

University Alpine Club

Newsletter

April Edition

Greetings all members!

Welcome to my first official newsletter as the new Editor-in-Chief. I am glad to have this opportunity to become more involved in UAC, to which I owe many childhood memories.

Enjoy
Kirsty Lembke

1. General Business

Directors: David Smith, Colin Snodgrass, John Russell Jnr., Sebastian Smyth, David Stuart, Johanna Hall, Ken Davis.

We welcome aboard Ken Davis as the new director replacing Les McLean, who stood down as director/secretary at the AGM. Once again a HUGE thank you Les for all your work on the Board over quite a few years. John Russell Jnr. has now taken over the secretarial role.

Chairman: David Smith
Secretary: John Russell Jnr.
Treasurer: Colin Snodgrass

Other appointments include:

Membership - Marie-Claire Price
Bookings - Barry Price
Debentures - John Russell(snr)
Newsletter - Kirsty Lembke

The **Building Committee** consists of: Ken Davis, John Russell(snr), John Russell(jnr), Sebastian Smyth, David Stuart, Ed Pietor, John Richards and Tim Smyth

The **House Committee** consists of: Maureen Lembke (chairperson), Leslie Neilson, Sue Fritchley, Elizabeth Timmins, Jayne Cunningham, Anna Davis, Johanna Hall

House Committee Update

We are attempting this year to introduce some environmentally friendly products to the normal supplies. We would appreciate any feedback as to their effectiveness, by way of the hut manager's report. Any other comments or suggestions are always welcome. Please email Maureen at lembkefamily@optusnet.com.au

2. April Board Meeting – Summary of Events –

- The directors are proposing to present "Concise Financial Reports" for 2007 (saving on paper and printing costs). The full report will still be available on request, and hopefully be accessible on our web site (will keep you posted about information regarding the website!)
- The information booklet is still in progress and hopefully will be completed for circulation before long.
- Special stand-by rates and student discounts are still under consideration.
- We have received notification from NPWS that they have softened their stance on some of the items on their audit list, such as disabled access and replacement carpets. These items now only need to be dealt with next time we do building work.

3. Accommodation and Bookings

There are a number of vacancies throughout the season. The directors would also like to remind members of the new shoulder season starting in mid September.

May

29/4/07 (Sunday)-17/5/07 : 8 Rooms - with various other vacancies in May

June

1/6/07-22/6/07 : 8 Rooms

23/6/07-29/6/07 : 7 Rooms

July

15/7/07-20/7/07 : 1 other room

19/7/07-20/7/07 : 1 other room

21/7/07-27/7/07 : 1 Room

July-August

28/7/07-3/8/07 : 3 Room

11/8/07-17/8/07 : 1 Room

25/8/07-31/8/07 : 2 Rooms

September

8/9/07-14/9/07 : 3 Rooms

11/9/07-14/9/07 : 3 other rooms

15/9/07-31/12/07 : 8 Rooms

Please contact Barry Price to enquire and confirm bookings, email: barry.price@bigpond.com

4. Upcoming Events

Up-Coming Work-parties

Please note that all attendees at work-parties receive work-party credits that can be used to offset the accommodation costs on other visits to the lodge.

refer Sebastian Smyth or John Russell.

- Building Committee: refer Sebastian Smyth (Sebastian_Smyth@ghd.com.au) John Russell Jnr. (John.Russell@investec.com.au)
- House Committee: **19-20th May**. This weekend if re-stocking and getting the lodge ready for the winter season ahead. Any help would be appreciated! Please contact Barry Price to book your room.

5. Membership

There are still a number of members who haven't paid their subs (we know where you live !) Please pay up **ASAP**. It costs the Club time and money to chase up these late payers so please help us out.

The directors are considering introducing late payment fees or the like.

An Overview of the Transition from Student to Full Membership to clarify the process for relevant members....

- Student members, upon reaching the age of 21, are eligible to apply for full membership. Marie-Claire keeps on top of the ages of the students and so will generally mail out an application form. However, if you turn 21 and haven't received a form please contact Marie-Claire.
- In order to be eligible to progress to full membership a student member has to have attended at least one work party.
- Students will send in their application together with the entrance fee, currently \$500. The application form also contains a commitment from the Student that they will pay \$1,900 for a debenture before they reach 25 years.
- The debenture is simply a loan to the Club, which puts you on an equal footing with most other members of the Club. There is no interest paid on the debenture and repayment is subject to Directors' approval.
- Only full members have voting rights at General Meetings such as the AGM.
- Failure to take up full membership at age 21, will mean that the Student membership will lapse and unless the directors reopen membership there is very little opportunity for you to

regain membership.

6. General Interest Stories

Thank you to.....

- **Tim Smyth**, who has undertaken and completed repairs to the two children's sledges. These have been a source of entertainment for many years and will now continue to be so for many more.
- **John Bryan**, who put huge effort into arranging the unsplitable and unburnable wood to be cut up several years ago, has consequently provided us with excellent fuel each year with very little additional effort.

STOP PRESS!!

- some extracts from a Perisher Blue Media Release dated November 2006 -

"Perisher Blue said today that creation of a true four-season alpine resort is one step closer, welcoming the approval of the Perisher Village Concept Plan."

"...Concept Plan is for a Village Centre including a pedestrian plaza, shops, restaurants and bars, recreation facilities and accommodation to be built on part of the area currently used as an open air car park in Perisher Valley."

"Perisher Village will incorporate the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development, from energy and water efficiency to the building materials and use of natural light. Under the plan the existing number of daytime car spaces will be maintained."

"Construction of the first stage of the village is expected to commence no earlier than in the summer of 2008/2009"

Full details and drawings of the Perisher Village Concept Plan can be found at:

http://www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/info/pdf/vision_broc.pdf

http://www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/mountainresort/village_map.html

Guthega Pub

For those who enjoy a peaceful meal or beverage at Guthega Alpine - the sale of the Guthega Alpine Pub to Jenny and Nick Kennedy family has been announced. They are planning to operate on a year round basis and would like to invite feedback on the past and future of the Guthega Alpine. They can be contacted at: stay@guthega.com

Please see www.guthega.com for 2007 rates and the Guthega Snow Cam we hope for in May.

Information from Perisher Blue

- EARLY BIRD season passes are now available and offer fantastic value at just **\$1039 for Adults and \$571 for Students to Year 12 PLUS (NEW for 2007) discounts at Perisher Blue food and beverage and retail outlets!**

..So with the first snow fall having been already recorded in late March, let's hope for a slightly better ski season than last year.

Please feel free to contact me(kirstylembke@optusnet.com.au) with any information that you feel other members would be interested in regarding UAC, Perisher Blue or skiing in general!

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