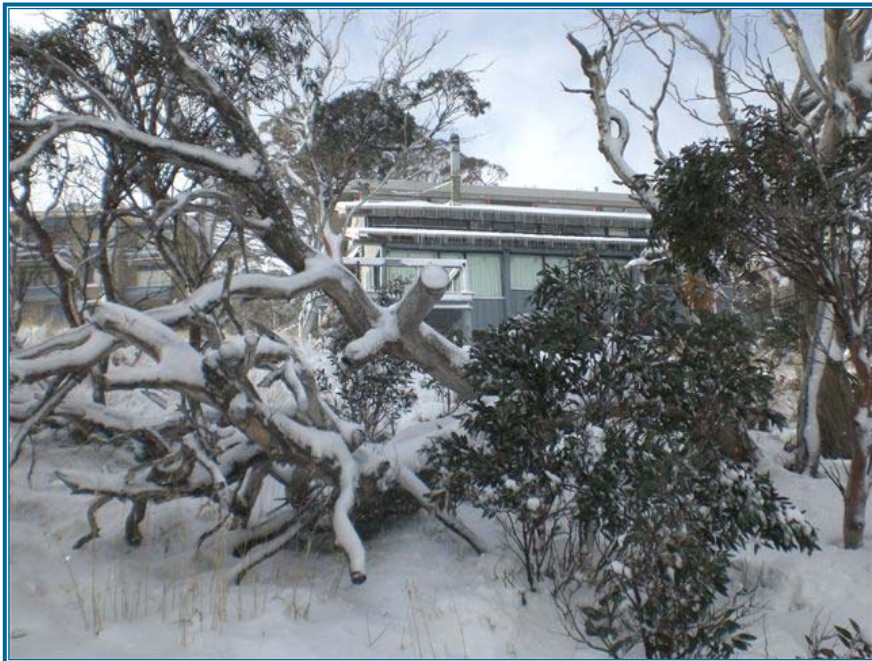


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Ullr Ski Lodge – April 2008

Chairman's Address



Terry Hughes

All we need now is a big dump of snow.

Emma and Cameron are happily back to their winter home ready for guests and lots of snow. The Lodge is looking great with all the work from the "Bees" and the new carpet.

Emma has a new 14 day menu. Bookings are good and there are still rooms available, so book now to avoid disappointment. Remember bookings are not confirmed until you pay the 50% deposit listed on your Invoice/Booking form.

We had to replace the dishwasher and the boiler, both failing and not repairable and of course an unexpected expense. Fortunately both occurred pre-season with no inconvenience to members and guests, but it was cold showers for Emma and Cameron for a few days.

The Board wishes all members and guests great skiing and very happy times at Ullr this season.

Best wishes, Terry



Member Profile: Stephen Scott



Born February 1953 in Sydney

I grew up in North Curl Curl in a great environment with a lot of freedom to explore bush, lagoons and beach. Being such an inquisitive and active young boy presented my parents with many challenges. I loved the outdoors, games and particularly ball sports from a very early age.

Mum and Dad took us on camping holidays to many remote locations, where we would usually be isolated and self sufficient for up to a week to ten days at a time. We first started camping in the Kosciusko region in about 1958.

I started skiing at the age of 10 at Perisher staying at MARWABU across the valley from where ULLR now stands.

I was part of the ULLR construction team with Mum and Dad in 1965-66, living for 6 weeks in our tent pitched behind TARRAWONGA. We worked every day on the first stages of the lodge. My jobs included mixing mortar, carting rocks and assisting in the drilling and blasting of the granite blocks under the direction of Ray Coles; great fun for a kid of 13. I was lucky enough to enjoy many weekends through '66 helping Mum and Dad and the other members work and play at the construction of ULLR always under the whip of Joan Devey. It was all fun and all good.

I skied every year from then on usually staying at ULLR but some weekends in my beloved Kombi, either

plugged in to the power at a bus shelter near EIGER or through a staff window at THE MAN.

