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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I would like to thank those hardy members who have come out tonight to ensure that we have quorum for our Annual General Meeting.

There have been three particularly significant matters involving the Club over the last twelve months being:-

1. The successful introduction of a number of new members to the Club. I believe that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to approve the intake of new members was important in two main respects:-
 - Firstly, it should ensure the balance of our membership is retained – it is a restoration of numbers to make up for a slight decline in membership numbers and in “active” membership numbers. In each case these declines have mainly been the result of natural ageing of our membership.
- It will be next year before I can report whether the desired increase in Lodge usage has been achieved.
- Secondly, it has provided an increase in the finances of the Club necessary to ensure the successful future of KSRC and the Lodge for the benefit of members.
2. The ongoing major upgrade of the Lodge.
 - This year has seen further work on renovation of the Lodge including work on the cladding and the roof. While ongoing repairs and maintenance will always be part of what we have to do, the last couple of years have certainly been an intense period and has been a major upgrade.

We are indebted to our Building Committee and particularly Colin Kemp

and Steve Zinga and to our builder who has on several occasions done more for us than the contract has strictly required.

3. There is a proposal from National Parks for Clubs to obtain extra beds and to extend the terms of leases. I think it is unlikely that we will wish to pay the likely premium for additional beds, especially as the current configuration of the Lodge does not easily lend itself to extra rooms. We will however be carefully reviewing the documents before we make a final decision on these matters.
4. So far as our general operations are concerned I am pleased to advise that Robyn and Terry will be with us again for this season which should ensure the standard of food and service are once again raised even higher.

As always I thank your Directors for the enormous effort (and time) they put in to ensuring the Company and Lodge run as well as they do. I trust we will all enjoy a successful 2006 skiing season.

Philip Wallis

ORPHANED SKI EQUIPMENT (or "where have my &!@%# skis gone?")

As part of the major renovations of the lodge during summer, most of the skis and other equipment in the roof and in the ski store were moved by the builders or the Easter work party. A large number of pairs of skis, ski bags and sundry equipment (some of which pre-dates the fall of the Roman Empire) were found to be missing tags, or the date of last use were prior to 2001. By large number, I mean 94 pairs of orphaned DH and XC skis. Whereas the club permits members to store a reasonable amount of equipment at the lodge, please note that:

1. The equipment is NOT INSURED and is stored at a member's own risk.

2. All equipment MUST be tagged with the owner's name and the year when last tagged.
3. 220 cm long hickory downhill skis with cable bindings are no longer as fashionable as they used to be.

The first two points have been noted in previous editions of Revelry – the third is just a personal observation.

All unmarked equipment or equipment that has not been re-tagged since 2001 (i.e. five years ago), is now laid out in the roof. If unclaimed or untagged this year, it will be sent to the storage area under the new wing next Easter to ferment for two years (where it should be fairly safe and dry) and will then be sent to the tip or used to build a deck in April 2008.

If you did have properly tagged gear in the roof, it may have been moved during the re-roofing. Keep looking - you are sure to find it somewhere.

David Cohen

Lodge Tariff Rates for 2006 Winter Season

Inclusive of GST

Weekly

Adult Member	\$700.00
Junior Member (10 - under 16 yrs)	\$525.00
Junior Member (3 - under 10 yrs)	\$350.00
Junior Member (0 - under 3 yrs)	\$126.00
Temporary Member	\$889.00
Temporary Member (10 - under 16 yrs)	\$658.00
Temporary Member (3 - under 10 years)	\$441.00
Temporary Member (0 - under 3 yrs)	\$161.00

Nightly

Adult Member	\$100.00
Junior Member (10 - under 16 yrs)	\$75.00
Junior Member (3 - under 10 yrs)	\$50.00
Junior Member (0 - under 3 yrs)	\$18.00
Temporary Member	\$127.00
Temporary Member (10 - under 16 yrs)	\$94.00
Temporary Member (3 - under 10 yrs)	\$63.00
Temporary Member (0 - under 3 yrs)	\$23.00

Casual Meals – Note that meals are for members and their guests only:

Breakfast	\$10.00
Lunch	\$15.00
Dinner	\$20.00

Telephone
Charge per Unit \$0.40

Special!

From the 10th of September (including Babies Week) until the end of the season, there will be a 25% discount off the normal tariff rates.

