



RASCAL NEWS

Spring/Summer 1994

Newsletter of RASCAL INC

Farewell Winter - Hello Summer

As the last of this winter's snow melts, it might be a good time to think about how you can take advantage of RASCAL Lodge in Spring and Summer.

There's any number of outdoor activities including bushwalking, all manner of watersports, tennis, golf and horse riding for those aspiring to an active weekend and sunbathing and socialising in a beautiful environment for those just wanting to get away from the stresses of modern living.

"... RASCAL summer rates are even lower than winter rates..."

All of Jindabyne's facilities are open year round to cater for your every whim. The outdoor BBQ is scheduled to be rebuilt during this summer's work parties, setting the scene for some wonderful outdoor parties. The Lodge even comes equipped with a row boat to help you get amongst Lake Jindabyne's legendary big trout.

But as Demtel's Tim Shaw says - we know you want more - and here it is - RASCAL summer rates are even **lower** than winter rates - amazing.

From 3 October until 8 June, the following summer rates apply:

Senior member	\$13/day
Junior member	\$ 8/day
Non-member over 18	\$16/day
Non-member under 18	\$12/day

Or why not think about a block booking - get together some friends and/or relatives and have the place exclusively to yourselves for a whole



Best wishes to our winter Lodge managers, Lachlan and Rachel, for their wedding day on 12 November. The good news is that they will be back next year. For more details - see RASCALGATE page 2.

weekend. The only summer weekends excluded from block bookings are those adjacent to an ACT public holiday and those of, between and after Christmas and New Year, which are reserved for general use.

Bookings cost \$320 from 5pm Friday to 5pm Sunday - if you get 20 people, that's just \$8 per night per person - extraordinary value.

Does your RASCAL NEWS have measles?

A red sticker on this page, means (according to our records) that your membership fees for 1994, which were due on 31 March, have not been paid. If our records are wrong, please let us know.

If there are two red stickers on this page, your membership has not been

renewed for two years, and may soon be cancelled.

If the dreaded measles have struck, you may have your membership rights restored by renewing now. Please contact Dianne for details.

Membership renewals for 1995 will fall due on 1 Jan 1995.

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RASCALGATE - George Malecky



Greetings fellow Rascals.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, I am sure that most of you will have had a good season. Whilst the snow has not been of the bumper proportions experienced in '91 and '92, it has been a vast improvement on last year and most important of all - THERE HAS BEEN SNOW.

"... New members are reminded that attendance at a work party within six months of joining is a condition of membership..."

You will have noticed the Lodge has been in good shape for the enjoyment and comfort of all and our thanks go to those Rascals who do such an excellent job at work parties. Let me draw your attention to the two Spring work parties, the dates and other details of which are published on page 4. At the risk of repeating myself, let me say to those Rascals who have not yet attended a work party - **WORK PARTIES ARE FUN!** Not only do you have the opportunity to contribute something to your club and thus your own increased enjoyment this coming Summer and also next Winter season, you have a great opportunity to socialise with your fellow Rascals and to meet and welcome new members. New members are reminded that attendance at a work party within six months of

joining is a condition of membership and a prerequisite for obtaining accommodation bookings. For any details regarding work parties, please contact the booking officer, Dianne Ireland on 06 292 4915.

Have you noticed the new black leather lounge suite? By now, all who have stayed at the Lodge this Winter will have had the opportunity to luxuriate in the opulent surrounds of the new lounge. I am sure you will agree that the seating is much more spacious and comfortable; our thanks go to Michelle who organised it.

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After many years together, Rachel and Lachlan have decided to make the step and are getting married in November this year.

Those of us who have had a happy

association with them for some years have only wondered when they would tie the knot, rather than if they would.

I am certain that I speak on behalf of all committee members and all Rascals when I say that we wish them a long and happy life together. It seems that at some stage, the slopes will echo to the swish of little skis, but before anyone jumps to any conclusions, this is a way off yet.

After learning of their wedding plans, I asked Rachel and Lachlan what their working plans for the future were and I am pleased to say that they intend to return as Managers for the Rascal Lodge in Winter 1995. We will welcome their return - not only have they managed the Lodge well and in a friendly manner, they have over the years become members of the Rascal family

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL AND LACHLAN - ALL RASCALS WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY AND A LONG AND LOVING LIFE TOGETHER.

George Malecky

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Welcome to the following new members

- Gary Finmore & Sandra Stops
- Christine Laughler, Iain and Fiona
- Valeri Hallin & children
- Nina & Graham Johnston, Jemma & Jas
- Doug Capp
- Jiun Meng Chung, and
- Bruno and Hedy Zimmerman & children.

Welcome to you all and happy skiing.

