



RASCAL NEWS

Christmas 1994

Newsletter of RASCAL INC

The Committee of RASCAL wishes all members a very joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year

In this issue: a stocking full of Christmas presents to make your Lodge visits in 1995 much more enjoyable, plus:



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- * Member survey - a lucky respondent will win free accommodation
- * 1995 calendar/rates reminder for your noticeboard
- * Membership application and renewal forms



**Please note our new booking/inquiry number:
(06) 285 4214**

The Claw's Lash - Monty Fox



A heap of things to let you know, so I'll dive right in.

The Committee is concerned at a decline in membership and Lodge usage and has spent considerable energy analysing accommodation statistics and constructing financial models of the club's performance. At a special meeting in December that went on three times longer than normal, the Committee decided to introduce a number of initiatives to revitalise the club.

Accommodation tariffs have been reduced in order to make RASCAL a more financially attractive venue for your mountain country sojourns.

The Committee also considered it desirable to give those members who had not used the Lodge for some time, an incentive to see the improvements that have been made there and to re-establish their connection with the Lodge. Accordingly, all members, including Juniors, will be given 2 nights free accommodation **IF** they pay their 1995 membership dues before 1 February 1995. This free accommodation is not transferable and may be taken at any time up to 1 February 1996 except on "Winter Weekends".

We have also changed some important procedures: Members can now have bookings confirmed by phone, and can now confirm bookings for

themselves **AND THEIR GUESTS** well in advance. However, the restrictions on the number of non-members that can accompany a member to the Lodge still apply. Note that under the new arrangements, full payment for a booking, together with a completed booking form (copy enclosed with this newsletter), must be received within five working days of the booking being made, or the booking will lapse. If a booking is made within 5 working days of the required date, a cheque and booking form must be dropped off when collecting the Lodge keys.

In order to allow members to take advantage of the new fee structure in summer, the Committee has decided not to accept block bookings during the peak summer months of December, January and February. With the exception of block bookings already confirmed, block bookings will now be accepted only in March, April, May and November.

The tariff reductions; the new, easier to follow "Winter Weekend" and "Rest of the Year" tariff structure; nightly rates set in multiples of \$5 for easy cost calculation; the introduction of a Weekly Super Saver for eight months of the year and the lifting of restrictions on non-member bookings are all designed to make RASCAL a more competitive, vibrant and dynamic club. Whether these changes achieve their desired objective now depends on you the members.

Make a booking today because your pocket and your heart will both feel better.

The Annual Membership fee is now \$45, reflecting increased maintenance costs, and that RASCAL **IS** a club. I am proud to belong to RASCAL. I enjoy going to a work party now and then. I have a feeling of belonging, which is strengthened every time I

nose the car down RASCAL's precipitous driveway. And I like that feeling. And I look forward to meeting other members there. And I don't mind one little bit paying \$45 a year to keep my RASCAL membership.

Finally, a significant part of the Committee's strategy to improve RASCAL's financial position through increasing membership and Lodge usage is to ask a lot of things about you and the club. As part of this we have enclosed a member survey that asks you for information that we would find very useful in further developing the club. Your reply can be anonymous - if you are not comfortable with putting things in writing but have something to say, phone Mike Vale (241 2351) or me (288 3153). If you have any suggestions or comments about items not specifically covered by the survey, feel free to tell us.

Because the Committee really wants to know what you want, there is an incentive of a chance to win 3 free nights at the Lodge for all members covered by your membership renewal, provided the completed survey is sent with your subscription renewal by 1 February 1995. This is in addition to the 2 free nights for every member who pays 1995 fees by 1 February 1995. Please respond to this survey. The Committee needs your views.

A Merry Christmas to all RASCALS. I wish you a safe and peaceful 1995, and a new view of RASCAL in your life.

Monty Fox
Vice President

Subscription Renewal Notice - 1995

Yes folks, its that time of year when every mail delivery seems to bring another letter asking you to part with some more of your hard earned money. This time it's RASCAL Committee with the news that 1995 subscriptions are due and payable now, at the rates set out in the table at right.

But look at the Christmas presents you will get if you renew:



- ✓ All members (seniors and juniors) will be entitled to 2 (that's right - two) nights free accommodation to be taken anytime **except** winter weekends up to 1 February 1996. To qualify, you **must** renew your

membership by 1 February 1995.

- ✓ All members who fill in the member survey enclosed with this newsletter, and return it with their renewal by 1 February 1995, will go into a draw for 3 nights accommodation for all members covered by their renewal. Accommodation must be taken by 1 February 1996. To be drawn at the AGM.
- ✓ The Committee has also 1) totally overhauled Lodge accommodation tariffs to reduce the previous three-rate structure to two, and 2) reduced significantly the costs of accommodation for members and their guests. The savings are up to 38%. The introduction of a special weekly rate from October through May offers huge savings.
- ✓ The Committee has also streamlined procedures for confirming bookings for members and their guests. All that may now be needed to book is a single phone call.

See Monty Fox's "Claw's Lash"

column on page 2 for further details.

Subscription Rates - 1995

Senior Member	- \$ 45.00
1st Junior Member	- \$ 22.50
2nd Junior Member	- \$ 11.25
3rd Junior and more	- \$ 4.50

The following may assist you to work out the total amount of your subscription due:

1 Senior	- \$ 45.00
1 Senior + 1 Junior	- \$ 67.50
1 Senior + 2 Juniors	- \$ 78.75
1 Senior + 3 Juniors	- \$ 83.25
1 Senior + 4 Juniors	- \$ 87.75
2 Seniors	- \$ 90.00
2 Seniors + 1 Junior	- \$ 112.50
2 Seniors + 2 Juniors	- \$ 123.75
2 Seniors + 3 Juniors	- \$ 128.25
2 Seniors + 4 Juniors	- \$ 132.75

To renew your subscription, simply fill in the membership renewal form enclosed with this newsletter and return with your cheque to PO Box 99 Wanniasa ACT 2903.

REMEMBER - RENEW BY 1 FEB AND GET 2 NIGHTS FREE

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of RASCAL Inc will be held on Thursday, 30 March 1995, at 8.00 PM.

The Venue will be the Woden Valley Hospital Auditorium which is off the foyer of the main building. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please note that:

Only financial members may vote, but subscriptions may be renewed on the night.

Only senior members may vote and there is no provision for proxy voting.

Any Member may propose amendments to the Constitution by written notice of motion to the Secretary 42 clear days before the meeting. (No motions have been received to date).

Items of general business may be raised from the floor on the night. Nominations for Committee positions must be proposed and seconded and

may be put in writing or made from the floor on the night. Elections will be held for the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Officer
- 5 members

We look forward to seeing you there.

Does your RASCAL NEWS have measles?

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

If there are two coloured spots on this

page, your membership has not been renewed for two years, and will soon be cancelled.

If the dreaded measles have struck, you may restore your membership rights by renewing on the enclosed form and paying past dues.

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Welcome to the following New Member(s)

- Bob Hain

Welcome and happy skiing. Please make yourself known as a new member to others using the Lodge - they're a very helpful bunch.

Look what's inside your RASCAL Christmas stocking:

- ✓ **2 nights free accommodation for all members who renew by 1 February 1995**
- ✓ **SUPER accommodation tariff reductions for all Lodge users in 1995 - as much as 38% off the 1994 rate**
- ✓ **GREAT deals for weekly stays, October through May inclusive**
- ✓ **Simplified tariffs - makes it easier to work out the cost of your stay**

Streamlined procedures and instant confirmation of accommodation

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