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**WARRUGANG**  
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EDITORIAL

With this issue of our magazine the ski season really starts. The main points concerning bookings are within and intending skiers must perforce start to think of accommodation for their holiday.

A note of warning, however, to all those who will be skiing this winter. Members who "blow in" without booking have caused the club a great deal of embarrassment. The Trust is most insistent that we do not overcrowd and repeated offences could lead to termination of our lease.

The Board of Directors, therefore, must take a very serious view of members who do not have the courtesy to contact the Booking Officer prior to their arrival at Warrugang. And this applies during the summer as well. These people, by their inconsideration, have seriously inconvenienced our Manager and other Club Members and overtaxed our facilities.

Accommodation will be refused to those who do not book and membership of offending parties reviewed.

DON'T FORGET

Warrugang's Monster POOL PARTY & BARBECUE

at Nev Fulthorpe's home

Cronulla

Saturday, 18th February

from 4 p.m. until everyone drops  
Mouth to Mouth resuscitation upon application

A CIRCULAR WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd March 1967, at 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Manning House, University of Sydney. A formal notice and proxy voting form will be forwarded early next month.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS for 1967

Members are informed that nominations for Directors close on Monday, 13th February, 1967. Applications should be made in writing, supported by a proposer and seconder and all persons must be financial



members. The application should be signed by the nominee.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts have been posted covering annual subscriptions and it would be most helpful if members could forward their remittance as quickly as possible, thereby helping to keep our Bank interest rate to the minimum.

As well, those persons who have, or are contemplating changing their address, please let us know as it is most confusing to have our correspondence returned marked "not known at this address", etc.

#### Stamp Duty

The Treasurer would be obliged if overseas, interstate and A.C.T. members could attach a 5 cent duty stamp to their cheques as the Club has to pay out quite an amount in stamp duty over the year on these cheques. And for those who cash cheques during their stay at the Club, they will be asked to pay the appropriate amount in stamp duty on other than N.S.W. cheques when this business is being transacted.

#### OPENING OF BOOKINGS FOR 1967 WINTER SEASON

Bookings for the 1967 winter season open with the Booking Officer, Myrna Burke, on WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, for members, WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, for associate members and SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, for non-member friends.

During the first two weeks of February priority will be given to applications received from married couples with small children wishing to book into the rooms, after that time you take your turn for accommodation in rooms.

The enclosed booking form should be returned to  
Box 1075, G.P.O ,  
SYDNEY

setting out your requirements, and accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00 per person per week. Associate membership fee of 50 cents for each child aged eight years and over and being included in the booking form should be forwarded at the same time. (Please state age of child).

Additional details concerning tariffs, etc. will be set out a little further on.

CHRISTMAS - AT PERISHER?

This was the incredulous sounding question whenever our plan for this Christmas break was mentioned. Not everyone's idea of a summer holiday, of course, but perhaps the old adage of "a change being as good as a holiday" made our stay in Perisher doubly enjoyable.

Skiers soon develop a deep and abiding love of the alpine areas but because of their first love - skiing - devote all their energy, time and money to winter visits. Only by a visit to the Kosciusko State Park in summer, however, can one fully appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the area and obtain a full conception of the Park itself. Too few skiers venture beyond the confines of the slopes bounded by the Chair and No. 1 T-bar and as a result, receive little of the bounties which the Park, as a whole, has to offer.

Attractions abound to cater for all tastes and this is particularly so in December and January when the wild flowers are at their best. Our four days were very full and highlights of our stay were -

A walk to summits of Mounts Wheatley, Duncan and The Porcupine. An easy two hour trip to the rear of Warrugang with magnificent views of the entire main range, the Chalet and the Thredbo River from Dead Horse Gap to the Creel.

An ascent of Back Perisher - again, not very hard and a view of the main range which made the going worth while and accomplished in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

A look at the "longest telescopic tow in Australia" at Guthega. This slope looks a beauty and will merit a trip over next season for a few runs.

Our first look at Lake Albina and surrounds. Not a hard hike, particularly if taken from just below the Kosciusko summit along the bridle track. We pushed on a little further on this trip nearly to the summit of Carruthers but far enough to obtain an excellent sight of the impressive Watsons Crag.

All these walks are covered in a very good publication of the Geehi Walking Club with suitable texts on the flora, fauna, geography, and maps. Name of the book is Snowy Mountain Walks, cost 85 cents and may be obtained from Paddy Pallins.

Wildflowers were in abundance in all these areas and their colour and variety are amazing - a botanist's dream.

The big events of the Christmas period are two widely divergent epics - the Jindabyne Rodeo on Boxing Day and the newly named "Charles Anton Memorial Cup", a skiing race on the next day.

The Rodeo is held at the well appointed arena above the new town, the events are exciting and well conducted and the Reschs Country Special foaming and icy cold.

The ski race held this year on the South America drift on Northcote was well worth seeing with some spectacular "Imperial Jamiesons". The racing was limited, however, by lack of snow.

Horses are available behind the "Man". Lessons are given and trail rides conducted. This is a very easy way of traversing the slopes and we had a most enjoyable ride, this, despite one of the younger lads being left swinging like Tarzan on a low hanging bough!

Flies? Well, of course. But there are just as many in Sydney and a combination of the breeze and Aerogard does the trick.

Our stay was rounded off with trips to the Gaden Trout Hatchery and the information centre at Sawpit. Both also worthwhile and usually not visited because of that burning desire to get up there and clamp on the boards.

All in all, a wonderful Christmas although the stove took some mastering and the turkey had to be cooked for 14 hours and, oh yes - Heidi is almost walking at 9 months!

Bruce Wilkinson

#### CONCERNING MEMBERS

It was noted in the social columns of the newspaper just recently that David Calver is to be married very shortly in Chicago. Best wishes to David for his future happiness.

Sam Conlon sends New Year wishes to the Club from the snowy slopes of St. Anton and is trying to make us all jealous by letting us know he is having a "terrific time" in deep soft dry powder snow, taking lessons each day for four hours from one of the 190 instructors in the area, who also plays the accordion in a place called the "Krazy Kangoruh". This "spot" is run by an Aussie and it is the only foreign-owned business in the ski fields of Austria, and, of course, Sam being a patriotic soul patronises the place!

#### THE SNOW SEASON

The commencement of the season is on the Queen's Birthday Holiday weekend, this year being Saturday 10th to Monday 12th June.

Race Weekend will be 16th/17th September - MEMBERS ONLY, apart from those who are staying for the week.

The official end of the season is October Long weekend,  
Saturday 30th September/Monday 2nd October.

You are reminded that bookings are accepted from Members and  
Associate Members only for both June and October long weekends.

Tariffs

	<u>Dormitory</u> per person per week	<u>Rooms</u> per person per week
Members	\$30.00	\$34.00
Associate Members	\$34.00	\$40.00
Non-member friends	\$40.00	\$44.00
Children under eight years & accommodated in room with parents		\$14.00

For bookings between 10th June and 8th July there will be a  
reduction of \$4.00 per person per week in all categories of  
tariff with the exception of the special rate of \$14.00 for children  
under eight years.

Weekend tariff (breakfast Saturday till after breakfast Sunday)

\$6.00 members                      \$7.50 all else

Long Weekend tariff (breakfast Saturday till after breakfast Monday)

\$12.00 members                      \$15.00 associates

Last season weekenders were not charged for the night if they  
arrived early in the evening of the Friday, or for that matter,  
during the day, however, it is now felt that if weekenders arrive  
at the lodge prior to 9 p.m. on a Friday they will be charged at the  
rate of \$1.50 for members and \$3.00 all else.