Rascal members are a pretty helpful bunch so don't hesitate to ask members at the Lodge for information and advice. And don't forget that the Committee is there to hear your gripes, receive your praise and consider your suggestions.

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The Claw's Lash - Monty Fox



s there anybody out there?

I suppose it can be said that if the members don't complain you are doing an OK job. And the Committee are doing better than an OK job. But

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these people do this because they stepped up to fill a gap.

The 'gap' for individuals who serve as President often becomes a 'trap', escape from which can cause unnecessary angst for the President and Committee colleagues. I wonder if RASCAL would be better served by the creation of a Committee position of Immediate Past President, which can only be occupied by the person who was President "last year".

There could also be a Constitutional provision that a person is not permitted to occupy the position of President for more than three consecutive years.

These two additions to our Constitution would ensure that a person could not be caught as President. From the Club's perspective, it would not be dominated by one person for many years. Members' apathy (if any) could not become deeply rooted because of the

rotation of bodies such as President, let alone the rotation of Robson.

In the past, some of our Presidents have not remained on the Committee after vacating the position. This deprives the new Committee (and new President) of the array and depth of experience in past and current club matters held by the departed President. I suggest that we cannot afford to waste our Presidents in this way. Let's establish automatic option of one year tenure for every 'departing' President. This will allow a President's experience to benefit the club and new President in a situation of consultancy without the weight of Presidential responsibility. So much for the heavy stuff!!!

The Committee is presently working

through the annual reminders to members who are two years overdue in membership fees. AND memberships are now available. Phone Dianne for details of how you can nominate a friend for membership.

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Mt Kosciusko from the RASCAL Lodge balcony (we wish).

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The drought affects RASCAL Lodge



he drought affects RASCAL too! - and you can help.

As many members know, Committees of recent years have struggled to deal effectively with the seepage of water through the front wall besser blocks. This seepage results in patches of dampness under the bottom of the stairs, in the lower corridor wall, and in the recreation room.

Don't think the Committee's done nothing but talk about it. In seeking to solve the problem without a major injection of funds, the Committee sought professional advice in the vein of 'let's first look for the most likely cause, treat it in the most cost effective way, wait for rain and see what happens.' Repairs have been undertaken with cost-effectiveness in mind.

Because I know him quite well, I can assure Rascals that during the last big

downpour at Jindabyne a member deliberately spent a long time in the rain observing water flow in the carpark, drains, roof and walls when he was at the Lodge. I guess he didn't have much else to do but look at the rain. Sorry, Greg, couldn't resist (not).

There hasn't been much rain in past months, so the Committee are not yet sure of the effect of the most recent repair work to redirect water and protect the wall at the Lodge.

If you are at the Lodge during heavy rain, or in the days following such rain, please observe the water flow, look inside the lodge, touch the lower level walls, identify if anything which shouldn't be wet, is wet, and take photos for the Committee (if possible). Your alertness will help all Rascals.

Contact Dianne to report your observations. She will have a Committee member contact you. Thanks.

Workparty report - Chris Acker

With ten busy beavers and one little beaverette reporting for duty early on Saturday morning, and the sun shining brightly, the weekend turned out to be both very productive and very enjoyable.

The Lodge was scrubbed from top to bottom; all fly-screens were cleaned; all windows were cleaned inside and out; mattress covers were washed and dried, and the laundry/foyer received six coats of polish (the last at 6.30am on Sunday morning!)

A second dining table and ten chairs were taken to the lodge from Canberra and set up. We certainly have enough chairs now!! The dining room lights were relocated above the tables to suit the new arrangements. The lights can easily be moved again if seating arrangements are changed for summer.

Many other tasks, big and small were tackled.

They included:

- * Fitting security covers to the two emergency exit doors.
- * Pruning the Apricot tree.
- * Relocating the small fridge to accommodate the new dining table arrangement.
- * Relocating the shelf from above the toasters to above the telephone.
- * Measuring windows for curtains and reflective film (for summer sun protection).
- * Eradication of briar roses in front garden.
- * Taking a trailer load of rubbish to the tip
- * Rewiring the stove.

Note: Chris's report was longer than this; it was largely unashamed praise for the people who worked so hard. On behalf of Chris and all RASCALS thank you for your efforts and time in a true club activity. Co-editor Renard.

Summer Workparties 5/6 Nov & 3/4 Dec - Volunteers Wanted -

Volunteers are wanted for the two summer work parties for 1994, on the above dates.

The party on 5-6 November will be led by Margaret Sharpe.

Nominations to lead the party on 3-4 December close on 18 Nov 1994.

Main activities will be general cleaning and gardening. A major project to redevelop the outdoor entertaining area (see further details this page) will also be undertaken. This will involve demolition of the existing decrepit BBQ/incinerator and construction of a brand new towering inferno.

