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NEWS MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL

Over the past year the magazine has made infrequent appearances because the Editor, through pressure of business, was unable to devote sufficient time to it, and he has now had to relinquish this thankless task. Once again, the Board will be very pleased to hear from any person willing to lend a hand with the publication of the magazine

SPECIAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting in March last year, the Board was requested to call a meeting of members to consider the arrangements proposed for allocating accommodation in the new wing of the building. This meeting has been arranged for

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1966
at 6.30 p.m.

to be held on the second floor
of the

Union Steam Ship Co. Building
137 Day Street, Sydney
(just south of the Bathurst/Day Streets intersections)

NEW EXTENSIONS

The Board is happy to announce that the quotation submitted by Mr H. Hovermann of Berridale has been accepted, subject to a satisfactory written contract being executed between the Club and the Builder and the grant by the Park Trust of final building approval, the latter being hopefully expected before the end of this month.

BOOKING FOR WINTER SEASON 1966

Accompanying this magazine is a booking application form and we would remind you that priority bookings for members open with the Club on Tuesday, 1st February 1966 (we propose that there will be a priority period operating for the first 14 days for the new wing with regard to the booking by families with children of an age who can be accommodated in the same room or, alternatively, could sleep in the common room of the new wing) after which, first in first served if you wish to book this accommodation. Generally speaking though, the new wing accommodation is for adults only unless no adults are requiring the new wing accommodation. Bookings for associate members will be accepted from Tuesday, 15th March and non-member friends from 1st April.

With the advent of the building extensions and numerous other Park Trust, etc. charges being heaped upon our financial resources, coupled with the fact that members are now wanting more amenities, and changes in the past standard of things (culinary and otherwise), it has been absolutely necessary to review our tariffs and, as an indication, the following rates per week (dinner, bed and breakfast)*, have been mooted:-

	<u>Dormitory</u>	<u>New Wing</u>
Members	£15. 0. 0 (\$30)	£17. 0. 0 (\$34)
Associate Members	£18. 0. 0 (\$36)	£20. 0. 0 (\$40)
Non-Member friends	£20. 0. 0 (\$40)	£22. 0. 0 (\$44)
Deposit in all cases £5. 0. 0 (\$10)		

It was also decided that since the majority of members were not anxious to return to the lodge for lunch and preferred to make their own arrangements, tariffs would be for dinner, bed and breakfast only though lunch could be arranged and paid for as required on notification to the Management.

NOTE: With the new accommodation and the signing of the Park Trust Lease, there will be a total of 4 beds less per week than formerly and this could cause some disappointment if you usually are accommodated at peak periods and do not make application for your requirements as soon as the bookings open.

Booking Regulations and tariffs, etc. will be circulated as soon as practicable.

BOOKING OFFICE

The Park Trust is adopting a strong line in that Club accommodation bookings for non-members will not be available through commercial outlets and therefore it is essential that all enquiries for bookings for Warrugang be directed to the Club at Box 1075, G.P.O., Sydney, or alternatively with Myrna Burke at phone 631-9479 (evenings, after 8 p.m.). So please inform your friends and acquaintances of this fact, and Paddy Pallin Pty. Ltd. will be requested to refer any enquiries to us.

Our Lease and other considerations are at stake with the new Park Trust regulations and therefore it is essential that none of the rules are infringed. With this situation and the loss of four beds per week, it will be increasingly difficult for the Club to keep the Lodge income at a satisfactory level unless members encourage their friends to stay at our club and therefore it is to every member's advantage that accommodation at Warrugang is continually used to the full.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

There are vacancies for new members and should anyone be interested in joining Warrugang Club, please make application to the Secretary.

1965 CLUB CHAMPIONSHPS

For those who are not already aware of the results of the 1965 club championships, the following sets out the placings:-

Men	Club Champion	1st place	Rajah Davenport	
		2nd place	Ron Carroll	
		3rd place	Murray Tobias	
Women		1st place	(Barbara Graham (Helen Jervie	
		3rd place	June Simpson	
Individual Races - Giant Slalom			Men	Women
		1st	Hank Beaverstock	Helen Jervie
		2nd	Ron Carroll	June Simpson
		3rd	Rajah Davenport	Barbara Graham
	Down Hill			
		1st	Rajah Davenport	Barbara Graham
		2nd	Murray Tobias	June Simpson
		3rd	(Gus Green (Sam Conlon	Helen Jervie
	Jump	1st	Rajah Davenport	
		2nd	Ron Carroll	
		3rd	John Tracy	
	Langlauf	1st	Ron Carroll	
		2nd	Rod Whereat	
		3rd	Rajah Davenport	

PERISHER RACES

As most people know, the weather at October long weekend was very poor and for a while it was doubtful if there would be sufficient snow remaining to enable the races to be held. In spite of everything, the races were held but Warrugang was only able to field one team and were represented by Raj, Hank, Robert Tobias and June Simpson. We were placed 7th overall, 9th in the long run, 5th in the giant slalom and 8th in the jump. Cooma No. 2 team won the Perisher Cup and Canberra Alpine No. 2 team (all women) the Perisher Pot.

