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EDITORIAL

Our new Catering and Managing team have already taken residence at Warrugang, they are Anna, Jurgen and Leslie Manthey. They have provided the Directors with a sample menu and indicated that they are keen to please members and ensure a happy atmosphere in the lodge.

The Directors have made several visits to the lodge over the past few months to carry out maintenance and arrange various items necessary for the coming season. The exhaust fan has been fixed, small dormitory, kitchen etc., have been painted and new blankets and mattresses have been provided where necessary. There is also a supply of new records. We have concentrated on making the lodge comfortable for this season without too much expenditure on items that will be changed in our modification project.

Ruedi and Anneke have by now moved in to their new position at "The White Spider" Restaurant at Eiger Chalet. No doubt all members of Warrugang wish them well in their new venture.

Set out in the body of the magazine are as many details as possible regarding arrangements in Perisher this season. Unfortunately Shuttle Bus Timetables were not available when we went to print. One important thing to remember is that BREAKFAST will be served at 8 a.m. to enable an earlier start than was hitherto possible. This change has been introduced as a result of suggestions by members.

On behalf of the Directors I wish you all good skiing in 1971.

John Bible

RACE CALENDAR 1971ALPINE EVENTS

July 10	Kiandra Pioneer Invitation	Perisher Valley
July 17	VSA Season Opener	Mt Buller
July 17/18	NSW Championships	Charlotte Pass
July 24/25	ACT Championships	Thredbo
July 24/25	Victorian Championships	Falls Creek
July 31, Aug 1	Australian Championships	Mt Buller
July 31 Aug 1	Tatra Dual Slalom	Mt Buffalo
Aug 3	Molony Cup	Falls Creek
Aug 4	Snowline Cup	Charlotte Pass
Aug 6	Ross Milne Memorial Cup (FIS)	Falls Creek
Aug 7/8	Victorian Intermediate C'ship	Mt Buller
Aug 10/11	Thredbo Cup (FIS)	Thredbo
Aug 12/13	Wills International Cup (FIS)	Thredbo
Aug 14/15	Victorian Interclub Heats	Mt Hotham
Aug 14/15	Mt Hotham Cup	Mt Hotham
Aug 21/22	Victorian Interclub Heats	Mt Buller
Sep 11	Mt Buller Cup	Mt Buller
Sep 18	Dubonnet Cup	Thredbo
Sep 18	The Old Mans Trophy	Thredbo
Sep 25/26	VSA Interclub Finals	Mt Hotham
Oct 2/3	Perisher Cup	Perisher Valley
January 2 (1972)	Summer Races	South America Drift, Charlotte Pass

NORDIC EVENTS

July 17/18	ACT Championships	Guthega
July 17/18	Tatra Championships	Mt Buffalo
July 24/25	Victorian Championships	Falls Creek
July 31, Aug 1	NSW Championships	Perisher Valley
Aug 3	Cooma Cross Country C'ships	Perisher Valley
Aug 7/8	Australian Championships	Perisher Valley
Aug 10	KAC Championships	Charlotte Pass
Aug 14/15	Paddy Pallin Classic	Perisher Valley
Aug 21/22	Astor Cup (Jump)	Perisher Valley
Sep 4/5	Charles Derrick Memorial Cup	Mt Hotham
Sep 4/5	Sverre Kaarten Jump	Perisher Valley
Sep 5	Paddy Pallin Junior	Perisher Valley
Oct 2/3	Perisher Cup	Perisher Valley

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DIRECTORS FOR 1971

At the Annual General Meeting on 5th March 1971, the members present elected John Bible, Jim Brennan, Myrna Burke, George Failes, Barbara Graham, Abraham Van der Kaag and Bruce Wilkinson Directors of the club for 1971. Appointments were subsequently made at the first meeting of the new board of Directors as follows;

President:	Bruce Wilkinson
Vice President:	George Failes
Hon. Secretary:	George Failes
Hon. Treasurer:	Myrna Burke
Booking Officer:	Myrna Burke
Building Director:	Abraham Van der Kaag
Perisher Ski Ass'n and Ski Council Delegate:	Barbara Graham
Magazine Editor:	John Bible
Director Without Portfolio:	Jim Brennan

G. E. Failes
Hon. Secretary

General Information

Access to Perisher Valley:

The Smiggin Holes barrier will be left open and unattended EXCEPT during the following periods,

1. Weekends (mid-day Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday)
2. Public Holidays, School Holidays.
3. Periods when bad weather, snow clearing activities, traffic congestion or other factors justify closure.

