



Public Service Officers' Ski Club
Co-operative Ltd
ABN 95 193 905 757
(Yalara Alpine Ski Lodge Perisher Valley)

Your Newsletter

December 2009

Greetings Members,

What a wonderful season! As usual the fun times and good company have been outstanding. September was particularly good in the snow fields with a late snow storm actually being the best throughout the season. There is still plenty of room at the lodge for the rest of spring and all of summer. If you would like to check what Perisher has to offer during the summer months you can view their website at www.perisher.com.au

So that future newsletters provide you with things you wish to know or share with your fellow members, please feel free to submit your ideas and contributions for future editions to me at: martin.hardy@det.nsw.edu.au

Competition and Lessons

A few members were again competing throughout the season and with much success. We also had numerous members take lessons to further enhance their skiing ability. If you, or someone you know competed, your news would be welcomed so it can go to print.

Accommodation

Only 50 of 200 members use the lodge regularly. We would like to see the lodge being used more by members as this will help keep fees and accommodation prices down in the future. In particular, the lodge could be utilised much more in the off peak months.

Reminder: If you do not use the lodge, you are more than welcome to donate your membership back to the lodge. This has happened recently and we, as a Club, are more than grateful.

Again the Club missed out on some finances due to members pulling out of their bookings at the last moment. Despite losing deposits the lodge still missed out on needed funds and the spots that were to be taken could have been filled by others.

WE NEED YOUR SUMMER BOOKINGS. If you haven't experienced the Mountains in the Summer you won't forget it. Please contact the **Booking Officer** as soon as possible.

Booking Manager

Recently, our long serving Booking Manager, Sandra Macintyre retired. We Thank Sandra for her outstanding contribution to the Club. Sandra began her volunteer work as the Booking Officer in 1991 and amazingly there has only been one ballot for the school holidays.

Effective from 1 January 2010, Ray Northwood will be the Booking Manager. We thank Ray in advance for his contribution and look forward to working with him.



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The new postal address for the Booking Manager is:

**P.O. Box 39
BARDWELL PARK NSW 2207**

The Booking Manager can be phoned on (02) 9787-4114 Monday to Friday between the hours 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

The Booking Manager's Fax Number is (02) 9787-4114

Email bookings can now be made to the booking manager at yalaraski@optusnet.com.au

Emails will now be sent reminding you of accommodation availability. If **you are** not on the email list, please pass on your details to the secretary.

Pay your Yalara Accommodation Fees over the net

The Yalara accommodation booking form is available to download from www.yalaraalpineski.com.au

Did you know you could pay for your accommodation by electronic funds transfer from your bank account provider? Our details for your payment:

BSB: 032-000

Account number: 760081

Account name: Public Service Officers Ski Club Co Ltd

**NB – Please ensure you include your name in the 'reference' line of your transfer, so your payment can be identified and reconciled by the Booking Officer.
Normal invoice payment deadlines still apply.**

Treasurer

We also have a changing of the guard with our treasurer. After 46 years of service, Ray Brennan will hand over the reigns to Ian Watt. While Ray still remains on the board as Lodge Manager his services as Treasurer has been truly inspiring. He has kept the lodge in excellent financial condition throughout his many years and we owe him a great deal of gratitude.

The Treasurer's new postal address is

**PO Box 435,
Dee Why, NSW 2099**



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Cleaning

The cleaning of the lodge has been better and more efficient now that the cleaners come in on Saturdays (during the ski season). However, cleaners **only clean common areas and** cannot enter occupied rooms. The Cleaners **do not** clean rooms and en-suites. Unfortunately, this season some en-suites were not cleaned and left in an unfit state for guests in subsequent weeks.

The cleaning of the rooms and en-suites is the responsibility of the people occupying the room and should be cleaned prior to vacating **the lodge**. A cleaning fee may be applicable to those leaving rooms and en-suites in an unacceptable manner.

A reminder; The vacuum cleaner, situated in the upstairs hall cupboard **must** be emptied each week, even though it is 'bag less.'

Ski Storage

There will be **an inspection conducted in the near future, of all skis stored in common areas**. There are many 'older' type straight skis that have not been used in years and should not take space that could be used by others.

If your skis are stored in a bag, your name and phone number must be clearly marked on the outside of the bag. The **Board** reminds members that the storage of skis in the lodge can only take place with prescribed stickers. The stickers can be gained through contacting the **Property Manager, Richard Harper on (02) 4360-2265**.

The Board takes no responsibility for equipment stored in the lodge.

Spring in Perisher

Again Perisher will operate a special weekend over the Easter weekend Friday 2nd April, 2010 to Monday 5th April, 2010 that will feature a music festival and numerous other activities.

Any Enquiries regarding this weekend and the planned activities please contact David from SLOPES on 0418-419-938

SLOPES have also arranged Mountains of Music to bring in the ski season from Friday 11th June, 2010 to Monday 14th June, 2010. Enquiries for this event please contact 1300-811-324.

For any of these events remember get in early and book at Yalara.



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Vale

It is with great sadness that I advise members that Norm Piper passed away and the Board on behalf of all members passed on condolences to the John & Bruce and their families. John & Gwen were regular volunteers to the early working bees in the 1960's and painted and cleaned the grease trap with great gusto. Norm was elected a Director in 1973 and even after his fall in 1980 which confined Norm to a wheelchair Norm still kept his humour and offered great advise to the running of the Club. Norm & Gwen (who passed away a short time ago) will be sadly missed by all who knew them and on behalf of all members we thank them for their contributions.

The Editor