



UAC NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2008. I'm looking forward to my new job as Editor and hope I can keep you informed with anything to do with the UAC, Perisher Blue and skiing in general - Jayne Cunningham



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Chairman:	David Smith
Directors:	David Stuart, John Russell (Jnr), Johanna Hall, Ken Davis & Stewart Smith
Nominated:	James Hall
Debenture Registrar :	John Russell (Snr)
Bookings:	Barry Price
Membership:	Marie-Claire Price
House Committee:	Maureen Lembke, Leslie Neilson, Sue Fritchley, Elizabeth Timmins, Jayne Cunningham & Anna Davis
Building Committee:	Ken Davis, Ed Pietor, John Russell (Snr), John Richards, Tim Smyth

NEWS FROM THE AGM

- A priority for the board this year was dealing with the offer of a new lease. The offer included a term beyond the existing lease but at less favourable terms than the current lease. SLOPES called for expressions of interest from the clubs and the consensus from the clubs was that a lease extension was attractive, but not on the terms offered. A revised lease offer was made in September, which was on more favourable terms but still not attractive to UAC. After consulting with members, the board unanimously decided to not take up the lease offer.
- A considerable amount of repairs and maintenance was undertaken during the year in response to the fire safety compliance audit. This led to higher expenses during the year. Some major building projects will be undertaken in the current year including the balustrade replacement which is likely to see reasonably high R&M expenses continue.
- A major communication milestone was completed during the year with the establishment of the UAC website. This site will be used for communication with members, but also generally to promote the sport of skiing. Thanks to Scott Melliush and Jo Hall for getting the site up and running.
- After 26 years of faithful service to the club as Director and Treasurer, Colin Snodgrass is retiring from the Board. It was noted that Colin is already a life member. Colin was thanked for his contribution to the club.
- Sebastian Smyth is moving overseas and resigned from the Board. Sebastian was thanked for his second term as a Director.

It's always hard to find interesting news for the Newsletter.

If you have any stories on the UAC, Perisher Blue or skiing in general, contributions are most welcome.

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MORE NEWS FROM THE AGM

It was resolved that:

- (a) That annual subscriptions for full members be \$230.00 from 1/11/2008.
- (b) That entry fee for students becoming full members be \$500.00 and that those persons must agree to take out a third-series debenture on attaining 25 years of age.
- (c) That financial and membership penalties will apply for late payment of annual subscriptions. If payment of the annual subscription fees is not received by the date of the AGM, then a \$50 penalty will apply and membership benefits will be suspended until the subscription and penalty is paid.
- (d) That the third-series debenture limit be increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000 to allow for new third-series debentures to be issued.

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES

Housekeeping Committee Work Party Weekend 2-4 May 2008

The weekend of 2-4 May has been set aside to replace stocks and a final clean of the lodge before the ski season starts. A number of people have already volunteered to help on this weekend, but if you don't have your name down and are interested in helping out, please phone Maureen Lembke on 0409 030 049 or email: lembkefamily@optusnet.com.au

Building Committee Work Party Anzac Weekend 25-27 April 2008

This weekend will be for any odd jobs and repairs around the lodge. Anyone interested who would like to help out can contact John Russell Snr. 9419 5838 or email johnandcarol@ozemail.com.au

LODGE VACANCIES

After the initial lodge bookings in February, the following are dates are available for this year:

Plenty of vacancies in April, May and June.

28 June - 4 July - 8 rooms

26 July - 1 August - 2 rooms

2 - 8 August - 1 room

9 -15 August - 1 room

23 - 29 August - 4 rooms

There are plenty of vacancies for the rest of the year.

Please contact Barry Price, email barry.price@bigpond.com

Snow Boarder Joke

Q. How many snow board instructors does it take to change a light bulb?

A. Three - one to hold it, one to video tape it and the other to say "AWESOME DUDE!"

Ski Instructor Joke

Q. How many ski instructors does it take to change a light bulb?

A. Only one - he holds it while the mountain revolves around him.

Obituary—Norman Tonkin — Contributed by Len Hibble
20 June 1923—15 June 2007

Norman Tonkin, born 20th June 1923 was a foundation Member of UAC and died on the 15th June 2007.

