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## EDITORIAL.

Sorry there has not been a magazine for so long, but various things went wrong, including the loss of the material for the December issue, carefully prepared by my assistant who took over whilst I was being examined. Anyway, here is the current issue, with bits of useful information, including how to save 10/-, and how to have some fun in February. Warwick and Ann have planned a fabulous party, but you must let them know if you are coming.

The new board of directors is listed on the front page of the magazine, as are their various offices.

The main decisions of the Annual General Meeting were (1) that the Entrance Fee should be increased from £5 to £10 because new members would be gaining far more than members who joined when the hut was being developed. (2) That the Board of Directors be reduced from twelve to seven as it was felt that this would increase efficient running of the business affairs of the Club. (3) That the name, address and occupation of prospective members be published so that the opinions of members may be considered before they are admitted.

We would like to thank Bob Neil for his letter and as mentioned in the magazine we are organizing a working party for Easter ... Hope to see you up there with your working togs.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

"How many of us have been to Monte Carlo? ..."

Not many - but here is your chance to enjoy the fascination and thrills of this little Principality, yes, right here in Sydney! Interested? Of course!

DATE: 25th February, 1961.  
TIME: 8.30 pm till, --- well ---?  
VENUE: Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Fayle  
"Tarellaroi"  
1B Queen Victoria Street,  
DRUMMOYNE. WA 3238.  
REFRESHMENTS: Plenty will be available.

Would those who are interested kindly contact Ann Fayle at the above address or Fran Wood at 74:9511.

Now it is really important that you contact us as we have to order a keg (or kegs). The social committee doesn't wish to be placed in the embarrassing position of having to say at 10:01 pm that "The beer has run out and we can't get any more !!! "

Refreshments will consist of Beer, whisky gin, brandy , Pimms, Sherry and Soft Drink and Flytox etc.

Please be early to taste the free "House Punch" or "The Landlords Brew", we can guarantee that once the guests have tried this punch it will go very quickly.

All members note: Perhaps some of the older members will remember the good old socials and House Parties, well, they are back again!! This Social Committee intends that 1961 shall be the Golden Year of Warrugang Socials. Remember only your support can make these socials a success. It is not the drinks or the entertainment that really makes the party a success it is the people THERE.

Watch this page as we are going to have some really unusual entertainments and get-togethers.

See you all on the 25th February.

### Annual Subscriptions.

Once again it is Annual Subscription time and we ask that for your own sake and that of the Club that you pay promptly. The phrase "for your own sake" is because at the last Annual Meeting the following Motion was passed:

"That the Annual Subscription be £1 if paid before the 31st January each year and that subsequent to this date the subscription shall be £1.10.0. Moved R. Sim Seconded L. Jones."  
Owing to printing delays this date has been extended to 28.2.61 for this year.

It is thus to your own advantage that you pay quickly.

Despite our fairly intensive campaign last year to recover outstanding Subs. there is still a great deal more than £100 owed to the Club as overdue subscriptions. The recent increase in Membership to 200 has been completely absorbed and once again there is a waiting list of prospective members. The Club cannot and will not carry dead wood indefinitely and long unfinancial members will be compulsorily resigned if subscriptions are not forthcoming.

K. Wood  
Honorary Treasurer.

## WARRUGANG LODGE 1961

1961 winter will again see changes in the lodge. Electricity will be installed, a new granite fire place erected, the bathrooms completed and the whole place repainted. New curtains have been hung and new seating in front of the fireplace completed.

It will still be necessary for guests to bring their own sleeping bags but it is hoped to alter this system for 1962.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### WAKE UP WARRUGANG!

I was fortunate this Christmas, to be able to visit the Perisher area so that I had an opportunity to see the valley without its accustomed mantle of snow. The whole area was one of activity. Rock Creek Lodge was extending, as was Technology, and Cronulla club were about to start a patio. Hus-Ski were busy with concrete laying and a new club called Eiger was up to the framework stage. In fact, most of the clubs had some sort of activity or work party in progress, except Warrugang! Our club must be one of the oldest in the area ... and about the most dilapidated! It looks positively dreadful from the outside, with the oiled boards peeling, and many of them cracked for need of maintenance, whole sections of fascia board are missing from the rear of the building, allowing the weather to get in and the front of the hut has even had newspaper stuffed under the eaves to prevent snow blowing in.

Recently Nev. Fulthorpe made some sound comments on keeping a House Full sign up. I endorse his remarks and further suggest that a smart club, will help to advertise itself .

This is what I would like to suggest as a possible remedy, That a work party be organised for the Easter break i.e. 31st. March to 3rd April. A work party can be a lot of fun if it is organised properly, everybody knowing their jobs and working together, not being bossed about, and ... working to a set number of hours. Therefore, if we can get a willing crowd together who are ready to put in few days for the Club we can all get together before leaving and have all the tasks ready.

As any person who spent time in the club in the '60 season will know Lu and Merv did a wonderful job, but we must not be complacent about this and expect them to do everything. The other clubs in the area are going ahead all the time, their members are enthusiastic, so don't let us fall behind, but keep our name in front, remembering that there will be a chairlift up Perisher this season, and that this will in itself open up our end of the Valley.

Sincerely, Bob Neil.

### EASTER WORK PARTY

It is proposed to organize an Easter Work Party for 1961 and help given by members and their friends will be greatly appreciated.

The work to be done includes painting the inside and roof of the lodge and re-oiling of the weatherboards.

All people who are interested in helping the Club progress should attend. Those who will help are asked to contact Ken Wood or Ron Sim and make arrangements.

### CLUB BADGE

The Board has decided on a Club badge and arrangements are now underway to production. They will be for sale to members only and we feel sure that the design will be popular, although quite distinctive.

As soon as the production of the badges is underway, members will be advised as to their cost and where they may be obtained.

### SKI HIRE

The Snowline Ski Centre run 'by Dick Gilkes this year has organised a new ski hire service. Goods including skis, stocks boots and car racks may be booked by ringing Dick at MA 4758 and the goods picked up at the "Alpine Gate," Smiggin Holes.

### CHAIR LIFT

We are informed that a new chairlift up Mt. Perisher is well under construction for operation during this winter. The "chair" will commence from the low side of the main road near U.A.C. hut and end on the, summit. This new lift should again greatly increase the facilities of Perisher Valley, and is being built by K. G. Murray. We understand the charge is to be 4/- per person per ride.

## WINTER BOOKINGS

Winter bookings for members are now open and applications should be forwarded to the Club's Booking Office, Box 62, Post Office, Avalon Beach, with the necessary deposit.

Members will have preference until March 15th, and after that date bookings will be made in order of receipt.

You will find in this and later issues a booking form for your convenience. Should it not be of any use to you please give it to someone else and so help keep the club full.

A deposit of £5 per person per week must be made with each booking and the balance paid 21 days prior to commencement of your holiday. Unless the arrangements are strictly adhered to accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Unfortunately, the arrangements seem a bit hard, but as catering must be done in advance, we have no alternative.

The board welcomes back our popular manager, Lu Vozab, once again, so you are assured of a happy and well catered holiday.





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## EDITORIAL

This issue of "Warrugang News" brings you a new Editor whose policy it is to bring you news and views of the best and brightest Ski Club on the snowfields. To do this we need your co-operation in keeping us informed of your news and views. This is your magazine and we will publish without fear or favour all criticisms or praises whether it be of the club, its members or its administration. Criticisms, however, must be constructive. We are not interested in "armchair" critics what we want are bright, constructive ideas from people who are willing and able to do something about them. For example, we already had a letter from two Newcastle members who were forgoing work on the building of their private home to join our Easter work party.

A word about annual subscriptions. We are a non-profit making club and all nett income of the club goes into improvements for the benefit of the members. You have seen the vast improvement in the Ski Lodge over the past two years. This, however, cannot continue if members do not keep up their subscription payments – and on time. Late and non-payment of subscriptions is a very selfish attitude. It denies your fellow members the benefit of progress and may be keeping new and enthusiastic members from joining. This situation will not be allowed to continue. Non-financial members are warned that they are liable to forfeiture of their membership. This is no idle threat for as you will see elsewhere in the magazine we already have many people seeking membership and we have no intention of asking them to wait indefinitely.

## WANTED

Anyone possessing an electric fan which they would like to donate to the club to assist in the building of a boot drying cupboard would they please contact Ron Sim or the Secretary.

## PERISHER VALLEY, 1961

On 11th and 12th February the board of directors all went to Kosciusko to discuss various matters with the Park Superintendent, Mr. W. Gore and also to discuss matters with the Manager, Lu Vozab. The outcome of this trip was very pleasing and it is felt that there will be much closer co-operation with the Park Authorities in future.

The area itself is gradually changing with many new lodges being built. Two new accommodation houses are in the course of erection, one at Pipers Gap and the other in front of the County Council lodge. Unilever are building a club beyond U.A.C. whilst four other clubs are under construction near Snow Revellers.

The chair lift is progressing well and should be well in operation for the coming winter. At the foot of the chair lift (the low side of the main road near U.A.C.) and also at the foot of the T-Bar lifts, are to be coffee houses for use by the public.

Below Perisher at Smiggin Holes, another T-Bar is being built for the "Alpine Gate." This lift will run up behind the lodge towards Pipers Gap.

### DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Members will be pleased to learn of several improvements at the club which were announced at the last Directors' meeting. The Building Director, Ron Sim, announced the purchase of an  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cubic foot refrigerator which will be installed before the start of the season. The Directors also accepted a gift of a "Hi-Fi" record player which is being built by two club members. Members wishing to use this machine are asked to provide their own records - donations of records will, however, be accepted and may be left with the Secretary or Hut Manager.

Married members will be pleased to learn that accommodation for children under 15 years old of financial members will only be charged at the members rate. Unfinancial members and their children will, however, be charged the non-members rate.

### HUT BOOKINGS

Winter bookings are now flowing in to the club's booking office and the favoured weeks are reasonably full. It is, however, anticipated that now bookings are open generally the weeks will fill pretty quickly. Members and friends wishing to stay at the lodge this winter would be well advised to make their bookings immediately otherwise they may be disappointed.

Applications for accommodation can be found elsewhere in this edition for your use. Should you have no use for the booking form, please hand it on to others.

