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Ski Fun Day

This year Ski Fun Day was held at Mount Baw Baw. With the promise of fresh snow, several car loads of rovers (and ex-rovers) headed to the hills in search of ‘that white stuff’! While most participants made it up to the top by 10:30, one car load remained at the entrance for 3.5 additional hours. Here is an account of what transpired from the perspective of one passenger in the car at the bottom:

We arrived at the bottom of the mountain and joined the queue to put snow chains on. Unbeknownst to us, minutes previous several cars had attempted the drive up and had slid off the road. Other cars, in trying to either help or simply get around the incident, had only compounded the problem as they also became stuck.

Jono, Sarah, Jarryd and I continued to wait at the entrance while the aforementioned cars were rescued. Unfortunately, the problems didn’t end there. As each bingle was cleared, the road was reopened and more cars (without chains) became entangled with various aspects of Mount Baw Baw. Around 1pm the road was reopened (one way) only to vehicles with chains.

Unfortunately, that “one-way” message wasn’t communicated to the people trying to leave the mountain and yet more cars had accidents on the road coming off the mountain. We eventually parked our car at the top at 2:30pm.



Lynette Bailey

After a day (or afternoon) of skiing, we retreated to the Baw Baw chalet for a well earned break. As the sun slowly set, the cars were packed and we travelled down the mountain as a convoy. Our exit was just as eventful as some of the arrivals with a car in front of us skidding into a barrier. The driver had been told he didn’t need chains because he was in an all wheel drive (and he had never driven on snow/ ice before). After winching him to safety (and giving him some driving tips) we all made it off the mountain and headed to Erica for dinner.

We hope next year’s Ski Fun Day isn’t as eventful so we can see more of you there!



What's On?

- July 25 - August 1**
Week 5 Winter Party
- August 1 - 8**
Week 6 Winter Party
- August 8 - 15**
Week 7 Winter Party
- August 15 – 19 (Wed)**
Week 8a Winter Party
- August 19 - 22**
Week 8b Winter Party
- August 22**
Kangaroo Hoppet XC Race
- August 22 - 29**
Week 9 Winter Party
- August 29 – September 5**
Week 10 Winter Party
- Sept 5 – 12**
Week 11 Winter Party
- Sept 12 – 19**
Week 12 Winter Party
- Sept 26 – October 3**
Week 13 Snow Venture
- Oct 14 (Wed)**
ARC and BCMG Annual
Reporting and Presentation (ARAP)
Evening
2015 Winter Party Reunion
- Oct 16 (Fri)**
75th Birthday Celebration
Maroondah Sports Club
- Nov 10th (Tues)**
Melbourne Cub Day Public
Holiday

75th Birthday Celebrations!

That's right- this year the Bogong Rover Chalet will be celebrating 75 years since it was built in 1940. To celebrate we will be offering dinner and entertainment on the 16th October. To keep in the loop about the celebration visit & 'like' <https://www.facebook.com/events/1010431912322694/>

Dinner will be at 7pm at Maroondah Sports Club (corner Mount Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd, Ringwood East). Event tickets are available for purchase NOW! At \$50 per ticket this is a night not to be missed. There will be great guests speakers and a DJ party after the meal kindly provided by EJ Marshall Rovers..... and of course cake!

Here is the link to purchase tickets
<http://www.trybooking.com/153092>

We hope to see you there!

Bookings

As the winter season draws to a close, some of the best skiing in Victoria is ready to be had. If you plan to attend a winter party, ensure you get your bookings form in asap to secure your place.

Alternatively, if you are long term planning your summer, have you thought about booking the chalet for a relaxing crew camp or getaway? The chalet is perfect for those looking to get away from it all. With accommodation starting from just \$15 per person, per night, the chalet is a perfect place for squire training (no option to 'google' for answers!)

Ski Expo 2015

This year our guest speaker was Nathan O'Malley who spoke about his experiences skiing around the globe. It was great to see plenty of people catching up and taking advantage of the great specials Doug from EMC had to offer.

The BCMG and Alpine Rover crew would like to thank Nathan for coming and sharing his experiences at such short notice. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Bogong Rover Crew Nominations

From 1940 onwards the Bogong Rover Crew has existed as an award for outstanding service and good conduct. The Crew has no permanent place nor wealth and membership is strictly honorary. All those invested into the Bogong Rover Crew are invested on skis during winter and insight of Mount Bogong, Victoria's highest peak. While the season is still fresh in your mind, please consider Bogong Rover Crew nominations. All Bogong Rovers can nominate, so if you have someone you think should be considered, nominate them now!



For more information visit our website- <http://bogongroverchalet.org.au/about-us/bogong-rover-crew/> or contact us at bogong@vicscouts.asn.au



Snow Venture Week One

Snow Venture Week One at the conclusion of the investiture ceremony. Well schooled in chalet ways now and ready for more adventures in the high country.

Inset photos: Sonja Finlayson



Main photo by Matthew Prudden

Week Four- Ski Moot!

Judging by the photos on the facebook page, Ski Moot was a real hit (especially since the snow had already arrived). Here are some photos of the chalet taken over the past week:



Photos: Bryce Gibson



Address Update:

Have you changed your address or do you have an email address? Help us keep track of our Alpine Rover Crew by completing the form below and post this entire page (including old address label) to the above address. If you are receiving the bulletin via post, and would like to receive it by email, send your email address to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

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*Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group presents
2015 Annual Reporting and Presentation Evening
Wednesday 14th October from 7pm
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