Norm was very proud of having a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering from the Sydney Technical College and used this base together with his extensive experience in a wide variety of Projects to develop a highly reputable Engineering Consulting business.

In the late 1940s the STC Bushwalkers started summer exploring treks in what was then the Kosciusko State Park Trust Area. From this it was a natural progression to appreciating the skiing opportunities. For Tech Undergraduates with limited financial resources accommodation during the skiing seasons was restricted to roughing it the Perisher Hut just below Perisher Gap or Rock Creek Hut.

After a few winter seasons in these uncomfortable huts the STC Bushwalkers decided they should take advantage of the changed NSW Government Rules that now permitted “Non profit” Clubs to build their own huts within the Park. So over 1949 and through 1950 Norm with other members of STC BW explored many potential sites eventually deciding during the 1950 October long weekend that the spot where the Lodge now stands would meet all the requirements of the time.

Norm was a keen worker in all the Club’s activities in the early days and his expertise was freely given for all the Engineering design work involved with the building of the “south block” in 1983.

After resigning from UAC Norm, in about 1988 built and operated for nearly 12 years his own Commercial Lodge at Smiggins and until his death owned a property “Scotsdale” just out of Bredbo. This was acquired by the Bush Heritage as it contained much native flora and fauna and fitted well into their policy of developing corridors for wildlife

Norm is survived by his wife Wynn and married daughter Christina.

Snow, Snow, Snow! 3 April 2008

5-10cm of fresh snow has covered Perisher Blue, transforming the landscape into a white winter wonderland.



Shane Fritchley is Travelling Around Europe—He's stopped in Austria for a bit of skiing but has lost his ski

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.... The next 3 days of skiing were awesome I hung around Alpendorf and Wagrain. The 1st day was a bit cloudy and the snow was great, the next day the sun was out and the snow wasn't as good but the runs are so long here it's hard to go wrong really. The 3rd day was the best it snowed the night before so I had ankle to shin deep powder it was great.

I went out for a half day the next day as it snowed the night before so I figured I wasn't missing this no way. I headed to Zachuesse which is one of the higher mountains in the resort—the snow was amazing, really bad visibility though so for the afternoon I headed back to Alpendorf and by then the skies had cleared and the wind had slowed so I had fresh powder all to myself for the last hour of skiing.

The next day I headed up early to Zachuesse 'cause it didn't stop snowing the whole night up there so I knew it was going to be good, and was it ever. I was skiing in consistent knee deep powder all day at times it was up around my thighs and I was getting cover with every run. I had snow all up inside my jacket and everywhere it was the best feeling. Nearing 3.30 pm I was taking a run through the trees and got myself caught in a bit of a situation with a small tree, which caused me to be facing the wrong way down the mountain in a backwards V, not really worried with the situation I fell about a metre in the powder but I heard a click from my right foot - that my friends was the loss of a ski.

When I got myself up I couldn't see my ski. I started digging frantically looking for my ski as the last runs were at 4.15 pm and if I missed that I'd have a 30km walk back to Harriet, my van.

So I dug and dug and kicked and poked with

my poles for a good 40 minutes. I didn't find my ski so I had to slide down the mountain on my bum the whole way to make a track that I could follow back up tomorrow, also praying that it doesn't snow tonight to make my life even harder tomorrow. I got the very last run up the gondola, but the ski back down from the top was a mission and a half. The 2km run was ice riddled the whole way down from all the beginners throughout the day, got to the bottom had a beer to drown my sorrows then headed home.

The next day I went and bought myself a shovel, Jimmy the spade I called him. Hiked about 35 mins up to the point where I lost my ski the day before. After 2 hours of digging and bum sliding I finally found my ski, I was so so so so so so happy. The area where I found the ski was about 3 meters from where I fell.

The night before I had spoken to Luke my bro and he said that when dad lost his ski in Japan it was a good 5 metres away from the crash, so to be safe a starting digging about 8 metres away, hence the 2 hours of digging. I went out that night and celebrated, no so much that I found the ski but because since I found the ski that means I didn't have to fork out € 300 for a new pair, and I also found € 50 on the ground too - so yeah we went to a ski instructors party at Alpendorf which was wicked.