Please note that unless deposits are forwarded with an application, accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

LODGE MANAGER

Again, Lu Vozab will be the club's Lodge Manager and cook for 1961, and will be ably assisted by Merv. Burrows. No one can forget the happy times spent with Lu and Merv. in 1960 and we are assured it will be even better this year.

CLUB TROPHIES

This year it is hoped that club racing will be run regularly so that trophies may be presented at the Annual Ball. There will be two trophies presented, one for the langlauf and the other for the slalom. John Dickin is preparing a points scheme to calculate the winning of these trophies and later in the year, the system will be fully explained so that all members can compete.

FOR SALE

Members wishing to sell ski gear are invited to use the medium of this magazine for the purpose. When forwarding details, please also state the price of the goods and where the seller may be contacted.

MEMBERS LETTERS

Dear Members,

It is indeed a real pleasure to hear of genuine "club spirit" coming to the fore again, sounds as if good old times might return again. If so, we hope to gather up some of the original Newcastle clan who were in the initial work parties that helped to choose the site, that laid and built foundations and framework.

Most of these have since built another hut in the area for the enjoyment of their holidays, but with Bob Neil's letter and a well organised work party we may band together as a good unit once more. We ourselves are "trying" to build our own home, but plan to make Easter a date. (We will be coming fully loaded with own equipment.) Please find enclosed cheque to cover Annual sub. for Alice and Bill Jefferson (£2).

Yours faithfully,  
Alice Jefferson.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are advised that annual subscriptions are due and in accordance with the Articles of Association are now £1.10.0 for those who had not paid by 28th February, 1961. Unfinancial members are advised that they lose all rights and benefits of club membership whilst they remain unfinancial.

## UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

The following is a list of long unfinancial members of the club at the time of printing. There is absolutely no excuse for these members, and unless their subscriptions are received promptly they are liable to be struck off the register of members.

It is interesting to note that some members are so zealous of their rights that they have paid two to five years in advance to ensure their membership whilst abroad .

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAST PAID</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAST PAID</u>
Angel, Kenneth	1953	MacAlpine, David	1957
Ashpole, Ron	1958	Mann, Else	1959
Baird, David	1959	Morgan, Hal	1955
Brown, Roger	1957	Nicholas, Dawn	1959
Cetinich Tony	1959	Packham Gordon	1955
Cetinich, Irene	1959	Pegum, David	1959
Curtis, Pam	1956	Rourke, John	1957
Davies, Ken	1959	Robinson, John	1959
Dooner, Stan	1957	Singleton, Lucy	1959
Eastwood, Frank	1958	Slater, Michael	1957
Figgis, Rhonda	1959	Smith, Doug	1956
Hall, Norman	1957	Smith Edward	1955
Hardie John	1956	Smith, Phillip	1957
Hextall, Patricia	1957	Spinks, Lorraine	1958
Horder, Jan	1958	Stone, Rodney	1958
Jeffreys, Frank	1955	Stoney, Pat	1957
Lee, Jan	1959	Swift, Alan	1957
Lee, Peter	1957	Thompson, Betty	1958
Locksley, Harry	1956	Wigney, Peter	1959

PLUS all those who have not paid for 1961 who are too numerous to mention.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the club the following new members. We hope your membership will be a long and happy one and that you join us at our social functions as well as at Kosciusko.

Boyd-Smith, Pamela,	Bunting, Keith,	Burke, Myrna.
Draper, Noel	Greger, Don	Failles, George
Kubinski, Zbignew	Kubinski, Cynthia	Larsson, Geoff.
Rose, Warren	Tobias, Murray	Toltz, Dick.

RESIGNATIONS

Reluctantly we say farewell to the following members of the club who have resigned.

Branch, Colin	Finlay-Jones, Kathy (nee Williams)
Nall, Barbara	Malone, Eddie.

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST

The following people are on the waiting list for membership. We hope it will not be long before they attain that privilege.

Hopking, Margaret	Hopking, John	Morgan, Wendy.
Seabrook, Fay	Anderson, Caroline	Newman, Les.
Newman, Mrs. (Les)	Braithwaite, Dick	Cunningham, Mrs. (Bruce)
Wildie, Pat	Gardiner, Dawn	Donnan, Tony.
Nicholson, Judith	Mace, Hylton	Green, Gus.
Ellem, Neville	Weir, Margaret	Harrison, L.
Goonan, Judy.		

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations are extended to Bob and Dorothy Lucas on the birth of a daughter (Kim).

Club members extend their deepest sympathy to Brian Smith and family on the recent tragic death of Brian's brother, Alan. His untimely death occurred whilst he was engaged in skin diving exercises with the Royal Australian Navy. Alan was well known to many club members and visited the Warrugang Lodge on a number of occasions.

## A VOTE OF THANKS

Is heartily extended to all the members and friends who came along to our First Social of '61 and made it such an outstanding success.

As we said it is not the party, refreshments and games that make a social a success it is the people THERE, and there were at least 73 of them!!

Our roving social committee reporter was elated to find that there were no "social wallflowers" present, everyone was either talking to someone, drinking with someone, or teaming up (or scheming) with some bod to "break the bank."

So – take it from there, you shy doubting Thomases, come along to our next social, after all you haven't got leprosy! (Neither have we!)

A special vote of thanks goes also to Mr. K. Wood and A. Crouch who kept our liquid assets flowing very well. Also Mr. Bill Newton worked like a Trojan and was the centre of a great deal of profitable interest, and Rod Power did a "sterling" job as Banker. The free "house punch" was given lavish praises by all present. Sorry the recipe is secret!

We intend to have more of these FREE goodies at our socials from now on. Not just the cup of coffee and biccy type either. We have gathered some of the finest chefs and barmen in the world to prepare these delights.

Sorry to relate that Bob Neil in a flush of victory at the "big game" tore outside the Faylerie, carrying buckets of winnings to his car and fell rather heavily on his ankle. Everyone hopes your ankle is much better now. After all, Bob, with all the medical care being lavished on you, if it is not better then you must be malingering.

Please note: We received a rave notice in the following Sunday Sun. Surely that shows how the prestige and social Standing of the club is growing.

WE ARE GOING TO MAKE the Warrugang Ski Club the leading club in the valley and the club's socials in the future will be such a success that even Royalty will be fighting to get an invite.



So let's make the next social attendance in the vicinity of 80 and the next 85, etc.. We want to see the attendance in 3 figures before long.

Remember. Anyone who's anyone attends the W.S.C. socials.

P.S. The profit from the "Night at Monte Carlo" was £20.0.1 (we don't know where the 1d. came from but it will be handy) so with figures like this we shall soon be able to buy all kinds of "goodies" for the Hut, e.g., blankets, foam rubber mattresses, radiogram, bed lamps, etc..

### PERISHER SKI ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Perisher Ski Association was held on 13th March and the President reported a very successful year for the Association.

For the benefit of members not aware of this body the Perisher Ski Association comprises non-commercial lodges in the Perisher Valley. Every member club is represented on the Association, Ken Wood being Warrugang's representative.

Last year the P.S.A. was very active in attending to the interests of all clubs in the Valley. Due largely to the Association's efforts a water supply is being provided this year for clubs in the central area. The siting of new lodges have been investigated and representations made to the Kosciusko State Park Trust to ensure the protection of ski runs and privacy of lodges. The Association is also responsible for the improvements made to the ski school, (reported elsewhere.)

The following office bearers were elected.

President:	Max Gregory	-	Kandahar
Vice President:	George Barter	-	Cronulla
	Ian Noble	-	Cooma
Secretary:	Henry MacPhillamy	-	Merriment
Treasurer:	Keith Line	-	Rock Creek
Race Committee:	George Barter	-	Cronulla
	Bruce Hetherington	-	Snow Revellers
	Ian Noble	-	Cooma
	Brian Haig	-	Canberra
	Fred Smith	-	Edelweiss
Safety Committee:	Rod Ruthven	-	Snow Gum
	Jack Slingo	-	Sydney
	John Pierce	-	C.S.I.R.O.
	Frank Walker	-	Snow Revellers
Development Committee:	Ken Wood	-	Warrugang
	Pres., Sec., Treas.,		
	Ken Kerr	-	Cronulla/Cooma.

SKI INSTRUCTION

Members will be pleased to learn of greatly improved facilities for ski instruction this year. The Perisher Ski Association has combined with the hotel interests in providing for the establishment and proper running of the 1961 Ski School. The school will be under the control of the head instructor who was appointed by the Association and the hotel interests and he will be held responsible for the proper running of the school.

The conditions laid down for the running of the 1961 Ski School are as follows:-

Ski School

The following applicants were appointed to the ski school for the 1961 season:-

Jean Ecuyer (Captain)  
John Muller  
Erich Walka  
Jean-Claude Decostard  
Denis Bertholet

Running of School

Instruction: A standard form of instruction shall be decided upon by the school. In the event of any disagreement, the ski school captain shall decide.

Number in classes: A maximum number of 12.

Beginning of School Week: School week commences on Sunday for five days.

Class Duration: Class shall be booked on the basis of one hour. If room is available pupils in first hour can continue into second hour.

Time of Instruction: Sunday to Thursday - 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Fridays - races and tests.

Price of Lessons: 8/- per hour. £2.0.0 for booking of five lessons which includes weekly race fee.

Private Lessons: May be taught at any time other than the hours set down for classes of weekly races, and conducting of tests. Charges are to be decided by the Ski School.

Booking of Lessons: All bookings will be made at the Ski School building only. Instructors will not accept money on snow.

Time of Commencement: Classes must start punctually. Late pupils will receive no refunds. Tickets are not transferable from date of issue.

Bad Weather: Instructors will attend at class commencement time regardless of weather and inform pupils of alternatives.

Weekly Races: All instructors are to be available to assist in the running of the weekly races at the decision of the chief instructor and also are to be available to conduct tests.

Registration for Races: The Ski school will supply staff from 1.30 on Fridays to register starters and give them their numbers. Race One to start punctually at 2.30 p.m.

Races to be conducted:

Women's Open	Men's Open
Women's Novice	Men's Novice.