When the barrier is manned access to Perisher will be permitted only to authorised vehicles - these include - Shuttle Buses, Taxis (on pre-arranged trips), Trade vehicles on approved business. In each case written authority must be presented to the Ranger in charge of the barrier before proceeding to Perisher. Applications for Authority to travel past the barrier can be made at Park Headquarters or at the Smiggin Holes Ranger Station.

During periods other than those described in 1, 2 and 3 above vehicles may proceed beyond the barrier to load or unload passengers, luggage, etc., at marked Loading Zones in Perisher Valley.

PARKING IN PERISHER VALLEY IS NOT PERMITTED

Shuttle Bus:

The shuttle bus system will continue to operate between Sawpit Creek and Perisher Valley Terminals and timetables will be available shortly. We have heard that it will probably be similar to last season. Fares will be slightly higher. If you NEED a timetable we suggest you contact 'Cottrills' at 117 York St., Sydney telephone 29.7747.

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Ski Lifts,

The number and placement of lifts in the Valley remain the same as last season. We have been told though, that the Chairlift has been strengthened to operate more efficiently (and more often we hope)

Prices of lift tickets have been increased slightly, Day tickets will be \$5.50 during the main season and slightly cheaper 'off season'. Cost of Ski lessons will also be slightly higher the basic block of five one-hour group lessons costing \$6.

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General Information
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Skiers Accident Insurance:

We have been given details of an Insurance Plan operated by The Ski Council of New South Wales for the benefit of affiliated clubs. Briefly the details are as follows:

The Events: All Accidents on snow covered ground, including whilst racing. Anywhere in the world.

The Cover: (a) Medical Expenses, including charges of any ski patrol or rescue service, and Ambulance fees
(b) Legal Liability for acts of negligence causing bodily injury or damage to property of the members of the general public.

Sums Insured: (a) Medical Expenses etc., \$500.00
(b) Legal Liability \$100,000.00

Premium: \$6.70 per head

Commencement; 1st June 1971 for a period of 12 months

Underwriter: Associated National Insurance Co Ltd
470 Collins St., Melbourne

Application forms are held by John Bible telephone 451-7332.

Remember only members of affiliated clubs of the Ski Council of New South Wales are eligible. Warrugang Ski Club is an affiliated member.

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Perisher Ski Patrol;

Under the guidance of new President Bert Gardner the Ski Patrol has been reorganised and will work in conjunction with three professional patrollers. We understand Valley Management will be providing a caravan to be parked permanently near the Valley Inn to act as patrol Headquarters. Several of our members are already qualified patrollers and Tony Wilkinson is assisting on their committee.

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1971 Olympic Dinner Dance:

The President and members of The Ski Council of New South Wales have invited members of Warrugang Ski Club to attend the Dinner Dance to be held at Unisearch House, University of New South Wales Anzac Parade, Kensington on Saturday 26th June 1971. Tickets \$6.50 each, Black Tie. Tickets available from Mrs D. Hugon, 10 Gavin Road, Killarney Heights 2087.

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Ski Repair Shop:

A world famous maker of skis is looking into the possibility of a complete repair shop in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. We have been told that they will install a double press and other modern equipment that will enable skis to be returned to factory finish. All being well, they plan to open for business about November and will repair all brands the machinery will handle.

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Swap Shop:

Judy Nicholas has a pair of Italian lace-up boots for sale. They are size 6½ to 7 (ladies) and would suit a child or beginner. Price is \$5. You can contact Judy (to enquire about the boots) by telephoning 660-4079 in the evening.

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Ambulance Insurance:

The club pays into a special ambulance fund to cover each person staying at the lodge. Cover is in respect of Ambulance transport to Cooma Hospital when necessary, and relieves members and friends the burdensome cost involved. We pay 50c per week for each person staying at the lodge and request that you reimburse us by paying this sum to the Manager on arrival at Warrugang.

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Access Road:

The access road has been newly sealed from Sawpit Creek to the Gravel Pit below Warrugang and presents a very good surface. Pity we can't always use it to full advantage.