SKI YEAR BOOK

It is assumed that those who ordered the Ski Year Book last year will again require this year's issue. Unfortunately we have not yet been advised when the book will be ready for distribution nor the cost of same. Should you not require this year's book, please let us know otherwise sufficient copies will be ordered and sent out to you with the bill for same.

BUILDING FUND

As a reminder, you can earn 6% per annum in the current No. 2 building loan and the Treasurer will be pleased to receive your application for investment in units of £10 (\$20).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting will be held on Friday, 4th March 1966 and nomination forms, etc., will be shortly going out to each member. If you feel you can assist the Club by offering yourself for the new Board of Directors, please fill in the form, and return same as early as practicable.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM HERE AND ABROAD

Our congratulations to David Thomas and Jan Howieson who announced their engagement last month; also to John Dickin and Greta Holle.

Congratulations to Gus and Lois Green on the birth of their second daughter on the 12th January.

Helen Jarvie and June Simpson sailed for Europe at the beginning of the month and we understand Patti Coombes, Sonny King, Graeme Currie and John Dickin are enjoying themselves at Obergurgl, Austria, also, Cindy Brew has been sampling the powder snow in Alta, Utah, while Gwen Oldfield has just had to be content with looking at the snow in Japan. Eric Lawrence is also overseas but on a short business trip so won't have time to do more than think about snow!

ALPINE MEMORIAL CHURCH, PERISHER VALLEY

A small pamphlet concerning the above church is enclosed with the magazine and the Trustees will be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting the venture.

SKIERS' CLUB

The following circular letter has been received from the Organising Committee for the above club:-

Box 3504, G.P.O , Sydney.

Dear Skier,

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your notice the existence of a committee brought together to form a Skiers' Club in Sydney.

There can be no doubt that a central meeting place for those interested in skiing is desirable and it is with this objective in mind that the committee has been formed.

It is the ultimate aim of those currently involved to establish club premises with all the usual club amenities, i.e., liquor, meals, recreation rooms, meeting rooms, perhaps even a sauna bath and we feel sure that this concept will appeal to all those interested in snow sports.

There are, of course, many problems to be faced when initiating such a venture, not the least of which is the recruitment of members, the provision of suitable premises and the raising of sufficient funds to cover establishment costs.

Before anything can be done in the material sense, it is necessary to have a 'club' with or without premises with the requisite number of members. It is with this aim that we address this letter to you with the invitation to become an inaugural member of the embryo Skiers' Club which, we believe, will be the first of its kind in Australia.

The cost to you at this stage will be £1 (\$2) per annum. What will be your return? During this formative period there will be a number of functions organised to allow members to meet, and, we hope, enjoy themselves. This form of organisation is all that can be undertaken for the present but we feel sure that any of you who have yourselves been involved in the establishment of a Ski Club or any other communal group, will appreciate the magnitude of the task in hand.

The committee is trying to help you by supplying that which is obviously needed. Please help us to get things going. Join the Skiers' Club now.

K. G. Wood
for the Organising Committee
of the Skiers' Club

WARRUGANG SKI CLUB LIMITED

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NEWS MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL

By the time this magazine is received by our members, the long awaited building extensions will have been finished, the furniture installed, carpeting laid, curtains hung, etc. There will be some who will say immediately – "not before time" – and all we could reply would be "that few realise just what is involved in an undertaking of this nature and the number of delays and frustrations experienced at every turn have to be endured to be believed". However, club members will be pleased to know that those who did the "enduring" are sufficiently strong enough to take a little nourishment and quite probably will have recovered their strength to venture out onto the snow when the opportunity presents itself. We can recommend the new balcony as a suitable spot to summon up the strength to "go out".

In case members are not quite clear on the new disposition of beds at the Club, there is the following accommodation:-

3 two-bunk rooms
with two bathrooms
adjacent
one dormitory – 7 beds
one dormitory – 5 beds
with their adjacent
bathroom areas

There is an additional toilet in the new basement area, also a washtub. Central heating has been installed throughout the entire building, and we hasten to add that the fireplace is in use also, not because there is insufficient heat from the heating system but simply because an open fire is a focal point and has atmosphere – a grid in the floor hasn't!

TARIFFS

For easy reference, 1966 tariffs are as follows:-

	<u>Dormitories</u>	<u>Rooms</u>	per person per week			
Members	\$30.00	\$34.00	"	"	"	"
Associate Members	\$36.00	\$40.00	"	"	"	"
Non-Member Friends	\$40.00	\$44.00	"	"	"	"
Children under 8 years	\$14.00					

The week commences with lunch on one Saturday and terminates after breakfast the following Saturday. Additional meals can be arranged with the Manager as required.

Casual meal rates will be -	breakfast	65 cents
	Lunch	65 cents
	Dinner	\$1.50

ON THE SOCIAL SIDE

Weddings seem to be the order of the day. It is now Mr & Mrs. Bob Neil, at June long weekend it will be Mr. & Mrs. Bill Edwards and later this year, Mr. & Mrs. John Davenport. David MacAlpine sends best wishes to all Gangsters for the coming season, from Canada.

