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Committee changes for

2004/05

- Richard Emerton back as president
- Mike Law - Smith will assist Rod Roberts manage the lodge.
- Welcome to new committee member Jack Cornell



Jack Cornell is the newest member of the Committee, but has been on the Rascal committee a number of times in the past (since joining the Club in 1997). Jack argues that the best way to enjoy a Club is to actively participate in its operations and says it's a sure way to meet a load great

people - both through Committee work and the occasional work party.

A keen snowboarder (despite his age), Jack argues that snowboarding is kinder (less demanding) on his old body. As his sons: Mick, Kej and Adam snowboard as well, it also makes for a great day on the snow. Jack's wife, Angela, argues that learning to snowboard ten years ago was the best thing Jack ever did - it took a lot of the stuffing out of him (as an expert skier) when he went back to being a raw beginner again as a snowboarder. Also she says snowboarders are easier to ride the T-bars with as their boards naturally ride a distance from her skis. At one stage, Jack was considered the oldest snowboarder in Perisher Blue (a status he no longer enjoys as snowboarding has become a mainstream snow sport).

Having recently returned from five years in Brisbane and Darwin, Jack and Angela are presently renovating their house in Evatt - Jack calls this his "semi-retirement". Both intend to suspend "house-work" to make up, this winter, for the five years of "lost" winters when they lived up north (where there is apparently NOT a lot of snow most winters) and intend to spend a lot of this winter on the slopes.

Incoming President's message

Hi everyone - it's good to be back in the President's chair again for a second term following my earlier stint which ended in 2000.

For the last three years, Ian McNeill and the committees have looked after the welfare of Rascal - congratulations on a job well done Ian and to those other members who have helped during this time.

Working with your new committee I plan to continue the good work and to help keep Rascal a family-friendly club, maintaining the lodge as a comfortable and affordable place to stay in the mountains, in keeping with the messages from members in response to the survey we conducted at the end of 2001.

The new committee wants to explore some options at the lodge, for example improving the bedrooms and increasing the number of car parking spaces. Funding for such changes would preferably come from an accumulation of reserves and not require imposts on members.

As a result of the discussion about the motions that were considered at the AGM to modify the Constitution, the committee needs to consider options for the cost effective handling of bookings, expenditures, receipts, etc that aren't labour intensive, but at the same time satisfy necessary governance requirements.

Thanks to all of you who attended the AGM - it was another successful gathering and I can recommend it to others for next year. We also welcome Jack Cornell back to the committee along with all of last year's members, and Mike Law-Smith who was co-opted on to the committee, assisting Rod Roberts with lodge maintenance. I look forward to working with you all.

Also a welcome to new members who have joined Rascal. I hope you get lots of enjoyment from your membership. As I write this message on the first weekend in May it seems that winter has arrived with snow falling in the mountains. Lodge bookings are also very heavy, so it's fingers crossed that we all get a good ski season.

When you are staying at the lodge, don't forget that you have responsibilities for its upkeep - it's not a hotel! We will have professional cleaning weekly, and appoint a lodge captain from one of the members who's staying there, but you need to do your bit (and also don't forget working bees - there's one coming up in May, so we would love to see you there).

We welcome your feedback and suggestions, so contact me, a committee member or Jennifer if you need to. Enjoy 2004.

Richard Emerton
President

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HIKE de FEMME 2005 - early reminder!

Rascal Femmes and Friends

Judy Roberts and I would like to invite interested Rascal Femmes and friends to start "fitness programs" for the 2005 Hike de Femme.

Following feedback from disappointed people who wanted to come in 2004 but who also wanted to spend the Canberra weekend with families, we have made a temporary arrangement to pencil in the 2005 Hike de Femme for 6/7 March ... we understand that the Canberra weekend will follow this and 6/7 March is close enough to International Women's Day. If anyone knows of any other local event on this selected weekend which may prevent people from coming, please let us know.

We would be interested in hearing suggestions for the weekend planned ... one idea was to invite an interested masseur for a free weekend of accommodation ... another was to ask someone to talk about some area of interest, perhaps before/after dinner on the Saturday night. Of course, our weekends up to this year have been enjoyed anyway in the relaxed format which has evolved, so maybe everyone would just like to leave the casual arrangements as they now stand. We look forward to seeing you all there and remember that all levels of fitness are welcome.