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Post Office:

Perisher Valley Post Office is located in Eiger Chalet near No. 3 Terminal and is quite handy from our point of view. Please note that our Postal address in the Valley has changed as a result:

Warrugang Ski Club Ltd., Post Office Perisher Valley N.S.W. 2630

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SOCIAL NEWS

Since our last issue the 'stork' has been busy, and our congratulations go to the following members who have had an addition to their family.

John and Leslie Davenport	Son
John Dickin and his wife	Daughter
Neville and Diana Ellem	Daughter
Michael and Libby Loneragan	Daughter
Murray and Colleen Tobias	Daughter
Rod Whereat and his wife (Rod and his family are at present in South Africa)	Daughter

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Whilst in Canada recently, George and Angela Failes called in on Barbara Greer (formerly Kersley) living in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. Barbara sends greetings to her friends and has become a proud mother also, a daughter born in May.

Mrs Pat Errecaret would also like to be remembered to her 'Warrugang' friends. Pat has been in Canada for some time now, her address is Mont Ste. Marie, Lac Ste. Marie, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Ron Carroll and Helen Wentworth were married in May, congratulations to them both from all of us.

Ernie Langer recently found it necessary to part company with his appendix. We hope you are fighting fit again and ready for the snow Ernie.

John and Hilde Anstice have been visiting the Continent, but will be back in time for the season. And "Barbie" Graham has been working in Central Queensland. Barbie always said she liked "field work" looks like her new firm has taken her at her word.

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Set out below is the text of a letter received from the National Parks and Wildlife Service dated 11 December 1970. This letter reiterates the Service's attitude in respect of accommodation in Perisher Valley and the snowfields generally.

The Secretary
Warrugang Ski Club
Box 1075 G.P.O.
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

The matter of overcrowding of lodges has been raised by the Department of Public Health and it has become necessary for the Service to rigidly enforce the conditions set down in your lease or subsequent correspondence related to the number of guests permissible in your lodge.

Inspections will therefore be made from time to time by Park officers or Department of Public Health staff and under no circumstances will accommodation be permitted either beyond the authorised number or in parts of the building not approved as sleeping areas.

These conditions will apply throughout the Kosciusko snowfields but we are particularly concerned about lodges, such as yours, which are using septic tanks and effluent trenches. It has been established that these do not function properly in alpine areas and in some cases they represent a definite health hazard.

Would you please bear this in mind when taking bookings for accommodation in future.

Yours faithfully,
N.C. GARE
Superintendent.

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Sawpit Creek - Perisher Valley

Shuttle Bus Timetable
11 June to 4 Oct
1971

Depart Sawpit Creek.

Monday to Thursday.

9.45 a.m. 12.45 p.m. 4.00 p.m.

Friday.

9.45 a.m. 12.45 p.m. 4.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
9.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m.

Saturday.

1.00 a.m. 3.00 a.m. 5.00 a.m. 6.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. then each
half hour until 3.00 p.m. then 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Sunday.

7.45 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 11.45 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 2.45 p.m.
4.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

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Depart Perisher Valley No 3 Terminal.

Monday to Thursday.

8.45 a.m. 12 noon 3.15 p.m.

Friday.

8.45 a.m. 12 noon 3.15 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.
and 10.00 p.m.

Saturday.

12 midnight 2.00 a.m. 4.00 a.m. 6.00 a.m. 7.30 a.m. then
each half hour until 3.00 p.m. then 4.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m.

Sunday.

9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 4.45 p.m.
5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.

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Shuttle Bus Information
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Connecting oversnow transport will operate between Terminals and all lodges in Perisher Valley.

Buses from Smiggin Holes Terminal will depart for Sawpit Creek 20 minutes later than the time of departure from No 3 Terminal in Perisher Valley.

Buses from Smiggin Holes Terminal for Perisher Valley will depart 25 minutes later than the time of departure from Sawpit Creek.

Buses will stop at each terminal between No 3 Terminal in Perisher Valley and Sawpit Creek to pick up and set down.

Fare from Sawpit Creek to Perisher Valley \$1.50 single, \$3.00 return.

Baggage.

One suitcase or pack and one pair of skis per person carried free on buses and oversnow vehicles. Additional baggage 60c per bag. Additional baggage and skis will only be carried with passengers when room available, otherwise will be delivered to lodge later on day of travel.

As previously mentioned complete timetables and general information is available from Clipper Tours Sydney, telephone 29.7747, Smiggin Holes 258 and 259.

A complete brochure will be attached to the Notice Board at the lodge for the convenience of members, please ensure that it remains in place for the entire season. Thank you.

