

Hello 1992

This is the first newsletter for 1992. We normally have 3 issues each year, in April, August, and November. The first issue is aimed at whetting your appetite for the coming snow season, the second at telling you how we are going, and the third how we went. So get ready to get whetted!!!

This issue includes letters that have been received from members or their families which will be of interest to many members and I would appreciate receiving many more letters for inclusion in future issues. As ours is a club where most members know each other and meet socially from time to time, please feel free to use this newsletter as a means of letting your many friends in the club know of any of your activities such as overseas trips, interesting Australian holidays, getting married, having babies etc. I'm sure we would all be interested to hear if Judy Gracie had become a blonde, or John Dengate's wife Shauna was pregnant, or wasn't pregnant for that matter, etc. So, the next time something interesting happens, send me a letter right away.....PLEASE.

Enough of this rambling, on with the news.

The Fastest Fall on Earth.

In our newsletter last November I advised that Dave Nell's son Cameron had been selected by the NSW Sport & Recreation Group to attend a training camp in Colorado USA for downhill skiing from 30/11/91 to 31/12/91. We asked Cameron to give us a report on his trip and his letter follows.

When I was 10, I first sent away a form to go in a 1 week preselection squad. I got the form from the sport teacher at school and the NSW Dept. of Sport & Recreation got 100's of nominations from all over the State. From these nominations they pick 40 downhill and 40 cross country skiers for the first week of school holidays and the same for the second week of July holidays. From that they picked 3 squads (20 downhill, 20 cross country),

- (1) 3 weeks in August school time.
- (2) 2 weeks in Aug/Sept.
- (3) 1 week in Oct.

I got picked for a further intensive training squad for (3).

The next year when I was 11 I got picked for (3) again and the following year too. In 1991 when I was 13 I got picked for (2).

The NSW S & R picked a squad from (1) & (2) to represent overseas in America at Crested Butte at the end of 1991, for 4 weeks.

Over in America before breakfast we jogged around the village, had breakfast and then went out skiing for 9.00. We ate lunch on the slopes and came back for 4.00. We changed and went to a gym for weights and swimming. We had tea about 6.30 and bed by 8.30. We rested on Sundays but had intensive training, practice and racing the other days.

We had a terrific time and on one day were driven up the mountain and skied down in powder snow that was waist deep.

Apart from the intensive training we were all put on strict diets, high carbohydrate and no

sugar. The camp was tough but I had lots of fun and learnt a lot as well.

I would like to thank the club for donating the prize for the raffle and for the support of all the members who sold/bought tickets and chocolates.

Cameron Nell.

Ed. Thanks for the report Cameron, it was excellent and made very interesting reading. We will all look forward to your reports of your progress in future years.

AGM Social

We have three main events each year where our members meet. The year end Ball, the Annual General Meeting, and the pre-season barbecue. They are all good social get togethers and this year's AGM was no exception. About 50 people attended.

The formal meeting lasted about 30 minutes during which President Mike spoke about the proposals for a head lessee to take control at Perisher and how the NSW Ski Assn had not supported club needs leading to the formation of a sub-group "SLOPES" which did put a huge effort into ensuring club needs were highlighted. He praised Keith Chapman's efforts as our rep on SLOPES. He also advised that the debenture value for 1992 had been retained at \$9500, the same as 1991.

Treasurer John outlined how the excellent season last year resulted in our receiving heavy bookings of \$17k above budget income, and an increase in funds. A tight control was maintained on costs. The club is in a sound financial position with no debts and \$160k liquid assets.

Captain Peter suggested improvements for 1992 should include improvements to the workshop and racing waxes etc., better communication with juniors, and strong encouragement for a women's team for the Perisher Plate - so come on ladies, give Peter a phone call and arrange to enter a race - you don't have to be a world beater, just a reasonable skier, and you will have a lot of fun....unless of course our women aren't as good as our men....Hmmmmm?? Boy, do I stick my neck out for the club?

In General Business Peter Costigan asked if any action was taken to become involved in another lodge. John Henry advised that the uncertainty of the effects of a head lessee and the effort required to fight the issue had resulted in a hold on investigations.

After about half an hour the formal meeting was closed and the real business of the AGM commenced, like giving our bookings to John Dengate, our drinks orders to Kevin Burke, and meeting friends over a few light ales.... this took some hours.