As well, with the exception of the Race Weekend, weekenders  
WILL NOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE LODGE prior to Friday night unless  
the Booking Officer confirms there is sufficient room for those  
persons to be accommodated either in the dormitories or the rooms.  
This will also apply to weekly bookings and unless the Booking  
Officer advises that there will be space available, weekly guests  
will not be accommodated prior to Friday night, nor is a person's  
booked period at the lodge to be extended unless the Booking Officer  
confirms that there will be space available. This "arrive as you  
will" attitude by some members, etc. during last season embarrassed  
the Booking Officer on numerous occasions.

Extra Meals (same as last season)

breakfast	\$0.65
lunch	\$0.65
dinner	\$1.50

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**NEWS MAGAZINE**





EDITORIAL

WARRUGANG NEEDS YOU! The most actively debated item at the recent Annual General Meeting was the fall in our income for last year. Perusal of the financial statements reveals that this was attributable to many factors, not the least being heavy capital expenditure and expenses associated with converting our income producing bank balance into an overdraft for which interest is charged.

There is no need to press any panic buttons and the Directors are confident our finances are buoyant - BUT - to survive Warrugang must have the continued support of all its members. This is, of course, common to all enterprises.

We feel Warrugang now has a lot to offer its members from an accommodation point of view and more importantly, the usual good fellowship and club spirit, something which is fast disappearing from Perisher Valley.

How about it fellow member?

Let's spread the gospel - interest our friends in becoming members and in staying with us for their snow holidays and even better - let us see YOU at the Lodge.

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1967 EASTER WORK PARTY

Come along and help with the various jobs which are requiring our attention. Of course, it is not all work and sufficient time is available for "play" as those who usually turn up know. Let Bruce Wilkinson know if you are available and whether you require transport or can offer transport and for how many, not later than Wednesday, 15th March (Easter is 24th/27th March). Catering will be arranged and you just pay for a share of the food provided. If you can't be present for the whole time, come anyway, but let Bruce know when, etc. His home phone number is 523-3941.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-six members plus one very late arrival with a most melodious voice, attended our A.G.M. on Friday, 3rd March.

Don't forget, if you have any thoughts at all on the conduct of your Lodge, this is the time to air them.

Recommendations to the incoming Board of Directors from the floor were all generally designed to assist our finances and will, of course, receive early consideration. Any decision, however, cannot affect this ski season.

It would appear from the general tone of the meeting that members are well satisfied with the overall position and facilities of the Club and with a reasonable season, the Directors anticipate continued progress and a healthy financial state.

With the exception of Warwick Fayle, who has resigned from the Club, and Murray Tobias, who did not offer himself for re-election, all Directors and officials were re-elected. Ron Campbell is a new director.

Murray Tobias has offered to be a director should it be necessary to co-opt him to bring the number required to seven.

We would be interested to hear from any member - male or female - who would be interested in filling this seventh position. This is a chance to participate in moulding the progress of a great club - so how about it?

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#### PERISHER CUP

The Perisher Ski Association has received a number of suggestions regarding the running of this competition. These fall generally along the following lines -

A first and second division to separate the novices from the experienced skiers.

A simpler form of competition for the less experienced skier.

Possible inclusion of novelty events.

Should any member have any thoughts on this please contact Ken Wood or write to him at Box 2222, G.P.O., Sydney, as soon as possible (this is the Association's box number).

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#### WEEKEND CHARGES - SEASON 1967

The Board has now finalised a new rate of charges for the coming season. Amount per weekend will actually remain the same as before, i.e., \$6.00 (members), \$7.50 (all else). This charge covers the period breakfast Saturday to after breakfast Sunday. Weekenders arriving at the lodge before midnight Friday, however, will be required to pay an additional \$1.50 (members), \$3.00 (all else).

This charge will, of course, include the Friday evening meal.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The following are items of interest concerning our members:-

Mary Wise is now Mary Scholes (some time ago but we didn't know).  
Diana Junor now Diana Rothfield " "  
Neville and Geoff Ellem have both announced their engagements with  
Geoff planning to marry in May.  
Bob Neil is overseas on a business trip.  
Murray Tobias is going overseas in June on a business trip.  
Dorothy Halsall is now resident at the ANU School of Advanced studies.  
Noel and Vera Draper have a new daughter.  
David Lieberman is being admitted as a Solicitor shortly and at the  
end of the month is being married and sailing for overseas all on  
the same day.  
Ian White is being married the same day as David L.  
John Mack is off to Moscow in August for twelve months.  
Barbara Williamson (Wigney) returns to Sydney from Mauritius next  
month  
George Failes has returned to Sydney from New Zealand.  
John Dickin has returned to Sydney from his overseas jaunt.  
Both Graeme Currie and Peter Towson are currently way down south  
amongst the ice and blizzards.

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POOL PARTY

Despite early heavy rain, our Pool Party was a great success and  
members and friends enjoyed themselves immensely.

Highlight of the evening - for those still able to see at that  
stage - was the midnight dash of a bowler hatted Canberra type into  
the pool for a most polished display of rhythmic swimming. The neck  
to knee wet suit and life jacket greatly assisted this gentleman's  
flotation.

"Nev's Grotto" was very well patronised and there was food aplenty -  
dancing even.

We all look forward to the likelihood of a repeat dose next year -  
except one of the barmen who apparently fell victim to an infected  
ice cube.

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Our service page has not been printed this time and we hope it  
will be "complete" when we next go to press.













# NEWS MAGAZINE





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#### EDITORIAL

At long last we are on the threshold of the skiing season. This is the time in which most of us spend at least nine months of each year talking, thinking, arguing, dreaming and, of course, saving.

Your Club hopes that you will find conditions at Warrugang everything that you wish. If not, let us hear about it.

Good snow, good company and safe skiing.

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#### FIRST ANNUAL PRE-SEASON GET TOGETHER

City Tattersalls Club  
Venetian Room

Friday, 26th May  
6.30 p.m.

Cost - \$3 per head.

Don't miss this opportunity to get together, natter about the coming season, meet old friends and enjoy yourselves. Guests are very welcome.

A big buffet meal is included and liquid refreshments are available at club prices.

r.s.v.p. to Myrna Burke, 631-9479  
by 20th May, please.

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#### CHEAPER SKIING

For certain periods of this season adult day tickets are retailing for \$3.00 in lieu of the normal charge of \$4.00. Weekends are not included and the actual periods are:-

Monday-Friday <u>only</u>	12th June	-	7th July
Monday-Friday <u>only</u>	25th September	-	13th October

This represents a worthwhile saving and is, of course, designed to fill the Valley early and late in the season.

In a normal ordinary season good conditions are often encountered during these periods and no doubt this reduction will appeal to many skiers.

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There has been little building activity in the Valley this year. "Moritz" has been enlarged by Hubert Hoverman and now has a rounded wing on "The Man" side as well. "Tyrol" has also been enlarged. Of greater interest is the enlargement of neighbour "Boonoona" by fellow member Barry Judd. This lodge would now have the largest common room in Perisher and each room now has its own bathroom.

The road is now sealed to the "Quarry" and this should assist our members as buses will come to this point whenever conditions allow.

A new lodge "Kirraburra" between the top of Nos. 1 and 2 tows on the "Sundeck" level has pinched the best site in the Valley and will, no doubt, cause much comment.

A large new lodge has also been constructed immediately at the foot of the stairs leading from our sundeck. Although only of one bedroom, it nevertheless had to be sufficiently large to accommodate Ruedi and Anneke's new family member "Wilhelm Tell". Wilhelm is now five months old and the largest St. Bernard pup one could ever imagine.