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WARRUGANG SKI CLUB LIMITED

SERVICE PAGE

Address all correspondence to - Warrugang Ski Club Ltd.,

Box 1075, G.P.O., SYDNEY 2001 N.S.W.

All cheques should be made payable to Warrugang Ski Club Ltd.

Lodge address for mail--

Warrugang Ski Club Ltd, Post Office, Perisher Valley, 2630
Telephone - Smiggin Holes 215.

DIRECTORS 1971

President	Mr B. Wilkinson	Phone 523-3941
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WHAT PRICE SAFETY?

It would seem that a leg in plaster is the latest "in thing" for skiers. Hardly a day goes by without at least one broken leg on the slopes. It is almost incredible what people will do to be up with the latest fashion. Still, a white plaster on your leg is a little more permanent than the latest après ski gear. You cannot take a leg plaster off when you go to bed, as you can the other mod gear. But, as you may be in bed with your plaster for three to four months, I suppose it does not matter too much.

In the days of the old Kandahar (rigid) bindings and the fashionable "long thongs" (immortalised by Rajah-- 'My long thongs won't do up') one expected a leg or two to be sacrificed. But now the modern 'Safety Binding' should have put an end to leg fractures - it hasn't. Not because we haven't fitted them, nearly every pair of skis on the slopes is fitted with the owner's favourite brand of 'Safety Bindings'.

THE FAULT LIES WITH THE SKIER - YOU AND ME !

Do YOU know how YOUR bindings work? Do you know how to check if they are working so that they release when necessary? Do you know how to adjust the release pressure so that they will work properly? Do you check your bindings regularly, preferably daily?

If you are honest with yourself and the answer to any of the above questions is 'no', then you are a potential leg - in - plaster case. But you can avoid it.

FIRST. Constantly remind yourself that modern ski bindings are ADJUSTABLE. Furthermore, they are usually adjustable over a wide range from not holding the boot properly to a FULLY LOCKED position from which the boot will not release at all. This adjustment needs constant checking because it does not necessarily remain stable. Badly adjusted bindings or malfunctions due to lack of attention cause most broken legs.

SECOND. Learn how your bindings work when releasing. May sound elementary or unnecessary but one of our club members thought his bindings were broken when the toe piece swivelled apart. He proceeded to hammer it back together and locked the screw up tight. Fact, not fiction.

THIRD. Learn HOW TO CHECK if your bindings are working properly. Even when adjusted they may not release due to damage, neglect or some other cause. 'Step in' bindings are particularly prone to malfunction if snow is lodged inside the heel piece or left on your boot when stepping into the binding.

FOURTH. Do not rely on others! They are your bindings and your legs. Learn to adjust both boot fit and release pressure of toe and heel bindings yourself.

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WHAT PRICE SAFETY?
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FIFTH. Check your bindings regularly. This should include checks to see that they operate correctly and will release when the necessary pressure is brought to bear. Daily is not too often to check your bindings - but weekly is not often enough. Take a tip from Jurgen (Jack) Manthey who says "Surely a five minute check every morning is better than a five months stint in hospital".

While on the subject of safety here are some facts supplied by Perisher Ski Patrol President Bert Gardiner:-

Last season (1970) 244 rescues recorded.
This season in first month -164 rescues recorded
including- 93 lower leg problems