During school holidays in addition:-

Girls Under 15	Boys Under 15
Girls Under 12	Boys Under 12

Runners in children's races are not to run in adult races. Novices are defined as having no more than 4 weeks on snow,

No. of Starters: If 5 starters – 1st and 2nd Medallion.  
If 3 starters – 1st medallion only.  
Less than 3 starters – no race and no prizes. Race winners to receive only one medallion each season (open).

Race Results and Presentation: These will be given out and prizes presented at Sun Deck at 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Charges for Races: Starters other than holders of weekly books will pay the following to start. ADULTS 5/- CHILDREN 2/6. All proceeds from weekly races shall be retained by the ski school.

Safety Measures: Instructors are responsible for all safety measures in the area. The instructor nearest to an accident shall cease teaching and be responsible to see that the Patient is taken to the nearest lodge or casualty station. He will have the assistance of a ski patrol who will confer with the head instructor each day.

### SMIGGIN HOLES

Great strides have been made in the development of Smiggin Holes. The new "Alpine Gate" now has accommodation equal to that anywhere to be seen in the snow country. The restaurant attached is fully licensed.

A new T-Bar lift is under construction and will run from the Alpine Gate to the top of Mt. Piper a length of 2,640 feet and a rise of 600 feet. We understand that prices will be comparable with that of tows in the Perisher.

### SNOWLINE SKI CENTRE

Great enlargements have taken place at the Snowline Ski Centre run by Dick Gilkes. Dick tells us he now has a completely new showroom on 4th Floor of his old address which will allow a much larger display of goods. Dick also reports that he will have a large range of new goods arriving from overseas, but does not expect them to last long, so an early visit is essential.

A new system of ski hire is operating whereby holiday skiers can book their goods at The Snowline and pick them up at the Alpine Gate, Smiggin Holes.

The Snowline is at Castlereagh Street, and the 'phone number is MA 4758.

### SKI AUSTRALIA

A new magazine entitled "Ski Australia" is being published by the K. G. Murray Publishing Company. The magazine will cater for both snow and water skiers, but from May to September will deal mainly with snow sports.

We have been informed by the publishers, that a complimentary copy has been forwarded to each member.

The magazine will also incorporate club news, so if you have any items of interest, please let us know so that we may forward it on to the publishers.

### CAR TRIAL AND BARBECUE

DON'T FORGET THIS FABULOUS EVENT OF MAY 27th.  
And remember to ring Ann or Warwick Fayle  
WA 3238 for enquiries and RSVP's by the 23rd.

EDITORIAL.

This issue of the magazine is largely composed of information which should be useful for all who intend to visit the lodge this winter. Included also with this issue is a brochure issued by The Man From Snowy River and Sundeck Hotels which contains information about T-Bars, Chairlifts etc. and Safety Rules and Instructions which we recommend to your careful perusal. We are grateful to the K.G. Murray Publishing Company for the copies we are sending out with the Magazine.

In the next issue of the Magazine we hope to publish a lot of information and news about members and their holidays at Perisher Valley. As the Editor is a poor slave, like most others, with limited holidays, he must rely on others for this type of news. Perhaps the members staying in the Lodge can nominate one or more persons to send in an article on the week or the fortnight's "doings".

Very shortly members will be receiving notices convening a General Meeting of the Club which is to be held on Thursday, 10th August. We recommend that you keep this night free and come along to support your club in force. We can guarantee accommodation for all who come.

In the not too distant future the Board of Directors will be considering possible extensions to the Lodge. This is in keeping with their policy of providing the best that is economically possible for the benefit of our members. There will undoubtedly be a lot of thought given to the provision of "family" accommodation. In this regard we invite members to write in and air their views - either for publication or not. There are many questions to be resolved, such as - how much accommodation, how many per room, should children have dormitory accommodation or with parents, minimum age of children, should additional common rooms be provided, and many others which you can no doubt think of. Now is the time to air your views. If you have definite ideas bring them forward now because you will not get any sympathy if you wait till after plans are made and then complain it is not what you like.

LODGE IMPROVEMENTS

People going to the Lodge this year will notice quite a lot of new additions and improvements which were made since last season. Some of these have already been noted in earlier issues and some have only recently been completed.

The first thing that will be noticed is that the exterior of the Lodge has been painted, and with its blue roof, grey timber and white trim looks very attractive. The entrance porch, originally erected in a blizzard, has been remodelled and finished off.

The electricity supply was connected in May which will be a big improvement over the old generator. The space under the stairs occupied by the generator has been turned into a boot drying cupboard complete with electric heating etc. An additional ski rack has been added and the basement walls finished off.

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The common room has been redecorated. A new granite fireplace has been installed, sliding curtains provided for the windows and built in corner seating installed at the rear of the stair well. The semi-circular seat in front of the fireplace has been padded with thick foam rubber and upholstered with maroon vynex. A new innovation in the common room is an electric urn which will make hot water readily available for the odd cup of coffee etc.

The back of the fireplace in the drying room has been cement rendered and electric lighting installed. Concrete floors have been provided in both bathrooms and many odd carpentry jobs carried out. Both dormitories have been re-painted and carpet squares put into the girls dormitory.

There were many favourable comments from the 40-odd people in the Lodge over the Queens Birthday Weekend and we feel sure that all who go to Warrugang this year will be pleased with the "new look".

#### DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Except for those who have been disappointed, Club Members will be pleased to learn that there are very few vacancies at the Lodge this season. This augurs well for our financial position this year and should enable added improvements to be undertaken in the summer.

Because of the high costs involved in making and confirming bookings etc. and the necessity of keeping faith with all who use the Lodge it was decided by the Directors that the following conditions apply to all bookings:

1. Bookings cannot be accepted or guaranteed unless accompanied by the requisite deposit.
2. The balance of the full amount falls due and should be paid at least 21 days before the holiday starts.
3. Bookings not fully paid up 14 days before the start of the holiday will be forfeited and given to another applicant and a booking fee of £5 charged.
4. In the event of cancellation the following rates apply -
  - (a) 10/- booking fee charged for cancellations in excess of 21 days notice.
  - (b) £2-10-0 booking fee charged for cancellations at 14 to 21 days notice.
  - (c) £5 booking fee charged for cancellations less than 14 days notice.
  - (d) No money will be refunded if the booking is not used and no cancellation is received.

#### MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The Club Secretary endeavours to maintain an up to date directory of members names and addresses. However this is dependent on members notifying her when their address is changed. This is not always done and some member's addresses are out of date. We do urge all members to keep the Secretary informed on all changes of address and please do mention specifically that your address is changed from (old address) to (new address). A simple heading of your correspondence with the new address will most assuredly be missed in the mass of work the Secretary has to cope with.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members are reminded that Annual subscriptions fall due on the 1st day of January in each year and that it is the member's obligation to ensure that subscriptions are paid promptly. In keeping with general practice in other clubs, there are no reminder notices sent out as it is neither necessary or economic to do so. The current subscription rate is 30/- per year reducible to 20/- if paid before 31st January in the current year. Members are warned that non payment of subscriptions can mean cancellation of membership as has already occurred in a number of instances. The immediate penalty, of course, is loss of all club privileges whilst unfinancial - and this applies especially to special rates of accommodation for members at the Lodge.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members of the club. We trust your membership will be a long and happy one and we look forward to sharing your company at our social functions as well as at Kosciusko.

BENNISON, Barry	HARRISON, Lenore
BRAITHWAITE, Dick	MACE, Hylton
CUNNINGHAM, Ellie	PARKER, Frank
ELLEM, Neville	WEIR, Margaret
GREEN, Gus	WESTERHOLME, Grant

RESIGNATIONS

Reluctantly we say farewell to the following members of the club who have resigned:

CLAY, Jennifer  
ECKFORD, Shirley  
STONE, Peter

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST

The following new applications for membership have been received:

JONES, R.F.	JUNOR, Diana
JEFFREY, Anne	MONK, Anne
SAINSBURY, John	WIGNEY, Barbara.
DEARMAN, Rosemary	

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MEMBERS LETTERS

"Please find enclosed my "subs" for 1961.

The missing details of Jim Brennan's wedding (may his soul rest in peace). He married Anne Millard of 16 Hercules Ave, Brighton-le-Sands on 29th April at the Church of St. Margaret Mary, North Randwick. The "happy" couple are now above the same flat in a block fronting the water at Watsons Bay.

I saw Bruce Barlow's new home last weekend. He has finished the painting and only has the floors to sand. The home is a real architect's dream, pleasant one that is, just like you would see in an American Home Magazine. I reckon he would need a title to live in the place."

All the best,

Brian Smith.

FOR SALE

One pair of "GEZE" Tapered Stainless Steel Stocks, rubber baskets - 41" to baskets. £2.

Ron Sim XY 2403

One pair "MUNARI" single laced boots, Size 6, in good condition. £5-10-0.

Margaret Sim XY 2403

One pair "MELLER" boots, Size 9 - 1 season old, as new, £10.

Grant Westerholme XY 6242

240 V., 2 KVA alternator complete with petrol motor, current, voltage and frequency meters etc. in good condition. For further information contact Warrugang Ski Club Limited c/- Ken Wood. 74-9511

SKI HIRE

For those who desire to hire Ski equipment we bring to your notice a new hirer of equipment - "Safety Ski Hire Service Pty. Ltd." who are located at the Snowy Valley Motel at Jindabyne. Their equipment this year is all brand new. Skis are part laminated hickory with celluloid top and bullpas soles, fitted with SAFETY bindings. Boots are imported German double boots with padded tongue and ankles, and rubber soles. Stocks are all imported steel. Further information and hiring can be obtained by ringing Jindabyne 78.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A CARD NIGHT was held at Les & Harley Jones place, West Pymble on Saturday 13th May. The attendance was 17 but despite the small number a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Harley & Ann did a good job bringing on the ham sandwiches (Real Ham too) every  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour or so to each table, and with the beer they went down very easily, no trub at all !!!

The social committee extends a big hand to everyone present, who .... /5



without exception donated their winnings to the "centre" at the end of the evening. Who said members club spirit and generosity was dead??

The profit for the evening was £6-5-2 and in relation to the numbers present more profit was made than at the Monte Carlo evening.

Big thanks to Les & Harley once again for donating the use of their house.

