



BOGONG BULLETIN

Bogong Chalet Management Group

Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

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Coming Events

- 9 October 2002
AGM
- 18-20 October
Planning Weekend
for new BCMG
- 1-5 November Cup
Weekend Working
Bee
- 24-26 January
2003—Australia
Day Working Bee
- 7-10 March 2003
Labour Day Work-
ing Bee
- 17-21 April 2003
Easter Working
Bee and Nobs
Training
- 27 June 2003
Season Opens
Week 1

Chairman's Report

Hi everyone,

Well hasn't the snow been fantastic this season! I'm sure everyone who has attended a Winter Party this year has had a fantastic time and had an awesome opportunity to brush up on their skiing skills. Those who are yet to go to their winter party (week 13ites) you have a great week to look forward to.

Suprisingly, however, despite the top snow conditions our bookings are lower than usual?! So everyone who had a good time this year tell your friends and drag them along next time and those of you who didn't come this year, organise your holidays now and start saving early so as not to miss out again next year.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM on the 9th October, bring your photos and snow tales and prepare to meet up with all your ski buddies and meet others with similar interests

I would like to thank my committee who have all put in a fantastic effort, every little bit helps keep the Chalet running.

Linda Merrall

Chairman BCMG

P.S. Don't forget the Chalet can be just as much fun in the summer months with bush walking, mountain bike riding or just relaxing. Bring your Crew, family and friends. To make a summer booking just contact the Bookings Officer in 0407 CHALET

Bogong Rover Crew Investitures 2002

Linda Merrall

Andrew Sanderson

David Brett

Pip Wood

Anthony Wood

Lou Weibanga

Rob Galea

Ian Fieldhouse

Glen Pendavingh

CONGRATULATIONS



2002 9th Week Bogong Rover Crew Investiture.
Has anybody ever seen a larger one???

Ski It

Hike It

Bike It

I Like It

FOR A GOOD

TIME CALL

0407 CHALET

0407 242 538

CHECK US OUT: /www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vicbogong

Lets Boot the RA**Hargrave Rover Crew Presents***Richard Michell's Farewell Lunch***Sunday 29 September 2002****Cresco Park, Gallatlys Land,****Warrandyte 12:30 pm for lunch,
gold donation RSVP ASAP**fiona_white@leaseplan.com.au**AH 03 9817 3730****Maintenance**

Its almost that time of year again when maintenance starts to become a priority. Some of the jobs on the list this year include—finish the dining room wall (carpenters, plasterers and painters needed). Cladding on the outside wall south and west (high rise riggers and scaffolding needed), fit the new water tank, line the Wallace bedroom floor and a general clean up. You don't have to be an expert to help as there is always an abundance of smaller jobs to do. Working bes can be arranged at any time just call the Bookings number to find out how you can

Historian's Bit

Our historian, Sue Tanck is after old photographs, old ski boots, old uniforms, basically anything old and not so old memorabilia to do with the Chalet and Rover Skiing. Please help us to preserve this important history by donating what you can to the Chalet. Sue has been in touch with the Scout Heritage Centre who will assist in preserving gear in the best way we can, Contact Sue on 03 9486 8240/0409 787 733

Try these great websites Our website -www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bogong**Try these great 2002 Bogong websites**www.maxiom.com.au/gpski0202.htm**For a post Week 8 tour of the Fainters**www.lastweekend.com.au/albums/bogong2002**For the Week 9 Medieval Week 2002****KANGAROO HOPPET 2002!!!**

Alpine Rovers have had a long tradition with the Hoppet, mainly through our assistance at the drink station at Wallace's Hut. This year was a little different as we had a record number of Alpine Rovers participate. Congratulations to everyone, it was a hard slog with the wind and soft snow. 42 km—Jan Franzke, 2.31.20 (13th overall), Tim Fryer, Kim Edman-son and David Brett. 21 km—John Linnel, Carolyn Trott, Luke Moore, Linda Merrall, Stuart Linnel, Campbell Brown, Peter Edwards and Daniel Angus. 7 km—Rohan Tepper, Tony Brooks and Faye Linnel. For more info visit www.hoppet.com.au

Ski Fun Day—A Huge Success This was a huge success with around 30 people joining together for a ski around Baw Baw. We saw many new faces and some older. It was a great opportunity to see the WF Waters Lodge and how great Baw Baw snow can be. Thank you to all who made it a great day and to the snow which fell all day and closed the road home and prevented some drivers from getting home until late at night. Pray for good snow next year



Tim Shilling proving you don't need to go to North America for hero snow on Week 9 (on Basalt!)