Conditions for partial Refund on Cancellation of Booking

All cancellations must be received in writing by the Booking Officer. Cancellations received at least four (4) weeks before the commencement of the booked week will receive a refund of 90% of the tariff.

Cancellations giving less than four (4) weeks notice, but received by at least the Tuesday prior to the booked week will receive a 30% refund of tariff paid. Cancellations not complying with the above conditions will not normally receive a refund.

Smooth Lodge Operation

Many things impinge upon the operation of the Lodge & its enjoyment by all members. Our method of operation requires a high level of co-operation between members & the use of a considerable amount of judgement by individuals as to what is acceptable conduct under these circumstances.

Activities which have a good chance of interfering with the possibility of other members having an enjoyable holiday should be avoided.

Give consideration to the following matters:

Try not to arrive before 10.00am Saturday. If this is unavoidable, stack baggage to one side in the games room on the ground floor & make use of the facilities for coffee making in the games room. This allows members still in residence to clean their rooms & finalise arrangements & staff to carry out essential end-of-the-week cleaning duties.

Members vacating the Lodge should place their luggage in the space provided outside the games room.

In most circumstances guests are welcome for meals. Please obtain the agreement of both the Captain & the Lodge Manager prior to issuing such invitations. Do give consideration to whether there is adequate room for the number of guests involved, whether staff can cater for them & their compatibility with members who are in residence.

Moderate noise and music to appropriate levels later in the evenings so as not to disturb or inconvenience members who have already retired or are not participating in the activities.

Behaviour of children should be monitored & controlled by parents in & around the Lodge giving due consideration to the enjoyment of all the members' holidays.

Fire Precautions

Although the risk of fire has been minimised as far as possible, a fire disaster is an ever-present & extremely dangerous hazard in the snow country. Accordingly, members must:

1. Familiarise themselves with the position & use of fire hoses & extinguishers.
2. Exercise great care when handling flammable liquids & gases & the equipment associated with them.
3. Ensure that children under the age of 12 years are not left alone in the Lodge, or enter the loft unattended.
4. Make sure that any clothing, towels etc. are not placed on the oil heater in the drying room or directly on the room heaters.

FIRE & SMOKE DETECTORS have been placed in appropriate areas of the Lodge. These activate sirens when stimulated by heat or smoke. Immediate action should be taken to locate & control the cause of an alarm & to inform the local Fire Brigade on 6457 5016.

Smoking is not allowed in the Lodge.

Lodge Rules

The following rules & precautionary measures have been devised to ensure, as far as possible, the preservation of our lodge facility at Perisher, & to help members enjoy their skiing holiday in the communal & friendly atmosphere which has been a characteristic feature of our club since its inception.

1. Only members are allowed to stay overnight in the Club Lodge.
2. Members may stay at the Lodge only for the period booked with the Booking Officer in Sydney. The normal booking period is from 10.00 am on Saturday to 10.00 am the following Saturday. Shorter periods may be arranged if they are available.

3. Members in residence are responsible to the Lodge Captain who has been appointed by the directors & is their representative.

4. The Captain will allocate the sleeping accommodation & housekeeping duties.

5. Members should obtain appropriate clean sheets & pillow slips from the linen cupboard on arrival & dispose of used linen (but not doona covers unless dirty) as directed by the Lodge Manager before leaving the Lodge. (NB Towels are not provided).

6. Members are required to sign the Register on arrival & departure.

7. The operation of the drying-room heater is the responsibility of the Lodge Manager & should not be interfered with by members. The operation of the kitchen stove is also the responsibility of the Lodge Manager. When members use the stove on staff day off they should seek directions from the manager about its use & operation.

8. The common Room fire must be maintained in a safe condition at all times. Over-stacking & unstable stacking of wood should be avoided. The fire screen must be closed when retiring at night. The Common Room fire is not to be used for cooking.

9. Clothes should not be left in the Drying Room any longer than is necessary for adequate drying.

10. The laundry facilities provided on the ground floor should be used for washing clothes. Basins in the bathrooms or the kitchen are not appropriate.

11. Skis & stocks when not in use should be placed in the racks provided.

12. Members should make themselves familiar with the correct operation of the dish washing machine by reading the instructions. Incorrect operation could lead to inadequate cleaning of utensils. A similar requirement applies to the audio equipment.