SKIS FOR SALE

Loraine and Hans Jorritsma have two pairs of Head Skis for sale. Anyone interested can contact them at 111 Riverview Road, Avalon. They are leaving Australia early August to live in South Africa.

CLUB'S ANNUAL RACES

Don't forget that the Annual Races will be held the weekend 17th/18th September.

GENERAL

If any member has any ideas on how the club can be run more successfully or has any complaint or suggestions which would be of interest to all members, please let us know and the matters can be aired in the magazine.

SKIING AT ALTA, U.S.A. 1966

Cindy Brew decided to try someone else's snowfields and here is her story:-

I stayed in a very comfortable lodge, one of three, at Alta. There are also one club lodge and a few private ones. The resort was not at all crowded in early January, except at weekends, when large numbers drive up from Salt Lake City, about 30 miles away. I had a package deal for 7 days - accommodation in a four-bed dormitory, all meals, 7 lessons and 7 day's lift rides for \$US95, which is a cheap rate compared with places like Sun Valley and Aspen. The second week I went on daily rates. Rental of skis, boots and stocks was very expensive, \$US38 or \$A34.20 per week, and they weren't the best boots.

I was scared at first. The mountains were so steep, and avalanches worried me - one person had been killed by an avalanche two days before at a nearby mountain. I was scared I would be a hopeless skier in the different conditions, and it was so cold. But I put on more clothing, started lessons the first day, met the people in the lodge, and immediately began to enjoy everything. It was really not very cold, except late in the day. I didn't spend as much time out skiing as here, about 2½ hours in the morning and 2½ in the afternoon was average, but none of this time was wasted, there was no waiting. There are 4 chairlifts, no other tows except rope tows connecting the base of the lifts and the lodges. The longest lift is about 1 mile, and 1,800 vertical feet, and the others are of similar length; one continues upward from the others. The lodges are at 8,600 feet while the highest peak

in the area is about 10,500! There is a great variety of ski runs and they all have names. You can't go touring in winter, but some interesting long trails take you home around the back of the mountain, a trip of about 40 minutes.

The ski school was excellent, with a European chief and American staff. The lessons are two hours unless the class has less than 4 pupils. I had 11 lessons, 4 of them with tickets that were passed on to me by people who left early or hurt their knees. Skiers can begin their week's holiday on any day, and they come and go from day to day, so there are always some newcomers in the class.

It was not until my tenth day that we had a fresh fall of powder snow, about a foot average depth. I had a lesson that day and the next. The powder lasted about $2\frac{1}{2}$ days before it became packed; not long enough to learn the technique properly. It was tremendous fun. There are two classes of skiers in the powder snow - the experts and the rest. It cuts everyone down to size - you may think you can ski, but you all end up in a heap. I could not venture among trees as I need a whole empty mountain to make one turn. I make either huge turns or tiny wobbles. It's great leaving a trail in powder snow, even if it is an odd shape, and it's such fun falling over.

We watched a Giant Slalom race one day, it was more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and the fastest time was 2 minutes 0.2. The top men were in Europe but the top women competed, including Jenn Saubert. Incidentally, the serious recreational skier has two pairs of skis, his "standards" and his "deep powders", the latter being lighter and more flexible.

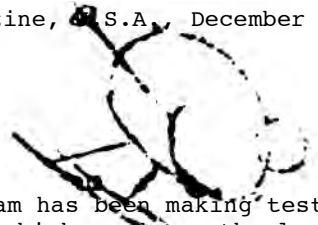
We saw a film about avalanches and their control, and felt much safer after seeing it. The Forestry service has men whose winter job is to keep the roads in the snow country safe for traffic and the slopes safe for skiers. They study the snow for danger spots - fragile, unstable areas, found under cornices and by observing the layers in profile. They can close a road or a ski run if danger exists. Danger areas are rendered safe by blasting known spots of instability - dynamiting a cornice off or firing shells from a 75 mm howitzer. We hear these guns at about 8 a.m., and if an avalanche is going to start, it will then. The film showed two types of avalanches in motion, a loose snow type, and the spectacular slab avalanche, where a whole area fractures and shifts simultaneously, then breaks into great chunks of snow which gain momentum as they roll down. In one horrible scene, the avalanche engulfed the camera, the cameraman was killed, and the film recovered later.

One wonderful day I'll always remember. It was the best day weather-wise, ski-wise, everything. It was warm and sunny and the snow was beautiful packed powder - no excuse for not doing good parallels. In the morning we skied about six different trails. In the lesson we skied on a glorious wide open slope called Sunspot, very steep, and we did parallels too. Altogether the skiing was very thrilling and challenging.

The people at the lodge were most interesting, they came from many parts of the States and Canada. Most of them lived close to some ski area where they

did their weekend skiing, but came to Alta for their holidays. A place is always interesting when there's an amusing character. We had one at Alta, a lift attendant called Tex. He always had a cheerful word as he pushed us on the chair, such as, to the girls "This seat's pre-shrunk so it's sure to fit", or "if you don't like this chair you can send it back". (Incidentally, the chairs don't have safety bars.)

