

More Yellow Snow

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New, new, new

This is the buzz word for this **new..sletter**. New bath rooms, new Lodge managers, new ski room/laundry. (I even feel new....ish) But what is not new is your Committee which was elected unopposed at the 2001 AGM., and is as follows:

Chairman: Philip Robinson 0417 314245
Treasurer: Ken Long BH 9328 4491
Secretary: Mike Yoxon BH 9761 3800
Lodge Admin. Robert Long BH 9328 4491
Membership Wally Kenworthy
BH 9224 4835
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Thank you to Deborah

Deborah McCluskey served on your committee for 4 years and is taking a timely rest to enjoy most of the activities of being a mother. Congratulations to both Deborah and Hector on the birth of their first child, Sophie.

Survey results

Thank you to all who filled in the survey sent out with this year's Annual subscriptions. Your Committee has listened to your feedback. Here is a summary of the results with the resultant outcomes.

1. The bathrooms and bedrooms are in urgent need of an upgrade.

All the bedrooms and bathrooms in the upstairs accommodation wing have been

renovated for the start of the 2001 season and the downstairs wing will be completed for the 2002 season.

2. An easier way of getting luggage in and out of the lodge.

A suitable and safe luggage lift from the road to the lodge is being investigated and may be installed for the 2002 season.

3. The provision of linen and a room cleaning service should be available on request.

Linen is currently available via a hire service through the Club's booking agent, Ken Long Tyres. The Room cleaning service is being investigated.

4. Members-only overflow accommodation

Nearly half of the respondents to the survey could not get a bed when they want one. This issue attracted much debate at the AGM with the following suggestions. That a new members only accommodation facility be available for season 2002. That this facility will accommodate 4 - 8 people and can only be booked by members 14 days in advance. This facility will be built in the storage area beside the Manager's flat.

This member-only facility will provide an additional benefit of being a member. Use of this facility will be linked to member interaction on our Web site (coming soon) encouraging members to plan ski trips with other members.

Other facts from the survey

Of the 72 members who completed the

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survey 66% of them were male.

Down hill skiing, off - piste skiing, and snow safety are the 3 most popular interests in winter. Day walks, bush walking, and camping, in summer.

When staying at the Lodge, 90% of respondents have approx., 2 family members and 1 - 2 guests staying with them, and stay on average for 5 days a year.

76% of respondents expect to remain as a member for 10 + years and 77% of respondents plan to pass on their membership when they retire from the club.

Now_s your chance- buy a ski resort

It would appear that the BCR era at MT. Hotham is coming to an end. BCR owns and operates the skiing facilities at Hotham and it appears that it is ready to divest itself of both Falls Creek and MT. Hotham.

In 6 short years we have seen 3 new quad chairs, a medium sized snow making system, a major revamp of the grooming fleet, an airport massive real estate development and a helicopter service to Falls Creek.

Trends in overseas ski resorts

Magic carpet loading of ski lifts
Most new ski lifts are detachable
An explosion in snowmaking
Fewer snow boarders than in Australia
A return to sit down gondolas
6 packs and Octochairs

Vacancy situation at Anton

	Date	No. beds available
July	15th - 21st	6 - 8
	22nd - 28th	6 - 8
	29th - Aug. 5th	8 - 10
Sept.	2nd onwards	plenty

Annual subs now at \$220 including GST

At this year_s AGM the annual subscriptions were lifted to \$220 for 2002.

New web site soon

The Anton Huette Web site will be up and running by Spring this year. It will be linked to the AAC web site as well as links to other relevant sites.

New laundry and extended ski room ready for 2001

New lodge managers

Stephanie Haydock and Jyothi (Joe-Tee) Jaffray are our new Lodge Managers for this season. Trevor Chick, our Lodge Manager for over 10 years has purchased a unit on the mountain. Thank you Trevor and Leanne for your wonderful service to our Lodge, members and guests. You will be missed.

New AAC affiliation in NSW

The Southern Alps Lodges are now affiliated with the AAC. They are the Christiania Lodge at Thredbo, Kahane Lodge at Perisher, and the Charlotte Pass Lodge at Charlotte Pass Village. All bookings should be made through Mrs. Marie Westgarth on (02) 9419 6163 prior to 9 pm, Monday to Friday.

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Race Report 2000

After a 10 year lapse Anton Huette had a group of talented and interested racers form two teams to compete in the club and inter club races held at MT Hotham on Saturday 16th September. The weather conditions were fine and sunny with a good hard packed fast course for the Slalom and Giant Slalom events. The course was set up on the Road runner lift starting just below the bridge. Dinner Plain had 11 competitors and Falls Creek had three.

With the emergence of the Victorian Inter Schools Skiing Championships attracting over 4,000 student entries in 2000, competition on the slopes is now in a new era.

Students compete in all disciplines, cross-country, boarder cross, snowboard, slalom, giant slalom and moguls.

This is **GREAT** for Anton_s racing future because we have a group of fantastic juniors who are developing a passion for competing..

Masters Events are also keeping us older racers active and competitive, especially in the AFTER event activities.

The teams were as follows

ANTON 1 Julie Blaufelder
Axel Blaufelder
James Blaufelder
Thomas Blaufelder

ANTON 2 Philip Robinson

John Regan
Jenny Cavanagh
David Tucker

ANTON CLUB RESULTS

MEN_S SLALOM

Winner	Axel Blaufelder	38.96
Runner Up	Thomas Blaufelder	39.20

MEN_S GIANT SLALOM

Winner	James Blaufelder	19.56
Runner Up	Thomas Blaufelder	20.24

WOMEN_S SLALOM

Winner	Julie Blaufelder	44.17
Runner Up	Jenny Cavanagh	46.59

WOMEN_S GIANT SLALOM

Winner	Julie Blaufelder	21.56
Runner Up	Jenny Cavanagh	25.03

Inter club Race results

The Falls Creek Team consisting of Emma Pitts, John Cameron and Gerard Gersiner-Stevens won the Roslyn Trophy for the best AAC club by .6 of a second to Anton.

It is worth noting that Emma Pitts, a Ski Instructor at Falls Creek, was only 0.07 of a second faster than James Blaufelder, a year 9 student at secondary school. With skiers like James the future looks great for the Anton racing team.

After the races Anton Huette hosted a fabulous race dinner where results were declared and trophies were presented. Thanks

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to Ken Long, Philip Robinson and the committee for organizing the event.

It is now up to a new generation of racing enthusiasts to keep up this wonderful tradition of

_ Skiing fast and Partying hard _

Race Week 2001

This year the Anton Huette Race week is being held 29th July - 5th August.

Accommodation is still available. Come along for the fun on and off the snow. Anton provides racing tuition during the week and a great dinner on Saturday night. I hope to see you there.

Love under the snow

While we will all be rooting for the Anton race team this year the rare Mountain Pygmy Possum (*Burramys Parvus*) will be engaged in other activities and has a new (there's that word again) love tunnel, opened on the 9th June. This 2nd love tunnel has been constructed under Higgi Drive south of Arlberg (the road above our Lodge)

Just to fill you in, the female and male of this species generally live apart and need to travel to breed. The breeding female *Burramys* tend to live in the prime habitat zone (typical) above 1600M., whilst the males generally inhabit the fringes of the habitat area down lower. The males ascend to the female zone to breed. Hence the need for the 2 tunnels - the 1st being under the main road - to help overcome these physical barriers.

I hope you all enjoy your skiing this year, and when the season is over may I suggest you consider Mt. Hotham as a great summer retreat. I spent 5 days at Anton over summer and had a very relaxing and inexpensive holiday.

Cheers

Robert Swords