

# the Ullr Bullrtin

Ullr Ski Lodge Perisher Valley

## Hello from Robyn and Terry

The autumn chill in the air heralds the end of another long summer, and as the days become cooler we dare to imagine the mountains white with snow...and we're "hooked all over again".

No matter how old you are, or where you are, when snow falls from above it makes you feel like you're 5 years old. You want to make snow angels and build snowmen. There is nothing quite like it, a holiday in the snow...

In 2010 we will be looking after the members and friends of Ullr...and we look forward to meeting all of you and to making your holiday a special time to remember.

All of us know that there's something special about skiing, but it's tough to say exactly what it is. Maybe it's the sun warming our faces on a bluebird day or the soft powder on a snowy afternoon. It could be the yearly family ski trip, or the time spent away from the stresses of our daily routine. Whatever it is, it brings a smile to your face, right?

The message is clear...each day is a gift. Let's make these the best days of our lives. See you when the snow falls!

Robyn and Terry



*Robyn and Terry Collier our new lodge managers for 2010 – a very warm welcome from all the members and guests*



From: Resort Round Up, Issue 30 Summer, NPWS, p.9

## Perisher Consolidated Mountain Lease...(what does it mean?)



The new Perisher Consolidated Mountain Lease (PCML) amalgamates ten existing leases that were the culmination of developmental periods since the 1950s and which had different expiry dates.

Besides cleaning up this administrative 'hodge-podge' of leases, it gives Perisher Blue 40-year tenure over its 1,200 hectare ski field with an option for an additional 20 years. This consequently gives Perisher Blue commercial confidence to invest and expand its resort interests.

In turn, the PCML was a mechanism for Perisher Blue P/L to surrender the Perisher Valley car park lease back to the NSW Government to allow the village centre development to take place.

Another key aspect of the PCML was Perisher Blue's relinquish of cross-country ski interests from the franchise area on the southern side of the Kosciuszko Road. This included the trails, retail and cross-country tuition. A manifestation of this new arrangement was apparent during the 2009 season with K7 Adventures operating from a corner of the Nordic Shelter, and Wilderness Sports operating a shop from a partitioned corner of the NPWS Perisher building. The teaching of cross-country skiing in this area can now be provided by anyone with a NPWS Commercial Tour Operators' Licence.





## Mountain Biking Around the Perisher Range

If you like mountain biking and want to know about more opportunities for riding in Kosciuszko National Park, then get a hold of the new Mountain Bike Trails Guide produced by Perisher Resort.

There are short and easy rides, to the longer but not overly difficult ones in and around the Perisher Resort. You can get a copy at visitor centres from around the Snowy Mountains or download a copy from the Perisher website at: [www.perisher.com.au/winter/holiday\\_planner](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/holiday_planner).



## April Pre-Season Working Bee

The Ullr Ski Lodge pre-season Working Bee has been scheduled for the weekend of 24 to 26 April 2010 (ANZAC weekend). So pencil it in the diary for a great weekend at Ullr Lodge Perisher Valley.

All members, friends, guests and families are invited. The Working Bee is a well-managed and coordinated fun gathering. Accommodation at Ullr Lodge for the Working Bee is at no charge. **Park entry is also free.** All linen/bedding and towels will be provided. You will be responsible for providing your own food and supplies. If you would like to make a long weekend of it; stay for the Friday and/or Monday.

Please email Jonathan Lillis at: [jon@ullrskilodge.com.au](mailto:jon@ullrskilodge.com.au) and let me know who will be coming, and further details will be provided. Thank you.

# The 2010 Winter Season Room Rates



ULLR SKI LODGE

ULLR SKI LODGE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED  
Winter Room Rates for 2010

	June 20 to July 10	July 11 to July 24 per week	July 25 to Sep 05 per week	Sept 06 to Close
Members and Associates	\$75.00	\$735.00	\$840.00	\$75.00
Members First Guest	\$75.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,140.00	\$75.00
Child under 18	\$55.00	\$770.00	N. A	\$55.00
Child under 12	\$45.00	\$595.00	N. A	\$45.00
Guests	\$80.00	\$1,155.00	\$1,295.00	\$80.00

**Notes:**

1. Rates include Breakfast and Dinner with Lunch on request. For further information ask the Booking Office
2. All prices include GST
3. All rates are Sunday to Saturday on a twin share basis
4. Short weeks; split weeks & long week ends, are available from the May 1st on request, conditions & special rates apply
5. For all bookings email Ullr Ski Lodge Booking Office; [bookings@ullrskilodge.com.au](mailto:bookings@ullrskilodge.com.au)
6. Phone: 02 6457 5200 & Fax: 02 6457 5600
7. Children under 2 years are no charge
8. From June 20 to July 10 & Sept 06 to close, minimum 3 day bookings, special conditions apply, confirm when making bookings
9. For summer room rates & enquiries, please contact the Ullr Ski Lodge Booking Office

## Bears (Big Bears – mean – hungry – bad)



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### BEWARE OF BEARS



PLEASE TAKE NOTE YOU ARE IN THE  
SIERRA MOUNTAINS - BEAR COUNTRY.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR DURING YOUR STAY,  
PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- **STAY CALM** AND LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY
- **DO NOT FEED** THE BEARS, OR LEAVE FOOD OUTSIDE
- **NOTIFY** FRONT DESK (DIAL "0") OF THE BEAR'S LOCATION

## Stay “Safe in the Snow” with SnowSafe’s Alpine Responsibility Code Rule Number 5 of 10



**“Observe and obey all signs and warnings.  
Keep off closed trails or run”**

**Know and observe the code: It’s your responsibility, and have great snow fun**

Every year people become lost in the mountains and ski areas of alpine country. To care for people in the snow, all ski resorts maintain skilled Ski Patrols throughout winter months.