Part of an item from "Ski" Magazine, U.S.A., December 1965:-



"The French Alpine Ski Team has been making tests in a wind tunnel to determine the racing stance which produces the least amount of resistance. The result may or may not be the development of a new type of "egg" position - Omelette? "

Snatched from the Sydney Morning Herald 28/3/66 -

SPIRITS MOVE SOUTH TO THE SNOWFIELDS

They have been in hibernation all summer. Now, as the first cool winds begin to blow, they are stirring. Eyes have a far-away look, and heart and spirit are already moving south.

They are the skiers who live through the summer anonymous, under the chameleon colours of surfer, cricketer or tennis player - and, in some form or other, worker.

But now they have put the long uphill of their year behind them, and they know it will be a swift run down to June and the real beginning.

When they congregate at parties, the talk is of White Stars, speed clips, the respective merits of Thredbo or Perisher and the tremendous prang so-and-so had last winter.

Skiers are equalled only by fishermen and sailors in their happy obsession with the equipment of their sport and they will talk for hours of woods and metals, bindings and boots, edges and wax.

The girls give a lot of attention to what they will wear, après-ski.

Already their minds are turning to the excitement of that first early run, in the stillness before the wind begins to blow, with the crisp swish and swirl of the night's fall of powder snow spurting from behind their skis as they glide and swing, prop and turn, down the ice-blue morning.

There are smiling thoughts of cold beer or spicing-hot gluhwein at the end of the day, when tired muscles relax and the bar is filled with laughter and smoke, steaming damp clothes, easy-laced boots, glowing faces and Austrian mountain-music or the latest hit from the juke-box.

Skiers are an enormously good-humoured lot - they have to be, to take the freezing discomfort of long chair-lift rides when the weather is bad, the endless queues, the frustrations of learning techniques which are against all the inclinations of nature and the pain and indignity of crushing falls on rutted, unyielding ice.

They know they have to take ridicule and being the object of a round of spiking hilarity - they have to take it, but this then gives them the sweet right to hand it out.

Perhaps the best thing about skiing, and one of its strongest attractions, is its independence, its soaring individuality.

A skier is not out there to win, or to beat someone else. There is a tremendous challenge, but it is a challenge to oneself and you can set your cap to humble snowplough or supreme Wedeln and if you fail, you let down no one and spoil no one else's enjoyment.

You can say to hell with it and spend the day in the bar, or you can dust off your bruises and try again.

And when you succeed, it is your own, very personal success and the exhilaration of the smooth co-ordinating of brain and skis and the rush of wind on your face is all the reward you need.

THE AUSTRALIAN SKI YEAR BOOK 1966

In last magazine we said we would send the 1966 year book to every person who ordered one last year and bill them for the cost, and since then have decided against this as many persons may not want it. If you do want the 1966 Year Book, please send 62 cents to Mrs. M. Devine, 7 Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay to cover cost of the magazine and postage. Remittances should be made payable to Ski Council of N.S.W.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LANGLAUF SKIINGG?

If you are, Kore Grunnsund and Otto Pinkas are willing to help you and will give free lessons on basic technique and advice on waxing, etc. (waxes are free also). Instruction will be in very easy stages and a high standard of fitness, although desirable, is not essential. To arrange for a free lesson ring either Kore Grunnsund at Smiggin Holes 208 or Otto Pinkas at Smiggin Holes 213. Young people will be especially welcome.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer would like to remind all those who have not as yet paid their subscriptions that we are wanting every dollar and cent and those outstanding subscriptions would be a great help to our bank balance.

WARRUGANG SKI CLUB LIMITED

1966 BOOKING REGULATIONS

1. Booking Acceptance

- (a) Bookings will be accepted from members, associates and friends of members only.
- (b) Residents, whether members, associates or friends of members shall accept without reservation all regulations herein described, whether explicit or implied.
- © No booking shall be accepted from any member who is in arrears with his annual subscription until after 1st April.
- (d) Children of members under the age of eight years, children of associates under the age of ten years and children of friends of members under the age of fifteen years shall not be accommodated during the winter season in the dormitories.

2. Booking Office

The booking office shall be at such a place as the Directors shall, from time to time determine. For 1966 season, Myrna Burke will handle the bookings for the Club and applications shall be addressed to the Club at Box 1075, G.P.O., Sydney or by phone, 631-9479.

3. Opening of Bookings

Bookings shall be accepted for each winter season as follows:-

- (a) From 1st February each year - Members, their spouses and/or children if accompanying them
(with first two weeks of booking period giving priority to couples with children and secondly, couples, wanting the rooms)
- (b) From 15th March each year - Associates
- (c) From 1st April each year - Friends of members, unfinancial members

4. Period of Booking

- (a) Except as provided for elsewhere in these regulations, all bookings shall be for periods consisting of whole weeks commencing and ending on a Saturday, provided that any person who satisfies the requirements of these regulations may book for a lesser period if he agrees to pay the tariff for the full period on demand.
- (b) Where accommodation for a period of less than one week is available, this accommodation shall be offered at daily tariff rates.