Further information / enquiries to Colleen Fox on 6288 3153

Lodge working bee of 22/23 May

The pre season working bee on the weekend of 22/23 May is crucial to the success of the winter season. A variety of maintenance tasks will be tackled, including garden and cleaning.

Rascal members and friends are invited to attend. Free accommodation is provided for workers on Friday and Saturday night, as is lunch on Saturday and a BBQ dinner on Saturday night. Work is usually undertaken on Saturday only, with Sunday free for private interests like walking, sunbathing on the deck etc.

Contact Mike Law- Smith 0262572278 for more details or just book with our Office Manager, Jennifer Bryden.

PERISHER BLUE UPDATES

TOP TO BOTTOM SNOWMAKING ON THE RIDGE

2004 sees an expansion of snow making system to include the terrain on the Ridge now ensuring it will open earlier than usual. Expert skiers and boarders will also benefit with the lengthening of time that Excelerator will remain open.

SUPER PIPE

Perisher Blue's first ever Super Half Pipe will be operational for the 2004 season. The Super Pipe will have walls 4.5 metres high with a transition radius of about 5.2 metres. This is a much bigger transition area, making it a safer landing platform for everyday skier and boarder use and allows experts the opportunity to generate more speed to launch huge manoeuvres off the lip and above the pipe. As a result, the Super Pipe will enable a higher level of experience for everyone and allow competitions to be of international standard in a safer environment.

INCREASING TERRAIN PARKS - to encourage kids

A Kids Mini Terrain Park is proposed for the Happy Valley area. Mini jumps and berms will allow kids the chance to advance their air skills and tricks and also develop their skills on the shorter, lower to the ground rails with the full feeling and balance required to rail slide without being intimidated by the sight of technically challenging adult versions.

SNOW DECK RIDING - new Park for new snow riding

Opening on selected days and purpose built especially for the newest form of snow riding - snow decks will be constructed on Perisher Blue's Front Valley. Just like a skate board or a mini snow board without bindings each deck is fitted with a leash to ensure no boards get away from their riders. The dedicated park will allow enthusiasts to perform their tricks in a closed safe environment.

THREDBO UPDATES

The funboxes for the new parks have arrived in Thredbo.

With the new school free-styling skyrocketing in popularity, Thredbo has taken an all mountain approach with a stack of new features for all levels - Berms, banks, rollers, half pipe, snow cross, slope style, fun boxes.

There's a new home for the half pipe, a stack of fun boxes, table tops and a heap of rails. On Central Spur there will be a slope style course and on the lower Supertrail

the Ridercross course.

For the littlies, Wombat World, on the Friday Flat beginner area has a variety of woopy do's, carving cones, rollers, rails, fun boxes and tunnels.

For those just getting the gist of learning how to use park features there is a special park in the Cruiser Area. It's full of first timer features - the double rail, try the beginner table-top and fun box or manoeuvre the rollers.

The new N-Gage Park with the highlights being a multi rail combo for the more technical riding and some great advanced fun boxes.

Other highlights to look out for:

- The Ridercross course - this is found on Hump Run half way down the Supertrail and it's a great way to sharpen those all mountain free riding skills.
- The Slope Style course is a first for Thredbo and as the new snow falls new lines will form.
- Half Pipe - with the new location at the top of High Noon, better and easier access is assured. With a Pipe Magician and five new snow guns dedicated to this area there should be plenty of great riding to be had in the pipe this season.

BUY, SELL AND EXCHANGE

ski sales

- Snowsports ACT ski sale 15 May. ACT Ski Assocn annual ski sale at the Kingston Bus Depot markets. Email or ring Sarah at snowsports 62475849 info@snowsportsact.com.au
- Inski midnight 20% off sale soon.
- Jindabyne has a ski sale Sat morning of the June long WE in the hall at the old Jindabyne shops.
- Cooma High has their sale on the following WE in the school hall
- Skis for sale - Karhu ex renters, good condition, freshly stone ground, back country bindings, > 175cm, suit beginner, \$50.00. Ray 6242 9724.

Car for sale

Toyota Landcruiser, FJ60 1983 wagon

- Dual fuel, roofrack, bullbar, towbar and diff lock for sale.
- 300,000km and in good condition.
- LPG Tank has had the 10 year inspection. Spare set of wheels and tyres included.
- Used for transport from Canberra to the snow - not used off road.
- Does the return trip to the snow for under \$50-00 and cruises on 110kph.
- Free wheel chains included but you'd never need them.

