will assist Snowy Hydro to determine with increased certainty the effectiveness of cloud seeding for supplementing natural snowfalls and increasing inflows to storages of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Memorial to Ricci Eaton

Ricci, a foundation member of Ullr Ski Lodge, was instrumental and a prime energy force in the building and establishment of the Lodge. Those who knew him have many fond and funny memories of Ricci. Ricci was a gentleman and enjoyed good company and good red wine. He had an impish sense of humour woven into his warm personality. It was fun to be in his company.

We will miss Ricci, but will enjoy our memories of him. We greatly appreciate his involvement with the lodge and his achievements in helping build *“the best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley”*.



Ricci Eaton



Wot I did on me holiday

Composition by Phil Franet,
aged 63 & ½

Zip Zap off I go last week to Mount Perisher, NSW for the annual lads' week with the Dad's Army Ski Club.

Some of you might recall similar boy's trips of yore to Mt Hotham, Bass Straight Islands, and Out-back Australia and elsewhere when we were younger and still marginally attractive. Sadly my fellow participants in winter sports have either died, been physically maimed, gone broke or nuts, or some or all of the above.

Hence I jumped at the invitation from NSW to join up with Dad's Army. This is my second year with them and I am, I think, second youngest on team, the two eldest being 82 and one of them only has one leg, so I have an even chance of looking adept at the schuss, vedeln and traverse. We stay at an older style club lodge called ULLR with a lovely young lady called Emma who cooks breakfast and dinner for us, loves that we are abed snoring by 9:00 pm and the fact that moi takes on the cheffing for a night to give her some respite.

Incredible 7 days perfect sunshine followed our arrival just after a huge dump of fresh snow. Our bladders being what they are, we all get up around 6-30 am for the second piss and have been through the s's and breakfasted by 8:00. From here, a stroll to the base lift terminal to retrieve skis and boots from

lockers and have usually posted half a dozen runs on the freshly groomed snow before the mob comes out around 10:00 when we are having coffee. Usually stop again for sandwich and then declare beer o'clock @ 3:00 which involves change of footwear and then stroll home via Bazil's, Jax Bar, The Man From Snowy River Bar, and arrive back at Ullr where a slab or so of Carlton's Finest is chilling beneath a mound of snow on the front deck. No wonder we get to bed early.

Now one of my senior advisors tells me that old blokes over 60 are totally invisible to young ladies. This was proved beyond reasonable doubt on the Thursday, which started out clear and cold but warmed up with strong sun and no wind at all. Midday and eight old blokes are sitting in the mid-station bistro halfway up the mountain, munching a sandwich, and in come three absolutely gorgeous dolly birds around 18 - 20. They are slim, tanned, buff and sparkly and hot.

So hot that as they take the next table, they start unzipping all their outer ski-gear and removing fleecies, vests and woolies with pants zips fully down and jackets flung aside.

Suddenly we are presented with lingering glimpses of tanned flat young stomach down to the top of lacy knickers, then as a T-shirt is lifted the matching lacy under side of a brassiere barely covering a perfect half melon bosom for our excitement. As the three of them get into this with vigor, I would have to say that

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conversation at our table of old fellahs has ceased abruptly. Breathing is quickening and, I hesitate to say, starting to come in short pants.

Eventually, they settle down, zip up and start thinking about lunch.

One of our number sagely observes: "Well, we all seem to be alive all right!".

They did not see us at all. Then some more comments along the lines of: "If only I was 50 years/ 40 years/ a few years/ a fortnight younger."

Beer consumption increased later in the day.

Final day on Saturday saw some clouds arrive and then high winds and heavy rain through the night. As we headed out, the river was rising quickly, lots of snow was running away and rocks, shrubs and small trees were emerging from the previous blanket of deep snow. Did we care?

No! We were headed home and it was spring, time to turn our thoughts to boating and fishing.

Somebody has to do it.



Ziggy – one happy little skier

Charlotte Pass—now a year round resort

The 2007 snow season was the first for new owner Kevin Blyton, whose ambition is to see Charlotte Pass Resort once again become a year-round premiere destination.

As part of the new ownership, a stronger focus has been placed on the summer opportunities provided by the unique location of Charlotte Pass. The proximity of the Resort to Mt. Kosciuszko and Main Range walks, and the setting of the Resort, nestled within the core of Kosciuszko National Park, creates valuable summer tourism opportunities.

Whilst a number of key assets were already in place, there was no time wasted upgrading some of the infrastructure and services. During last summer, restoration of the historic and iconic Kosciuszko Chalet Hotel commenced including a new coat of paint and structural repairs. Additional work included an environmental audit across the Resort – confirming the commitment to ecological sustainability at Charlotte Pass.



The Chalet Hotel
(photo courtesy of
Charlotte Pass Resort)

In collaboration with the NPWS, a walking track will be built from the top of the Kosciuszko Triple Chairlift that stretches from the Charlotte Pass turning circle to Mt Stillwell. The walking track will feature a viewing platform and interpretation panels. Once installed, the walking track will give visitors some of the best panoramic views in the Snowy Mountains. Other planned work includes the sealing of the gravel road around the village, the upgrade of the Resort water supply and an assessment for a number of new lifts.

There is great enthusiasm and vigour for improving the year-round patronage of Charlotte Pass Resort among the Resort Management. The improvement of guest services and visitor experiences in this very special part of Kosciuszko National Park is the primary vision, while maintaining the historical charm and unique environmental setting the Resort has held for many years.

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