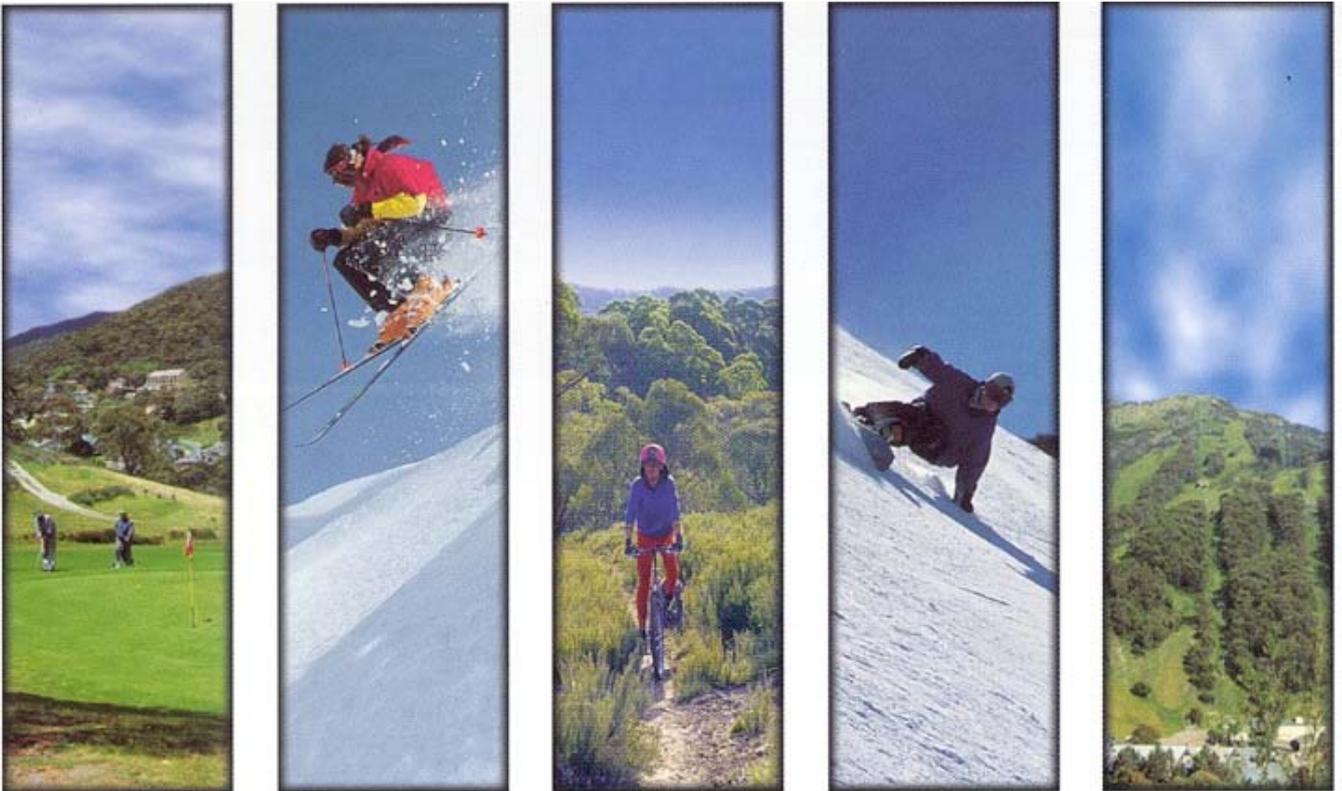


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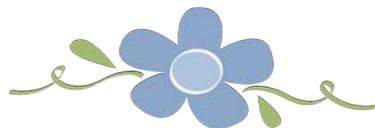
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well I think everyone will agree that the 2008 Winter season was a great success, and for those of us who are cross country skiers, Spring is also turning out to be a great year for snow on the main range, even if it is a slight shade of dusty pink.



Lodge bookings were approximately the same as last year, with the school holiday period fully booked out and the remainder of July and August heavily booked on the weekends but with a broad smattering of rooms available midweek.



Lodge maintenance

After completely refurbishing the water seals on the middle level bathrooms we were much surprised to observe that the water leak re-occurred. Subsequent work by Dennis Burrige and Rob Johnson located the leak to a fatigued union of the main hot water supply pipe and the no.1 shower branch pipe, (where the pipe leaves the floor slab and starts up inside the wall). The copper union showed signs of long term fatigue. This is good news and the pipe has now been repaired and made good.