13. Members in residence should do what they can to maintain a warm & suitable environment in the Lodge by carefully controlling the use of exhaust fans & the operating of windows & external doors.

14. Members must vacate the Lodge at the end of the period in which they have been booked. Rooms must be cleaned & vacated by 10.00 am on the day of departure.

15. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the lodge.

Lodge Bookings arrangements 2006

Phone 9654 3998

1. Full tariff for the period of accommodation is to be forwarded with each application for bookings.

2. The tariff will be refunded if a booking cannot be made.

3. Cancellation charges will apply.

4. The telephone number 9654 3998 is listed in the Yellow Pages Directory under KSRC.

5. 9654 3998 is the only number to use when making booking enquiries. General Club enquiries can also be directed here if required. When not attended, a recording machine will take your message with calls returned as soon as possible.

6. Bookings CANNOT be made by telephone; they must be in writing accompanied by the full tariff.

Janet Kennedy
Booking Officer

2006 WINTER ACCOMMODATION LIST

(List compiled on 28 May 2006 – changes will occur)

CAPT denotes Captain for the week;
(temp) denotes temporary member

Saturday 24/6/06 to Saturday 1/7/06

Colin Kemp, Sandy Kemp, Emilie Kemp 13yrs, Imogen Kemp 11yrs, Gail Kohn, Michael Kohn, Desi Kohn, Dayna Kohn

Saturday 1/7/06 to Saturday 8/7/06

Gary Walker (CAPT), Natalie Walker 14yrs, Anne Wilcox, Elijah Fink 10yrs, Mahalia Fink 8yrs, Gavin Wilcox, Wendy Wilcox, Philip Wilcox, Kate Wilcox 15yrs, Joanna Wilcox 14yrs, Ian Hemmings, Suanne Russell, Conrad Hemmings 7yrs, Samuel Hemmings 5yrs, Tony Kobler, Marie Kobler, Madeline Kobler, Louise Kobler, Alexander Kobler, Sam Kutner, Jakob Govendir, Matt Govendir.

Saturday 8/7/06 to Saturday 15/7/06

Hilary Hannam, Donald Hannam, Georgina Hannam, Angus Hannam 14yrs, Jennifer Boyle, Stephen Parker, Till Szittner (CAPT), Judy Szittner, Andrew Szittner, Katie Szittner, Jackie McGhee, Rhod McGhee, Christina McGhee, Alex McGhee, David Cohen, Emma Cohen 15yrs, Peter Nowland, Alison Nowland, Christopher Nowland 15yrs, Anna Nowland 13yrs, Rodney Green, Nicky Green 15yrs

Saturday 15/7/06 to Saturday 22/7/06

Peter Cairnes, Margaret Cairnes, Toby Cairnes, Shan Cairnes, Lorraine Cairnes (CAPT), Peter Moffitt, Pam Joseph, Di Maher, Peter Maher, George Maher, Grace Maher, Gabe Maher

Saturday 22/7/06 to Saturday 29/7/06

Robyn Dowsing, Deborah Forrester (temp), Peter Forrester(temp), Karin Bowring, Evelyne Geber (temp), Sam Kutner, George Winston(temp), Jean Winston(temp), Monica Winston (temp), Julian Winston 14yrs (temp), Peter Jennings (temp), Sabina Jennings (temp), Liam Jennings 14yrs (temp), Nicola

Jennings 11yrs (temp), Sarah Jennings 8yrs (temp),

Saturday 29/7/06 to Saturday 5/8/06

Rod Bartlett, Jill Bartlett, Neil Humphreys, John Anderson, Jack Mandelberg, Bruno Schicht, George Watkins, Bruce McDowell, Bruce Dodd, Kingsford Dodd, Jane Dodd, Margaret DeMarco, Ray DeMarco, Michael Dunlop, Gillian Williamson, George Floyd (CAPT), Christine Floyd, Maureen Carter (T), David Carter (T), Brenda Kennedy, Val Russo, Rosemary Harris

Saturday 5/8/06 to Saturday 12/8/06

David Cohen (CAPT), Jane Cohen, Sophie Cohen 7yrs, Steve Howe, Cathie Howe (T), Ben Howe (T 3yrs), Jenna Howe (T2yrs), Janet Campbell, Simon Campbell, Julie Hetherington, Sally Clifford (T), Mary Lou Lancuba (T), Lola Bryant (T), Sharon Morgan (T), Felicity Orme (T), Lee Best (T)