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#### THE AUSTRALIAN SKI YEAR BOOK 1967

Copies of this book are now available from Mrs. M. A. Devine at 7 Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay, N.S.W. Cost is 50 cents plus 13 cents postage.

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#### BUS TRANSPORT & OVER SNOW TRANSPORT TIME TABLES

Effective Friday 9/6/67 - Monday 2/10/67

##### Shuttle Bus Services -

Sawpit Car Park - Smiggin Holes

Saturday only: 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m. then each half hour until 3 p.m., then 4 p.m., 6 p.m.



Smiggin Holes - Sawpit

Saturday only: midnight, 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m., then every half hour until 3 p.m., then 4 p.m., 5 p.m.

Snow Clipper Services -

Smiggin Holes - Perisher

Saturday only: 1.30 a.m., 3.30 a.m., 5.30 a.m. then as required until 3 p.m., then 4 p.m., 5 p.m. 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

Perisher - Smiggin Holes

Saturday only: 12.15 a.m., 2.15 a.m., 4.15 a.m., 6.15 a.m., then as required until 4 p.m., then 5.45 p.m.

Shuttle Bus Sawpit to Smiggin Holes, Fridays only, 7, 9 and 11 p.m.

Smiggin Holes to Sawpit, Sundays only, 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m., 3.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Snow Clipper Smiggin Holes to Perisher, Fridays only, 7 30 p m. 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

Perisher to Smiggin Holes, Sundays only, 9 a.m. 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.15 p.m. 3 p.m. 3.45 p.m. 4.30 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

These services run at varying times on each day of the week, of course, and the times are available from the full timetable or by phoning Smiggin Holes 259. Bookings for snow transport on Saturdays should be made before 10 p.m. on Fridays.

Shuttle Bus Fares, Sawpit to Smiggs - single 60c, return \$1.10  
Snow Clipper Fares, Smiggs to Perisher - single \$1.50, return \$2.50 (our section of Perisher, not the whole valley)

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#### SOCIAL DOINGS

Nothing much seems to have been happening of late but Geoff Ellem is being married on the 15th of this month and David Calver has written from the United States to say the Ski Resort of Aspen in Colorado is just the place to spend one's honeymoon. Bob and Lillian Neil have returned to Sydney from overseas in good time for the new season here.

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#### EASTER WORK PARTY

Easter 1967 was enjoyable in the usual way - late nights, some work and a lot of food!

The workers (?) started to arrive on the Thursday evening and by breakfast time Friday Ruedi and Anneke seemed to sense the

imminent destruction of the lodge, so, complete with Heidi and Tell, departed for Bathurst.

Armed with a formidable list of tasks, this was the final result as far as I can recollect:-

Ceiling of common room repainted.

Extra bunk in Girls' dormitory removed and added to wood pile.

Bunks in upstairs storeroom removed and also added to the wood pile.

Mirrors refitted in rooms.

Move heater thermostat to better position - too hard so left for next time.

New ski rack built - for use of small people only because of a slight error in calculations by the builders.

Concrete slab and enclosure for gas bottles - too hard so left for Ruedi!

Storeroom in basement demolished to enlarge area where you get ready to brave the elements.

Clean up mess caused by demolition. (Some work left for Ruedi because of lack of masonite.

Water drained from excavation at back of the new wing and run-off cleared.

Oil Tanks partly covered in - went to the "Man" before completion!

Bench constructed along the front wall of the basement where the storeroom was.

General painting and cleaning up of rubbish.

Professional overseeing of review of medical locker contents

Tried to insulate behind the stove but the insulation broke.

The lounge was measured for recovering.

Who is to blame? - Ron Campbell, Bruce Wilkinson, Eric Lawrence, Myrna Burke, Barbie (wee sensation) Graham, Cindy Brew, Max Gault, Peter Roberts, Tom Hazell, Jim Menck, Pat Kennard, Jane (can't remember her other name), Cathy Smith and Noelene Ross.

Barbie and Myrna made sure no one went hungry or thirsty and also managed to find a party at Fjelheim, even though the occupants had gone to bed by the time we arrived,

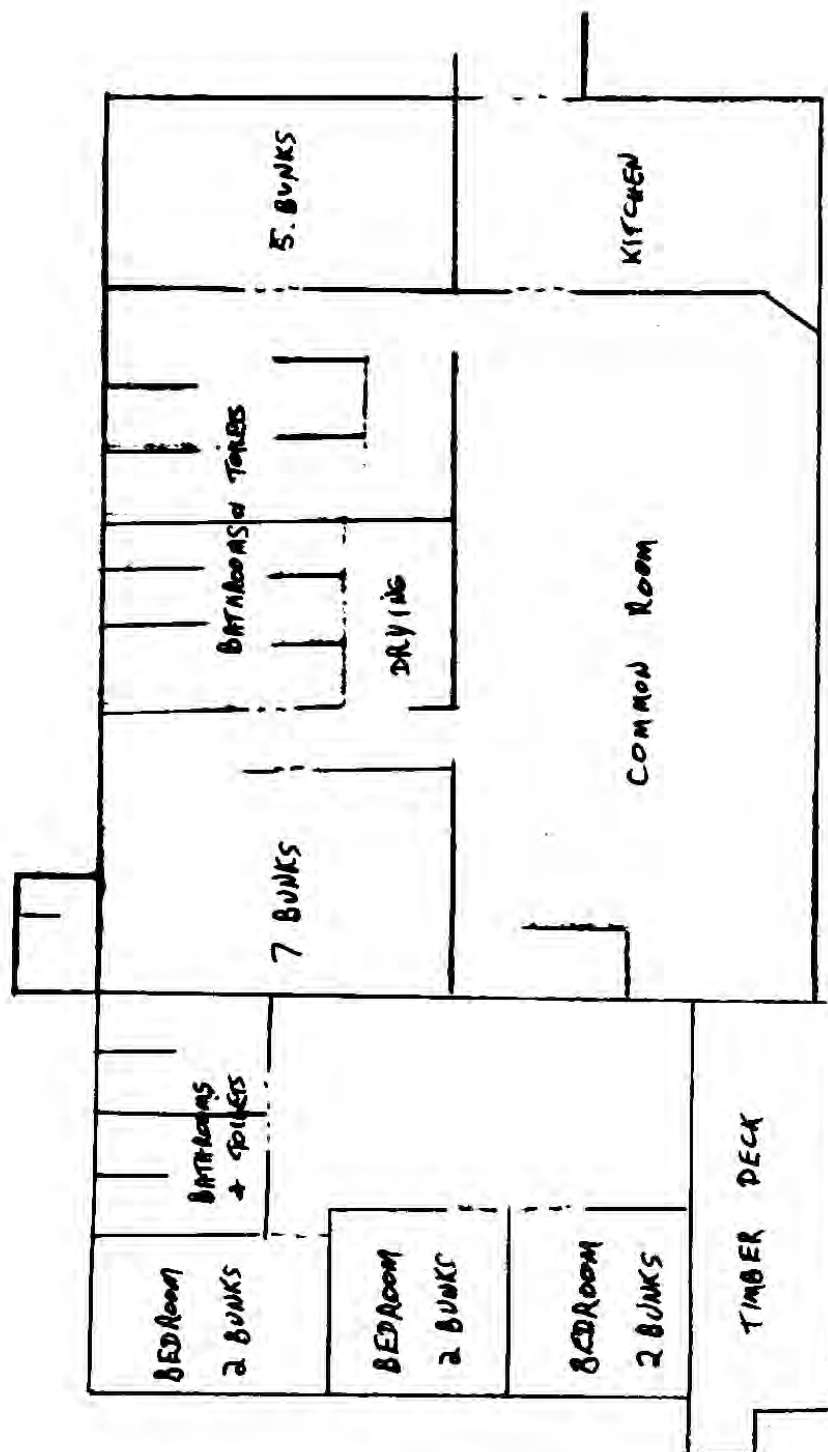
To a new lodge "Kirraborra" we owe thanks for the "loan" of a few bags of sand necessary for completion of the cement rendering in the basement after "Whatmen" the wreckers had been at work.