Refurbishment of the bottom level shower is scheduled for 6 to 16 October. New carpet will then be installed on the middle and bottom levels.

Urgent maintenance was undertaken on the deck during winter as the grandchild of one of our Members almost managed to squeeze between a glass panel on the deck and the deck steel support. The gap has now been closed off to prevent a recurrence.

In these areas I would like to thank Ray Atkin for his tireless work in ensuring the maintenance of the building. Ray's understanding of the technical issues, his excellent relationships with Jindabyne tradespeople, and his enthusiasm has served the Club well. Thanks Ray.

Post Winter working bee - Sat 25

October

A special invitation is made to those who used the Lodge during winter to attend the working bee on Saturday 25 October. The Club is a communal arrangement and this is one way Lodge users can contribute to the upkeep of the Lodge and to join in the camaraderie with other Members. Just book a room on the web site for the working bee weekend and be sure to indicate it is at the free rate. Saturday lunch and dinner are provided by the Club and the Sunday is free time. Working bees are usually great fun and very satisfying.



Mt Kosciuszko Spring walk

Lynne Bentley has kindly initiated a Mt Kosciuszko spring walk for the weekend of 22/23 November for Rascal members and friends. What a wonderful time to join some fellow Rascals in a walk to the summit of our highest mountain. I encourage you all to join Lynne by booking rooms for that weekend. It should be a fun time.



Booking arrangements

Member usage and comment about the online booking and payment system has been excellent. Since the beginning of the year over half of all payments are made by internet banking, and since 1 July over 60

percent of payments are made this way. This goes a long way to reducing our administrative cost overheads.

The booking system, however, by its very nature, enables members to change bookings at the last minute. The Committee is conscious that



this can encourage optimistic bookings to be made where, if someone cannot attend, then that

person is removed from the booking at the last minute. Such optimistic bookings lock up rooms, making them unavailable for others to book, and has negative impacts on the Club's finances. This is an issue that the Committee will consider at its November meeting at the Lodge.

New members

A hearty welcome is offered to our new members: Kaylene and her two



Junior Members: Caitlin McEwen and Nicholas McEwen; Rosemary Dukes; and Christopher and Alexander Matthews, both Junior members under an existing Member, Philip Matthews. Welcome to you all.

All the best for the summer season.

Alan Laird

President

Lost & Found

2007 season 2nd week of August, lost inner liner for glove from Rascal drying room. Somebody has accidentally taken home the wrong glove by mistake. If anyone has this inner and is missing one of their own can we make a swap?

Contact: Kim 0408461434

*Got any thing to report for lost and found let the Office Manager know by emailing: **rascal@rascal.asn.au***



To make a booking

Go to www.rascal.asn.au and select 'Log on' to take you to the Members Main Menu.

Look in the 'My bookings' column and click 'Make a new booking'.

Wait-list bookings

Bookings are automatically wait listed if rooms cannot be found. Later, if rooms are found, say because someone cancels, then the web server will set these rooms aside for you and send you an email notification.

Wait-listed bookings expire three days before the booking's first night.

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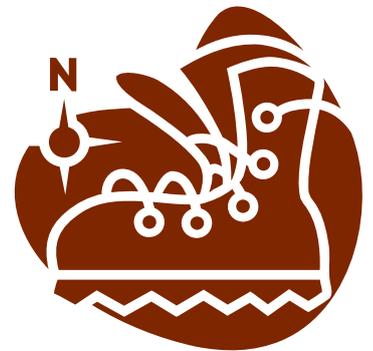
Spring has sprung! Feel like a walk? Why not come up to the Rascal Lodge for the weekend of 22/23 November and join some fellow Rascals in a walk to the summit of our highest mountain?

What's involved?

For those of you who've never done it before, the return walk from the top of the Thredbo chairlift is about 13 kms of easy walking on a raised mesh walkway. It's a bit of a puff up the last 500 metres to the summit, but the views are fab, and the company will be exceptional, of course!

What to bring?

You'll need to bring some comfortable walking shoes or boots, a backpack with some warm gear and a raincoat just in case, water, and your lunch. You need to bring money for park entry (\$27 per car) and for a return ride on the chairlift (\$28 per adult).



The Plan

Presuming the weather is ok, we'll leave the lodge at about 9.30am on Saturday morning and return about 4.30pm. We could dine out or barbecue at the Lodge on Saturday night, and Sunday would be free (although, if anyone was interested, we could organise another activity of some sort.)

So go on – **make a booking**, bring some friends, come up to the Lodge on Friday night or Saturday before 9.30am, and we'll see you there!