- (c) Weekend bookings, where available, shall be accepted from members, associates and friends of members, provided they are accompanied by a member.
- (d) The available weekend accommodation shall be allocated by the booking officer as early as practicable.
- (e) Members and associates who have not booked for a full week during the current season shall be granted preference for weekend bookings.
- (f) No member has the right to preferential booking for more than four consecutive weeks during the winter season.
5. Applications and payment of booking monies
- (a) Each application for a weekly booking if possible should be made in writing and shall be accompanied by the requisite deposit, and bookings made by telephone are accepted provisionally and if not confirmed by receipt of the deposit within the agreed time, the booking shall lapse.
- (b) The deposit required shall be as follows:-
- \$10.00 per person per week (members, associates and
non-member friends)
- (c) Ordinary Weekends (breakfast Saturday till after breakfast
Sunday) \$6.00 members; \$7.50 all else.
- (d) Long Weekends (breakfast Saturday till after breakfast Monday)
members and associates only - \$12.00 members, \$15.00 associates
- Tariffs for weekends to be paid prior to date booked.
- (e) All weekly bookings should be paid in full four weeks prior to commencement date of the booked period, and no refunds will be entertained unless cancellations are advised in advance.
6. Tariffs
- (a) The following scale of tariffs shall apply and are inclusive of any commissions which may apply:-

<u>WEEKLY TARIFF</u> <u>per person</u>	<u>Full Board Winter Season</u> <u>Dormitory</u>	<u>Bed Only Summer Season</u> <u>Rooms</u>	
Members	\$30.00	\$34.00	\$7.00
Associates	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$10.00
Friends	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$14.00
<u>DAILY TARIFF</u> (lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast) in season			
Members	dormitories \$4.50	rooms \$5.50	
Associates		5.50	6.50
Friends		6.50	7.50
<u>PER NIGHT</u> - SUMMER SEASON		Members	\$1.00
		Associates	\$1.50
		Friends	\$2.00

<u>EXTRA MEALS</u>	Breakfast	\$0.65
	Lunch	\$0.65
	Dinner	\$1.50

(b) The following special tariffs apply:-

- i. Children under eight years of age \$14.00 per week
- ii. Children of members (over 8 years and until earning} must become associate members and then pay member's tariff.
- iii. Spouses of members (a) who are associates – associate's tariff.
(b) who are not associates – friend's tariff.
- iv. Children over 8 and spouses of associates (a) who are not members or associates – friend's tariff
(b) who are associates – associate's tariff.

(c) The Directors may, at their discretion, order a reduction in weekly tariffs during the month of June.

6. Cancellation of Bookings

- (a) All cancellations shall be notified to the booking officer.
- (b) The following cancellation fees shall be charged, on the basis of the number of days' notice received before the commencement of each week booked –

<u>Notice</u>	<u>Charge</u>
More than 21 days	\$1
14 to 21 days	\$5
less than 14 days	\$10

(c) If no notice of cancellation is received, no refund shall be made.

7. Children

Previously members' children under the age of 5 years could not be accommodated at the Club during the winter season but now, those members who have bookings for the new wing can take their children under five years of age if they can be accommodated in the same room or in the new common room.

Non-members children under the age of 15 years are not to be accommodated at the club during the winter season.

The age of 8 years for members' children is the dividing line between reduced tariff (without associate's (special 50c) yearly membership fee being required) and full member's tariff (with associate (special) membership fee).

8. Conditions of Booking

- (a) The name and address of each person booked shall be supplied to the booking officer at the time of booking.
- (b) Bookings originally made in the name of one person may not be transferred to any other person.

9. Special Considerations

These regulations are subject to amendment without notice at any time by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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EDITORIAL

Under new management another edition rolls off the presses. We hope that you will be reading regular issues from now on at what we think are the important times of the year. Roughly this means:-

1. Early in the year - to pass on booking regulations, etc.
2. Immediately prior to the season - when we should be in a position to communicate valley transport arrangements, etc.
3. Some skiing news during the season
4. A final summing up of the season's events.

Of course, if anything worthwhile pops up, there could be additions to this.

IN MEMORIAM

The untimely death occurred during September of Charles Anton, President of the Australian Alpine Club and the man who did so much to bring skiing in Australia to the pre-eminence it now enjoys.

The President, Directors and members of Warrugang join with all who knew Charles in expressing their sincere regret at his passing and offer condolences to his widow and family.

SEASON 1966

Completion of the long awaited extensions was, of course, the main highlight.

Snow conditions - the most essential item in any skier's equipment - should head the report and were generally good. Following an early start little real snow fell until July. Much to skier's disgust and the Snowy Mountain Authority's joy, however, the dams were filled to overflowing with copious quantities of rain. Those who were present claim that 75% of this fell on June long weekend. August and September had some really excellent periods - not too much - not too little. Some very heavy falls occurred in late September to raise our hopes of an excellent October long week-end but whilst there was a good cover, once again the rain bogey struck. Results of races appear elsewhere.

