

Lysaght Alpine Club News

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Don't Go to Jail

I've put this first because it is important. Well everything else is important but this is more important. Make sure that you include the \$75.00 interest on your debenture in your tax return this year. The tax office now gets reports from us each year showing who got it and how much. They put it in their computer and if you think it won't be noticed, you're crazy.

Managers Spied On

Bob and Maree McCulloch and Betty and I went skiing in Austria (St. Anton), Switzerland (Davos) and France (Val d'Isere) this January, where a great time was had by all. I am pleased to report that the McCullochs had no problems with melted boots or broken skis this year and as they didn't have to buy new gear for themselves were seen buying lots of snow clothes for grandchildren. As Betty and I were going on to tour Spain, we decided to travel from France to Spain via Andorra to check up and see if Alan and Alecia really were ski instructors there. Well, we can confirm that they are very popular instructors and in strong demand. It was obvious they enjoy working in Andorra but are looking forward to this winter in Australia and meeting up with all of you again. Although snow was sparse in many European areas in January, we were lucky to be where the snow was, and that included Andorra which had adequate cover on the three main resorts. Surprisingly, we also found a good ski area in the Sierra Nevada mountains in Southern Spain, about 30 km. out of Granada.

Driving in Spain is different. On the tollroads, (toll \$5 to \$30), the speed limit is 120 kph, but no one does that. In our little 1.2L Renault we travelled all day at 140 kph but were no match for the bigger cars that zoomed past at over 200 kph. That is where a Porsche pays off. But when you get into most cities, the streets are mostly cobbled footpaths about 4m wide (the 2 way ones), that wind around the buildings built 400 - 800 years ago. There the speed slows down to less than a parking area, and you get lost all the time, and no one speaks English. That's where a 1.2L Renault pays off. You also need a driver that stays calm and has confidence in the navigator, and a navigator that stays calm and has confidence in the driver. We didn't have either of those.

World Cruisers Report

I received a card from Judy and Peter Gracie in March which had been mailed on the high seas while they were travelling on the "Queen Elizabeth 2", between Sydney and Darwin, and then on to Bali. You might recall

that on a previous world trip they were supposed to go on the QE2 but missed the boat or something. They were tickled pink to be on that magnificent ship at last and enjoying excellent weather and wonderful food. What a shame they don't drink.

Mike Not at AGM

Mike was not there. Mike Who??? You might well ask. You know, that bloke who used to run things around here for 13 years while we negotiated a new lease with the NPWS, raised the funds for a new lodge (\$400 000), built it, and operated it for the past 7 years with moderate success. It all went so smoothly that it must have been an easy job. Well, while the rest of us had our nose to the grindstone at the AGM, what's his name was relaxing at Coolool, a place up North where they swim, play golf, eat and drink, and heaven only knows what else they get up to. There was John Dengate running things, Simon organizing things, Clare reading the President's report which said things are OK, John Henry reporting the money is OK, Noel & Betty handing out jumpers, members putting in bookings and talking and drinking and eating a side of beef, a group photo in the new jumpers,....a real hive of activity. And whatisn't there. And after all we've done for him. Oh well, I suppose he has earned the right to behave like a retired executive. Thanks Mike.

Your new committee for 1993, elected at the AGM is:

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✓ Simon Smart	288158	756666
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Ted Fairbrother	046.461466	756486
Treasurer	617924	
✓ John Henry	617942	756763
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John Dengate		756213
Maintenance		
✓ Ron Fitzgerald	283330	286733
NSW Ski Asn & Slopes		
Keith Chapman	02.7272478	02.8950471
Provisions	293159	2284455
✓ Kevin Burke	293259	201842
Captain		
Ben Salon	289616	756538
Housekeeping		
Maree McCulloch	287803	
Social Secretary		
✓ Richard Taylor	831711	756014
Non - Committee	P.O. 138	
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Mike Salon		
Newsletter		
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New Pres Speaks Out

Our new President Simon recently provided the following report.

One of the side effects of Mike Salon being promoted to a position in BHP Head Office Melbourne, was that the Lysaghts Alpine Club lost its long standing President. As a result you're stuck with me!

