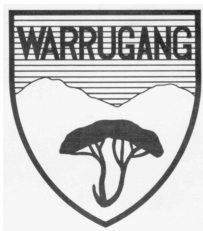


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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 1979

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 1979 draws to a close, we have seen the past season being a "mixed bag" of snow conditions. Your Club again had a record year and I would like to thank all Members, Associates and friends who have supported Warrugang both in the snowfields and by attending social events held in Sydney during the year.

On behalf of the Warrugang Board of Directors, I wish you the compliments of the Season.

## DINNER DANCE

We have just concluded a very successful Dinner Dance with an attendance of 110 guests. The Vista Room was the excellent venue at the A.J.C. Randwick Racecourse Pavilion and the Daltons again provided the usual high standard of music.

Don't forget to keep 1980 in mind and make a date to join in that Dinner Dance which will be held at the same venue on Saturday, 15th November, a little later in the month than usual to fit in with the Racing calendar.

## 1980 WINTER OLYMPICS APPEAL FUND

An extensive fund raising operation is currently being run and the N.S.W. Ski Association has asked Clubs to assist. Warrugang has made a direct donation of \$50.

## PEOPLE

Stork - Kaye & Ewan Morrison, a son - Andrew Cameron  
Irene & Greg Brookes, a son - Nicholas

Overseas Travellers - The Browns & Mazlins heading off in January to the snow in USA, also the White & Keating families in the same direction a month later for the same purpose.

Overseas correspondents -

Have recently heard from Graeme Currie (Chompers) who is now back on the Antarctic Research Ship "Hero". "Hero" is a 30 ft diesel powered sail-equipped wooden ship. Her oak hull is sheathed in tough South American greenheart. Ten Scientists and a crew of ten are the normal complement, Graeme is the Radio Operator.

In between research trips, Chompers indulges in the delights of skiing in the Chilean mountains or fraternising with the delightful South American lovelies!

From Vicki and Stuart, whom the 1977 Warrugang tourers met in Aspen: Over the last year they did an extensive tour of the Americas, setting off from Canada and travelling down through South America. For those contemplating a trip to that part of the world, here are a few excerpts -

Colombia is a beautiful country. Have been on some incredible bus rides. People cross themselves before every bus trip - can quite see why! Real rickety old bone-shaking false teeth rattling buses which take off literally on every bump. Have been through landslides and mud river roads, crossed over a very exciting suspension bridge between bus stops, continual music day and night, countless breakdowns, reckless driving (overtaking rival bus companies at all costs, never mind the blind corners), numerous police checks for guerrilla

weapons, hens and chickens all over the bus, freezing temperatures at high altitudes (poncho necessary) etc .... but the breathtaking scenery more than compensated for any discomforts. Have travelled through snow-capped volcanoes to lush tropical vegetation, spectacular mountain passes with 90 degree drops with merely wooden planks to bridge the abysses between mountains, past many llama herds, down Peruvian coast with Pacific on one side and complete desert the other side where no rain ever falls and not even cacti survive - huge sand mountains sweeping into sea with road clinging precariously somewhere in middle. Down here the buses are on flexi-time, i.e., they never arrive and depart when they're meant to.

Peru I think was our favourite country - spectacular, varied and mountainous scenery. Everything so incredibly cheap (slap-up huge three course meal 60 cents, only paying 35 cents a night for accommodation and bargains abound - definitely the place to come to for Christmas shopping). Went on the highest train journey in the world from Lima (capital, ancient Inca empire) zigzagging over precipices and high mountain passes many went higher than any peak in Europe.

Christmas Eve we splashed out and went skiing on the highest ski slope in the world with Club Andino - managed to borrow a pair of skis and boots (miles too big) - large crevasses with no warning in middle of slope, very lethal primitive rope tow (fastest in world) but snow really good and great to be skiing again at 17,920 ft! Christmas Day we spent in the jungle in Bolivia.

LODGE MANAGEMENT

Many thanks to Chris and Adrianna Blockley for an excellent management job over the last two seasons. Unfortunately the Blockleys won't be returning for season 1980 - they are expecting a new arrival in April.