Bookings - mainly because of a late start to the season - were a little disappointing. All who did stay at Warrugang, however, were more than pleasantly surprised by our "new look". No doubt there will be a rush for bookings next year and many of our "wanderers" will return. Some of the attractions that greeted us were:-

Carpets - fair dinkum - carpets in both the new section and the men's dormitory to soothe that familiar ache in the feet following a

hard day on the slopes.

Wardrobes and dressing tables in all sections.
Oil heating throughout.
A new flat for Ruedi and Anneke,
Additional showers for the new section
and finally - seven toilets - what luxury!

Any season, of course, is never completed without a great deal of hard work. Besides the normal Easter work party, several trips were made by assorted groups of Directors to install furniture, lay tiles, drive nails, and clean up generally. One memorable trip by non-unionist furniture removalists Ken Wood, Eric Lawrence and Warwick Fayle nearly led to the loss of these three stalwarts by frost bite in the fully air-conditioned, unheated, un-enclosed cabin of a truck. The length of the journey helped bring about this state of affairs as the truck insisted on a steady 35 m.p.h. up hill and down for the entire trip.

Some mishaps occurred, but no season is without them and they add to our enjoyment of the primitive area. Most serious, perhaps, was the failure to obtain approval for our building extensions until late February. We were mucked around by the best experts in the business. Many long hours were spent by Ken and Myrna pleading our cause with the various authorities, not the least of whom was the usual flint-hearted bank manager ever present in cases like this.

Failure of the hot water system and resultant need to install a completely new heating unit caused a stir amongst those who did not appreciate brisk, invigorating, cold showers in July and who also do not think hot water systems should have four big, heavily smudged with soot bottoms sticking out of the heating unit for one whole weekend!

Race results produced some surprises including a "dark horse" new member who, it is believed, backed, himself for a fortune. Most pleasing feature was to see the wins spread about a bit amongst the men and "Raj" should not have to drink quite so much at the Annual Dinner this year.

All in all then, a good season. Snow fair enough. A sense of having achieved something with the completion of our extensions. Very comfortable, warm accommodation, good tucker, good fellowship and despite some gloomy prognostications - at long last a new Warrugang.

We even think, at this stage, that we will meet our first instalment due to the Bank!

1966 WARRUGANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Attendances were disappointing, particularly amongst the girls. Good racing was enjoyed by those present, however, and our thanks to the honorary officials.

Unfortunately Ron Carroll came to grief in the jump and suffered a serious fracture, We understand he is well on the way to recovery and hope for a speedy return to full health and to skiing.

Downhill: course set by Adam Zapenski on No. 7 Poma slope and opened by him in a time of 27.5 seconds

Women

Placing	Name	Time	Points
1	Barbara Graham	44.8	15
	Gwen Lawrence	D.N.F.	-

Men

1	Ernie Langer	29.0	15
2	John Davenport	29.7	12
3	Graeme Currie	30.5	10
4)	Ron Carroll	30.8	7
4)equal	Hank Beaverstock	30.8	7
4)	Murray Tobias	30.8	7
7	Gus Green	33.3	5
8	Chris Robinson	69.6	4
9	Ken Wood	D.N.F.	-

Slalom: course set by Adam Zapenski on No. 7 Poma slope and opened by him in a time of 39.6 seconds.

Women

Placing	Name	1st Run	2nd Run	Aggregate	Points
1	Barbara Graham	62.8	54.0	116.8	15
2	Gwen Lawrence	123.8	133.0	256.8	12

Men

1	Chris Robinson	51.8	47.8	99.6	15
2	Murray Tobias	51.5	52.0	103.5	12
3	Hank Beaverstock	59.0	51.1	110.1	10
4	Gus Green	57.1	55.5	112.6	8
5	Graeme Currie	59.8	63.6	123.4	7
6	John Davenport	48.8	101.7	150.5	6
7	Ernie Langer	Disq.	56.2	-	-

Jump

Men

Placing	Name	1st Jump	2nd Jump	Best Jump	Points
1	John Davenport	9.0m	12.25m	12.25m	15
2	Ernie Langer	11.0	Foul	11.0	12
3	Chris Robinson	Foul	9.25	9.25	10
4	Hank Beaverstock	7.75	Foul	7.75	8
5	Murray Tobias	7.0	D.N.S.	7.0	7
6	Ken Wood	5.0	D.N.S.	5.0	6
7	Gus Green	4.25	4.0	4.25	5
	Graeme Currie	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	-	-
	Ron Carroll	Accident		-	-

Women's Championship

Placing	Name	Downhill	Slalom	Total
1	Barbara Graham	15	15	30
1	Gwen Lawrence	-	12	12

Men's Championship

Placing	Name	Downhill	Jump	Slalom	Total
1	John Davenport	12	15	6	33
2	Chris Robinson	4	10	15	29
3	Ernie Langer	15	12	-	27
4	Murray Tobias	7	7	12	26
5	Hank Beaverstock	7	8	10	25
6	Gus Green	5	5	8	18
7	Graeme Currie	10	-	7	17
8	Ron Carroll	7	Retired	-	7
9	Ken Wood	-	6	-	6

Official Timekeeper

Eric Lawrence

Official Starter

Neville Ellem

Gatekeepers

Pam Murphy, Don Widdicombe

RACE WEEKEND 1966

The Club Championships were held again this year on the weekend of the 17th/18th September. This is the weekend that is regarded by some as the climax of a season's skiing – one could almost say a skier's "moment of truth".