THE CAR TRIAL AND BARBECUE, which was held on Saturday 27th May, seemed to be off to a bad start, but as the day grew closer the numbers swelled to 11 starters. 113 invitations were sent out specially to all the Sydney members, and the Social Committee got the usual heart-warming (?) unenthusiastic interest from this invite. Of the 11 starters we raised 8 member starters and 3 non member starters, which is damned poor to think that approx. 33% of entrants were non members.

It can therefore be assumed that the other members either do not possess a motor car (for which we are deeply sorry) or are just plain not interested (for which we have even deeper sorrow).

The trial covered approx. 90 miles from Haberfield through the City to Brighton-le-Sands, to Belmore, Milperra Bridge, Ingleburn, Campbelltown, Appin and finished at National Park.

There everyone got stuck into the special soup that was so "chickeny" that it cackled when it was poured out!! The Main Course, Ah! The Main Course (Yum, Drool) barbecued chicken was barbecued over our special stainless steel mesh (very hygienic) and the Vino! Mama Mia! - 2 Gallons between 30!! Not too bad.

Two prizes were given for 1st and 2nd places.  
1st prize went to Ron Sim (Driver) - 1 Esky Portable Cooler for Car  
Margaret Sim (Navigator) - 1 Silver Tankard.

2nd prize was awarded to  
Fran Wood (Driver) - ½ bottle of Scotch  
Ken Wood (Navigator) - 1 bottle of Burgundy  
1 bottle of Riesling

The general opinion of the trial was that it was a beauty, and very unusual. As we advertised it wasn't a speed trial where times and averages are critical, but they had to answer a lot of questions.

Later in the evening, the Warrugang Band showed up and really got the party jumping. The raffle was won by Mr. Peter Forsythe (non member) which consisted of soap products in every shape and filled a whole butter box!

It has been noted by the committee that over the last 3 socials we have been seeing the same faces, with the exception of quite a few non members who attend our socials regularly.

Not that we are tired of the same faces, far from it, but we would like to see some new ones.

The attendance at the barbecue was over 30, 17 were actual members, We sent out special invites to 113; what happened to the other 96???

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The cost of printing and postage of this eats considerably into social fund profits.

Perhaps the other 96, if and when, they go down to Kosi this year and enjoy the new facilities such as the hi fi record player and Langlauf Skis etc. may care to drop a note of thanks to these active members who have indirectly bought these "goodies" by supporting club socials.

Is the attitude "well it only costs me a quid a year for membership to the club and I can stay there for £10-10-0 a week as against £27-0-0 for the hotels, after all why would I spend another quid or so on going to their social, all I want is a cheap place to stay"????

#### SKI PATROL

The Perisher Ski Association in conjunction with the hotels' management have organised a ski patrol for the Perisher Valley. The ski instructors are automatic members of the Patrol and all clubs have been requested to nominate members to join the Patrol.

Duties of ski patrolmen will be to effect rescues, flag danger spots on the slopes, advise skiers who are behaving in a manner dangerous to others, and generally to see to the safety of all skiing in the area.

Members of the Ski Patrol will wear special armbands whilst on duty. Unless required for rescue work etc. they may ski within the province of their area and will have free rides on T-bars and the chair lift.

It is not expected that the duties of Ski Patrol members will be particularly onerous or time consuming and we would like to see Warrugang represented on the Patrol. If you're a reasonably competent skier and can take either the front or back position on an Akja Sled would you contact Ken Wood (phone 749511). Alternatively you can present yourself to the Ski School when you arrive in the area.

#### CIRCULAR LETTER TO MEMBER CLUBS, PERISHER SKI ASSOCN.

Dear Members,

With the approach of the 1961 snow season, I wish to take this opportunity of contacting you with some news of developments in Kosciusko State Park, and with an appeal for co-operation during the coming months.

At the time of writing a number of works in Perisher Valley are approaching completion. The Stage I access road and water supply are among these, as well as the Perisher Chairlift and the Perisher-Smiggin Holes electrification scheme. Considerable expansion and reorganisation of the Smiggin Holes winter terminus are in progress, as well as the improvement of ski tow facilities at that centre.

So when you arrive this winter there will be some evidence of changes, though much of it will be hidden under the snow.

In appealing for the co-operation of all club members this winter, I would like to draw attention to several important matters:

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- (1) The Smiggin Holes Parking Area will be reorganised- the whole of the southern side of the main road (near the old Tourist Bureau cafe) will be reserved for buses and taxis only. Cars on that side are prohibited.
- (2) Shelter shed will be shifted to the northern side of the area, west of the Alpine Gate, and a snow-covered area will be preserved in front of it for snow transport marshalling.
- (3) A Park Ranger will be stationed at Smiggin Holes full time, in charge of the area generally. Parking Fees will be 3/- per car per day, chargeable for every day parked.
- (4) Overnight parking will only be permitted in the extended parking area north-east of the Alpine Gate, and in a new parking section on the Guthega road. It will not be permitted on the side of Main Road 286 down to (or past) Pipers' Culvert, due to snow-clearing difficulties.
- (5) Standing of vehicles in the turn-around area at Smiggin Holes will not be permitted, even temporarily.
- (6) The following arrangements will apply for those club members who arrive when Ranger Govan or a parking attendant is not on duty (e.g. in the early hours of the morning):
  - (a) Cars should be parked correctly as directed by signs either on right-hand side of the roadway in front of the Alpine Gate, or in the additional area provided on the Guthega road.
  - (b) Cars should not be parked on the left-hand side of the area in front of the Alpine Gate, on the side of the main road (anywhere), in lanes giving access into the defined parking bays, or on the Guthega roadway itself. No responsibility will be accepted for vehicles so parked.
  - (c) After parking, fees should be placed in an envelope bearing name, registration number, and proposed date of return, and the envelope sealed and placed in the letter box in the door of the first-aid hut. Fees are 3/- per day, or £1-1-0 per week.

The parking attendants' work is not easy, and they will greatly appreciate your assistance by endeavouring to park sensibly and correctly, with a little thought for others.

- (7) Camping in the Shelter Shed will not be permitted.
- (8) The Smiggin Holes T-bar tow and Pomma lift will be located in the "ski bowl" on the Guthega Road.
- (9) When road conditions justify it, chains will be essential above Wilson's Valley. The gates will be closed and vehicles checked through. Chains may be hired at the Motel, but members are urged to bring their own chains to avoid difficulties.
- (10) PLEASE - Don't leave your tins and bottles lying around in the snow, particularly on the ski runs.

In closing, may I say it is our earnest desire that you have a most enjoyable and refreshing ski season, and that while so doing you help us to achieve and maintain a smooth-running organization. We are particularly

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anxious that those who can, leave their vehicles somewhere "down the mountain" so that the overnight parking facilities are not completely overtaxed. If there are enough "takers" we will endeavour to organise a parking area near the Park H.Q. (Waste Point) with a shuttle bus-service to and from Smiggin Holes.

Good skiing, and don't forget your chains!

Yours sincerely,  
N.C.GARE.  
Park Superintendent.

PERISHER VALLEY ENTERPRISES SERVICES

SNOW TRANSPORT DIVISION

SNOWMOBILES      One new machine and new tracks fitted to our two re-conditioned vehicles. Two full time drivers with Ivan Noc in charge. Colour of all machines YELLOW.

SNOWMOBILE TERMINAL      All snow transport to Perisher Lodges will leave from and arrive at the luggage shed to the left of Alpine Gate as you enter the parking area, on the same side of the road.

PASSENGERS      All passengers to Perisher lodges must purchase tickets for snowmobiles from John Davis at Alpine Gate, these tickets will have trip numbers according to the order at which passengers arrive, and as transport becomes available the trip numbers will be advised over the Public Address System. Passengers are requested to make sure their luggage is loaded onto the snow mobile.

LUGGAGE      For luggage transport only bag tickets must be purchased at 6/- each and fixed to luggage and left at the marked position on the deck of the new transport terminal, they will be delivered to lodges on Saturday afternoon. No luggage will be moved from Smiggins to Perisher unless it accompanies a passenger or it is clearly marked with a bag transport label. Remember the new way to ski to the Perisher is to put your bags on the snowmobile and ride up the new Smiggins T-Bar.

RETURN TRIP      Passengers requiring return transport from Perisher to Smiggin's are requested to make their booking with the drivers, or by 'phoning Alpine Gate Smiggin Holes 230. It must be realised that an exact time-table cannot be maintained and return trip times could be thirty or forty minutes either way. A baggage run will be made early Saturday mornings from Perisher to Smiggins and the same label system will operate and baggage will be left at the transport terminal.

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AIRLINES OF N.S.W. We are now the booking agent at Smiggin's for this airline, We can handle air freight too if you need it sent to your lodge.

NEWSPAPERS Stock exchange or football fans we have papers, books, etc. at Smiggin's. Eddie (The Little Bear) Cousins has them for sale at the Old Smiggin Cafe across the road from Alpine Gate.

A final word on snow mobiles, if necessary we will run late night trips (Airlines Bus on Fridays gets to Smiggin's at 10 p.m.) or any odd hour trips, but we must know in advance where possible, otherwise you could arrive at Smiggin's and there would be no drivers on duty.

FARES Snow mobile charges for people are £1 in or out from the Perisher or party bookings to the one lodge, special trips in Perisher area £5.

JOHN DAVIS.

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The Lord is wise, foreseeing, kind.  
Of this fresh proof is added  
For when the female he designed  
Long years ago, he bore in mind  
That, if she skied, she'd be inclined  
to fall, with force, on her behind  
And so he made it padded.

from the "Hostel Yarn".

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#### HOW TO RIDE A T-BAR LIFT

Hold stocks in outside hand, away from bar. With partner, step into track, skis parallel and pointing uphill. Watch bar over inside shoulder and grasp it with inside hand, pulling it down gently and letting it catch against back of thighs. Don't sit on bar. Let it pull you up the slope.

While riding, lean against bar but don't sit. Keep knees flexed to absorb terrain variations and let skis run in track with inside ski next to partner's inside ski. Relax; avoid pushing against partner's ski.

Remain relaxed as terrain changes are encountered and let flexed knees absorb variations naturally. When track is higher or lower on one side, partners adjust balance by one riding slightly behind or ahead.

When partners are of unequal height or weight, bar can be tipped to one side to afford better balance for both riders. Further adjustment can be made by one partner riding slightly ahead of the other or by repositioning placement of crossbar.