A face (behind a pipe) absent from this year's work party for the first time in years was also noticed to be missing by a keeper of a tavern who commented that his beer sales were down.

We all managed to depart before Ruedi and Anneke returned and we hope that they were not tempted to depart again when they discovered the basement storeroom missing!

Charles Drake (casual labourer)  
(Name supplied but withheld in the interests of peace!!)

An outline sketch of our lodge as it now is, is attached for those who have not already seen the extensions, or, even worse, have not visited the lodge at all. The basement layout has not been included as we feel most people know their way in at least that far.



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#### EDITORIAL

At the time of writing there is still very little snow and the prospects unsure. To people who look forward eagerly for nine months to the next skiing season and happy days in the snow, this is something of a tragedy.

The other side of the picture is, of course, the effect upon your Club's finances. One does not need to be much of a mathematician to realise that no "lodgers" means no income.

Your Directors are pleased to report that we have met interest charges and our first annual reduction of our debt incurred for building extensions. Only a good season can ensure that our Bank Manager remains happy!

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#### ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Don't forget Race weekend, 15th/17th September. We look forward to lots of members turning up at that time to take part. Please advise the Booking Officer of your intentions as early as practicable.

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#### ANNUAL DINNER - 1967

Still a long way off and a bit of skiing to be done in the meantime, however, jot this down in your diary:-

Venue	-	City Tattersall's Club 198 Pitt Street, Sydney
Date	-	Saturday, 28th October, 1967,

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#### PRE-SEASON COCKTAIL PARTY - FRIDAY, 26th MAY

What a magnificent evening! Despite a lightning rail strike with resultant traffic chaos, 51 revellers enjoyed the sumptuous surroundings of City Tattersall's Club for our first pre-season "do".

The food was out of this world - large chunks of crayfish and crab, even larger prawn cutlets and pieces of chicken plus even more delicacies.

In keeping with our policy of making prices for our social functions the cost of services rendered, no profits were made. It is from good shows such as this, however, that the club gains its esprit-de corps.

Our sympathies to those who could not make it and our thanks to the organisers.

Indications are that our Annual Dinner, to be conducted at the same venue, should be provided with a very high standard of service and food.

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OUR NEIGHBOURS — WARRUGANG SKI CLUB

Reprinted from Canberra Ski Club's excellent magazine "Frozen Acres" by courtesy of the authoress —

This is the first in a series intended to help foster good relations between clubs in the Perisher area.

Warrugang has a special meaning for our Club. It was the first lodge in the Valley at which groups of C.A.C. members stayed by Club arrangement when Franklin was bare and we had nothing at Perisher.

Now, over to the author, Barbara Graham of Warrugang (and Canberra).

"Warrugang" is an aboriginal word meaning snowgum, and seemed an appropriate name for our lodge, since, when it was built there was little else in Perisher Valley.

The original members were a small group of Sydney University students, mainly Geologists. In 1952 and 1953 we hired a truck to act both as transport from Sydney and sleeping accommodation in the snow country, and spent hilariously incompetent weeks on skis in the vicinity of Smiggin Holes. We were most grateful for the kindness of the proprietress of the old Smiggins Café and Kosciusko Roadside Bar (beside the burnt-out remains of the old Hotel) who both let us use their premises as daytime accommodation. However, envious admiration of the existing lodges such as "Telemark" fired us with the ambition to build a lodge of our own.

So, early in 1954, with almost the whole of Perisher Valley to choose from, we selected a site with a view (of which we are still proud) of Perisher and Back Perisher — old friends to most of us from many bushwalking trips.

Being students, money was scarce to almost non-existent, so the building of the lodge was very much a do-it-yourself affair. All

sorts of hidden talents were brought to light during this period, with dedicated water-diviners selecting the site for a dam for our water supply, and a medical student (appropriately) tackling the plumbing. It may be significant that, until 1962 when the Park Trust perforated our pipe line during road construction, our water supply rarely failed us, but our medical friend was heartily cursed on many occasions in early years when all hands had to turn out to excavate the septic system! Being in the most part wholly ignorant of the finer points of building technique, some rather revolutionary ideas were incorporated in the lodge. Newer members were somewhat startled, when, in 1962 as a result of a decision to replace flooring in the lounge and kitchen, investigations showed that this would be rather tricky since the floor supports the walls.

Work on the lodge progressed slowly but surely, as club membership rose first to one hundred and finally to two hundred, at which level it remains fixed today. A vast amount of snow found its way into the unlined building during blizzards in the first seasons, but the continued enthusiasm of members gradually made it weather-tight and comfortable.

In 1956 we acquired the first of a series of colourful characters (best known of whom, perhaps, was Vince Coles) who acted as caretaker/manager. Their main duties were to feed coke into the huge Aga kitchen range and voracious donkey boiler in the basement, which supplied our hot water.

They also looked after the temperamental Tilly lamps which were our only lighting at that time, but which were later replaced by electricity from our own generator, huddled in its private igloo. They were, of necessity, versatile characters who took malfunctioning plumbing in their stride and also attempted to teach us to ski on the little rope tow run by Johnny Abbotsmith.

In 1960, home comforts were much increased by the employment of a full time manager. We were most fortunate in acquiring the services of that speedy Golden Eagle from Czechoslovakia, Lu Vozab and his offsider Big Merv Burrows. This cheerful pair not only improved our lot with the delights of continental cooking, but did much to further promote the reputation for friendliness and hospitality of which the Club has always been proud.

It was also largely due to Lu's enthusiasm and encouragement that an interest in racing developed in the club. Nearly every week in the season, since 1960, a small slalom race has been held for everyone in the lodge (members and friends alike) and since non-entrants are penalised, even complete beginners find themselves attempting the course amid wild shrieks of encouragement. In 1963 the Club's annual championships were held for the first time, consisting of Downhill, Grand Slalom, Jump and Langlauf. Canberra Alpine Club members are probably already aware of this event, since both clubs frequently

choose the same date for their championships, and on occasions, bewildered competitors on one race course have found themselves heading for the finishing line on the other! On a wider scale, the Club has entered at least one team in the Perisher Cup each year since 1961 and has twice won the Perisher Pot, though the Cup itself still eludes us.

Last year saw the addition of our long talked of extension and improvements, which have resulted in more space and greatly enhanced comfort for the eighteen guests who can be officially accommodated at one time. The old donkey boiler and Aga stove were converted to oil, and a central heating system put in. A small, self-contained flat was also built for our popular current manager, Ruedi Kunz, who with glamorous wife Anneke, baby Heidi and St Bernard puppy Tell, continue to make Warrugang such a happy lodge and one in which visitors are always welcome.

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#### SKI-CLUB ACCOMMODATION RATES

It will be of interest to members to compare our charges with those of neighbouring club Boonoona. Extensions to this lodge have resulted in all accommodation being in two-bunk bedrooms with private toilet facilities. Prices are all inclusive -

Adult members	\$50.00	per week
One child 12 years or under	\$30.00	" "
Each additional child under 12	\$24.00	" "
Children 13-17 years	\$38.00	" "
Visitors	\$60.00	" "

Maranatha is now charging \$65.00 per week for visitors.