The paradox of the sport is borne out by the fact that one tries hard all the season to perfect a stylish technique and then when only the figures on a stopwatch are important, this technique is completely forgotten. For this reason I feel that Race Results are not a true guide to comparative skiing prowess, but for one who has been fortunate

enough to have some success in this regard, I must admit that it is a very rewarding feeling.

However, this was not meant to be a discourse on the merits of Club Competition so I will return to the task in hand of describing the weekend in general.

The weather followed the pattern of previous years by delivering a good fall of snow on the preceding days. We had arranged for Adam Zapenski to set the Downhill and Slalom courses in the absence of Lu Vozab, and as there was a minor blizzard blowing on the Friday, the Downhill was set first thing on Saturday morning.

Prior to this, on Friday afternoon, a party consisting of Ron Carroll, Hank Beaverstock, Ernie Langer and myself built a jump on a rather steep slope between Technology and No. 7 Poma. After it was built, and although the visibility was not all that could be desired, we tried it out and it was a very unnerving feeling to jump about thirty feet or so and touch down without the aid of instruments.

As a preliminary to the races, the weekly Warrugang Party was held on the Friday night and a certain amount of Gamesmanship was in evidence by the attempts to nobble some of the starters. However, in spite - or because - of this, everyone was out early to help Adam set and stamp the course and then practice was commenced.

The trial runs indicated a close result as the course was very fast, but as it was generally agreed, somewhat easier than those set by Lu in previous years. The results speak for themselves as to the closeness of the competition, with only 1.8 seconds between the first six places in the Men's event. The winner, Ernie Langer, is one of the Club's newest members and it seemed likely that he might repeat Ron Carroll's performance in 1963 and take out the Championship at his first attempt.

One of the disappointing aspects this year was the apparent lack of interest in the Women's Championship with Gwen Lawrence and Barbie Graham as the only starters. Despite extremely good performances on Barbie's part in both the Downhill and Slalom, the lack of competition would have detracted from her pleasure in winning the Championship for the third consecutive year. If my fiancée reads this, I'll be in trouble but let's face it ... we need more willing girls!

Meanwhile, back to the races ... Immediately after the Downhill the jump was held. The rules allowed for two optional practice jumps and then three scoring jumps with the longest distance on any one jump to count. Unfortunately in this event we had the first tragedy since the Championships have been held when Ron Carroll, in his first scoring jump, had a bad fall and broke his leg. This naturally cast an aura of gloom over the whole event, but after some discussion it was agreed to continue, but with only two jumps instead of three. In this event, I jumped a little farther than Ernie Langer with Chris Robinson slightly behind to take out third place.

On Sunday morning Adam set a very interesting Slalom course to the left-hand side of No. 7 Poma. As the point score stood at that time, it seemed to indicate that the Championship would be between Ernie or myself, but in the first run, Ernie missed a gate which unfortunately put him out of calculations and in the second run, I came out of a binding but gained enough points by finishing to just nudge out this year's "dark horse" Chris Robinson, who cleaned up the Slalom in a very convincing manner. Barbie had two runs which were very comparable to the men's times and clinched the Women's Championship.

There is not space to list credits, but as one of the organisers I would like to express my appreciation of the co-operation received in running the various events. Adam carried out Lou's usual role very enthusiastically and Eric Lawrence did a particularly accurate job as Time-keeper. Nev Ellem assisted as Starter for the Slalom and several non-members - Pam Murphy and Don Widdicombe, whom I can readily call to mind - acted as Gatekeepers. The K. G. Murray organisation, in the person of Stan McGuinn, also helped things run smoothly by making radios available and by starting the Poma earlier than usual.

All in all, despite Ron's accident and the absence of a lot of familiar faces, the competition was very keen and I think most people who participated, enjoyed the weekend.

Rajah

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 1966

This weekend has officially brought the season to a close but the blizzard which started on Sunday afternoon and continued throughout Monday would give the impression that the 1967 season had already commenced!

It was pleasing to see a good roll-up of members and associates after the small number who attended last year, and as there were several interested starters in the Perisher Cup team, it was not an easy task to pick the final team.

However, the formula of choosing the team from the results in the Club Championship was followed and it consisted of Rajah, Chris Robinson, Ernie Langer and Murray Tobias. The problem of finding langlauf boots large enough to fit Murray's size 11 feet was overcome by screwing his desert boots onto the skis! Ken Wood adopted his usual role of Club Official and Hank Beaverstock assisted as Trainer and Chief Waxer, while the cheer squad consisted of Barbara Wigney, Robert Tobias, Graeme Currie, Anne Langer and Raj's fiancée, Lesley Mackay.

A total of twenty-one teams entered and although our team performed quite commendably, we were somewhat disappointed at being

relegated to tenth place. The Giant Slalom was probably the greatest disappointment in that all four runners had a fall and this precluded us from making up valuable points. Although no excuse is offered, it was a very difficult course down the full length of the Chair and with a starting position of No. 14, it was almost like running a bob-sled course.