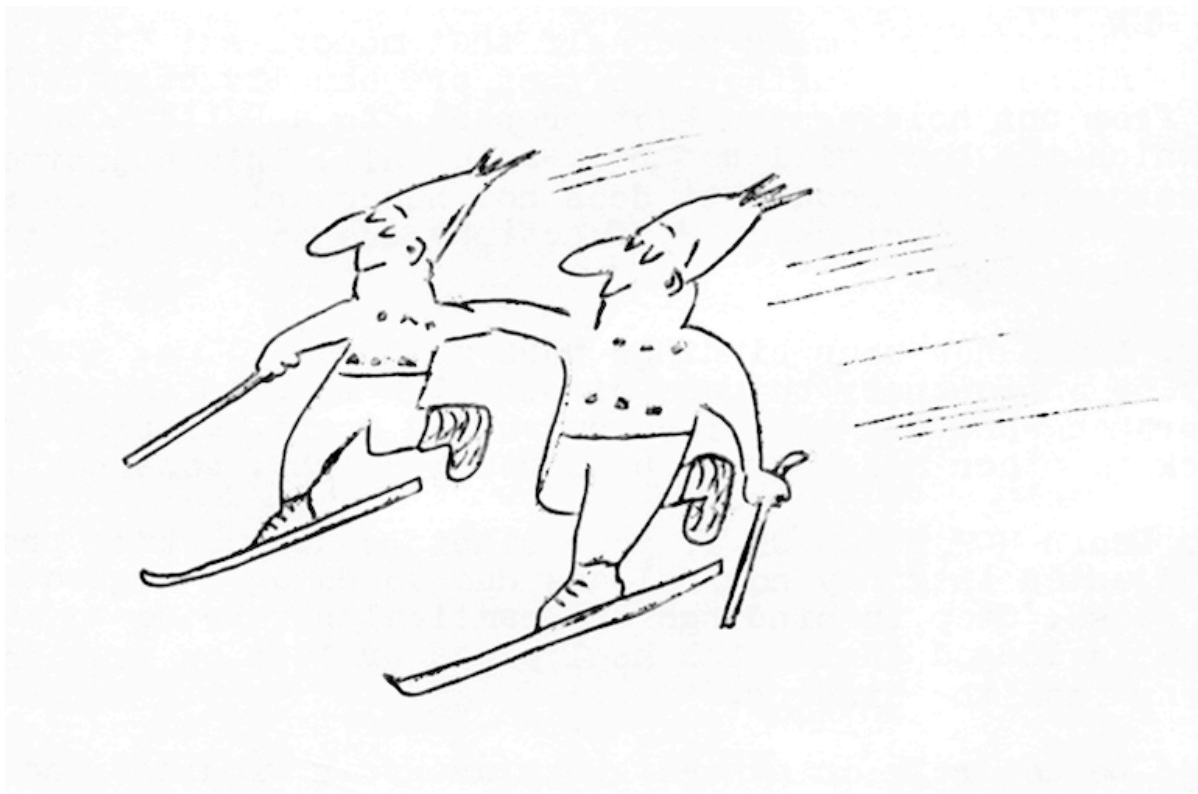
FINALLY. If you need help in understanding your bindings then by all means ask. Your ski shop, ski hire centre, experienced skiers and your Lodge Manager will all be happy to help.

SKI SAFE - SKI HAPPY

George Failes.

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- ON THE LIGHTER SIDE -



Dear Club Members,

It is nice to be able to say a small hello from Denmark, sunny Denmark as it happens and has been since early May until now. As you are all probably aware, Denmark has little skiing potential, since the highest hill in the country is well under 1000 feet. Nevertheless it gets pretty cold at times and just after we arrived in February, it got down to 11 degrees Fahrenheit. Some years it snows quite heavily and lies about for some weeks. Living about 50 kilometres north of Copenhagen and in the country, we do have some possibilities for langlaufing in the very extensive woods nearby. Ice skating is much pursued by children of all ages up to 60 and for the more daring (or foolhardy) a nearby lake provides opportunities for ice yachting.

Whilst living so close to some of the worlds top ski resorts they are surprisingly inaccessible. Certainly it isn't a case of ringing up booking and jumping in the car for a weekends skiing. Norway our closest resort is either an overnight boat trip and then train from Oslo or across the ferry to Sweden and then a jolly long drive. We haven't really explored the Swedish possibilities but we believe there are resorts outside Stockholm. So you see Australia whilst having a fairly limited season, is a 'lucky country' from an accessibility viewpoint.

There seems to be a good range of equipment in the stores although we arrived at the tail end of the last ski season in Europe. We realise too that being a member of EFTA together with Austria and Norway there are at least no tariff loadings before the government here gets at the price.

One of the more interesting things about the skiing in Europe is the multitude of package deals that are available. If one goes at a time when it is off-peak, the offers are quite exceptional. Most include full board accommodation and instruction. We hope to go on something like this about January.

We will send a message from time to time especially if we visit resorts here, so that intending visitors to Europe can perhaps put them on their visiting list.

We close as is normal in skiing fraternity, by saying 'Good Skiing'. With kind regards, Lillian and Bob Neil.
Address, Gåselandsvej 10, Skaerød 3200, Helsingør, Denmark.