Anyone with reasonable bricklaying skills would be particularly welcome.

The Club asks you for six hours work, preferably on Saturday between 9 and 5. Take your own basic gardening equipment and gloves. Wheel-barrows and other big things are at the lodge.

In return, the Club gives you (and your children):

- * free accommodation Friday and Saturday night
- * Saturday evening's BBQ dinner
- * \$40 for taking your vehicle to the lodge
- * a free night's accommodation any time in the next year.

Unless you're an early riser on

Saturday and don't mind two hours on the road before a day's work, it's a good idea to sleep Friday night at the lodge so you can comfortably be ready to start on Saturday at 9am.

If you can't make it by 9am Saturday, you must contact the leader beforehand. You are asked to do this because the leader plans the workload around the people present on Saturday morning, and those known to be arriving later.

Garden Design Competition

The two summer work parties will start the process of redeveloping the outdoor eating area near the BBQ.

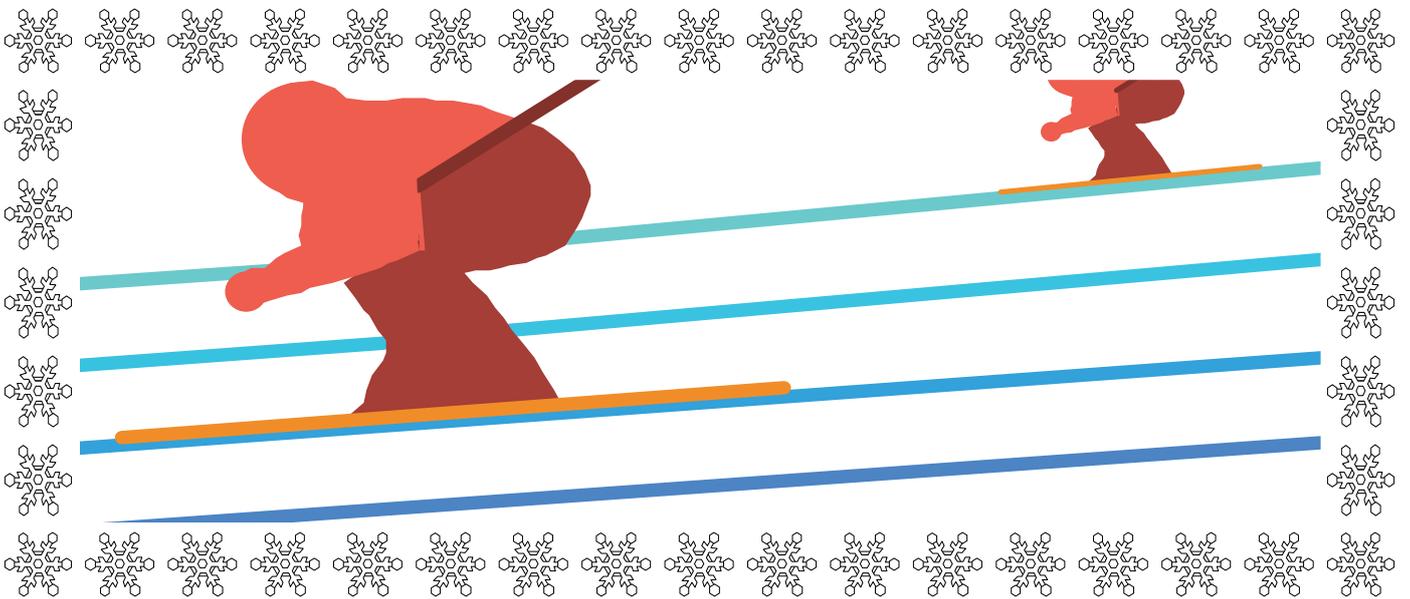
Most Rascals who have been on a work party will know the area - it's the usual gathering place for the Saturday night BBQ. For those that don't know it, it's on the left hand side of the Lodge, looking downhill.

The Committee is looking for creating suggestions and design ideas for the new BBQ/Incinerator and for landscaping the adjacent entertaining and garden areas. Got any ideas????

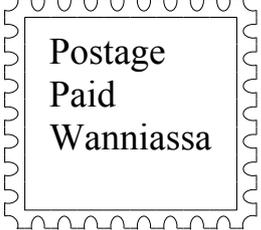
THERE ARE PRIZES TO BE WON

What prizes? - well, we're not sure yet, - it will depend on the quality of suggestions received, but heh - you trust us don't you?

So let us have your suggestions even if only on the back of an envelope, table napkin or whatever. Drawn to scale blueprints would be even better but we won't be sitting on our hands waiting for those to come in. Rod Roberts will be coordinating the adjudication process - contact him via PO Box 99 Wanniasa, 2903.



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