Now for the important info you should stick on the side of your fridge for future reference.... your Committee for 1992 is:

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Please note that the booking officer phone number is connected to an answering machine. All communications re bookings (phone, fax, or mail), should be addressed to "Lysaght Alpine Club Booking Officer" and not to "John Dengate" as John may be away from time to time and mail addressed to the booking officer will go straight to the person handling bookings at that time whereas mail addressed to John Dengate may go into a tray awaiting his return, (this includes notes from the answering machine).

A very special welcome to Maree and Ted, your new members on committee. Warwick Kelly retired from the committee after many years in your service holding many positions including a major role in the building committee for our new lodge and as secretary for some years. Warwick has moved to a new job with Kelloggs in Sydney and is going to try to arrange for a supply of "special 05%" Corn Flakes to the lodge. Good luck in the new job Warwick. President Mike awarded the President's Trophy to be held by Warwick this year for his outstanding service to the club.

Peter McCulloch retains his position as club captain but may not serve on the Committee as only one member of any family may have a seat on the committee, and he was pushed off the bench by his mum. The rest of the committee is watching her closely, and being very careful.

Peter's address is

617924

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Simon Smart in Bangers Galore

Simon said to me the other day "what would you like to do most on the weekend before the ski season starts?" Of course I said "discuss the coming season with my friends in our ski club at the pre-season barbecue."

I SAID	HE SAID
When	6.30 pm Friday 30th May
Where	ORB--Lysaght Function Room
Cost	Adults \$6.00 Children \$3.00
What	Meat salads desserts coffee
Drinks	Available at low charge.

Members, their friends and families are all welcome and a booking form is enclosed (not to help you but to help Simon know how many are coming) which you should not put away somewhere but fill it in right NOW. Don't think about it, do it NOW. Remember the efficient business systems all say you should only read anything once, make your decision, and act immediately before moving on to the next item. Soooooo..... don't read the next paragraph of this newsletter until after you have completed the barbecue booking form and put it in an envelope....NOW.

Thanks for doing that. Now that you're back we can move on to the next item.

The Next Snow Ball

Following the tremendous successes of recent years, we are providing you with plenty of forward notice to ensure that you can and will attend the next combined Illabunda, Marranatha, and Steelmakers Ball on

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

The Joint Committee continues to strive to get you the best value for your dollar and this year has chosen the PORTOFINO LOUNGE in Wollongong. More information will follow in a later notice but this notice is so you can mark it in your book NOW.

Busy Bookee

John Dengate had not sorted out all the bookings the last time I spoke to him but he thinks they are similar to last year. The general position is;

June	light bookings
July	Vacancies late mid weeks
August	Booked out
September	Early week ends booked Rest of month free
October	Holiday WE booked out

The vacancies may be filled when the non-member bookings are received from May 1st but you might be hearing from Gerald Brock in mid

May if we have vacancies that we would like you to help us to promote.

The Occifers

The following listing shows the names and addresses of the club officers for 1991. All formal communications to the club should be addressed to the club secretary but the others would all like to hear regularly from members with constructive suggestions or praise. Complaints should only be sent to the complaints officer.

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As the above is probably the most important listing of the most important people you know we suggest you put it in the most secure place in the house where it won't get lostlike say... stuck on the fridge door.

Busy Bees are Working Bees

Another working bee organised by Ron Fitzgerald was held on 2/3 rd March when the lodge was prepared for the coming season. Members attending included S. Beckhaus, A. Bell, M. Bell, C. Brandis, E. Fairbrother, R. Fitzgerald, A. Harrison & friend, T. Wilkinson, A. Leukatina, R. (more boards) Livermore. The work included many repairs but you will notice the new wood store painted at this bee and the new drying room shelves for boots.

A further working bee is planned for 18/19 March to clean up various lodge areas. The planning of the work required and suggested people to do it is being done by our new committee officer Rhonda Knowles, in conjunction with Ron Fitzgerald who will have overall responsibility for the working bee as usual.

We always have a lot of fun on these working bees as well as doing a lot of hard work which is necessary if we are to keep our lodge in good condition and your costs down. The work is mainly done by a regular group of people, but Ron believes all members should contribute to these events from time to time, so if you have not been to one in the past year or two, (as most members have,) give Ron a ring (his phone number is on your fridge door,) and ask to be on the next bee.

Gossip

I havn't got any. How about sending me some for the next newsletter.

I would like to make very clear that while I am the editor, the first priority in this newsletter will be given to stories about members that may be of interest to other members. Second priority will be given to committee member reports. So how about giving me a note or a phone call (look on the fridge door,) with a story for the next newsletter.

Noel Arnold, Editor.