(And if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to send me an email.)

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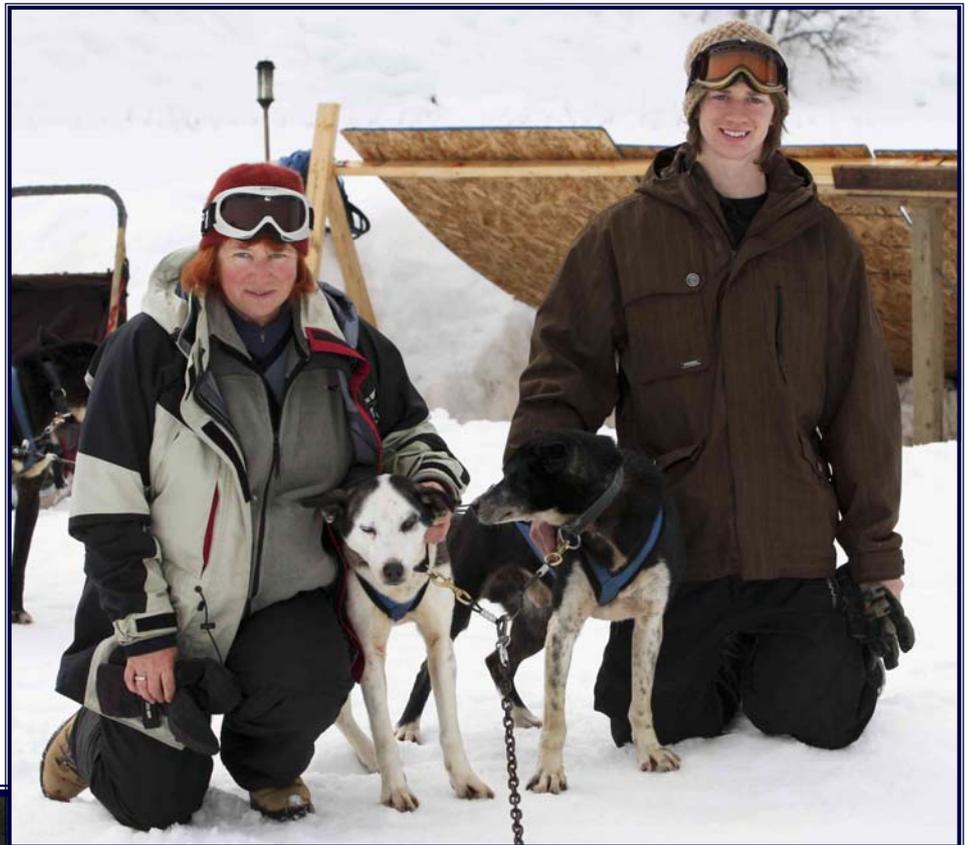
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A 'Snow Day' at Whistler - 2008

You all know that the Skiing a Whistler is great. (Especially in Feb 2008 when we were there). The mountain is huge, beautiful and the runs are excellent. But there are some days when you need a little break. What about a day out with the dogs, at Cougar Mountain, you wont be disappointed.

Just 15 minutes from Whistler! You meet up at the reservation



place in Whistler Village, (a bit hard to find on the map... so ask the Cougar Mountain Staff where it is). Then after all the checking in and filling out waiver forms, you get on a bus and travel up to the staging areas. At the staging area, the sleds, dogs and the guides are waiting. We got introduced to all the dogs by name (yes they all have great names like Vixen, Linagrín, Maahingen, Mister Mo, etc), and everyone had all sorts of questions an-

swered by the guides. It was pretty obvious that the dogs were all happy and excited to do the tour, and eager to be on the trail. (The dogs are all veteran racing dogs and this is their retirement home). The sleds were hitched up, and we headed off on our 2 hour trip on the mountain trail.

Some of the group had guides driving the sleds with 6 or more dogs, and stopped to allow some of the group ride on the back, but some lucky ones got their own sled! See below with Jack taking Vera down the track, with Porsche and Octane out in front and Kayla and Pilot at the back (Picture 2).

Some guests just stayed on the sled, cuddled under a warm blanket and took in the scenery. Afterwards we all got to feed the dogs and have a good pat.

The experience turned out to be a highlight of the Whister adventure and the best “Snow Day” ever.

For those who want to do their own research and find out about the other types of tours on Cougar Mountain see,

<http://www.cougarmountain.ca/>

Jack & Vera Bloxham (Feb 2008)



Many thanks to the Bloxam family for submitting this article.

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