

# More Yellow Snow

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the important and official newsletter of Anton Huette, ski lodge at Mt. Hotham

## Anton Web site

Go to [WWW.aac.asn.au](http://WWW.aac.asn.au) and have a look. Great photos by John Hanstein and lots of information about your club. This is an interactive Web site and will allow you to give your committee feed back on the issues raised.

## Another great season for your club

For the 2002 season Anton Huette enjoyed probably its highest lodge utilization ever. Here is a break down of where our revenue came from.

Anton members	22%	
Anton members_families	16%	51%
AAC reciprocals	6%	6%
Guests	55%	43%

The second % column represents the number of people who used the lodge i.e. 51% of all people who used the lodge were Anton members and their families.

## Changes to 2003 Bookings to favour members

Anton\_s long term future lies with its members. At the 2002 Annual General Meeting the committee was challenged to develop more pro member policies. Consequently your committee has instigated some fundamental changes that strengthen the benefits of being a member.

**Booking rights.** Members will be able to book weekends, and mid weeks when bookings open in February. As an example this will allow members to book a weekend in August when bookings open in February. This option is not available to non members.

**Only junior members** (see below) are charged at half the member rate. Previously members children were charged at half the member rate. This now generates a real incentive to join your children as junior members.

**Guests children** under 5 years of age are not allowed in the lodge except during children\_s week and school holidays.

## Junior membership

Junior membership is designed to offer the benefits of full membership to persons between the ages of 6 - 24. Junior members have the same booking rights as full members and junior members between the ages of 6 - 18 pay accommodation rates at half the adult rate.

Your committee wants to promote junior membership to swell our members ranks with young enthusiastic skiers. Junior members are essential for the future of our club.

To join as a junior member applicants only pay the nonrefundable joining fee, (currently \$1323 plus GST) which can be paid over 3 years. When a junior member reaches the age of 25 they can either convert to a full membership by paying the debenture or let their membership lapse.

The Junior member annual subscription rate is currently \$55. This is the full member rate less \$165.

Junior members can book at other AAC

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lodges at the AAC affiliate rate.

## Anton Club races

Anton club races were held on Saturday 3rd August on the bottom half of Roadrunner. 24 members and their guests competed with the sound of laughter being heard as far away as Mary's Slide. The races were followed up with a laugh-a-minute dinner back at the lodge, chaired by Phil Robinson, our esteemed leader. After dinner celebrations continued down at the General Store into the wee hours of the morning.

The winning skiers on the day were:  
Junior (1 - 19 years) Josie Swords and  
Tristian

Blaufelder  
Open (20 - 49 years) Inga Gilchrist and  
Matt Davis

Masters (50 + ) Chris McConnell and  
Axel Blaufelder

The winning snow boarder was Aldo Sette

## Congratulations to the Anton ski team

This year the AAC Inter club ski competition was held at Mt. Buller on August 31st and hosted by Old Collegians. Anton was represented by Axel Blaufelder, Matt Davis, Brook Yoxon, and James Blaufelder. Results were 1st - Falls creek, 2nd Old collegians, 3rd - Anton, 4th - Dinner Plain, 5th - Perisher. James recorded the fastest times and a great Saturday night was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all who participated. Next year the Inter Club competition will be hosted by Perisher Huetten on 30th August 2003.

## Room 14

room 14 is a 4 bed bunk room that can only be booked 12 days in advance. It is designed to allow members access to accommodation at short notice through out the ski season. So, if you suddenly want to go skiing because of great snow conditions you can book a 1 - 2 - or 3 day stay at Anton. As room 14 has no ensuite (occupants use the spa bathroom) accommodation rates are set at 70% normal rates.

booking priorities are:

Anton members 12 days in advance.

Other AAC 4 days in advance

Guests 2 days in advance

Maximum stay is 3 days

## Send us your e mail address

If we have your e mail address you will be notified about the following:

**Member weekends.** During the 2003 ski season I will be e-mailing members to organize 2 - 3 day weekends using room 14 and other vacancies at the lodge. We will be car pooling, food pooling, and wine pooling. Last year I enjoyed two 3 day weekends at Anton and had a great time.

**Season passes.** You will be e-mailed about the availability of both seasons entry passes and season ski passes and the comparison with buying passes on demand.

**All club correspondence** and this priceless newsletter will be e-mailed to you as well.

To notify us of your e-mail address please fill in the details when you pay your annual subscription.

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## **Accommodation rates up 5%**

We have increased the accommodation rates for the 2003 season by 5% to account for an anticipated increase in our insurance premiums and maintenance charges.

## **Perisher Huetten upgrade**

Perisher Huetten has been extensively renovated as a cost of \$1.2 million. Use your AAC reciprocity and plan a ski trip to Perisher Valley next season.

## **Your Committee**

Chairman: Phil Robinson BH 5593 3007

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Lodge Admin: Robert Long BH 9328 4491

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Have a safe and relaxing Christmas.

Cheers

Robert Swords