WARRUGANG WEEKLY RACES 1971

WEEK 30 JULY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Adj. Time</u>
Christine Reid	40.1	38.0	78.1	68	10.1
Helen Crick	29.0	28.8	57.8	29	28.8
Chris Tracy	29.0	28.5	57.5	28	29.5
Margaret Mathieson	31.8	29.0	60.8	30	30.8
Margaret Tracy	27.0	26.7	53.7	22	31.7
Alison Vickery	30.0	28.8	58.8	20	38.8
Lisa Reid	63.1	60.0	123.1	75	48.1
Margaret Emery	25.8	26.3	52.1	Scr	52.1

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Jurgen Manthey	25.1	23.3	48.4	10	38.4
Bruce Reid	28.0	31.1	59.1	20	39.1
Elton Squires	28.1	28.1	56.2	15	41.2
Ernie Langer	23.2	22.8	46.0	Scr	46.0
Rajah Davenport	23.4	25.0	48.4	Scr	48.4
John Deacon	43.2	36.8	80.0	31.5	49.5
Max McManus	42.8	46.3	89.1	32	57.1
Jim Heraghty	42.1	53.5	95.6	35	60.6
John Peatfield	43.4	53.8	97.2	34	63.2
Max Gault(<u>on langlauf</u>)	49.0	53.9	102.9	20	82.9
John Finn	77.0	54.0	131.0	35	96.0
David Turtle	75.0	65.0	140.0	43	97.0

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Fine weather and excellent snow conditions prevailed.

Course set and race organised by; E. Langer and R. Davenport.

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WEEK 6 AUGUST

Margaret Tracy	19.8	::::	39.6	14	25.6
Joan Robinson	23.0	::::	46.0	20	26.0
Christine Tracy	22.0	::::	44.0	15	29.0
Alison Vickery	23.0	::::	46.0	15	31.0
Judy Nicholas	25.0	::::	50.0	18	32.0
Barbara Williamson	20.1	::::	40.2	5	35.2
Anna Funnell	23.6	::::	47.2	10	37.2
Margaret Emery	20.1	::::	40.2	Scr	40.2
Myrna Burke	35.7	::::	71.4	10	61.4

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WARRUGANG WEEKLY RACES 1971

WEEK 6 AUGUST

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Adj. Time</u>
Bill Edwards	19.9	::::	39.8	8	31.8
Wilt Ainsworth	19.2	::::	38.4	5	33.4
Allan Howard	21.8	::::	43.6	10	33.6
Brian Mazlin	22.3	::::	44.6	9	35.6
Jurgen Manthey	18.0	::::	36.0	Scr	36.0
John Williamson	19.7	::::	39.4	3	36.4
Peter Roberts	20.8	::::	41.6	5	36.6
Herc Rose	20.8	::::	41.6	5	36.6
Bruce Keating	19.9	::::	39.8	2	37.8
Chris Robinson	30.0	::::	60.0	Ser	60.0

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Fine weather and excellent snow prevailed.

Course set and race organised by: Jurgen Manthey- and Chris Robinson.

Second run cancelled because of accident in which Judy Nicholas broke both legs. We understand Judy is now well on the way to recovery at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney.

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WEEK 13 AUGUST

Mary Barnes	27.9	27.7	55.6	14	41.6
Margaret Emery	22.9	22.2	45.1	Scr	45.1
Gwen Lawrence	29.9	34.3	64.2	12	52.2
Dorothy Halsall	27.7	38.9	66.6	12	54.6
Myrna Burke	29.1	53.4	82.5	10	72.5
Moir Evans	45.0	45.8	90.8	14	76.8
Judith Barnes	85.9	83.0	168.9	53	115.9
Angela Failes	31.3	D.N.F.	::::	14	D.N.F
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Peter Roberts	22.3	22.7	45.0	5	40.0
Bruce Kercher	24.0	19.7	43.7	Scr	43.7
Sam Conlon	23.5	22.3	45.8	2	43.8
Jurgen Manthey	21.8	22.3	44.1	Scr	44.1
Colin Fulton	27.9	27.1	55.0	8	47.0
Ian Barnes	28.8	34.6	63.5	13	50.5
Don Barnes	27.5	34.3	61.8	5	56.8

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WARRUGANG WEEKLY RACE 1971

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WEEK 13 AUGUST</u>			<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Adj. Time</u>
	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Total</u>		
George Failes	28.8	33.7	62.5	5	57.5
David Lawrence	41.9	36.7	78.6	13	65.6
Erwin Feeken	38.5	40.3	78.8	8	70.8

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Once again fine weather and excellent snow.

