



UAC NEWSLETTER



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News from the Board

Congratulations to James Hall who is now a Director of the UAC.

New Junior Members

The following juniors have been admitted to membership:

Mary Francis Russell DOB 20.12.03

Harrison Michael Peters DOB 15.12.98

Jordon Olivier Peters DOB 24.11.00

Lachlan Alexander Peters DOB 20.06.02

Cameron James Peters DOB 03.05.04

If your child didn't receive a subscription renewal last October, then that child is not currently listed as a junior member. This is important to ensure member bookings have priority etc.

Please send their full name and date of birth to:

Marie-Claire Price, 36 Manor Road, Hornsby 2077

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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New Photo Album at the Lodge

Our thanks to Len Hibble who with help from the Perisher Historical Society has put together a fantastic photo album which is now on the coffee table at the Lodge. It has some wonderful photos and contains some very interesting facts.

The photo album may soon be made available on CD for a nominal charge.

WORK PARTY—ANZAC LONG WEEKEND: SUBMITTED BY JOHN RUSSELL, PHOTOS BY MARJORIE MELHUIISH

It was a busy 3 days for all those involved in the latest work party.

- The most important works were the completion of the draining of Lake Perisher in the laundry basement: John and Carol Russell.
- Denis Hyett is also coordinating restoration of the laundry now that the drain is installed and completion of outstanding plumbing and electrical work before the season begins.
- Repairs to windows, other than the common room ones which we are hoping to replace next year: Len Hibble.
- Restoration of a seal between the hut and the concrete deck: David and Albert Stuart.
- Weeding and restoration of the western steps and patching and painting: Marjorie and Peter Melhuish.
- Sealing western wall concrete bricks, improvements and repairs to front façade: Gary Neilson
- Lesley, Alyce, Rebecca, Deborah Neilson and Bart got the windows sparkling, chopped wood and did other necessary bits and pieces.
- We are hoping that the recent snow will not hold up replacement of the new balustrade by Cooma Steel which is now rescheduled for the end of May.
- NPWS inspected the hut and the priority works which they had required to be undertaken in an 2006 Audit on Friday 2 May with Denis. All work specified had been completed satisfactorily but we received two new tasks which related to fire safety and these will be coordinated by Denis.
- A special mention goes to Dick Smith and Tim Smyth who have coordinated the restoration of the tables, benches and stools which were originally built by Peter Dwyer, an original member.

The benches can be seen in some of the early photos of the hut and now look fantastic and should give good service for many more years.

Dick repaired the two smaller tables in Sydney but did the larger table involving a lot of heavy work on an earlier work party in February.



Carol Russell and Peter Melhuish clearing grass and weeds from around stones outside western door in preparation for re-grouting. This work was interrupted by rain and later, snow.



Len Hibble repairing weatherboards around window frame.

ANZAC Long Weekend Work Party



Len Hibble making running repairs to the oven door.



David Stuart and son, Albert, weatherproofing joint between patio slab and lodge wall.



Alyce Neilson holding ladder on a very windy afternoon whilst friend, Bart paints concrete block wall with weather sealer.



Peter Melhuish repairing lounge framework.



Taken at about 9.15 am on Monday 28th April: Peter and Marjorie Melhuish stayed on until Monday morning and woke up to a winter scene. Peter had to dig tracks to back the car out onto the road. Luckily a 4x4 from Ben Bullen had gone up and down the road a couple of times and Peter was able to drive down carefully in the tracks until they reached the main road.

HOUSEKEEPING COMMITTEE—CLEAN AND RESTOCK WEEKEND—3-4 MAY: SUBMITTED BY MAUREEN LEMBKE

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Volunteers for this weekend were:

Anabelle & Fiona Copeman
Alan & Jayne Cunningham
Anna, Ken & Talia Davis
Charles, Sue, Luke & Sarah Fritchley
Megan Preece — a friend of Luke Fritchley
Ruth Duffin - Sue Fritchley's Mum
Maureen & John Lembke

We arrived with sleet & minus temperatures on Friday night although access was not a problem. Snow was in evidence around the lodge & on the slopes but in the morning the weather cleared & it was sunny if not warm for the rest of the weekend!!

1. The remainder of the supplies were placed in the storage areas as Leslie Nielson had done the food supplies the previous weekend.
2. We then proceeded to systematically clean the common areas until everything was sparkling (including steam cleaning of the curtains in the common room)!!
3. The games area has been tidied & new purchases placed in the games area to be used this season - a new Pictionary & a new game (find out when you visit next!)
4. The bathrooms were scrubbed & restocked with cleaning items.
5. The rooms were all cleaned and checked against the inventories (these were all thoroughly cleaned on the Anzac weekend as well - mattress protectors & pillow protectors had been washed).

Ken Davis has already reported on the Building Committee work which was finalised on the weekend as well.

The Cunningham's brought a portable BBQ for lunch which we set up on the balcony in the beautiful sunshine.

It was a very productive weekend with all enjoying the company in the mountains!

Everything is almost ready for the season with only the front balustrades, some plumbing in the laundry & some electrical work remaining. Thanks must be given from the House Committee to Denis & Gus Hyett for all the work they have done to assist with the preparation of the lodge for the season.