Jimmy the Spade
- starting the dig



Reunited with my ski

"The last runs were at 4.15 pm and if I missed that I'd have a 30km walk back to Harriet, my van."

News Update: When in Australia, Shane is an instructor with Perisher Blue. After finding his ski, he was asked to join the ski instructors team at Alpendorf.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SKI LENGTH

So, you've decided the long skinny 205's might look better hanging on the wall behind your bar, and decided to upgrade to something more modern. What do you buy? Where do you start with all this new technology? Here's some information on how to start the search for your new ski:

Volkl recommend the "Use your Head" method:

The key to this rule is simplicity:

Type 1 (novice) skier, size the skis with the tip approximately chin height.

Type 2 (intermediate) skier, use approximately nose height.

Type 3 (expert) skiers will be sized correctly when the ski tip is at forehead height.

Of course there is much more to be taken into account in choosing the right length ski — such as weight, height and skiing ability. Please consult someone qualified to give you expert advice.

DIFFERENT SKI TYPES

Rock carvings of skis made over 6000 years ago have been found in the Arctic, and the earliest ski found in peat bogs in Sweden, dated back to about 2500 BC. It's mainly in the last five of those 5000 years that ski technology has really come on...

All Mountain

These skis are ideal for intermediate to advanced skiers who carve turns on the whole mountain, but stay mostly on groomed snow. They have a slightly softer flex, so they can handle more snow conditions and slower turning speeds. Their wider tips (also called shovels) pull them into turns more easily so the skier doesn't have to rely quite as much on perfect technique. The skis are set up to help you progress your skiing towards perfect carved turns.

Piste Carving Skis

Smooth and fast carving skis. The new piste roadsters, designed with real power on demand so you can keep pushing and they won't stop giving. These skis are usually based on race ski construction but tuned to be slightly less demanding and more versatile. Some of the hottest go-anywhere skis that will give you the float to take on a powder day, and the right balance, liveliness and edge grip to lose your friends on the groomers.

Freeride and Powder

The terms all-terrain, all-mountain, off-piste, freeride and free-skiing, all loosely describe the same thing: skis with the versatility to go anywhere on the mountain and in any snow. Off-piste is the main focus for these skis; they are wider than skis made just for groomed slopes or performance carving, to give greater floatation in deep snow.

Freeride skis are wide enough to motor their way through powder and crud, but not so wide as to be unmanageable on groomed runs or hard snow. The sidecuts are deep for carving and quick edge-to-edge response when skiing on piste.

Twin Tip Freestyle

Also referred to as "new school" (or, nu skool), these twin tip skis are designed for doing tricks and jumps in terrain parks. These skis excel outside the park and pipe, too, performing superbly on groomers, crud, and in powder due to their increased surface area. Skied shorter than other skis, they range from 120 to about 175 centimetres long and offer excellent manoeuvrability.

Women's Skis

Skis designed specifically for women are generally lighter in weight and have a softer flex than other models. Bindings are sometimes positioned farther forward to increase stability and make turning easier. Women can, of course, go with any ski model appropriate for their ability and terrain preferences. Some women, however, especially those with smaller builds, find that lighter skis are easier to control.

Race

Built for speed. Skis in this category are designed for racing, competition and aggressive skiers who like to push themselves, especially on hard-packed or groomed slopes. Usually the stiffest skis, they absorb shock and vibration at high speeds. Giant slalom are expert racing skis that make fast, large, carved turns. Advanced slalom skis make shorter, faster turns than giant slalom skis. They offer good control on steep, icy terrain. Designed for skiing on piste, these skis are ideally suited to expert skiers.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: SNOWBOARDS

NEWS FROM PERISHER BLUE

\$9.75M in New Snowmaking to Give Perisher Blue a Lift

Perisher Blue has committed again to improving guest experiences by its significant investment in snowmaking.

Extending on the \$3.6M spent in 2007, snowmaking will be further expanded in the resort in 2008 with an additional \$9.75M capital investment.

This will allow the introduction of a new water supply for Perisher Valley, an upgraded pump station and 34 new automated Techno Alpin snow guns (adding to the 154 existing snow guns).