Saturday 12/8/06 to Saturday 19/8/06

Peter Ryba, Edith Ryba, Steve Zinger (CAPT), Lyndall Zinga, Jessica Zinga 11yrs, Carly Zinga 11yrs, Jack Walker, Janina Mansberg, Pam Joseph, Alfred Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Anne Perry, Chris Perry, Keith Perry, Grant Perry, Ann Kirby, Peter Mould, Kate Mould, Louise Mould, Mattie Mould 14yrs, Andrew Perry, Theresa Lavender,

Saturday 19/8/06 to Saturday 26/8/06

Toni Simms, Terry Simms, Elizabeth Bennell, Graham Bennell, Enid Hollingworth, Kyle Craig 6yrs, Zoe Craig 4yrs, Karen Morton (CAPT), Michelle Parker, Andrew Maiden (temp), Ben Minear (temp), Aggie Kidner (temp), Paul Hemmings, Justine Hemmings, Katelyn Hemmings 12yrs, Thomas Hemmings 10yrs, Harrison Hemmings 7yrs, Belinda Clements (Temp), Michael Clements (Temp), Tim Clements (Temp8yrs), Ben Clements (Temp7yrs),

Saturday 26/8/06 to Saturday 2/9/06

Kristen Turner, Angus Turner 11yrs, Aislinn Turner 8yrs, Ted Cowcher (CAPT), Sadie Cowcher, Michelle Parker, Aggie Kidner (temp),

Saturday 2/9/06 to Saturday 9/9/06
Saturday 9/9/06 to Saturday 16/9/06 -
Babies Week

Saturday 16/9/06 to Saturday 23/9/06

Saturday 23/9/06 to Saturday 30/9/06

Matthew Sierp, Wendy Sierp, Miles Sierp
15yrs, Taylor Sierp 13yrs, Reid Sierp 11yrs,

KSRC members may find this KAC bulletin interesting.....

Management of Cross Country Skiing Infrastructure at Perisher Valley

The trail network at Perisher Valley has been historically developed through community and volunteer efforts of cross-country ski groups supported by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

NPWS manage the trail network and have funded all trail improvements and snow grooming to date. NSW and ACT Snowsports manage the Sverre Kaaten Nordic shelter as a public facility as well as the volunteer input to maintain the trail network. Perisher Blue P/L manage the lifted ski resort services within Perisher Range and have franchise rights for ski hire, ski sales and ski instruction over a large area of the cross-country ski trails within Perisher Valley. They also provide cross-country grooming services as contracted by NPWS.

NPWS has signalled that it does not wish to continue to provide grooming services, nor does it see that it has a role to provide infrastructure such as commercial cross-country ski centres, lighting and snowmaking. These services have been identified in the NPWS Cross Country Ski Development Plan as being essential to the development of the sport.

Members of the cross country skiing community (PRCC – Perisher Range cross Country Inc) and staff from Perisher Blue Pty Ltd have been working closely under the direction of NPWS for a number of years to arrive at a solution for the funding shortfall, if

and when NPWS withdraw funding. (It is our view that NPWS funding should remain in the long term and we negotiate a solution with NPWS to value add and improve the grooming services and provide for the extra services and facilities the sport desperately needs).

A crucial aspect of these negotiations, as agreed in principle with NPWS, was the proposal for the introduction of trail fees at Perisher Valley, initially in 2005, then for 2006. The fees which were to be administered and collected by PRCC, would have provided a substantial source of additional revenue to improve the facilities for both competitive and recreational cross-country skiers. The arrangement was also supported by Perisher Blue Ltd. The extra funding would supplement the current NPWS funding and provide a better understanding of the amount of funding that can be expected in the future from trail fees and therefore provide a basis for planning and negotiations.

To this end, the three parties agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to enhance the profile and improve facilities of cross-country skiing in Perisher Valley. PRCC has recently been incorporated so that it could appropriately enter such an MoU.

For the second year in a row NPWS have decided it is not appropriate to introduce the trail fees. The reason given for this year is the recently announced increase in Kosciuszko National Park winter entry fees. The increase has been so substantial that NPWS have advised they will not agree to the introduction of trails fees because of the financial impact on cross country skiers.