I would like to thank Mike for his excellent contribution to the club over the past 10 years as he steered it through one of the most difficult periods in its history. During Mike's reign the club built and commissioned the new lodge at Perisher Valley, where it has successfully operated with high occupancy, minimum rate increases, and slight cash surpluses for every one of its 6 years. We are now also a force to be reckoned with in terms of our ski racing team. With Mike's departure, my aim is to continue on with these fine results (although I don't intend to help build another lodge). On behalf of the entire club membership, I would like to wish Mike every success in his new venture.

Apart from Mike, the committee lost several others of its 1992 make-up, name Rhonda Knowles, Noel Arnold, Mal Gramham, and Gerald Brock. These members have varying lengths of service with the committee with Rhonda being the newest member and Noel being the longest standing (I won't say oldest). For their contributions, thank you! Each has helped greatly with the running of the lodge, and their loss from the committee will be sorely felt. Also, Peter McCulloch has decided not to continue in his Club Captain role, and I thank him for his service over the past 2 years. Other than retiring committee members, there are many more people who need to be acknowledged for their help running the club in 1992.

First, special thanks to all members and other guests who have acted as lodge captain during the past winter and off season. This is a thankless task, but everyone performed their job as requested. While not all suggestions made on reports can be adopted, they have been and will continue to be a valuable source of new ideas for the club.

Secondly, thanks to the remaining committee members from 1992 who will continue with the committee in 1993. Thanks also to all those who assisted in other ways, such as at club working bees or at social functions. After a slight hiccup, Alan & Alicia Clifford performed very well in their role as managers again, and it is with considerable pleasure that they have been reappointed this year.

The resolution passed at the AGM to reduce the number of committee members who must be Lysaght employees from "eight including the Ski Master" to "the Ski Master is reflected in the new committee. With the addition of Ben Salon & Richard Taylor to the committee we now have six Lysaght Employees. Welcome Ben & Richard! Ben will take on the role of Club Captain. We have also retained the services of Mike and Noel to perform two key tasks of the club. Mike will act as Membership Registrar and Noel will continue to produce the Newsletter.

The new committee has plenty of challenges ahead of it, and we look forward to tackling

these. We need to be prepared for the impact on the club should a Head Lessee system be implemented. We need to consider whether the committee can continue to function as it does on a purely honorary basis in the recognition that less and less members are based at Wollongong, and BHP (Lysaghts) is becoming more and more demanding as an employer. We also need to consider whether the lodge should become smoke free in recognition of recent cases. To this end, the foyer has been fitted out with chairs and ash tray and exhaust fan for those smokers who wish to use it. (The garbage has been relegated to outside).

I look forward to seeing many of you on the ski slopes this winter. Lets hope for a bumper season.

Gossip

Doug Boleyn picked up his jumper from my place in March and advised he and his wife Sheelah have not been down to the lodge in winter since the opening weekend but do go down most summers. He is currently working at SPPD in the contract services as a supervising contracts engineer. His children Andrew (23), Alexis (21), and David (18), do attend the lodge in winter from time to time.

Harold and Wendy Bilboe moved to Canberra in April to take up new jobs in that area, together with their children Sian (8), and Chris (7). Their new address is 57 William Webb Drive, McKellar, ACT, 2617.

Reagan Emily Taylor attended her first Lysaght Alpine Club meeting in March, 1993. With people starting to show an interest in the club activities as early as this we can't fail. Reagan was born to Richard and Roslyn Taylor on 17/3/93.

Steve and Kathy Thompson became the proud parents of a boy in mid March. I think that is their third little skier. This story came to me third hand so I can't tell you more.

Wouldn't it be interesting if in about 20 years, Roslyn and Kathy became grandmothers at exactly the same time???

Lauren Aimee Carr got off to a late start (10 days late in fact,) when she was born to Lance and Astrid Carr on 6/4/93. Lance said that he met Astrid while he was over in Hawaii selling Kentia palms and he could not take his eyes off her beautiful long skier's legs which she got in Holland. Well, he is very pleased to tell you that Lauren has the same skier's legs. Also, she already behaves just like all the other Lysaght Alpine Club ladies do....she drinks all day and sleeps soundly all night.