SPORTS EVENTS

1979 Annual Championships

The Club championships were held in good weather conditions but the snow cover wasn't sufficient to set the course on our usual location to the south of the self-loader. Chris Williams, together with George Perry of the Ski School set a fine course in the Sun Valley area.

Results - Slalom

		aggregate time	M S
Men	1st Chris Williams		63.7
	2nd John Williamson	" "	70.7
	3rd Paul Robinson	" "	73.3
Ladies	1st Claire Davies	" "	74.8
	2nd Barbie Graham	" "	78.2
	3rd Helen Keating	" "	90.3

Two-Scorers' Trophy

Len Reed  
Barbie Graham

Langlauf

Men 1st Mike Loneragan  
2nd Elton Squires  
3rd Hedley Stevenson

Ladies 1st Libby Loneragan  
2nd Barbie Graham  
3rd Gerda Feecken

Perisher Cross-Country Tours

Warrugang probably had its most successful year ever as a team was entered for each of the major tours - K.A.C. Martini & Rossi, Paddy Pallin Classic and the Kosciusko Tour from Thredbo to Perisher. Teams were -

<u>Martini &amp; Rossi</u>	<u>Paddy Pallin</u>	<u>Kosciusko Tour</u>
Mike Loneragan	Mike Loneragan	Brian Mazlin
Brian Willis	Brian Willis	Hedley Stevenson
Elton Squires	Elton Squires	Elton Squires

Next year's Club Races

Alpine

As a means of maximising the skiing hours of those staying for race weekend it has been suggested that we co-ordinate with the NASTAR organisers and investigate use of their pre-set course. Please let your Club Captain, Chris Williams, or Sports Director, Elton Squires, know your views on this or any other suggestion that might facilitate this tradition of club racing with a minimum of organisational problems.

Cross-Country

As a result of the current keen interest in this event, it is intended to use the 3k loop of the existing 5k trail. This should provide a challenge to those keener Nordic skiers similar to the challenge we traditionally afford Alpine contestants.

Furthermore, it is also intended to run the cross-country event around 10 a.m. with the Slalom at 11-11.30 a.m. With the completion of both races before lunch, it is hoped we can attract even more participants in 1980.

Reintroduction of Grand Champion

With the dual popularity of Alpine and Nordic skiing at Warrugang, it has been decided to reintroduce the Grand Champion trophy for the skier who attains most overall combined points for the two events.

1980 Dates

Club Races	2nd August, 1980
Cross-Country Tours	
Martini & Rossi	6th August, 1980
Paddy Pallin	9th August, 1980
Kosciusko Tour	14th September, 1980

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you haven't forwarded your annual subscription for the current year (or for that matter previous years!) please send it immediately to the Secretary. You are reminded that the Club's Articles provide that failure to pay moneys due at the appropriate time will place a person's membership in jeopardy. This applies equally to accommodation tariffs as to subscriptions. We have many, many people anxious to join Warrugang and therefore those members who are not sufficiently interested in the Club to meet their obligations should stand aside for persons who are willing to take their place.

SVERRE KAATEN NORDIC SHELTER

The proposal to build a Nordic Shelter in Perisher Valley will be a reality if the funds necessary are available by the middle of December; the Committee has a grant of \$32,875 from the NSW Government on a dollar-for-dollar basis and the project must be completed prior to October 1980 meaning it has to be built this summer. Time is very short and a further \$15,000 is required. Those

interested persons would be helping a worthy cause if they would send their donations as quickly as possible as follows -

"NSWSA Nordic Shelter Fund" c/- Graeme Hearl, 31 Charles Street, Killara, 2071.

The Shelter will be situated in the vicinity of the commencement of the 5K course, and will be available to all persons participating in Nordic skiing; beginners, tourers, racers, grannies and kids!!

If the money cannot be raised now, there will not be another chance for at least another 25 years because Government grants don't come easily and this one should not "get away" on this occasion!

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