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#### NEW & RESIGNED MEMBERS

The following full and associate members have been admitted this year:-

Ruedi Hoess, Ann Wallis, Peter Roberts, Max Gault,  
Susanne Baldie, Elisabeth Black, John Bible,  
Pamela Bible, Ron King, Elizabeth King, Kay van der Kaag,  
Lillian Neil, Pat Kennard, Jim Menck, Tom Hazell,  
Beverley Frame, Janelle Piggott, Elizabeth Alexander,  
Peter Alexander, Athol Crawford, Leonard Lewis,  
Philip Perkins, Pam Murphy, Chris Craker, Diana Jackson,  
Margaret Mathieson, Yvonne Larsson, Valerie Allsop,  
Elizabeth Patterson, Maria O'Brien, Pam Williamson,  
Lesley Davenport.

The following resignations have been accepted -

Ann Fayle, Warwick Fayle, Jill Chaplin, Ian Chaplin,  
Peter Body, Tony Linnane, Peter McInnes, Jean McInnes.

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NORDIC SKI EVENTS

Nordic skiing is fast growing in popularity and the Ski Council of N.S.W. has asked Clubs to hold races to assist the Council to have Nordic races in Perisher Valley each weekend.

Official Ski Council Race Calendar

22/23rd July	Victorian Nordics State Titles	Falls Creek
	A.C.T. Nordic State Titles	Guthega
29/30th July	N.S.W. Nordics State Titles	Perisher
5/6th August	National Nordic Titles	Perisher
12/13th August	Paddy Pallin Cross Country Ski Classic - A,B,C, Grades; Ladies events	Perisher
16th August	K.A.C. Open Cross Country	Chalet
19th August	Cooma Ski Club Open Cross Country	Perisher

Should any Club member be interested, perhaps Warrugang can organise an event for inclusion in the Calendar?

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SKIERS INSURANCE

Sentinel Insurance Consultants - Box No. 658, G.P.O , Sydney, 2001 Telephone 29-3611, have a comprehensive range of policies covering medical expenses, capital and weekly compensation benefits, all risks baggage and loss of skis. Rates appear reasonable and members are reminded that your Club advises you make some form of arrangement for insurance as the Club has no cover for members.

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Philip Tracy has flown off to Canada via Europe and intends to be away for twelve months. Eula Guthrie is going to the United States in August for six months. We also hear that other members are making plans to depart for overseas in the near future so with this exodus we will need to move the club premises to some place other than Perisher - and with the lamentable lack of snow, perhaps it wouldn't be such a bad idea!!

THE JUNE LONG WEEKEND THAT WASN'T

How does one describe in detail, events concerning the opening of the season at the ski club when there was not a vestige of snow to be seen anywhere?

Should one describe the stream of cars wending their way, Indian file, up Perisher Valley with hopeful skis aloft? This was matched by an equally large number of cars returning from the main range, disappointed occupants and some with a shrunken snowman as a radiator mascot, which only served to whet the appetite of the less informed ascending drivers.

One could certainly discuss the popularity of a pair of rubber boots as a means of avoiding the glue-like mud which the constant rain created about the lodge.

To the "snow bunnies", the absence of snow brought no pain. They were able to "après-ski" from breakfast time onwards. Even to those persons with pseudo expertise, it offered an unsurpassed opportunity for critical comment on boots, bindings, and how long should stocks be for best Wedeln style this year. It also allowed some slight exaggeration of the speaker's competence on skis to be made without the accompanying fear of the reality of demonstration!! This, indeed was a situation too good to be missed!

For the old, hardened member, it allowed an examination to be made of the club's new wing and other refinements such as the enlarged ski room under the lounge. Ruedi's garden about the front door created interest and there was even time for an exhausting romp with "William Tell", the seven months old Saint Bernard with all the energy of a Sherman Tank.

Thus it was not a disappointing weekend. After all, nobody expected to find snow even though all took skis on the off-chance that the weather might change. There was, however, plenty of the spirit which makes "snow" holidays so enjoyable, as one elf-like Canberra member found out to his ulcer's cost!! It is now firmly established that his prowess on skis is not matched by his ability with Ruedi's "ruff red".

The writer can only add, that after an unbroken record of June weekends at Perisher Valley, the old lure has not diminished and, snow or no snow, successive June weekends will still stand as the opening of the winter season.

Bob Neil

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**OLYMPIC SKI BALL**

We have been asked by the Olympic Ski Ball Committee of the Ski Council of New South Wales to bring to member's attention the fact that the Olympic Ski Ball is to be held at the Trocadero, George Street, Sydney, on Friday, 24th November next, to commence at 8.30 p.m. Further information can be obtained by telephoning either 32-6479 or 37-3337, or writing to Miss Karin Spiegel 16/11 Yarranabbe Road, Darling Point, 2706.

As an added attraction, to raise funds the Committee is running an Art Union with the first prize being a round-the-world trip for one, donated by Mr. Dick Dusseldorp of Kosciusko-Thredbo Ltd, and members are asked to help by buying tickets or offering to sell tickets, or better, still, doing both.

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#### EDITORIAL

Despite the bad start good snow falls eventually came and the season ended on a high note. As a result Warrugang had another good year. Lodge conditions were most satisfactory and from all reports members enjoyed themselves as Warrugangsters usually do.

Elsewhere in this issue are a number of race results and contributions from members. These reflect the old club spirit very well. Congratulations to the race winners and our thanks to all those who helped at race meetings and found a few moments to scribble some deathless prose.

Also in this issue are details of increased yearly subscriptions. Still not very high as yearly subs go and essential if we are to provide and maintain amenities for your comfort.

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#### ANNUAL DINNER 1967

DO NOT FORGET

City Tattersall's Club - 198 Pitt St., Sydney  
Saturday, 28th October,  
1967

The Venetian Room - 6:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Subscription \$5.00 per single

A GOOD TIME GUARANTEED

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#### 1967 WARRUGANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

The races Were once again run in good conditions, preceded by the usual fall of snow. It was rather disappointing to see the number of male competitors dwindle even further but this was offset by the increase in the number of women competitors and the very close competition that was evident in all events.

The courses were again set by Adam Zapenski on the No. 7 Poma Slope.



WOMEN'S COMBINED CHAMPION

CYNTHIA BREW

MEN'S COMBINED CHAMPION

JOHN (RAJAH) DAVENPORT

MEN'S JUMP

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>1st Jump</u>	<u>2nd Jump</u>	<u>Best Jump</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	ERNIE LANGER	9.5 mtrs.	11.5 m.	11.5 m.	15
2	JOHN DAVENPORT	8.0 m.	11.0 m.	11.0 m.	12
3	CHRIS ROBINSON	Foul	9.0 m.	9.0 m.	10
4	MURRAY TOBIAS	8.0 m.	Foul	8.0 m.	8
5	GUS GREEN	3.5 m.	5.0 m.	5.0 m.	7
6	PETER ROBERTS	Foul	2.5 m.	2.5 m.	6

Although there is no official Women's Jump, this year two girls participated and both turned in extremely good performances.

LIBBY BLACK            5.0 metres and 4.5 metres  
MARGARET EMERY      3.0 metres and 3.0 metres.