The team arranged an inter-club wager with Rock Creek with the loser to buy a bottle of Champagne. When it was apparent that Rock Creek had narrowly defeated us, the two con-men of the team - Murray and Rajah, - bought the cheapest bottle that the Valley Inn had for sale. Later, after the official presentations had been made and Rock Creek had received the Perisher Pot for the most improved team, we presented them with the champers and what did they do with it ... poured it into the Pot and made us drink most of it!! A pretty weak act considering it tasted like cooking vinegar and Alka Seltzer ...

Next year is another year, and with the addition of another couple of pairs of langlauf skis and boots, it should not be difficult to enter two teams. Had Ron Carroll not kindly obliged by lending his skis and boots we would have been hard pressed to even enter one team. During the past season it seems that someone has done a 'Nancy Sinatra' and walked off with the Club's boots.

As a slight consolation for our relatively low placing, we would next year be in a position to be once again in the running for the Perisher Pot provided marriage and old age does not take its toll.

Hon. Sports Editor

The following is an account of a TRIP TO THE MAIN RANGE by Cindy Brew.

Have you actually skied on Mount Kosciuszko? I have now! This was made possible by the charter snowcat service. An eight seater cat costs \$65 and a fifteen seater \$100. Our cat picked us up on the road right on schedule, after one postponement because of bad weather. We drove to the Chalet and up Stillwell, along the main road past Seaman's Hut, past the Ethridge and right to the Summit. It was a marvellous day with absolutely no wind, and the only cloud hovered over the Victorian side. We spent some time here photographing and identifying peaks. We were joined by another snowcat with about twenty people from the Chalet. Now for the first downhill run. I had thought Main Range snow would be soft and difficult, but it was quite firm on top. We had noticed how shallow the vehicle's tracks were. There was a mixture of firm powder and ice crust, with little wind ripples to make interesting bumps occasionally. Both parties skied down the slopes of Kosci together, to the valley between Kosci and Townsend. The remarkable thing was the vast space and so much snow without trees, rocks, creeks or other obstructions, and it was so safe, you could run straight down without fear.

Our cat met us and threw out tow ropes, so we climbed up Townsend, water-ski style, for our second run down Townsend's eastern slope. Our driver took us next to a point on Mt. Alice Rawson from where we had a magnificent view of Watsons Crags and Little Austria; to see this in winter was really worthwhile. We had lunch here in warm sunshine - we've had colder weather here in summer. Then we skied down to Albina Hut, not a good run, as it was a traverse all the way and the snow was turning soft. The cat pulled us up Mt. Northcote, along the ridge of Mt. Lee to Carruthers. Here the views again were remarkable, we felt we were on top of the world, and tried to peer into Club Lake, but would probably have fallen in.

A lovely long run from Carruthers down to the Snowy River followed and it was at this stage our cat broke down, but don't let this worry you unduly. The Chalet vehicle gave us a tow, and we waited at the Chalet for ours. On the home stage it broke down again and we finished the journey in a Porsche. Despite these hold-ups, we were home at 6.30.

Everybody I know who has been agrees it is well worth the money, the skiing and the views are great, and if you can have perfect weather also, what more could a person want?

LANGLAUF WAXES

For those who are interested, the main waxes are as follows:-

Blue Swix - tin or stick - new dry powder
Blue & Red mixed - tin - new wet powder
Red Klister - tube - wet snow
Blue Klister - tube - ice, crust
Yellow Swix - tin - wet new snow

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER: Wentworth Hotel, Saturday, 12th November 1966, at 6.30 p.m. This may be held in the new Wentworth, Elizabeth Street, and Myrna will advise when sending tickets. Circular has been issued, and please r.s.v.p. by 3rd November.

MAMOTH POOL PARTY: At Nev Fulthorpe's bayside residence at that Premier Water Sports Suburb, Cronulla, early February. Swimming - refreshments - barbecue tea - dancing, etc. etc.
More later.

MEMBERSHIP

To date, the following persons have either resigned or joined the Club during this year:-

<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Joined</u>
Marilyn Somerville (Dearn)	Ronald Campbell
Les Jones	Gloria Campbell
Judy Hromas	Jennifer Abbott
Harry Mladek	Garry Bauer
Gwen Sladek	Geoff Ellem
Lorraine Jorritsma (Spinks)	Bos Brown
Reg Porter	Phillip Tracy
Rosemary Davies (Dearman)	Robert Dryburgh
Cynthia Kubinski	John Mack
Kim Kubinski	Ian Doig
	Ray Ferguson
	Michael Williams
	Ernie Langer
	Patricia Allen
	Bram van der Kaag

Although currently there are only a couple of immediate vacancies for membership of the Club, we are very much interested in persons wishing to join, more especially girls, for, as Raj has pointed out earlier, we are sadly lacking in members to take part in the Women's Club Championship events.

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1966 PHOTOS

Construction of the extension



Early stages



Nearing completion

(Photos by Ken Wood)