We were all impressed with the resurfacing of the tables & the new surface on the showers.

Please note that we have purchased Environmentally Friendly cleaning agents in accordance with the instructions sent by John Russell.

There are now signs in the bathrooms regarding the type of cleaning products to be used.



Ah — we can only dream that the cupboards will look like this when our week comes around!

The men did “Men’s Work”

... and the women did “Women’s Work”



Charles Fritchley, Luke Fritchley and Ken Davis



Megan Preece & Sarah Fritchley with cleaning weapons in hand.



Alan Cunningham changing axe handles



Anna trying to stop daughter Talia from working so hard.



Luke waiting to do more men's work



Anna Davis, Maureen Lembke, Ruth (Sue's Mum), Jayne Cunningham, and Sue Fritchley (who loves ironing so much she steam cleaned the curtains).

Lodge Vacancies

The hut is vacant until 27th June.

28th June - 4th July: 5 rooms vacant

26th July - 1st August: 2 rooms vacant

2nd - 8th August: 1 room vacant

9th - 15th August : 1 room vacant

September to December there are lots of vacancies.

Please contact Barry Price, email

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News from SLOPES

BACK TO PERISHER APRIL 11TH-18TH 2009

THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IS APRIL 11-18TH IN 2009, STARTING WITH EASTER WEEKEND.

All of us who have been to Perisher in Summer or Autumn have loved it, but it is often lonely. We have 1600 Club Beds in Perisher and we hope to achieve at least 1000 visitors enjoying themselves at the same time and saying G'day.

Activities will include:

1. A 6.2km Fun Run from Perisher Gap to Charlottes. The run will start at the top of the hill near Eyres T-Bar, so the run does NOT include the heartbreak hill. Charlottes Chalet will be open for the runners to revive. Paramedics will be there. Water stations on the way.
Buses to return the runners to Perisher.
For those who bring bikes, a bike fun run from Spencers gap to Charlottes and return.
2. Catch a Ski tube ride to Blue Cow from Perisher and walk down the road, or over the top where you usually ski.
3. Organize a car driver swap, half go to Thredbo, half to Rawsons, and then walk over the top 13 ½ km, (or including the summit 15 ½ km) from Thredbo to Rawsons or vice versa. Down or up the Thredbo Chairlift.
4. The Porcupine walk, and the old cattle stockade.
5. Walks at Guthega to Illawong, 1 hr each way or longer. Guthega Hotel will be open.
6. Maybe even an Inter Club Tug of War!!!
7. There will be a bar open in Perisher as a watering hole for everyone to get together for a beer. Milk, papers and bread and coffee will be available at Gingers in the Ski Tube building.
8. Clubs will be paired, and each Club should have the other club over for a drink during the week so as to see how the other half live.
9. Visit Rainbow 2km Walk at Dainer's Gap and see the original wooden water pipes used in the 1800's.
10. Take a day and drive to Cabramurra or other parts of the Snowy scheme.
11. All insurances supplied by Snowline Insurance gratis.
12. Let your Club members know NOW!!

Snow Board Buyers Guide

To find the right size board stand next to the board on its tail and measure where it comes to you on your body.

If the board falls anywhere between your collar bone and your chin, it is considered a short board or a jibbing board. **Remember boards can't tell how tall you are, they only react to how much you weight.** So a short board would be recommended for a **lighter person** because they are small, light, and easier to make turns with. There is nothing worst than trying to turn a really big board when you are a tiny person. You will end up hating snowboarding if you are in that situation.

If the board is between your chin and your nose, it is considered an all terrain board. This length board is recommended for an **average built to heavier built person**. If the snowboard is anywhere from your nose and up it is considered a powder board and should be used in deep snow. This would be recommended for any backcountry riding or for someone who is **big and tall**.

The snowboard buyers guide... Find the right width board!! is all about having NO toe drag or heel drag.

The easiest way to measure this is to strap or step into your bindings. Then hold the board up at one end at a time and look to see if the toe or heel of your boot goes over the edges of your board. If they don't then you are good, if they do then you might want to consider looking for a wider board. Having toe or heel drag will make your toe's or heel's drag in the snow during your turns. You will not be able to make perfect turns, plus you will probably wipe out a lot. Having your toes and heels placed over edges will give you the proper control over the board.

The next step for the snowboard buyers guide is learning about snowboard flex.

The **torsional flex** is how much a board flex's from side to side. The more flex the easier it will be to turn. Too little flex and the board will be hard to stay on edge during a turn. The **longitudinal flex** is how flexible the board is from tip to tail. A balanced flex is what you want. You **DON'T** want a board that has a different flex in the nose then in the tail or vice versa because it will cause an uneven flow between your turns. A softer flex board is good for beginners and jibbers because they are easier to turn and they are more forgiving. A firmer flex board is good for racers or carvers.

The final step in the snowboard buyers guide is to find the right sidecut.

The sidecut is the area between your edges and the top of your board. A **shallow sidecut** is good for longer sweeping turns. All mountain boards have shallow sidecuts - they are easier to control. A **deeper sidecut** is easier and faster to turn. They are good for beginners and jibbers.

(www.bettersnowboarding.com)