It is essential for the growth of the sport in New South Wales that both NSW and ACT skiers are able to access improved facilities at Perisher Valley. From the additional funds that will flow to NPWS as a consequence of the increased park entry fees, a specific payment, approximating the lost revenue from trail fees, should be made available to enhance the facilities and assist with the development of the sport of cross country skiing.

URGENT ACTION - NEW LEASE AND ADDITIONAL BED OFFER FROM NATIONAL PARKS

Background

Our Club and all others in Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega have leases with NPWS which were negotiated by SLOPES (The Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega). They run until 2025 and are "liveable with" but NPWS refused to include any option for extension beyond 2025.

NPWS have now offered new leases running to 2027 with the opportunity to tender for additional beds if desired and with 3 ten-year options for lease extension which would take us up to 2057.

However the new leases require the payment of an unknown premium, probably in excess of \$60,000 next year, for a benefit which is not available for 18 years and with 3 options for lease extension. Each option will undoubtedly require the payment of a premium of unknown amount to be set by NPWS.

The terms of the proposed new lease are impossibly onerous and unfair. They require rental payments to increase every year by at least CPI, ignore the fact that with global warming skiing days and hence Club incomes could be dramatically reduced, give NPWS rights to increase or impose new charges, require compliance with documents as yet unseen and as such are completely unacceptable.

NPWS initially stated that it was a case of take it or leave it then indicated that minor changes may be possible, but the document needs to be withdrawn and a new lease based on the existing lease negotiated with NPWS.

While we don't want new beds, as a number of clubs do, the option of lease extension to 2057 is most necessary for the club's long-term survival.

ACTION

All members are asked to write or Email the Minister IMMEDIATELY with a copy to the Premier pointing out that the new lease offered by NPWS is completely unfair and unreasonable and urging the Minister to instruct NPWS to withdraw the document and

to negotiate with SLOPES, a new lease along the lines of the existing lease.

It is essential that the letter or Email contain your name and address.

The Hon Bob Debus

Minister for the Environment

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1 Farrar Place

Sydney 2000

Or

bob.debus@debus.minister.nsw.gov.au

And

The premier@www.nsw.gov.au

VALE VERE HUMPHREYS

Guinevere Malcolm Shaw Humphreys, known always as Vere, died peacefully at her home on the 26th May 2006. With her beloved husband Reg by her side, Vere had battled against several health problems for more than three years.

Vere and Reg have been members of tile KSRC since 1949 and they have been active and generous supporters of the Revellers In all of those 57 years; contributing enormously in time and energy to the building of the Lodge and to the administration of the Club. Vere undertook the production of the book, called "George Petersen's Kosciusko", collating the articles, written by George, from Snow Revelry, and Including many wonderful old photographs.

Vere was an accomplished woman who had a distinguished career in teaching and school administration. Beginning her career as an analytical scientist in industry and as a chemistry demonstrator at the University of Sydney. She later took up the teaching of science. She had a rapid rise in this profession, becoming the Head of Department, then Deputy Principal at Narrabeen Girls' High School; and concluding her career as Principal of Canterbury Girls' High.

Beyond her work in the schools, Vere had a wide range of related interests as illustrated by the associations and groups to which she belonged. She was instrumental in establishing the Chatswood West Pre-School in 1945 and was a foundation member; she was an active member of the Australian College of Educators; she was active in the NSW Teachers' Federation and the NSW High Schools Teachers' Association; she was a life member of the Wildlife Preservation Society; she was a life member of the University of Sydney Union and a life member of the University of Sydney Women's Association; she was a foundation member of Emily's List; and a member of the KSRC since 1949.

In addition, Vere had a love of the arts: ballet, music, theatre and the visual arts, and she subscribed to each on a yearly basis. In her retirement she took up sculpture and became very skilled in this art. She also taught English to Immigrants; did several art courses; worked as a volunteer for the Art Gallery; and together with Reg, did several long walking tours, continued her love of siding and regularly went to Era beach and the much loved shack.

Guinevere Malcolm Humphreys, B Sc., Dip Ed., M Ed., MACE, achieved much in her lifetime, sharing her knowledge, giving generously to others and being devoted to her loved ones.

Vale dear Vere.

(Written by Valda Russo)