WOMEN'S OPEN DOWN HILL

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PROGRESIVE POINTS</u>
1	BARBARA GRAHAM	33.4	15	15
2	MARGARET EMERY	34.2	12	12
3	LIBBY BLACK	35.1	10	10
4	CYNTHIA BREW	40.2	8	8
5	MYRNA BURKE	103.0	7	7

MEN'S DOWN HILL

PLACING	NAME	TIME	POINTS	PROGRESSIVE POINTS
1	CHRIS ROBINSON	28.0	15	25
2)	ERNIE LANGER	29.75	11	26
)equal				
2)	JOHN DAVENPORT	29.75	11	23
4	MURRAY TOBIAS	31.1	8	16
5	GUS GREEN	32.0	7	14
6	PETER ROBERTS	35.7	6	12
7	JOHN BIBLE	45.0	5	5

COURSE OPENER    ADAM ZAPENSKI    27.1 SECONDS

WOMEN'S SLALOM

PLACING	NAME	1st Run	2nd Run	Aggregate	Points	Progressive Points
1	CYNTHIA BREW	45.4	44.4	89.8	15	23
2	LIBBY BLACK	50.75	39.7	90.45	12	22
3	MARGARET EMERY	66.6	38.2	104.8	10	22
4	MYRNA BURKE	76.6	64.0	140.6	8	15
5	BARBARA GRAHAM	67.1	303.6	375.7	7	22

MEN'S SLALOM

1	GUS GREEN	43.7	41.2	84.9	15	29
2	JOHN DAVENPORT	47.8	40.1	87.9	12	35
3	MURRAY TOBIAS	48.0	42.6	90.6	10	26
4	ERNIE LANGER	59.4	40.3	99.7	8	34
5	PETER ROBERTS	67.9	57.9	125.8	7	19
6	JOHN BIBLE	55.5	72.7	128.2	6	11
7	CHRIS ROBINSON	160.1	92.1	252.2	5	30

COURSE OPENER    ADAM ZAPENSKI    29.7    29.6    TOTAL 58.3

These results show just how close the competition was, and how fluctuating fortune kept the results in balance until the last run of the Slalom.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1	CYNTHIA BREW	23
2)	BARBARA GRAHAM	(22
)		(
2) Equal	LIBBY BLACK	(22
)		(
2)	MARGARET EMERY	(22
5	MYRNA BURKE	15

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1	JOHN DAVENPORT	35
2	ERNIE LANGER	34
3	CHRIS ROBINSON	30
4	GUS GREEN	29
5	MURRAY TOBIAS	26
6	PETER ROBERTS	19
7	JOHN BIBLE	11

TIMEKEEPER

BOB NEIL

ASSISTANT TIMEKEEPER

LESLEY DAVENPORT

STARTERS

JOHN BIBLE, CAROL KENNARD

GATEKEEPERS

MARIA & DUSAN JANKOWIC, PAM MURPHY,  
DON WIDDICOMBE, BRUCE COLE, ANNE ROBERTS,  
PAM BIBLE.

The Club Langlauf Championship was also held during the Race weekend. The results of this event, however, are not included in the Combined Club Championship.

WOMEN'S LANGLAUF

PLACING	NAME	TIME
1	CYNTHIA BREW	12 mins. 48.3 secs.
2	MARGARET EMERY	14 mins. 6.0 secs.
3	MYRNA BURKE	22 mins. 14.2 secs.

MEN'S LANGLAUF

1	JOHN DAVENPORT	12 mins. 13.0 secs.
2	MAX GAULT	14 mins. 20.0 secs.
3	GUS GREEN	15 mins. 28.2 sees.

WARRUGANG MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS

29th July - 5th August

NAME	1st Run	2nd Run	Aggreg.	Av.	Correct Agg.	Place
J. TRACY	37.5	54.7	92.2	40.1		4
P. O'SHAUGHNESSY	51.5	52.0	103.5	51.7		5
W. BLOMFIELD	45.4	37.9	83.3	41.7		1
J. JANKOWSKI	38.5	52.0	90.5	45.3		3
R. NEALE	56.2	54.4	110.6	55.3		6
R. HOESS	46.5	Disq 36.2	82.7	41.4		Disq.
P. ROBERTS ,	47	40	87	43.5		2
B. GRAHAM	46	61.5	107.5	53.8		1
C. CRAKER	58	52.9	111.4	55.7		2
M. BLOMFIELD						
P. MURPHY	59.5	69.4	128.9	64.5		3
M. LONERAGAN (B)	20.8					1
L. NEALE						
M. MATHESON	22 .9					2

WARRUGANG WEEKLY RACES - AUGUST 11th

<u>Women's Handicap</u>				Corrected
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>H'cap.</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Libby Black	38.0	0	38.0
2	Maria Jankowic	48.7	-5	43.7
3	Barbara Graham	47.0	0	47.8
4	Sue Baldie	53.5	Short Course	
5	Pam Nock	154.5	"	"
6	Julie Robinson	D.N.F.	"	"



# Men's Handicap

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>H'cap.</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>
1	Ernie Langer	34.9	0	34.9
2	Rajah Davenport	35.2	0	35.2
3	Robert Tobias	38.0	-1	37.0
4	Ron Carroll	38.3	-1	37.3
5	Hank Beaverstock	38.6	0	38.6
5	Chris Capell	41.6	-3	38.6
7	Chris Robinson	40.5	0	40.5
8	Julius Hromas	48.2	-4	44.2
9	Ruedi Kunz	48.3	-3	45.3
10	Robert Biven	50.5	-3.5	47.0
11	John Menzies	92.3	-12	80.3
12	Graeme Crabbe	109.0	-3	106.0
13	Bruce Pearce	D.N.F.	-25	D.N.F.

Time Keeper's ~ Laurie James and Lesley Davenport.

## Teams Race                      Warrugang v Yeti

Aggregate Women's Times	-	Warrugang 134.5	-	Yeti 144.9
Aggregate Men's Times	-	Warrugang 185.0	-	Yeti 327.4
Total	-	Warrugang 319.5	-	Yeti 427.3

## GRAND SLALOM

September 1, 1967

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>Ag.g.</u>	<u>H.cap.</u>	<u>Correct</u>	<u>Place</u>
	<u>Run</u>	<u>Run</u>			<u>Time</u>	
Tony Wilkinson	28.2	25	53.2	22	75.2	
Michael Wilkinson	29.8	25	54.8	18	72.8	2
Greg Fulthorpe	30.5	29.5	60	15	75	
Peter Campbell	29	30.2	59.2	15	74.2	3
Ian Campbell	Disqualified			0	-	
Geoff Wilkinson	28	30.4	58.4	12	70.4	1
Joe Gois	D.N.S.		-	-		
Bruce Wilkinson	27	32.4	59.4	20	79.4	
Ron Campbell	D.N.F.	41.5	-	20	-	
Nev Fulthorpe	28.1	28	56.1	20	76.1	
Ruedi Kunz	27.1	DNS	-	25	-	
Cindy Brew	25.5	33	58.5	20	78.5	3
Margaret Emery	24.8	25	49.8	25	74.8	2
Bev Frame	33	DNF	-	15	-	
Gwen Oldfield	34	34.8	68.8	10	78.8	
Marilyn Cooper	DNS	47.1	-	0	-	
Aileen Fulthorpe	34	33	67	5	72	1
Helen Wilkinson	44	32	76	15	91	
Gloria Campbell	DNS			5		
Anneke Kunz	DNS			-		

WARRUGANG DIARY 29th JULY to 5th AUGUST

Saturday

Overcast, misty and snowy as many Saturdays seem to have been this season. But it did not dampen the optimistic enthusiasm of Bob ("Have an Aquavit") and Lillian Neal, Chris Craker and Marg Mathieson (both with splendid sun tans acquired the previous week), Jan Jankowski, Ruedi ("Never Sleeps") Hoess, Dorothy Gould, Janette Western and Alison Hope. Country areas were well represented by Peter Roberts (Anneke's expert on the effects of parsley!) from Newcastle, and Bathurstians Marg and Warren Blomfield, John Tracy and Michael Loneragan. Pam Murphy and Barbie Graham arrived in time for dinner ("Twenty one hours from Canberra - is this a record?") but it was understood that the fleshpots of Jindabyne were to blame, rather than the internal economy of a certain red Anglia.