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When unloading station is reached, one partner "tends bar", holding the bar and pulling it down slightly to allow the other to ski away from the lift line. Then the first partner disengages the crossbar by twisting it to a vertical position and gently releasing it. Let the spring carry bar back to hanging position, but don't snap it. Swing bars can be dangerous and can foul in cable. Ski away from lift line, as soon as possible when unloaded, then replace stock straps on wrists, not before. Others will be unloading right behind you.

#### HOW TO RIDE A CHAIR LIFT

LOADING DOUBLE BAR - Step quickly into position indicated by markers or by the attendant. Hold stocks in inside hand and watch for oncoming chair over outside shoulder. As chair approaches, grasp bar with outside hand and sit down gently.

LOADING SINGLE BAR - Step quickly into indicated position as above. Hold stocks in outside hand and watch for chair over inside shoulder. As chair approaches, grasp bar with inside hand, sit down gently as chair catches you behind knees.

When comfortably settled, close safety gate by pulling it in. Then relax and enjoy the ride.

When approaching points where chair is close to ground, keep ski tips up to prevent catching in snow. Approaching unloading station, open safety gate, hold stocks in outside hand and keep ski tips up until clear of the ramp.

If unloading station is on level ground, stand up at designated point and, with a sliding motion, ski quickly away from chair, following prepared track. Both partners depart in opposite directions, away from chair. Clear unloading track quickly.

If the unloading station is on an inclined ramp, stand at designated point and ski down the ramp, turning in the opposite direction from your partner. Use a snow plough or stop-christie to stop. Duck down as you ski away to avoid chair overhead.

#### PLACE NAMES IN THE KOSCIUSKI AREA

Most of the many delightful and colourful place names on the summit road are connected in some way with James Spencer who grazed cattle in the area during the last half of the 19th century. In his cottage at Waste Point, built between 1865 and 1878, and still standing, "Banjo" Patterson wrote "The Man from Snowy River."

Spencer and a companion once were searching for stock just before winter and as they topped a high peak an icy blast of sleet and snow whitened Jim Spencer's black beard and he yelled "This is a perisher!" Apparently conditions hadn't improved when they climbed the next peak westwards and it became "The Paralyser".

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"Piper", the rogue leader of a bullock team owned by Spencer regularly broke loose when the team was unhitched, and made for "Piper's Gap".

The name "The Smiggin Holes" probably causes more speculation as to its origin than any other name in the area. Unfortunately it is commonly mispronounced and misspelt "Smiggins Holes", suggesting the existence of several holes in the vicinity, energetically dug by an Irishman called Smiggin. The spot was originally called "The Lick Holes" from its use by Spencer as a cattle camp and salt-lick in the late eighteen hundreds. One of his jackaroos, a newly arrived Scot gave it the name "The Smiggin Holes", the Scottish term for shallow holes trampled by cattle around a salt lick.

Spencer's Creek is, of course, named after Jim Spencer himself. He is said to have fallen in while mustering and one of his stockmen exclaimed, "If he wants to swim in it, he can have it all to himself."

Bett's Camp is named after Charles Betts, an early surveyor in the area; Wragges Creek after Clement Wragge, the Queensland Government Meteorologist who set up an observatory on the summit in 1897, and spent two winters there; Rennix Gap after an engineer who, in charge of the Summit Road construction in 1909 camped there for several months; and Daner's Gap after Sam Daner, a shepherd there for many years last century.

Many other events of last century are commemorated by place names. Charlotte Adams, the first white woman to stand on the summit of Kosciusko in 1881, has left her name at "Charlotte's Pass"; "Diggers' Creek" was panned for gold, the diggers building the present dam in front of the hotel site; "Wilson's Valley" ,was the site of a stockman's hut, and there was an old sawpit at "Sawpit Creek".

And Kosciusko itself? As we have heard in an earlier edition of this journal, it owes its name to Count Paul Edmund de Strzelecki who thought it resembled the tomb of the Polish patriot - or was his mountain Townsend? Well one of the two he named Kosciusko -"but which of the two it is not quite clear."

(Contributed by Ron Sim)

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EDITORIAL

This season has brought many new innovations for club members. Well known is the Club's spirit of camaraderie and good fun but this year has seen a new addition - service, and community spirit. As reported elsewhere quite a few members have done service with the Perisher Valley Ski Patrol - and many others, with no thought or prospect of winning, entered the Weekly Races. Judging by comments made to me by visitors and members of other clubs the Warrugang parties have been outstanding this year. All this of course goes to improve the stature of the club and one which we are all striving to achieve. It does, however, require the co-operation of all the members and not just the few it has been to date.

The results of the building census were a shocking disgrace. Of census forms sent to 169 addresses only 22 were returned, 7 from single members and 15 from married members. One wonders what interest in the club is held at the other 147 addresses, and how many of those members will be impudent enough to criticise whatever action is taken? This is in stark contrast to the encouragement and interest displayed by guests and visitors to the club. There is still time for replies to be passed on to the Building Committee along with the others but you will have to hurry.

Very many thanks are extended to Bob Neil and Cynthia Brew for their contributions to "Warrugang Diary" and to Bob Neil for his other published articles. There must be many others though who can contribute something of interest for the news magazine. No matter how long or how short, if it concerns members, we will publish it.

Will look forward to seeing many more of you at our socials this summer.

WARRUGANG DINNER

At the last General Meeting of the club it was announced that an end-of-season SKI DINNER has been arranged for Tuesday, 31st October at "EL CAPUCHINO." Tickets are 30/- each and as only 80 people can be accommodated, early reservation of tickets is advisable and these should be made through the club booking office at Box 62, P.O., Avalon Beach or by phoning 918-3521.

Members are assured of a 1st class menu and will be entertained by Max on the piano accordion and a Swiss Yodeller. Admission is from 7.00 pm onwards; liquor is available on the premises and because of the liquor laws is not allowed to be brought along by persons attending.

Those members who attended the General Meeting already know of this function so you will have to hurry if you want to be included.

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SUMMER BOOKINGS

At the last Director's meeting it was decided that during the Summer the Lodge would only be open when at least one member was present. Guests may, however, accompany members. Bookings should be made through the Club's booking office at Box 62. P.O., Avalon Beach or by phoning 918-3521. Rates for the summer do not include catering and will be as follows:

	DAILY	WEEKLY
MEMBERS	£1	£5
NON MEMBERS	£2	£10

WINTER BOOKINGS.

Due to a possible large scale building programme and alterations to the Lodge the Directors have not as yet finalised arrangements for the 1962 winter season. However they have announced the dates when bookings will open. These are:

MEMBERS ONLY	- 1st January, 1962.
NON MEMBERS	- 1st March, 1962.

Bookings cannot be noted or accepted prior to these dates. Full information on booking arrangements, tariff rates etc. will be announced in a future issue of the news magazine.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

At present there are no vacancies on the Club's membership list. However we publish below the requirements that have to be met to gain membership of the club.

1. Applicants to complete the approved Membership Application Form and send to the Secretary.
2. Applications require a proposer and two seconders.
3. All applicants names will be published in the news magazine so that members knowing aught for or against them may advise the Board accordingly in the strictest confidence.
4. Applicants must attend at least two Club Socials.
5. Applicants will be interviewed by the Board's Selection Committee.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This year has been one of Great activity and great success for the club. The financial position is such that not even the greatest optimist could have foreseen the result. The treasurer at the General Meeting in August foreshadowed a substantial trading surplus for the year which will enable the club to pay off its overdraft long before it was due. This augurs well for the forthcoming building programme which was mentioned by Bill Newton at the meeting and substantiated by the Census which was sent to all members.

Much of the credit for the Club's present strong position must be awarded to the Board of Directors. Without in any way belittling the previous Boards of Directors it must be remembered that the Board, this year, is very much reduced in size. This, of course, throws very much more work on each one of the directors. Only those who have been directors can really appreciate the amount of work involved and the consequent loss of personal time in looking after the interests of the Club. Not that any one of them begrudge their time or energy - far from it, for they are all devoted to improving the club and its facilities.

For the benefit of new members, and old members too, we place on record some of the activities of the Board of Directors. In a club of our size there is an enormous amount of work involved in keeping records. Membership records alone create problems especially when members do not keep the Secretary informed of their changes of address. With a turnover running into thousands of pounds the keeping of the books of account is no mean task as a part time activity. The booking office, with people chopping and changing their bookings at the last minute, is burdened with work - especially when the booking list has to be prepared and sent to the Lodge Manager each week.

Quite a lot of time is taken up with meetings both of the club and the Perisher Ski Association. Then there is time spent in negotiations with the Park Ranger and the Park Trust. This, of course, is a very important aspect of board activities in protecting the club's interests in view of the rapid expansion in the Perisher Valley. Many weekends have been spent inspecting and advising on new Lodge sites in the vicinity of Warrugang to ensure that our views, aspects and facilities are not destroyed by new Lodges. Coupled with this are negotiations with the Monaro Shire Council and other local government bodies imposing, or attempting to do so, rules and regulations on clubs in the Valley.

Then there is the organization of and participation in work parties - the purchase or making and installation of various facilities such as fire fighting equipment, pictures for the walls, record player etc, the design, purchase and issuing of club badges and a host of other activities too numerous to mention.

From this it is obvious that the Directors are doing an enormous amount for the club and every one of its members. But what are you doing?

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SKI PATROL

Those of you who were fortunate in being able to ski at Perisher this year will know of the valuable contribution to ski safety made by the Perisher Valley Ski Patrol. Membership of the ski patrol is entirely voluntary and for most of the time debars a patrolman from some of the enjoyment of skiing. Their participation in this service shows a high sense of responsibility and public spirit and we commend those members of Warrugang who gave of their time and energy for this worthwhile cause.

Those we have been notified of are John Davenport, John Dicken, Bob Neil, Ken Wood and George Failes. The same commendation goes to any others who participated.

PERISHER SKI PATROL - TRUE OR FALSE?

The ski patrolman has a sterling service to perform to the persons using the ski slopes - he must wear his armband proudly, he must ski safely and keep a weather eye out for skiers. There are, however, those who work 'a lurk' and use their skiing prowess to their own ends, so I would like to present a comparison between the thing to do and things that could be done by a patrolman.