Course set and organised by; J. Manthey-- B. Kercher

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CLUB WHISPERS

And still they party on! Brian Mazlin celebrated his birthday at the lodge. No one quite remembers which birthday, but most are pretty sure which lodge! Brian and Chris Robinson were seen to do cartwheels down the summit road and hand stands to the Valley Inn. Wilt Ainsworth went missing, and not to be outdone Joan Robinson walked in the door of the Valley Inn and immediately (some say inadvertently) joined their fashion parade.

The "travellers" - Bruce and Helen Wilkinson on a cruise to Tahiti. No doubt this accounts for the fine weather in Perisher early in August.

Bruce and Helen Reid leave for Europe early this month.

Gwen Lawrence and (6 yr old) David back after an extensive world trip then spent a holiday at Warrugang.

After some years absence Dorothy Halsall was back at the club again this year. Dorothy expects to be moved back to Canberra from Melbourne shortly •

And back on the slopes again, Bill Edwards, Barry Judd, Peter McInnes and Len Reed were playing up as usual on their annual "boys week". Others seen about were Tony and Lucy Dankus, Chris Capell, Graham and Sue Crabbe, and John Dicken. Our Barbie is skiing again after last years badly broken leg. Seeing her race Sam Conlon down the Chair you can well believe her statement that she now has the strongest right leg in the valley.

CLUB WHISPERS
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Judy Nicholas will not be skiing again this year as a result of an accident in the weekly race. Friends are welcome to call on Judy at RPAH Sydney where she is recovering from two broken legs, one is broken in two places. We wish you a speedy recovery Judy on behalf of your Warrugang friends.

Peter Roberts had a different kind of break during his holiday at the lodge. A subpoena to appear in Newcastle court to give evidence. His parting words were "I will see you on Thursday unless I purge myself in court". Apparently he behaved himself as he was back in the Valley on Wednesday.

Wilt Ainsworth has been initiated into the mysteries of waxes. He discovered some "friends" thought that some 'Silver' over 'Blue Klister' was just the thing for Wilt's downhill skis. Wilt was not available for comment.

Club members are becoming active in Nordic events and judging by results this season we could have some future champions.----

N.S.W. Nordics

Margaret Emery placed 5th in Ladies event.

Michael Wilkinson placed 2nd in Junior event.

Max Gault and Peter Roberts both competed in this event and completed the course.

Cooma Club Open Langlauf

Margaret Emery and Peter Roberts competed, Margaret gaining 4th place.

Australian Nordic Championship

Michael Wilkinson placed 3rd in Junior event.

Margaret Emery placed 8th in Ladies event

Peter Roberts competed and completed the course

In the K.A.C. open Langlauf Margaret Emery gained 2nd place in Ladies event. We were also represented in the Paddy Pallin Classic by Cynthia Brew, Margaret Emery, Max Gault and Peter Roberts. Congratulations to these members keen enough to participate in Langlauf races, a demanding sport but no doubt also very rewarding to the individual.

KOSCIUSKO HUTS ASSOCIATION

At first they were the 'lunatic' fringe, when they were held in some awe as they discussed slopes which none of us had ever heard of, and then the few grew into many. And ski-touring had been born.

Unfortunately the growth in ski-touring brought with it the usual growing pains. For instance there was a time when you could be fairly confident of going out on to the main range and not seeing anybody for at least two or three days. Not so now, although the slopes are still far from what could be crowded or even tracked. Along with the rapid increase in skiers there has been a steady increase in fishermen and bushwalkers.

Still the great majority of ski-tourers tend to head for the huts at night, and although there are something like 100 huts in this largest national park in Australia, there are now nights in these huts when they tend to resemble Wynyard station at rush hour.

Many of the huts in the best touring country have been there for at least thirty or forty years as either stockman's or gold fossickers huts. Now that climate is not exactly kind to wood and unpainted galvanised iron and once the snow leases were withdrawn they started to collapse fairly rapidly. There were a few keen tourers and fishermen who got together to ensure that their own special hut did not fall down but most of the others gradually collapsed. Late last year a group of fishermen, ski-tourers and bushwalkers got together with the park rangers to discuss the problem of too many people, too few huts spread over too big an area.