Sunday

Clearing weather, despite a bitterly cold wind, saw the 'Gangsters well represented on T-bars and Chair - as well as at the various sources of refreshment. The "Sundeck" retained its position as the In spot for the cocktail hour. Though some faint hearts quailing at the thought of the trip home favoured the "Idiot". "Warrugang's" House Full sign went up at night after the arrival of the Taswegian with the Hibernian charm, Patrick O'Shaughnessy.

Monday

Strengthening winds brought a little snow with them. A few whose shame will not be divulged (providing they pay up!) preferred bunks to blizzards and cots to Kästles. At night a strong contingent gave the party at the "Man" a gentle nudge. With customary expertise a most favourably placed table was secured - its previous owners looked quite bewildered when they returned from their struggle for survival on the dance floor.

Tuesday

Sunny, but the winds felt as though Graeme Currie had sent them. Icy patches on the Chair provided demonstrations of interesting survival techniques and later, technicolour bruises. A well known member of the ski patrol provided the battle cry of the week, as he rocketed down a steep slope, screaming "Bite You Bastards, Bite!" to his unresponsive planks. At night a group visited the lair of the Abominable Snowmen/women, and at midnight, to prove that the old stamina is not entirely dead, moved on to the party at "Technology". The evening's programme here included such tests of endurance as Thrills a Minute (solo or duo) on their floodlit and specially groomed toboggan slope, long distance drinking (red spotted skivvies are In this year) and a 3 guitar singalong in the basement, refreshed by neat Bacardi.

### Wednesday

The sun would have been glorious if it could have got through the wind, but then there's nothing like a good dose of frostbite to take the mind off its hangover. Other members were unfortunately laid low by the Dreaded Lurgi which was stalking the Valley, but their remedies (mostly alcohol based) were rather more complex. Word of the excellence of Ruedi's cooking having reached the Himalayas, the Yeti brushed up their fur and came to dinner. Yeti Guest, accompanied by a wild bearded man of the tribe, gave a spectacular demonstration of Perpetual Motion, but despite shrieks of encouragement Her Gear Stayed On! Later tried to revive a sinking party at C.I.G. but despite all efforts to save it, alas, it died.

### Thursday

Weather improving all the time and some really splendid snow especially Down in Perisher Bowl (but no willing skiers were seen). Everyone indulged in limbering up exercises in readiness for party night and its associated activities. Several guests to dinner beforehand and Jan was named the 1967 Host of the Year. Ian and his guitar were imported at great expense from C.I.G. and had many followers - especially one warrior from "Corroboree". This gentleman loved to sing, and at 4 a.m. was still Giving His All, with full voiced (off key) renditions of some of the more obscure musical comedies (in toto). He looked somewhat hurt, when finally requested to desist, inferring that since Love had passed him by (meaning look round dimly lit room) all he had left was his Art.

### Friday

Weatherwise, the best day of the week, but otherwise one that many would prefer to forget. So difficult to ski holding together both head and stomach. It was only the Tracy enthusiasm and stamina that got everyone out on the slope for a late start in the weekly slalom (this week a fast, open course, set for us by Barry Mitchell of "Rock Creek"). The sight of the flags drew customers like a magnet (obviously the guests had gone home earlier from the party than the hosts) until there were as many visiting runners (mainly "Yeti" and C.I.G.) as 'Gangsters'. A good time was had by all despite infirmities, but the results clearly show the effects of some very successful nobbling by visitors at the party.

At night a somewhat overloaded Snow Taxi ("No more than eight under any circumstances") rocked its way over to join the roaring party at "Dulmison", a very cosmopolitan affair with Big Hans and his exuberant squeeze box, Viennese waltzes, Eightsome Reels, the Can Can, Cossack dances and a Schuplatte. One overheated young lady in an elegant hostess gown was dropped through a window into the snow to cool off during the evening. The journey home on foot was very interesting, glissading techniques being practised down the fall line of the Duplex.

"And \*\*\*\* Saturday Again" -

Having used up all the good weather, most of the team had to head for home. So a reluctant, though appreciative farewell was taken of Heidi and Tell, and of Ruedi and Anneke, who, despite dual distractions of Telephone and Radio (special joke for residents) had continued all week to produce cheerful smiles and succulent kitchen miracles.

WARRUGANG DIARY AUGUST 5th to AUGUST 12th

I have long considered that the first full week in August is the best week of the season. However, my weather divining was somewhat astray this year.

After the brilliant sunshine of the previous week - as evidenced by Bob Neil's Geronimo-like suntan - the weather deteriorated. Saturday and Sunday were fair skiing days but Monday was a disaster. It poured all day and only those who were crazy or who were having water skiing lessons ventured out. The Common Room took on the atmosphere of Thommo's and euchre technique was more important than ski technique.

The rain left the remaining snow very mushy for Tuesday and then on Wednesday it turned to ice. A blizzard started during the night and although visibility on Thursday was rather poor the new snow made it the best skiing of the week.

The blizzard continued for the rest of the week and the weekly race was run in rather appalling weather but on good snow. All in all, the week produced all the variations in snow conditions that one is likely to experience in a whole season, but unfortunately not much sunshine.

From a social point of view, things were much better. The guests for the week were Barbie Graham, Libby Black, Sue Baldie, Pam Nock, Julie Robinson, Phyllis James, my wife Lesley - or Mrs. Rajah as Len Reed insisted - Hank Beaverstock, Ron Carroll, Graeme Crabbe, Robert Biven, Chris Robinson, Robert Tobias, Bruce Pearce, Chris Capell, Laurie James, John Menzies and myself. Maria and Dusan Jankowic and Julius Hromas, who were staying at Perisher Huetten were nightly dinner guests and Ernie Langer who was apparently running short of socks came down just in time to win a pair in the Weekly Race.

Most of the crowd went to C.I.G. on the Sunday night to a very enjoyable little impromptu party. On Tuesday Dusan and Ruedi showed slides from last season including the Race Weekend. Several racing techniques were displayed ranging from the egg position to the omelette. Some members went up to Yeti for a few drinks and, I understand, nearly split their sides laughing at an unrehearsed fancy dress parade organised by John Tracy who was staying there for the week.



After dinner on Wednesday night, the handicaps for Friday's race were set. This stirred up the usual furore, but with a few changes the allotted handicaps were accepted. Controversy always breeds interest, and during the season I feel that this is one of the best ways of stirring up controversy.

Thursday night was the usual Warrugang party night. It's pretty evident that something will have to be done about the radiogram if the reputation which the Club enjoys is to continue. Once the room is reasonably crowded it is almost impossible to hear any music and although floor shows have their place they alone cannot carry a party.

Despite the shocking wind and a few hangovers on Friday morning, everyone joined in the races. The interest was intensified due to the fact that there was a "grudge" match arranged between teams from Yeti and Warrugang to be run in conjunction with our race. Trace, who had been at Warrugang the previous week, had, as I have mentioned, moved to Yeti and so starters were chosen in each team.