We shall, for identification, call them John Halo and Bob Devil. Halo arrives exactly at 9.30 a.m., allowing himself time to (1) get his armband, (2) put the sled into position, (3) check his gear. Devil arrives at 9.50 a.m. with (1) a foul temper, (2) no armband, (3) hangover, (4) a mouth like a parrot's cage.

With the commencement of the tow, Halo goes up with a beginner, giving her friendly advice to help her along. Devil also goes up with a beginner, making sure that she is the best looking 'sort' in the queue and giving her a cosy spiel of his own skiing ability and "would she care for some hot chocolate later?". Halo, after helping his charge off the top of the tow, looks around alertly for danger spots, tests the snow for condition and then skis carefully down, avoiding classes and quickly goes to the aid of a fallen snow bunny in distress. He is very concerned with filling the hole she has made in the snow. Devil, however, on arriving at the top also helps his charge off the tow, waves nonchalantly, and then takes off like a bullet straight down the slope, stopping only upon seeing the fallen bunny. He screams to a halt, picking her up and brushing her down, with marked attention to all the strategic places. This may take anything up to half an hour, after which you may see him ride the tow for the rest of the morning in close company of the same female, oblivious of any other person in the area, and consequent neglect of his duties.

John Halo, during this period, has been busy with the shovel, packing down the slope where holes have appeared, and putting in marker flags on danger spots. He is soon recognised on the slope for his courtesy, and the quavering beginners take strength from his calm, attentive presence.

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Bob Devil has disappeared off to lunch without working out a roster with others on patrol. On arrival at the Sundeck, he dives for the men's room and (1) combs his hair, (2) pulls up his stretch pants until the creases 'twang' (3) adjusts his armband until it is discernable at 20 paces. He then walks nonchalantly into the bar, and pirouetting spies some instructors at the bar, calls to them loudly by their Christian names, and with excessive camaraderie, claps them on the shoulders and says "what'll it be, mes amis?".

Halo, after spending a long hour alone on patrol, is finally told by a semi-inebriated Devil that he can go to lunch now, but to hurry back because he wants to take the little blonde darling in the tight caramel ski-pants to coffee later. Halo takes his armband off, sights his friends and goes to see them, declining more than one beer on the grounds that he is on patrol. In 30 minutes he resumes his duties.

As the afternoon sun sinks behind the hill, there is an emergency when a young male beginner falls heavily, twisting a knee. Halo gets the stretcher up, and thanks to his friends who ski competently, gets the young man down to the ski school and the ambulance room. Just as they get the man off the stretcher, Devil races up, flipping his skis off, pushes the men aside shouting imperiously "give him room there --- patrol men here only, thanks!" By this time, of course, not only the inhabitants of the slopes but the ski attendants and all the hard worked staff are thoroughly sick of Bob Devil, so that when he commences 'gelandersprunging' near the top of the T-bar in front of an intermediate class, Halo approaches him and reminds him of his obligation to the skiers - "look here, old boy" Devil says, "you're not talking to one of the 'ski pigs' now you know, mind your own business, please, and continues his jumping.

Well, dear reader, the poetic justice has to come, and on his next run down, for now with the slope in deep shadow, the conditions were definitely icy, Devil misjudges his height, does a 'split-ass' , coupled with a forward flip end finishes up one leg facing uphill and one down, which as you know, just ain't natural. Eventually Mr. Devil is shipped out of the valley to Cooma Base with still  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks holiday left - hard luck do you think?

John Halo still has a couple of weeks to go with his holiday and spends the next day on the chair lift with his friends.

After all, if one is volunteering for a voluntary duty, it is hardly the fair thing to use it to personal advantage, is it? If you go on patrol, fellow members, ski like John Halo, not Bob Devil, won't you?

(The characters in this article bear no resemblance and are not intended to represent any club member alive or in Cooma Base Hospital!).

BOB NEIL

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WARRUGANG DIARY

This being an attempt to set down for posterity the principal highlights associated with the holidays of Warrugang members during the 1961 winter season. Anything depicting members or their friends in a humorous light is purely co-incidental and no correspondence will be entered into except in the same vein.

15th JULY, 1961

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22nd JULY, 1961

At the start of the week eight members of Warrugang were in residence Tom and Kenna Durst, Margaret Weir, Helen Jervie, Joe Gois and George Failes. If there was any fun to be made you could be sure these were the ringleaders. No doubt "The Man From Snowy River" is grateful to Warrugang for their contribution to the "Miss Perisher" party on the Wednesday night. After all what other club had 100% attendance and were still battling on at 3 a.m. on Thursday. At least if they did not appreciate us they will certainly remember us. One small omission, we did not have any entries in the "Miss Perisher" contest. Obviously Warrugang men are not one of "them". To prove the staying power of the "gangsters" one bright young thing (no names, mate) proceeded to do somersaults all the way back home. If you do not believe me then ask Helen - she has the bruises to prove it.

Technology also owes us a debt of gratitude - for finally going home! Until we arrived the party was hardly mobile. However the big contingent from Warrugang really gave the place a shaking and kept things at a lively pace until long after the wee small hours.

Just to prove we can work hard as well as play hard three of the happy band not only passed their "Preliminary" on the following morning but also turned in creditable performances in the Weekly Races.

If there had been an award for popularity the prize would have unquestionably gone to Joe Gois. Not so much for his unbounding good humour and friendliness as for his generosity and practical encouragement of the less expert skiers. It all started one day in the Sundeck bar when Joe said it was time we got away from the T-bars and went on tour. The trip back to the Lodge for lunch that day was made across the ridge and down Back Perisher between Technology and Cicero. Except for Joe all were rank beginners in their first or second week on the snow. This was no ordinary game of follow the leader for Joe spent the whole of his time guiding and instructing every member of his party in a manner no Ski instructor has equalled. Who else but Joe would devote his own time and be so tolerant and patient in giving instruction to beginners. Needless to say this was not an isolated effort for it went on for days. Most tours started from the Chairlift with Joe leading and stopping at the less easy spots to hand out advice, instruction and encouragement to all. Few of us would have seen as much of Perisher and Back Perisher had Joe not been there. To you, Joe, from your "Gangsters" touring party we offer our sincerest thanks for your kindness, unselfishness and your contribution to our rapid improvement in skiing.

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The number of suntans which went back to Sydney were Mute evidence of the generally glorious weather that was enjoyed. The snowfalls at weekends provided crisp fresh powder snow for the week's skiing and never prevented daily excursions to the Slopes. Who has not schussed down a mountain with the fresh air tingling on his face and the sound of fast skis under him hissing as they race over crisp powder snow and not felt "this is the life"!

The weekend brought down a new crop of members in the forms of John Davenport, John Dicken, Bob Neil, Barbara Wigney, John Bodewes and Warwick and Ann Fayle and we said farewell to Tom, Kenna, Margaret, Helen and Joe. Bob Neil now takes up the story.

22nd JULY, 1961

5th AUGUST, 1961

The following events are reported as they happened, (subject to strict censorship!). As many persons as possible who stayed at the Club will be mentioned but apologies are extended to those whom the author may have omitted.

This narrative will also be recorded in understandable language, absent as far as possible from secret jokes which only the persons involved (and often not so many of them) would understand.

The Saturday of arrival was perfect with clear skies and a fresh fall of snow making the whole landscape sparkle, and it wasn't long before the more adventurous were on the Chairlift and the more trepidations on the nursery slopes or T-Bar. By the afternoon however the fatigue caused by the previous night's driving took effect and people trailed back to take showers and collapse on the lounge in front of the fire.

The weather on the succeeding days however was not so kind bringing high winds and heavy snow showers. This did not prevent the Club turning out en masse to make the trip to the Alpine Gate where Pat and John Davis were holding the weekly extravaganza and the author, after a hasty trip from Sydney, where business commitments held him pining since the weekend, arrived at 11.00 p.m. to find the party in full swing with the necessary ingredients flowing freely. Merv had brought down half the Warrugang Band on his Yukon pack so that the loudspeaker system was supplemented by the "Gangsters" Fundi Band. The party proceeded until 3.15 a.m. However the climb up Pipers Gap had a sobering effect on our party spirit and the Club was a most welcome sight some period later. John Bodewes, John Dickin and the author decided on arrival at the scour in front of the Club to ski over the quarry which in itself is rather indicative of the mood they were feeling. The prangs came fast and furious, snow flying in all directions plus skis plus arms, and it was some time later that three abominable "yeti" returned to disgarb. A few moments later a low moan was heard from the lounge. It is impossible for the author to describe this sound, but it was a woman's name called in a long low, appealing,

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penetrating voice. The object of this appeal had apparently gone to bed and in spite of the entreaties remained so. However, the Sports Director, known for his tenacity and persistence, benefited at a later date.

The weather was still not very kind, in fact parkas had not been off all the week but the boys and girls skied hard, so much so that by Thursday they were ready for the weekly races, the results of which are recorded in another part of this magazine.

The practice slalom of the Club Races put us all in a good mood for the Perisher Valley Association Races which were held in appalling weather conditions. This also had the good effect of reducing the competition. Let this not diminish the result though in that we secured 2nd place in the Ladies Open with Barbara Wigney (who made comparable times to the men) and 1st, 3rd and 4th places in the Men's Open - as Johnny Muller would say "all the others were disqualified". Seriously though, a good performance in coming first, was put up by Ron Kirkland a visitor from New Zealand skiing for the Club. Our Sports Director was in Third place and the author came Fourth. Although the results were not officially known until 5 p.m. at Sundeck, Warrugang knew sufficient to be there in strength; reserved a couple of tables and with bated breath awaited Johnny Muller's oration. The Sundeck roof is now undergoing extensive repairs following an ear-splitting roar which swept through just after 5 p.m. on the Friday. It should be recorded that George Failes after only three weeks on skis had acquitted himself very well in the Club races, which included the quarry jump - so all you aspiring and semi-retired skiers take heart and strap the boards on again. The spirit that resulted from these races would warm the hearts of any good Club members.

Saturday dawned and so it was that we bade farewell to George, Shirley, Greta, Joyce, Maria, Peter, Donald, Gordon, Beryl, Rob, Christine and Ron, and said 'Hullo' to Gloria, Susanne, Robyn, Sandra, Diane, Ellie and Bruce, Barry, Murray, Graham Neil and John.