Wanted**MISSING LOG BOOK***March 1965—25 April 1969*

To complete the collection we need to find this missing log book. If you have seen it or know about its whereabouts please contact authorities. A handsome reward will be negotiated with for any forthcoming information

*Thank you Sue Tanck BCMG***Old Rover Ball***Friday 8th November 2002*

The Streeton Room at the Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe (Mel 31 F7) Pre dinner drinks and nibbles at 6.30 pm Buffet style dinner, non stop beer, wine, champagne and soft drinks. Spirits at bar prices. Dance the night away to the 'Incredible Cucumbers'. All this for only \$60 a head. Formal attire, door prizes. Contact Rainey Campbell on

03 9486 4768 or atrainey@cheerful.com

(PS there are heaps of older type Alpine Rovers going this year—so get along for one of the best nights in the ancient Rovers calendar— younger type Alpine Rovers are more than welcome!!



Ian Fieldhouse hardcore touring for the perfect sunset shot Week 8, 2002

Mountain Climbing—Mont Blanc 4807 metres

A letter from Matt Franzke

I hope you are all well and having fun. Kate and I have had a great summer working here at the Scout Centre in Switzerland. Its been very busy with 8000 scouts visiting the centre and we have been out and about leading lots of different activities like hiking, climbing and glacier workshops as well as some not so exciting activities like craft. Amongst other adventures I just got back from climbing Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in the Alps, with a Spanish, English and American friends. The climb went well and we trained hard for the whole summer to prepare for it. Unfortunately we got caught in an unexpected blizzard on the summit and as well as dealing with altitude sickness and extreme exhaustion from climbing since I am and minus 10 degrees, we had to navigate off the summit by map and compass and we were lucky to find a refuge shelter. Fortunately a few hours later there was short clearing and we made a quick dash over another 4000m peak and off the glacier before the weather turned again. We finally reached the end of the climb 15 hours after starting. Apart from the weather I had a great time and enjoyed most of it apart from a few sections where the exposure of climbing up steep ice with a 2000m vertical drop to Chamonix made me a little anxious. The summit was not very rewarding as I had a major concern of how we were going to get off it with about 5m visibility. I hope the ski season in OZ is going well and Kate and I are looking forward to catching up with everyone in Autumn. I hope to write again soon with more stories and shots of life in the Swiss Alps See you soon, Matt.

Congratulations to Ken and Bernie Durant on the birth of Shelby recently

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The Bogong Bulletin has a circulation of over 500. It is compiled and mailed by volunteers from the Management Group and helpers. Despite this volunteer labour, it takes about 30 hours to copy, fold, address, stamp and put in envelopes and the Bulletin costs around \$1000 a year to send out!! The advent of email means the number of Bulletins that go into envelopes has been reduced to about 300. If you have an email address that you haven't told us about please send it to me at my email address below so I can add you to the mailing list. You will stay on the email list for as long as you wish with no 3 year cut off. The electronic version is now in colour and has plenty of photographs. There are some spectacular images from season 2002 in this edition which are somewhat lost in the hard copy!! If I have lost your address or you were getting the Bulletin via email then started getting it by snail mail please remind me with your email address. The money and effort we can save, means more to keep costs down for future years!!

Kandersteg International Scout Centre—Switzerland

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is located in the Swiss Alps. It is like a permanent mini Jamboree. Scouts from all over the world camp there during summer and participate in an abundance of activities. During Winter the centre runs skiing weeks for scouts. It can also be used for cheap accommodation while on holidays in Europe. One of the beauties of the centre is that it is run by volunteer scouts from all over the world. Matt Franzke is currently working at the Centre as Program Director while Alpine Rovers who have worked there in past seasons include Sue Tanck (Current Chalet Historian), Al Trodel from Old Scotch, Alistair White from Hargrave, Ian Franzke from Bill Waters and Kim Edmanson from Heathmont Rovers. Check out www.kisc.ch

Scout Fellowship—Have you turned 26? If so you are you a member of the Scout Fellowship? Did you know it costs just \$41 a year. Every member of the Fellowship has full membership of the Scout Association and the privileges that go with it (eg Scout Insurance and cheaper Winter Party prices. Enquire at your respective Branch HQ—Victoria 9206 5500



Todd (Week 9) showing how to do it on Basalt

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Alpine Rover Crew

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Bogong Chalet Management Group

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9th October, 2002

Scout HQ, 50 Barry Street, Carlton

All Alpine Rovers and Venturers are

Invited as we need new faces on BCMG

Positions to be filled are 7 current Rovers, 2 current Venturers, 2 26-30 year old Alpine Rovers, 2 30+ Alpine Rovers, Alpine Rover Crew Chairman and Secretary

Full uniform and a light supper will be served

This is wonderful opportunity to catch up with Bogong friends, share photo's, chat and show your support for the

Bogong Rover Chalet