Hank and I set the course on the slope between No. 6 and 7 and due to our snide negotiations and a tendency of Yeti's men to jump out of their bindings we had a rather convincing victory. As agreed, Yeti shouted us grogs at the Sundeck and then invited us to a little celebratory party later that night.

The whole complement of the Lodge battled through the abominable snow up to Yeti where we were presented with a special trophy, an Alfoil, chrome-plated, Tupperware bowl filled with lemons. As David Burn, their Captain, said in his presentation speech, 'Sour grapes were not available so lemons would have to do!'

In our own race, the Women's event was won by a new member, Libby Black, and the Men's by Ernie Langer. They won both the Handicap and Open and showed form that must make them start as favourites in the Club Championships next month.

The course was not an easy one. John Menzies was heard to remark, "I'm glad I spent that \$30 on parallel lessons, I was able to snowplow through that course very nicely!"

For my own part it was pleasing to see the enthusiasm displayed, particularly on the part of Julie Robinson and Bruce Pearce as it was their first week on skis. We had our usual after-dinner presentation during which Hank did the honours of handing out the prizes to the winners and runners-up.

Although the weather was not exactly as ordered, the company, both on and off the snow, made it another enjoyable week in my Warrugang memoirs.  
Rajah.

1968 SUBSCRIPTION RATE

By unanimous decision the Board of Directors has decided that yearly subscription rates for 1968 should be raised by \$2 per annum. This means that the new rates are:-

Members - \$6 per annum

Associate Members - \$8 per annum.

The increase was decided upon only after a long and thorough appraisal of financial results for this season and after establishing the need for certain capital expenditure to ready the premises for season 1968. In addition, new and increased statutory charges made by the Kosciusko State Park Trust have placed a heavy burden on our normal finances.

The decision will be implemented immediately and the new rates become due and payable on 1/1/68.

Discussion on the increases will, of course, be welcomed at the Annual General Meeting but any recommendations will require a notice of motion.

No other alterations to fees or tariff rates for members and associates are projected for the foreseeable future.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

Nev Fulthorpe has suggested that prior to next season we publish items for sale or exchange. This will be particularly handy for parents who wish to obtain cheap items for their rapidly growing children. Accordingly you will all have a reminder of this early next year.

SKI COUNCIL OF N.S.W. - OLYMPIC SKI BALL

Proceeds to assist Australian Olympic Representatives -

24/11/67

Ticket application forms are enclosed.

THE LATE CHARLES ANTON

The following is an extract from the minutes of The Ski Council of New South Wales -

" It was foreshadowed at the time of the passing of Charles Anton that some way should be found to show appreciation of his endeavours and achievements in the snowfields. Accordingly, Mr. John Turner of

the Australian Alpine Club put forward the following motion:

That the Ski Council of N.S.W. support the application to the Geographical Names Board via the Minister for Lands, that a mountain, hitherto unnamed, be named Mount Anton.

This was seconded enthusiastically by Mr. K. Breakspear. Mr. Turner explained that a meeting of the A.A.C. soon after Charles Anton's death, a mountain without a name was found, and on application to the Kosciusko State Park Trust the suggestion was greeted favourably and it was indicated that they would be prepared to name the first of a long promised chain of mountain shelters after him.

An indication of personal support was given by the Minister for Lands and it was his suggestion that the A.A.C. be supported by Ski Council and the A.N.S.F. It was resolved that the motion be adopted.

#### SKIING IN EUROPE

The train trip from Vienna to St. Anton on the Arlberg Express is surely one of the most magnificent in the world – passing through Salzburg, Kitzbühel, Innsbruck and all the villages with the beautiful onion-shaped domed churches and typically Tyrolean buildings.

St. Anton itself is a lovely village set at the bottom of a narrow valley, but at first sight the surrounding mountains looked so awe-inspiring that I nearly came straight home! Actually, the skiing in the Arlberg area, i.e., the towns of St. Anton, Zurs, Lech and St. Christoph, is truly marvellous. These towns surround a group of mountains and are linked by a seemingly endless series of cable cars, chair lifts and T-bars, which means that you can ski to all these places in one day – the runs are often quite difficult, but definitely much longer and so much more interesting than anything in Australia.

The system of classes is fabulous – you book in for either three or six days at a time and have lessons on the lower slopes from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon, and then ski all afternoon with the Instructor, taking it in turns to follow him. So it really is super practice and lots of fun.

As for the après-ski life – well! St. Anton must be one of the gayest ski resorts in the world. There are several places that provide music, especially the world-famous Tea Dance at the Hotel Poste from 5 until 7 p.m. each night. The atmosphere at all these is much nicer than at our hotels because they are smaller – but they really swing! You can visit several places in one night as there is rarely a lot of snow in the town, which, as well as all ski equipment, has some beautiful shops for clothes and food. Gear is not as cheap as most people think, probably about two thirds the prices we pay here. Also ski tickets are much the same prices, but can be cheaper according to the area.

After ten days in St. Anton, I went to Zermatt in Switzerland for two weeks, via Basle, a very pretty city on the Rhine, at the border of France, Switzerland and Germany. Zermatt has all-year skiing as there are glaciers at the top in an enormous basin - this means that unless there is enough snow to ski down to the bottom where all the more challenging runs are, the skiing is fairly easy in anyone's eyes. However, it still is very interesting and there are plenty of lifts to choose from, even a train that goes to the Gornergrat area.

Perhaps the most exciting thing is to ski into Italy for lunch. You catch three cable cars to the top of the mountain and then a T-Bar, a Poma lift and finally you walk to the top, which is at an altitude of 13,500 feet, windy and freezing cold and therefore it is extremely difficult to breathe! BUT - then there is a beautiful ten mile run (approximately) down to the little town of Cervinia. We ate lunch and then caught cable cars back up to the Swiss border. We took our passports but were not asked for them.

Having had just a taste of skiing in Europe, my choice again from the places I have seen would definitely be St. Anton. Zermatt is charming - all vehicles are horse-drawn, and it can only be reached by train, and of course, being able to awake each morning to the sight of the Matterhorn is truly divine; but it just did not have the same atmosphere. I must admit that, that it was the end of the season, and so there were hardly any people around, but Austria and its people seem to have a warmth that is not obvious in Switzerland.

Elisabeth Black

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Sir,

When I read my friend Barbie Graham's beaut account of the early seasons at Warrugang, it was with deep sorrow that I realised that in retrospect, she had confused our benign, boot-warming, domesticated animal who lived under the stairs with that wild creature which UAC immured out in the ice and snow in their famous igloo. In case new members have ever wondered why Warrugang's boot-dryer is so different (and so full of latent possibilities as we discovered in a post-generator season) it occurred to the installer that here was a supply of good heat exhaust which would go to waste - so after a planning session Lu Vozab constructed the wire netted rack and Warrugang Members rejoiced in dry boots, provided always that the boots would dry in the time between the switching on and switching off of the animal.

Not that our generator was so domesticated that it forswore temperament. There were occasions when members struggled out in the dark to some party to fill in the time until the nearest "expert", shivering in the cold basement, had turned the slip rings by torch light. The experts were many and varied - club members, Manager 'arry, with his long beard, and indeed any knowledgeable passer-by

when the need was urgent; even Jean Ecuyer took his turn.

In time our generator departed, but the boot-drying rack remained, heated by an electric fan and cosily boxed-in, all ready to become the setting of the best yarn of the season.

Margaret Sim

Note from the Editor: Stop Press

Our apologies for the very late circulation of this issue of the magazine but circumstances have been against us, in spite of very valiant efforts of all concerned.



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