It was planned to hold a special dinner the following Thursday night at the Club, aptly named a "White Christmas". John and Pat Davis were invited, also Jean-Claude and Anne Marie Decostard, as well as "Big" Hans from the Chair lift and John Wallis and Patricia Power from Wirruna.

It was consequential, therefore, that the next thing after inviting John and Pat from the Alpine Gate on the Saturday morning to the 'Christmas festivities', over the loud speaker system at Smiggins came the strains of Jingle Bells and during the following week a number of Christmas Cards were received - thank you well wishers

The weather on the following days did not improve, but on Wednesday the boys built a ski jump over the road which was giving a jump of 8 - 10 metres. The morning of Thursday the boys tried out the jump with some spectacular prangs! The author was on ski patrol but had a birds eye view of the whole proceedings and saw Lu do a jump of 30' ON ONE SKI!

Warwick and Anne had given Trojan service in going to Cooma and buying two turkeys and champagne for the evening's events. Gloria Strachan made a

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wonderful job of decorating the lounge and got a number of bottles to put candles in, thus creating a really lovely affect. Pioneers! the Club looked wonderful and with the main light off the 'oohhs' and 'aaahhs' were something to hear. There was a candle on each table and three or four on the back of the circular lounge seat. When the Davis' arrived in their chauffeur driven snow mobile they brought bon-bons and decorations to add to the festivities. The dinner itself was a culinary feat with soup, turkey and all additions, Christmas pudding and coffee with liqueurs after Champagne with the meal. The team fell to and helped the Managers wash up, finishing it in next to no time so that they, too, could enjoy the ensuing festivities.

When everyone had settled down there was a noisy clumping up the stairs and white bearded fellow with a red coat, sack on back and wearing a pair of short skis Ho! Ho!-ed his way into our midst and commenced to distribute presents to all concerned. I should explain that on Thursday morning there had been a number of ski socks significantly attached to the fire place - anticipating this distribution no doubt. I think that you can guess the identity. The effect was more than was hoped for and with the band in full fettle the place was soon really jumping. It was intended to make the party a general thing after dinner, but it did not increase by more than 20 or so, so consequently formed a very congenial crowd.

Some time later our attention was drawn by some of the lads getting ski gear on and a call from the window revealed the ski jump in front of the quarry lit up by flares giving a rather 'fairy-tale' appearance. The jumpers fortified by vodka, champagne etc. made their jumps like veterans until the activities were terminated suddenly by a tall black figure swooping down muttering Dutch oaths, stocks swinging wildly, which is very infra dig. The next moment the flares went everywhere and the air was made bloody by curses from the other disappointed jumpers. However, the stalwarts were getting cold and their female supporters lonely, so everyone returned inside and to compensate, we were treated to Merv's beautiful baritone voice, rendering a song in which his grandmother, by some natural act of nature created a wonderful corn cure - dum dum "My ---- how the money rolls in". This was much appreciated and each chorus became louder than the last. Personal efforts over, Frank Sinatra crooned everyone into a later party state which Lu's pancakes dispelled temporarily but which had already sent John Davis and others into dreamland.

The Friday races revealed a drop in form of all the conditioned skiers except Barbara, who again filled third place. However, John Davenport, his skis running well, came 6th in the Men's Open with Bruce Cunningham 8th, John Dickin 12th and Bob Neil 18th. A party at Sundeck that night improved the last two above mentioned tempers, after having run so badly, as the Warrugang Band was invited to play dinner music at the Sundeck beforehand, with dinner on the house for the three musicians it wasn't long before the fun began, lasting yet again into the small hours!

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So the last day dawned and although many had decided to rough it on the floor - being a holiday weekend - the fortnight was over and our thoughts back to earth once again, but a wonderful two weeks just the same because we were skiing. So you members who haven't been up to the snow lately, forget the 300 odd mile drive on Friday and breathe the cold clean air at 6,000', feel the snow crisp under your skis no matter if you stand on it or sit in it most of the time - feel the camaraderie of the Club - and whatever you do - go skiing.

BOB NEIL.

EDITORS NOTE:

Bob, in his usual modest fashion, neglected to mention his own sterling contribution to the medical needs of his compatriots. Surgery hours were every night at seven. John Davenport with a ski slashed leg and John Dickin with blisters rubbed raw on his heels, can testify to Bob's capable first aid.

Perhaps he was too ashamed to mention also that the "gangsters" were defeated in a drinking competition by a female, mark you, and a non-member of the club. Then there was the bright spark who filed off the boot locating ridges on his Japanese copy of the Marker binding, thinking they were a casting defect. But enough said!

26th AUGUST, 1961 ..... 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1961.

A TRIP TO GUTHEGA.

It wasn't a long trip or a main range tour, but still it was most enjoyable one that six of us, Gwen, Eula, Myrna, Margaret, Ron and myself made on Monday 4th September, to Guthega. We had planned this trip for over a year, but bad weather prevented it last September, so we decided to make it the first fine day following one week of ski lessons.

Monday was fine although cold with a strong wind. We packed lunch and set off up the chair lift - a wonderful start for such trips - where the wind blew stronger and colder, but conditions became calmer as we descended from the summit.

From Perisher saddle we had a beautiful run down the long valley, following the creek, through scattered trees. In this valley we fully appreciated the untouched snow, calm sky and the blue-shadowed cornices - what a change from crowded T-bars. Further on we had to cross another creek, climb a small ridge, then ski down into the valley of the Snowy and on to Guthega Dam. From many points we saw above us the summits of Twynam, Little Twynam, Anderson and Tate, with the more southerly peaks in the distance.

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We crossed the dam wall on skis and looked for a sheltered lunch spot as the wind was strong here. We found reasonable shelter beside the building which houses the outlet gates, but it was very cold and we ate quickly and moved on. We used the small rope tow to climb a little hill and were surprised to be stung for 1/- each - nothing is cheap in this country!

We called in at the University Ski Club and were made most welcome by a friendly group of students who gave us a cup of coffee.

After a short yarn and an invitation to Warrugang, we set off, straight up the slope behind the huts, around Blue Cow Mountain, and up Blue Cow Creek. Looking back from some points here we could see up the valley of the Snowy to Mt. Kosciusko with the rocky Etheridge Range to its left and Mt. Clarke to the right. We climbed to a saddle in the area of the Perisher rope tow, and saw extensive views eastwards. Keeping at the same height we traversed towards Cooma tow, and on to Cooma hut. So the last stage was a good run down towards Cicero, across to Warrugang. Despite some slight setbacks such as one ankle done in and also one stock, we made good time and arrived home about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before tea.

This trip was made by beginners and average skiers only, and was very easy. Perhaps it will give other beginners the urge, just as it has given us an appetite for climbing more distant peaks.

Cynthia Brew.

(This notice appeared on the serving hatch from 26.8.61)

WARRUGANG REX

ME-N-U

BREAKFAST, DINNER & TEA

HORS D'OEUVRES

Angels on Skis

SOUP

Consommé Des Assiettes  
Bamboo Stocke

ENTREE

Scrabbled Eggs on Toast

FISH

Prawn Murray

JOINTS

Reverse Shoulder of Lamb  
Sprained Leg of Mutton  
Rabbit Au Burrow  
T-Bar Steak

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VEGETABLES

Edelweiss, Pranged Praties,  
Fresh Warrugang Stems, Dim Sims,  
Wild Heather, Sour Krauts.

SWEETS

Apple Snow  
Crêpes Sorbent

CHEESE

Klister, Toko, Swix, Danerblu  
Nescafé, Tea, Water

WINE LIST

	<u>FULL</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>FULL</u>
Luwein 1961	70/-	3/6
K.G. Lager	5/-	5/-
Hot Chocolate Liqueur	1/-	Gratis
Cynthia's Brew	Prices on application	
Old Punch	1/3	-
Albina Hermitage	Mostly	-

TOASTS

Toasts will please be made in Fireplace and not in Boots Drying Room.  
Toasts will not be drunk; neither please will guests.

SKI ACCIDENT

Geoff Young arrived at the Lodge on Saturday 2nd September, looking forward to three weeks of glorious skiing. But who knows what curious quirks of fate will upset even the best of plans. Late on the following Monday, Geoff was returning from the T-bar slopes and, as many of us, do, schussed straight down "Technology Hill" towards Perisher Creek. Unfortunately for Geoff there was a large hole in the snow covering the creek which he saw too late to avoid. The result was a double compound fracture of his leg and a holiday spent, not in the snow, but in Cooma Base Hospital.

When last seen in Cooma Hospital Geoff was cheerfully smoking and promising to write on article on safety bindings for the News Magazine.

From all the members of Warrugang, Geoff, we wish you a speedy recovery and will look forward to seeing you back on the snow again next year.

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9th SEPTEMBER, 1961 ----- 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1961

There were few members in residence in the Lodge over this period with Ken and Fran Wood and George Failes there the first week and they were joined by Lenore Harrison and Judy Nicholas in the second week. Nevertheless a good time was had by all.

It was springtime and the first beginnings of the thaw had come. Everyone was sporting a bright red nose and a peeling face. The zinc was much in evidence and you were never quite sure whether people were "making up" to sing "Hammy" or protecting themselves from the sun. Perisher Creek was opening up as many a wet party-goer returning late from the Sundeck can testify.

With the hot sun during the day softening the snow and a freeze at night conditions tended to be somewhat treacherous. Parts of the Chair lift slopes were complete ice banks and other parts, through continual traffic over the same path, were more akin to bob-sled runs than to ski trails. Still what better conditions to test one's skiing ability are there? The skiers attempting to negotiate the bumps below the mid-station on the Chair lift slopes were a constant source of amusement to ascending skiers.

The party spirit was kept going by visitor "Tiger" Ady who made sure that life was never dull or boring. Highlight of the first week was the Candlelight party on the Thursday night. Visitors to the club were warmly met on arrival by steaming "Lu-vines" which soon had the party in full swing. Classic remark from one of the guests from "under the table" was - "I have had two of these things and they have no effect on me at all!" Midnight brought renewed celebrations for all when it was announced that Vera, a sweet young guest of the club, was now sixteen years old.