Ski patrollers can easily be identified in all resorts by their distinctive uniform with a cross. They are highly trained to deal with injured skiers and boarders, both within the resort and beyond resort boundaries. Patrollers’ open and close trails and runs, and mark hazards. For your safety, as well as that of others, obey the signs that are displayed by the Ski Patrol.

**The main purposes for operating these Ski Patrols are to:**

- Administer First Aid assistance to injured persons on the snow;
- Transfer those requiring further medical attention to resort or other advanced medical care;
- In conjunction with the State police and other emergency services, to search for and rescue skiers/boarders lost in alpine areas;

- Serve the public with other assistance and skiing/boarder information;
- Improve safety standards in alpine resorts, and reduce the accident rate.

**IN EMERGENCY CALL ‘000’ OR THE  
LOCAL SKI PATROL  
(Perisher Ski Patrol 02 6459 4408)**

**‘RESPECT GETS RESPECT’**

**FROM THE LIFT LINE, TO THE SLOPES,  
THROUGH THE PARK AND THE  
RESORT**

*Go Go SnowSafe*

## Who is “ULLR”

**Source:** Encyclopedia Mythical

In old Scandinavian myth, Ull ("glory") is the god of justice and dueling, as well as the patron god of agriculture. He excels in archery and in skiing and lives in his hall Ydalir ("yew dales"). He is regarded as the son of Sif and the stepson of Thor. When the giantess Skadi divorced Njord she married Ull.

### Ullr - The Man, The Myth

**Source:** David McKee, Vancouver, 2000

You know the feeling - you are on your skis working the rhythm, enjoying the speed and suddenly for a few turns, you feel immortal. The feeling is difficult to describe but perhaps you sensed a little inspiration from Ullr; the god of choice among Scandinavians and backcountry snow lovers alike.

Ullr a.k.a. Uller, Ullin, Holler, Vulder, and Ull, is a pre-Viking era Nordic god and he kept fine company with the likes of Odin, Thor, and other esteemed deities. Among his many skills he was the god of skiing, archery, hunting, and was known to be quite promiscuous (which he may have inherited from his mother Sif, the Goddess of Fertility). Sure, Ullr had some neat traits but in our world of plastic boots, cap skis, laser sights, and Viagra, it's easy to dismiss them as the quaint skills of some randy old god. Nevertheless, think back to the days when being noted as a master archer was no slight task.

At the time, Ullr was competing with the likes of Thor, who brandished a hammer capable of shooting lightning bolts in battle (sort of like skiing old Karhu XCD's while



your buddy is on a pair of AK Launchers). Then there was Loki the trickster, who could assume the form of animals to deceive or escape the wrath of the gods. Despite his lack of super natural powers (aside from skiing), Ullr was the name invoked to warrant good luck when undertaking a duel. His name, which means glorious or dazzling, clearly reflects his abilities, and myth has it he once held the seat of the highest god. His character and the legends associated with it are pervasive throughout the historic tales of the Vikings, Goths, Saxons, and ancient Britons. Basically Ullr rules!

In addition to dueling, gods were also known to have a penchant for good times, and Ullr, when he was not out making fresh tracks, was known to flirt with the goddesses on a regular basis. His sexual prowess is legendary and if modern pop culture is any indication, then the goddesses may well have been sporting horns and pointy metal bras - necessitating some smooth talking and delicate moves on Ullr's part (and you

thought the obstacle course on Survivor was tough). As an historical aside: Ullr's sexual prowess seems to support archaeological evidence that polypropylene underwear has not existed until recent times given the effect sweaty polypro has on most folks' amorous inclinations. However, most important to us snow lovers, Ullr is the god of skiing. As the undisputed master of skis, he often used his skill to escape from foes or track down prey in addition to shredding fresh POW. In a sport intimately tied with Scandinavian tradition, it is no wonder that in Norway there are a number of place names that incorporate the name of Ullr.

In the days of Ullr, skis were not entirely what we'd recognize today. In fact, what we

know as skis probably did not evolve until the last century. In the time of the gods, skis were akin to two planks of wood - one wrapped with cord to provide traction. As people were often hunting or at war, a single ski pole was often used, allowing a free hand for a weapon.

It is said that Ullr was such a great skier that he would streak across the sky leaving the brilliant stars as his trails (they obviously had some fine powder days). Though very skilled, Ullr guarded his knowledge closely and refused to show the other gods how to ski. Luckily for us, he let the secret out of the bag and we will all be soon celebrating his glory. Next time you are trying to bash through some wind crust or plunge head first into fresh waist deep powder, be sure to invoke his name and remember - ULLR RULES!



*Days gone past (can I see a "slab" in the photo?)*



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