Lance passed on to me the news that Rick Rosewarne, who is not a member but has attended our lodge many times over the past few years and is known to many of you, was transferred to Singapore by his Company, Quaker Chemicals a few weeks ago.

Put Your Woollies On.

In 26 years on the Lysaght alpine Club Committee, I had gained a reputation of being as tight as a miser when it came to spending

club money. It was therefore no surprise that there was silence for a full minute in the committee meeting last September when I suggested the club should spend about \$13 000 on purchasing a new set of club jumpers and headbands and distributing them to members.

However, when I pointed out that:

- The last club jumper issue was in 1986, when our new lodge opened.
- Since then, 53% of our members have changed.
- Many member's jumpers are worn out.
- The process intent of issuing jumpers in the first place was to promote club spirit through a form of distinctive club uniform, which would readily identify members on the snow fields, both to each other and to others. This was very successful in 1986.
- We need to repeat that process, now and perhaps every five years or so.

After some discussion the committee wholeheartedly approved the project and gave me the task of organising it. In fact, while I was away overseas, they increased the purchases to \$15 000. Many of our members contributed their time. Kevin Burke dug up the records of the previous jumper purchase which simplified this task. Bob McCulloch (jun) in Melbourne negotiated with the Melbourne manufacturer. Grahame Leonard (also in Melbourne) lent his jumper as a sample. John Dengate took over the organising when I went overseas for 7 weeks in January. When he went on holidays he passed it to John Henry who also arranged the finance, receipt, and prompt payment (for 5% discount). He in turn passed the jumpers to me to arrange sorting and distribution at the AGM. My poor wife Betty had to put up with 125 jumpers and headbands all over the house for three weeks and help with the distribution. The final 30 were distributed by John Dengate and Ted Fairbrother in April (I think). If you haven't got yours yet get in touch with Ted.

Please remember, its not a golf jumper, its a Ski Club Jumper so this season, join your fellow members wearing their uniforms on the snow.

Bookings OK.

No, I'm not talking about speeding tickets, I'm talking about John Dengate's report that the lodge is booked out for most of August and September. He still has full weeks spare from June to mid July, and Sun-Thu night periods from mid July to 1st week August. If you know anyone who would like to go skiing, then get in touch with John and help fill your lodge, and keep my skiing costs down.

They Work For You

Ron Fitzgerald organised a working bee on 12-14 March. Attendees were Peter and Anda Arnold, Rob Cavanaugh, Ron Fitzgerald, Dave Nell, Paul Restante, Les Smith, and Oli Specia. Lots of jobs were done such as taking down drinks and provisions, kindling, a new

fridge, and lots more. They re-caulked the kitchen and bathroom bench tops, repaired exit lights, the kitchen water heater, and lots more. They fitted a new fan in the foyer for the smokers, (next to the fridge), built a new garbage locker outside the front door, packed away a second load of firewood, and when you go down to the lodge this year, don't run into the brick wall where the back door steps used to be. There is a new rear entrance near the end of the rumpus room. While they were doing this, they also had lots to eat and drink and lots of fun, so you don't really have to thank them for the work they did on your behalf, they should thank the rest of us for contributing a little bit toward their costs of having a good time.

By the way, Ron is running the last working bee of this summer on 29-30 May.

NOW READ THIS

Enclosed with this newsletter is a census form which we want you to fill in and mail back to us right away. Why??? Well, the form we asked you all to fill in a few months ago was only filled in by 50% of members and it did not ask for much information. You would be surprised how many of our members change their home or work addresses each year and don't tell us, with the result that we often find that up to 20% of our records are incorrect.

We want a 100% return of this census as it will form our primary, legal record of your address. After that we will require a written advice addressed to the club secretary, of any further change which will go into a file forming our legal record. This address will be used for all mailing purposes such as club mail, newsletters, jumpers, and formal or legal documents when this is required. If it isn't in written form, signed by you, on our files, then you didn't tell us. Please don't 'phone future changes of address as that will not be accepted. To protect our directors we must get your mail address in writing, signed by you. We then meet our legal requirements if we mail things to your last formally advised address, and no other.

Please help your hard working secretary by filling in the form and mailing it to him right away.

Also send me a story, attached to the form. Ted will pass it on to me, as long as it doesn't say something he doesn't like.

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