Ring Richard Gallimore on 0427 283 908 or vagabondskier@hotmail.com

WHATS ON IN THE SNOWY

KNP Essential services?

http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/PDFs/kosciuszko_toilets_draft_plan.pdf

Craig Midson

New Brindabella Ski Club Opening

Congratulations to Brindabella Ski Club (and BSC President, RASCAL member Richard Gallimore) on the opening of their new lodge in Thredbo on 5 June. BSC's Carinya lodge was lost in the landslide in 1997 and it has taken this long to get a settlement out of NSW Government. According to Richard, they didn't get everything they wanted, but it was enough to build a new lodge, with the opportunity for the club to start move forward from a very tragic episode.

SNOWYfest: International Film Festival

From Friday, 18 June 2004 to Saturday, 19 June 2004

The inaugural SNOWYfest International Film Festival will be held on 18-19 June 2004, with the generous support of Tourism Thredbo and the Thredbo Alpine Hotel.

In 2004, three screenings will be held over two days in the Kosi Room of the Alpine Hotel. SNOWYfest presents guests with the opportunity to ski during the day and enjoy a fantastic variety of short films from around Australia and the world well into the night!

The screening on Friday 18 June will showcase the finalists of the Thredbo-Snowy River region Best Film. \$500 cash will be awarded to the winner of this category. Two screenings on Saturday 19 June will showcase the finalists of the SNOWYfest RASCAL Autumn newsletter May 2004 7

open competition, open to entries from around Australia and overseas. \$2,500 will be awarded for Best Film and \$500 for the Runner-Up.

Audience prizes will be given away at each screening.

Entry forms for potential filmmakers are available at www.snowyfest.com

THREDBO OPENING WEEKEND JUNE 11th - 13th

THREDBO ALPINE HOTEL - Friday

Keller Bar:

DJ MAX from 10pm till late....

SATURDAY JUNE 12th

STREET ENTERTAINMENT GALORE! - Saturday

Groove Alliance, Bendy Em & Explosive Minds will 'blow your mind' with their antics!

Performances throughout the village

Thredbo's famous

FLARE RUN AND FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA!!! - Saturday

6.00pm See it from all over the Village!! (conditions permitting)

MOUNTAIN BIKING! - Saturday

Hire a bike or bring your own... Guided tours to Tom Groggin.

Fantastic scenic mountain rides, available all weekend

(conditions permitting).

Phone 6457 6234

Thredbo Alpine Hotel presents

MENTAL AS ANYTHING - Saturday

Dance the night away to some of Australia's greatest rock classics.

Kosciuszko Room ~ dinner and show ~ THREDBO ALPINE HOTEL

BLESSING OF THE SNOW - Sunday

With Father Peter Miller

Thredbo Ecumenical Chapel ~ 2pm

THREDBO ALPINE HOTEL

Lounge Bar: Venus from 9.30pm

Schuss Bar: Dion Jones & the Filth from 10pm!

THREDBO EVENTS

Christmas in the Snow

22nd - 25th June 2004

Santa comes to THREDBO with all the trimmings.

The Keller Comedy Club

Every Monday in July & August 2004

A series of Australia's best stand-up comedians
designed to induce sidesplitting laughs.

PERISHER EVENTS

June 19-20 - BURTON DEMO DAYS - Come check out and test drive
Burton's fabulous new range of snowboards and equipment

July 22 - THE FOOTY SHOW - The Footy Show returns on July 22 for
the fourth straight year. Fatty and the boys ham it up on snow and in Jax
Nightclub at Perisher, once again getting up to their hilarious antics and
performing stunts that only these footballers would dare.

JULY 24 - SNOW RUGBY - For the third year in succession watch
Wallaby & League legends battle it out in a full contact match on-snow.

JULY 30 - AUG 2 COCA COLAa WILD WINTER WEEKEND All the
legendary thrills and spills of the Dash, Jump, Leap, Shred and Tubes will
be a giant spectacle for all to see and those crazy enough to compete in ...
Definitely the wackiest, wildest weekend all winter, don't miss it.

Agenda Items for Committee meetings

Committee meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesdays for 2004. Please get
your agenda items to John Kennard.

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