

UAC NEWSLETTER

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September '06

Welcome to another newsletter, though the season was not the best there were the occasional days. In fact the Ed. Managed to ski Stuart & Mitchell in boot deep fresh snow on the 25/9/06.

Board Report:

Current news items from the board include

- New full membership, Andrew Thompson, Alexis Cunningham & Amy Lembke
- With regret we had to accept the resignation as a director of Andrew Brooks, who has decided to move overseas for a few years. In his place, we welcome back to the Board, Sebastian Smyth.
- The NPWS Building & Safety inspectors have reported a number of issues that need to be addressed include modifications to the fire detection system and emergency lighting and exit systems.
- The DA for the re-cladding has been approved, however this project is likely to take a back seat whilst the fire systems issues are dealt with.
- Proposals for upgrading & modifications to the front balcony are still under consideration by the building committee.
- Only 8 expressions of interest to the NPWS bed lease were received We decided not to express formal interest in the offer due to the relatively unfair lease conditions, but we did express informal interest in a lease extension if the conditions were made more favourable. SLOPES is continuing to lobby on behalf of all the lodges for a fair system.
- Len Hibble in conjunction with the Board is continuing to work on a draft information booklet that will provide a concise outline of the Club, its history, procedures, structure, etc. We hoping to have it available in time for posting with the annual reports.
- We recently renewed our insurance policies including the voluntary workers policy. Unfortunately the voluntary workers policy coverage seems to be getting skinnier every year, with little or no coverage for the over 65's.
- Web page development is continuing.

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Building Committee

Work party dates for the coming summer are being prepared & will be issued shortly

House Committee

New blankets were supplied during the winter. A new vacuum cleaner is to be purchased over the next few weeks.

Gentle reminders

- Subs are due 1/11/2006, register junior members (if a child does not receive a subs renewal notice that means they are not registered, therefore write to the Secretary with name and DOB).
- Work Party credits are only valid for two years.

Accommodation

Vacancies are available for the following times -

7-13 October (School holidays)
Then through to Christmas.

Barry Price
36 Manor Road
Hornsby NSW 2077

Phone: 02 9477 5991
Mobile: 0402 717 682

Email: barry.price@bigpond.com

+++++++ Remember there are now Associate student rates ++++++

General Items

JAPAN – Comments from one of our members

A good site is www.skijapan.com.au

Niseko is the most popular destination for Aussies. It's starting to get pretty crowded in February.

- Pensions are much better value than hotels, and have more a lodge type atmosphere.

The locals are very friendly and the food very good, even for those who aren't Japanese food devotees over here.

Take your own boots as hand luggage as checked in luggage can sometimes go astray with the airlines. I also take a fairly wide ski for the powder. Cash is king. Few places in the village take credit cards.

The best flight is Sydney - Cairns - Sapporo with Qantas, who have flights each Tuesday and Saturday. Unless you are Japanese size, the seats on JAL flights are very cosy in cattle class.

- Canadian Heli-Sking – a PDF brochure is attached for those interested

Correspondence and E-mail

The club newsletter is now distributed by email. Any one not receiving the newsletter please contact the editor or any board member.

Address for contributions to newsletter, in particular those cross country skiers in our club.

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