



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

BCMG Ski Fun Day

Saturday 17th July



or



We are holding a ski fun day on **Saturday 17th July** as an opportunity to get on the some time on the snow and catch up with friends.

It will be held at either Mt Baw Baw or Lake Mountain depending on snow conditions.

Contact Matt Moore on 0401 143 296 or email bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au for information and the venue.

Snow Venture!

Weeks 13 is a Snow Ventures for the 2004
Leaders attend at Venturer Prices!
Week 13 is Vic. and NSW school holidays
Cost for all is \$400 inc. transport and ski hire
from Melbourne, or \$265 without transport
and ski hire.

Alpine Rover Crew & Bogong Chalet Management Group Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 13th October 2004
From 7pm

At the New Victorian Branch HQ
152 Forster Road, Mt Waverley
Have your say in running the Chalet!

Tow Hut Rebuild

We believe we are in the final stages of getting approval from Parks Victoria to rebuild the tow hut. As the maintenance team will be busy over summer catching up with maintenance. So we would like volunteers to work with the management group to rebuild the hut. Contact us at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au if you can help.

BCMG Chairman's Report

Winter is upon us!

One of the best parts of the Bogong Rover Chalet's calendar is sneaking up on us fast! For the people who were at the Food Weekend (first weekend of May), we've already had our first taste of snow for the season. The Chalet is all ready for a season of Winter Parties, replete with a new dining room floor, HEAPS of wood, and a fresh lick of paint in a few places (have a look at the drying room when you drop your skis off).

It is June now, but you can still get your applications in for Winter Parties. As the traffic lights on the website (<http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au>) show, Weeks 1 - 5, 9 and 10 are open. However, only a couple of more applications are needed to open weeks 6, 7, and 8. Maybe you can contact a few mates and see if you all could go in for the same week this Winter, particularly in mid-season where there's bound to be heaps of snow. For application forms, see the website, or call our Bookings Officer Veronica on 0407-CHALET (242 538).

Although we're just entering snow season, you might like to start thinking about visiting the Chalet in the warmer months. For those who cannot get a week off work, or to get into the Chalet, you may be interested in spending a weekend or a few days at the Chalet over our Summer period. Summer, as we call it, stretches from Melbourne Cup (first weekend in November for interstate readers) weekend to Food Weekend (first weekend in May).

I'm looking forward to a great ski season, and I'm sure you are too. Let's hope this season will be bigger than last year's one!

James Dugan
(BCMG Chairman)

Ski It – Hike It – Bike It – I Like it

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Pre Season Checklist

With the 2004 Ski season approaching its time to get your gear out of storage and give it a once over before the first falls (or go what a few alpine rovers have done, and ski the Northern Hemisphere).

Skis:

- Scrap off any storage wax.
- Inspect skis & get any base repairs done.
- Apply wax for winter.

Bindings:

- Inspect for damage
- Check and tighten screws
- Clean and lubricate moving parts with silicone spray

Boots:

- Inspect for damage (especially the 3 pin holes)
- Replace worn laces
- Clean and Snow seal leather boots
- Clean and silicone spray or Armourall plastic boots

Stocks/Poles

- Inspect for damage
- Clean moving parts on collapsible poles

Expert Ski Purchasing Tip:

If you buy new skis or boots without letting your other half know - make sure they are the same colour as the old ones (and hide the old ones!!)

Lost!

Our Trangia that lives in the party leaders cupboard to be used when skiing is missing. We'd really like it to reappear in the cupboard.

Invitation

Bill Waters Rover Crew invites all past Rovers and friends to celebrate
The Crew's 21st Anniversary.
Celebrations will be held
Saturday 24th July 2004 - 4pm at BWRC hall, Corner Springvale Rd & Beryl St, Nunawading.
Dinner and Supper will be provided at \$10 per head, with BYO drinks.

This party is to celebrate with present and past members.

The crew requests that children do not attend, due to hall size and proximity to Springvale Rd.

Child minding can be arranged if required.

Bring along your photos, slides, videos & memorabilia. Keep an eye on BWRC website

<http://au.geocities.com/billwatersrovers/>
for further details.

RSVP: 6th July to Rainey on 0417 551 062
or rainey@cheerful.com

Maintenance 2004

The chalet is now ready for the 2004 season. Major tasks completed over summer include:

- Laying and sealing a new floor in the dining room.
- Continuing the exterior cladding.
- Painting of the exterior.
- Installing a water tank in place of the dam.

Other routine maintenance included removal of rubbish, restocking of fire wood, cleaning of chimneys and flues, servicing the oil heater, testing the fire alarms and smoke detectors, and repairing the new lister generator.

Are you an Ambulance Member?

Most private health insurance only covers emergency transport. It may cover your helicopter flight from Spion Kopje to Tarralgon, or your ambulance ride from Falls Creek to Mt Beauty Hospital. But it will not cover transport back to Melbourne or Sydney if required.

The Victorian Rover Office is Moving

With the sale of the old Branch HQ in Carlton, The Rover Office is moving to the old 1st Waverley Scout Hall. Our new postal address from July 1st will be:

Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group
P.O. Box 774
Mt Waverley 3149

70th Anniversary Wine Glasses

\$7.50

A number of commemorative glasses made for the 70th Anniversary Reunion are still available, if you would like one email me on

bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au



Coming Events:

12th - 14th June:

Queens Birthday Weekend
Ski Season Opens!!!

Wed. 16th June

Ski Expo

Sat. 19th June

Nobs Training in Melbourne

26th June:

Week 1 – Snow Venture Begins

17th July

BCMG Ski Fun Day

13th October

BCMG AGM, and ARC Reunion

30th October

Summer Bookings Open

New Booking Status on the Website

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Status													

Chris Gunther has been busy on the Bogong website, adding a traffic light system to show the status of each week. If you're thinking of going to the Chalet this year, get your applications in soon. This is an indication of the bookings at 19th of May. Red means the week may not run unless a lot of bookings arrive soon. Orange means a few more bookings are required for the week to run. Green means there are enough numbers for the week to run.

Keep those applications coming in, it would be great to have the chalet open for the entire season. Week 4 has been booked out by Little Yarra Steiner School, and week 10 has been filled by members of Melbourne Bushwalkers, who are keen to continue skiing the High Plains despite the loss of Wilkinson's Lodge.

Food Weekend 2004

The food weekend held on 30th April – 2nd May saw the first skiing on the high plains from the chalet this season. With snow forecast, a few optimists packed their ski's as they headed up to the chalet on Friday night. Everyone arrived at the chalet with the roads clear, but at about 1am it started to snow and didn't stop until lunchtime Saturday. With snow falling, and concern about being able to get the cars out, we all worked hard to unload the food from the 4wd's and trailers, and finish off any maintenance in case we had to leave Saturday after noon.

Fortunately the weather cleared, and with all the work done, those who brought ski's could use them. We had a fantastic roast dinner, and were able to have a leisurely Sunday morning before driving out, with over 30cm of snow on the high plains



Wallace's Hut



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Adventurous Activity Standards.

The Victorian Government is in the process of introducing adventurous activity standards of organized activities in the Victorian Bush. Other state governments are interested in adopting these standards. Activity Leaders will need to be qualified to lead groups in the bush. These standards will apply to all scouting activities, including ski touring! Scouts Activity Leader Training meets these Requirements, and most Rovers and Leaders, who have done some Scouting training and keep a log book of all adventurous activities may be able to get Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), for some or all of these qualifications. Logbooks, and RPL forms are available from the Scouts Australia Website (follow the links from our web page!

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 (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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Ironic Orange Juice – Food Weekend 2004