“Our focus is on providing the very best products possible for visitors to Perisher Blue”, said Gary Grant GM Marketing, Sales and Hospitality Perisher Blue. “By continually seeking to improve and upgrade our snowmaking capacity and operations, we can deliver excellent snow riding for all standards, supplementing the great natural snowfalls we are known for.”

In total, 3.5 hectares of new snowmaking coverage (on top of the current 40 ha) will be included from Mid Station of the Forester Quad Express down to Front Valley covering Yabby Flat, Goats Gully and the Bullwheel run.

This snowmaking modernisation effort will be up to

9 times more energy efficient than existing systems and will improve reliability and snow quality in these high traffic areas.

The next step in the plan is to extend snowmaking down to the base of the current Double and Triple chairs on Mt Perisher, then up the lift lines to the top, providing consistent coverage to this very popular snow riding area.



REGULAR SEASON Mountain Pass Prices

Valid From 28 June to 7 September.

Including return Skitube
ex Bullocks Flat
Prices include NPWS fees

	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr
AM Pass to 1pm	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*
1 Day & AM Pass to 1pm	13 refund off 2 Day*	7 refund off 2 Day*	13 refund off 2 Day*	7 refund off 2 Day*
Noon Start Mountain Pass (from Noon to Close)	78	43	102	55
1 Day Mountain Pass	98	54	122	66
2 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	196	108	243	131
3 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	273	151	344	186
5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	431	250	528	299
6 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	516	300	633	359
7 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	603	350	723	411
Night Skiing & Boarding (Tues/Sat 6.30 to 9.30pm - conditions permitting)**	25	14	49	26

(From 8 September see [Spring Passes](#) for 5, 6 or 7- day passes. From 15 September see [Spring Passes](#) for 3 - day passes)

**Mountain
Pass
Prices -
Bonus
Periods!**

July Bonus Week - Starting 27 or 28 July. When pre-purchased with an accommodation package. Call 1300 655 811 or your preferred booking agent to purchase. Prices Not Available Directly From Ticket Outlets.		Including return Skitube ex Bullocks Flat Prices include NPWS fees			
		Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr
5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass		366	213	449	254
6 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass		439	255	538	305
7 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass		513	298	615	349
All Standard Lift and Lesson Packages Inclusions: Mountain Pass and 2.5 hour lesson daily.					
5 Day Consecutive		473	320	555	361
6 Day Consecutive		545	362	644	412
First Timer Packages for the New Skier & Boarder Inclusions: Mountain Pass and daily 2.5 hour First Timer lesson program for level 1.					
5 Day Consecutive		401	260	484	302
6 Day Consecutive		473	303	573	353

Special Programs—Thursday is Women's Day

Thursday is all about women at Perisher Blue, a great way to spend on the mountain for intermediate to advanced women skiers and boarders taught by our top female instructors.

Minimum ability: Level 4 – Skiers can confidently ride lifts and make some parallel turns on blue runs. Boarders can link turns on intermediate terrain, beginning basic freestyle.

Inclusions: 5 hours coaching from 10am, video analysis, individual assessment, Wild Brumby Schnapps tasting and the chance to win one of two women's specific Salomon skis or Burton boards.



Program location: Perisher Valley

Program dates: Thursday 24 & 31 July; 7,14,21,28 August

Coaching only \$148 (must hold valid mountain or season pass)

Bookings are essential and can be made in the Perisher Snowsports office or call **1300 655 811**.

Minimum number of 3 people per group applies.

Three Day Women's program

Skiing with other women and learning from female instructors, this 3-day the program allows skiers to build confidence and skills in a positive learning environment.

Minimum ability: Level 4 - confident riding lifts and making some parallel turns on blue runs.

Inclusions: 5 hours coaching from 10am, video analysis, individual assessment and après drinks.

Program location: Perisher Valley

Program dates: Monday to Wednesday 21 to 23 July and 4 to 6 August

Program only - \$442

Program and Mountain Pass - \$670

Program, Mountain Pass and Skitube from Bullocks Flat - \$741

Bookings are essential and can be made in the Perisher Snowsports office or call **1300 655 811**.

Minimum number of 4 people per group applies.