The result, the Kosciusko Huts Association. The foundation President is Robin Miller a well-known Canberra cross-country man. At the first Kosciusko Huts Association meeting at Sawpit Creek, Miller said 'basically we decided that if the huts were to remain and if tourers were to be able to use them then some organisation was needed. The Park authorities were becoming worried, and rightly so, that the huts would deteriorate into a collection of ruins surrounded by a heap of rusting tin cans. The association hopes to be able to organise the summer maintenance and with the Park authorities develop a policy so that basic weatherproof huts can be used by all the groups that are interested in the wilderness areas. You see it's not only loner types like ski-tourers and fishermen that are using these huts but large groups of boy scouts and schoolboys. Now it's hoping that the people that use the huts will not object to the payment of a small fee for a nights accommodation. It has been suggested that fifty cents per night be donated to the association via the Ranger headquarters at Sawpit Creek. This money to be used to provide a basic simple but adequately equipped hut, one with bed, warmth, cooking facilities and emergency medical equipment.

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KOSCIUSKO HUTS ASSOCIATION
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As well we hope that the regular users of the park back country will join the association'.

So for those people who have realised that the real high country isn't bounded by T-bars there could well be huts along the main range for many years to come.

Max Bourke

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For those members and friends of Warrugang who are interested in joining the Kosciusko Huts Association, membership costs \$2.00 per year. To apply for membership write to 'The Treasurer, Kosciusko Huts Association, Post Office Box 415, Canberra City, ACT 2601.'
(The treasurer is John Pinkerton.)

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SOCIAL NEWS ETC.,

Congratulations to Tony Wilkinson who recently became the third skier in Australia to pass the 1st class A.N.S.F. test. We have already mentioned in our last issue that Tony is on the Committee of the Perisher Ski Patrol Association and a very active patrolman. There is no truth in the rumour though that the Wilkinsons are taking over Perisher Valley.

Sam and Lyn Conlon now have another son and John and June Wunder became proud parents of a son some time ago. This latter birth should have been reported in our last issue, sorry people, our congratulations to all concerned.

Included with this magazine are notices regarding Race Weekend (18-19 Sep); Annual Dinner (30 Oct) and a special Questionnaire.

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ACCOMMODATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As you are no doubt aware, we are hoping to extend the Lodge during the coming summer so that all the guests will be accommodated in rooms. There should then be nine or ten double rooms in the Lodge - some with private facilities possibly.

It has been proposed that one of the rooms (DEFINITELY ONE ONLY) be reserved for those who wish to go skiing for only half a week at a time. This may be a boon for members who find it difficult for various reasons to get away for longer periods.

At present this type of accommodation is usually only available late June or late September. Or, in cases of very late cancellations it can become available on very short notice.

The proposal is that this ONE room could be booked on the same preferential basis that at present exists for Members, Associate Members and Friends. Bookings for this room would be only from Sunday to Wednesday (4 days' skiing - 3 nights accommodation) AND Wednesday to Saturday (4 days skiing - 3 nights accommodation). Saturday night accommodation would be available to the first persons to reserve it in conjunction with their 3 nights.

In order that the Board can gauge if there is sufficient interest in this proposal we ask you to indicate your preference on the questionnaire at the bottom of this page and return it to us as soon as possible.

To
The Secretary
Warrugang Ski Club Ltd
Box 1075 G.P.O.
Sydney N.S.W. 2001

Please tick

I like the idea of half weekly bookings and would possibly make use of this facility,

Alternatively.

Two members would arrange a full weeks booking between them and be jointly responsible for payment irrespective of the number of days each stayed.

Leave the booking arrangements in their present form.

If you have any pertinent remarks on this subject please write, or use the back of this form for comment.

WARRUGANG SKI CLUB

1971 ANNUAL DINNER

AND

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER

at Pfahlerts Hotel, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney. 7 pm for 7.30 dinner
dress informal, single ticket \$5.00

Please return the attached reservation slip as early as possible. It is regretted that reservations cannot be accepted without your remittance being forwarded at the same time; this helps to avoid misunderstandings as to whether or not you are going to be present on the night.

The Secretary,
Warrugang Ski Club Limited,
Box 1075, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, 2001

I intend being present at the 1971 Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, 30th October, and will be accompanied by the following persons

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I wish to be seated with party and enclose my remittance for \$ (\$5 per single ticket)

Name

Address

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WARRUGANG SKI CLUB LIMITED

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