An "At Home" was held on the Friday night for Warrugang residents which was highly successful. Lu started proceedings with renditions of popular songs on his guitar and was soon accompanied by Merv's rich baritone voice leading the singing. Whilst less riotous than the previous evening the night was an unquestionable success.

Out door activity during the week was curtailed somewhat, if only by queues, when the driving station of No. 2 T-bar collapsed mid-week. Fortunately no-one was injured though a few people had quite a shake-up. Snow from Thursday night through to Sunday night helped to relieve the congestion on No. 1 T-bar and replaced the snow lost in previous weeks due to the sunny weather.

Liar dice schools during the week helped to finance the second week's party. This was largely composed of visitors from Technology and the whole of the residents from U.A.C. Friendly rivalry developed between the "gangsters" and U.A.C. for the title of "stayup". Some

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indication of the result can be gained from the fact that Tom (lone stayer from U.A.C.) was still entertaining a dozen or so gangsters with song and repartee at 4.30 a.m. on the following morning. Except for the difference in numbers the result must be declared a dead heat. There was no doubt that U.A.C. were most impressed by the standard of our party - no doubt helped along by liberal quantities of "Merv-ine" dispensed throughout the night.

One director, who shall remain nameless, will not forget his holiday in a hurry. One day at Smiggin Holes he was entertaining his boss and family and during the course of the afternoon was demonstrating his prowess on the toboggan. During one very fast run down the slope behind Ed's cafe the toboggan got out of control and director and toboggan ended up head first in the creek. It is awfully cold coming back from Smig's soaked to the skin and squelching water at every step!

Mention must be made of the keenness of two of our guests - Noel and Margaret Lucas of Bathurst. This was Noel and Margaret's first week skiing and not only did they gain their Preliminary but both entered the Weekly Races with Margaret gaining a very creditable second in the Women's Novice. Congratulations to you both - you have certainly put a lot of the "gangsters" to shame.

#### WARRUGANG RACES

The inaugural 1961 club ski race was held on Warrugang Hill on Thursday, 27th July, 1961 in weather which would have been most enjoyable from the inside of the lodge. Notwithstanding 14 persons out of the 22 staying at the lodge entered the races, some with only one week's skiing experience, so fellow members it is not only the seasoned "Gangsters" who enter races! Helmut Tscherffert of Huski kindly offered to set the course and officiate together with our own Lu Vozab - the slalom poles were kindly lent by U.A.C. and the stopwatch by the Perisher Ski Association.

The course commenced 50 yards or so behind the club, descending through four slalom gates to the quarry, thence a jump over the side through two gates to a further jump over the edge of the road and finally a straight Schuss to Perisher Creek and the finish.

After Helmut and Lu had opened the course with their usual impeccable display, the ladies followed with Ann Fayle leading, thence Shirley Brettle (U.A.C. member staying at Warrugang). Barbara Wigney, Jenelle Joyce (non member), Greta McDonnell (non member), Gabrielle Scott (Non member), and Veronica Veron (non member). The men then commenced with Ron Kirkland (non member) followed by Bob Neil, John Davenport, George Failes, John Bodewes, John Dickin and Warwick Fayle.

The demanding course soon brought its crop of spills, quite spectacular at times and there were few people who survived the fall into the quarry. George Failes went head first and John Davenport "pranged" out of his skis finishing by standing on them like a penguin and propelling himself along with his stocks! However an excellent run, only seconds behind the opening time, was recorded by the guest visitor Ron Kirkland, a member of

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North Canterbury (South Island, New, Zealand) Ski Club, and this Kiwi showed us all how it should be done. For the ladies, Barbara Wigney showed the way finishing first in that section and fourth in the overall classification.

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>1st RUN</u>	<u>2nd RUN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Ron Kirkland	31.8	30.0	1.01.8
2.	Bob Neil	32.9	31.5	1.04.4
3.	John Dickin	33.9	36.0	1.09.9
4.	John Bodewes	39.4	37.0	1.16.4
5.	Warwick Fayle	44.9	37.1	1.22.0
6.	John Davenport	1.25.3	33.5	1.58.8
7.	George Failes	1.24.0	41.1	2.05.1

	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>1st RUN</u>	<u>2nd RUN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Barbara Wigney	40.2	34.9	1.15.1
2.	Shirley Brettle	47.1	42.3	1.29.4
3.	Gabrielle Scott	52.0	54.7	1.46.7
4.	Veronica Veron	1.15.3	45.9	2.01.2
5.	Jenelle Joyce	1.16.8	1.23.4	2.40.2
6.	Ann Fayle	1.45.9	1.06.0	2.51.9
7.	Greta McDonnell	2.06.5	1.35.4	3.41.9

Following the races it was decided to hold a semi-formal dinner so that the trophies could be presented. After a very successful meal, George Failes opened proceedings by welcoming all the guests and thanking the participants in the race. He then called on fellow director, John Dickin to present the trophies. In his speech John stressed the need for the establishment of regular competitions and made valuable observations on the creation of regular races for all skiers - he felt that to avoid needless creation of a course, the competing in the weekly Perisher races would enable times to be taken and at a later date the best time of the season for a club member found and an appropriate award made. He commended the winning skiers on their performance and presented them with a badge depicting a ski jumper in flight.

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On behalf of the Social Committee Warwick Fayle welcomed everyone to attend the social functions in Sydney. Shirley Brettle, on behalf of the guests, thanked the club for their hospitality and the opportunity of sharing in the club activities.

The evening gradually became so successful that the party to which the club was invited was forgotten and most convivial proceedings ensued until the small hours.

BOB-the-DOG.

PERISHER SKI ASSOCIATION WEEKLY RACES.

No doubt Warrugang had many entries in the weekly races this year. Unfortunately we only have limited records of these and our thanks are due to the members who supplied the following results.

FRIDAY, 21st JULY, 1961

Women's Novice	-	Helen Jervie	-	3rd	
	-	Jenelle Joyce	-	6th	(non member)
Men's Novice	-	George Failes	-	4th	
	-	Paul Benny	-	11th	(non member)
Men's Open	-	Norm Wood	-	12th	(non member)

Norm Wood, a member of Technology staying at the club, created a lot of interest when after missing a gate herring-boned back up the hill and did a kick-turn through the poles before rushing on to the finish. Under the circumstances he ran a creditable 12th.

FRIDAY, 28th JULY, 1961

Women's Open	-	Barbara Wigney	-	2nd	
Men's Open	-	Ron Kirkland	-	1st	(non member)
	-	John Dickin	-	3rd	
	-	Bob Neil	-	4th	
	-	John Bodewes	-	12th	

John Davenport and George Failes were disqualified.

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FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1961

Women's Novice	-	Margaret Walker	-	2nd	(non member)
		Evelyn Dowie	-	3rd	(non member)
Men's Novice	-	Barry Poole	-	1st	(non member)
		John Richards	-	2nd	(non member)
Women's Open	-	Cynthia Brew	-	3rd	
Men's Open	-	Jay Levine	-	3rd	(non member from U.S.A.)

FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1961

Men's Open	-	George Failes	-	8th	
		Ken Wood	-	9th	

It is interesting to note that the time of the winner of the "Children under 15" event was only bettered by the time of the winner of the Men's Open. No wonder they exclude children from open events - they should not even publish their times!!!

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 1961

Women's Novice	-	Yvonne Wills	-	1st	(non member)
		Margaret Lucas	-	2nd	(non member)
Men's Novice	-	Noel Lucas (non member) and Ted Wills (non member) were disqualified.			
Women's Open	-	Lenore Harrison	-	8th	
Men's Open	-	Ken Wood	-	7th	
		George Failes	-	8th	

SKI TESTS

Congratulations are extended to the following people who successfully passed their "preliminary" this year.

Helen Jervie, Paul Benny (non member), George Failes, Ken Wood, Yvonne Wills (non member), Margaret Lucas (non member), Ted Wills (non member) and Noel Lucas (non member).

PERISHER CUP

The Perisher Cup was held on the October long weekend and a large crowd were in the Perisher Valley to see the running of the events. The winner of the Perisher Cup is determined by the aggregate points scored

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by a team of four in three events - the langlauf, giant slalom and jump. This year 14 teams, comprising 56 skiers, including one from Warrugang contested the event. Reports indicate it was one of the most successful meetings on record.

Results were as follows'

<u>LANGLAUF</u>	<u>GIANT SLALOM</u>	<u>JUMP</u>
1st Canberra Alpine Club	1st Canberra Alpine Club	1st Canberra Alpine Club
2nd Cooma No. 1	2nd K.S.R.C. No. 1	2nd Cooma No. 1
3rd K.S.R.C. No. 2 (Warrugang 11th)	3rd Cooma No. 1 (Warrugang 9th)	3rd K.S.R.C. No. 1 (Warrugang 9th)

OVERALL RESULT

- 1st Canberra Alpine Club
- 2nd Cooma No. 1
- 3rd K.S.R.C. No. 1  
(Warrugang 10th)

The Perisher Pot awarded to the most improved team was won by Rock Creek Lodge.

Our team is to be highly commended for their effort. especially considering their lack of experience in events of this type.

Individual results for club members were:

	<u>Langlauf</u>	<u>Giant Slalom</u>	<u>Jump</u>
John Dickin	42	33	43
John Davenport	53	25	41

Considering that there were 56 individual competitors both boys were very well placed and will be the nucleus of a strong team for 1962.

PROFESSIONAL RACES.

The professional races were held on the Chairlift slopes on Sunday, 8th October, 1961. Competitors from all areas in the State Park were present as well as many from the Victoria Snowfields.

We are very proud to report that 1st and 2nd places in both events were filled by competitors from the Perisher Valley, the coveted 100 guinea award  
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for the main event going to the Captain of The Perisher Valley Ski School, Jean Ecuyer. Second place went to Helmut Tscherffert, Manager of Huski Lodge. In the novice event John Muller finished a fraction of a second ahead of Eric Walcha to take first prize.

OVERSHOES

The club is indebted to Myrna Burke for the 12 pairs of overshoes which have been at the Lodge all season. Many thanks to you Myrna for your very kind act in providing these.

LATE NEWS.

Just before going to press the Editor was informed of the marriage of Lu and Dawn. As they are now on holidays up in the main range there was no time to obtain further details. We do offer congratulations to both Lu and Dawn.

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