I first skied on ski patrol in 1969. In those days if you could ski and you wanted free lift tickets you turned up at the old patrol caravan, got a bib, a first aid bum bag and an area to patrol and off you went....free skiing. Put that together with \$30 a week full board at ULLR and you can see why some of us spent as much time as we could in the valley.

Worst accident. Broken femur late one afternoon in Nth Perisher when a male skier returning to Smiggins hit a tree. Exposed fracture with a lot of blood and a long walk/carry with the patient in a Thomas splint and blood bucket. Cut severely into our drinking time in the back bar at the VALLEY INN.

Perisher in those days was lots of fun, big nights after work and a party somewhere every night. ULLR's parties were the ones not to miss. Dad's gluhwein was usually responsible for the poor skiing the following day.

It was a fantastic surprise to be given as a present on my 18th birthday my ULLR membership. This made me the youngest member. My father had a great love of the lodge and its members and I was a very lucky beneficiary. I experienced wonderful fun with wonderful fun people in a loving caring environment. The members worked hard at developing a lodge that was envied throughout all Perisher, and when they went down to the lodge they let everything hang out and I mean EVERYTHING.

I was married to my wife Brigitte in 1979 and we had 4 children, Jessica, Peter, Joe, and Robert. We couldn't afford to ski with all the family very often and I didn't ski much again till the mid 90's when things became easier. All my children love the snow and all snow board.

After my father passed away in 2004, Joe my second son was accepted by the board to take over his grandfather's membership. It was a very proud moment for my father when he was given Life Membership (I think the first) of ULLR and through my children I hope the memories and the wonderful experiences that ULLR provides, live on.

The 2008 End of Season Dinner Party

The dinner party will be held on Thursday 15 November at the "Nu's" restaurant, 178 Blues Point Road, McMahon's Point phone 02 9954 1780. All members, guests and friends are invited along at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

A 3-4 course set menu meal will be served, with beer and wine - all for \$55.00 per person. All are invited and we would like to see as many there as can make it. There will be three door prizes. It's a great night to catch up with members and guests of Ullr Ski Lodge.

Please RSVP by Friday 7 November to Jonathan Lillis on 0418 113 508, or email on ullrlodge1@telstra.com, with subject line "Ullr Dinner".



Pre-Season April Working Bee



We had the biggest “Bee” team to date at the Lodge and it included a strong contingent of friends of Ullr. The team was very keen, skilled and hard-working and came from far and wide:



- Eerwah Vale, Qld, Ian & Gwenda Cook
- Cessnock, Terry & Carol Hughes
- Tumit/Randwick, John Brooks, Allison Morris & Sarah Books
- Merimbula, Bert Peters
- Mosman, Mac & Libby Jacob; Don & Val West
- Clovelly, Jonathan Lillis & Pauline Murphy

First there was the traditional hearty cooked breakfast. We all know how Emma can cook a breakfast to die for, well, when Mac gets into the kitchen at breakfast time he too turns on a little magic and created a feast.

Then there was the traditional BBQ on the deck. Terry provided the steak and Mac turned it into one of the most delicious BBQ meals we can remember, complemented with a Hunter red from Terry’s vineyard. To make it even better, Ian prepared a big log fire from the wood Bert had stacked that day: a fine way the spend Saturday night in the “best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley”. Could this get any better? Well, yes it could. On Sunday at morning tea, yep, it SNOWED. Those big Perisher snow flakes just floated down and rested on the landscape making it all white.

By the way, just some of the jobs completed in between all the fun:

- Deck oiled, posts and rails painted
- Fire escape hand rail painted
- Ground floor windows, door frames, ceilings sanded and painted
- Selection and ordering of new carpet for living areas
- General clean up inside and out
- General maintenance jobs
- Inspection of internal and external painting completed over summer
- Snow gums and shrub gardening and maintenance
- Audit of Ski and Boot lockers
- Inside and outside inspection to assess ongoing maintenance needs
- Fire wood chopped and stacked for drying for the winter season
- Compact fluorescent light globes (low energy) installed throughout lodge

It’s a great weekend and so rewarding working on your own lodge.

We will advise an October or November 2008 date for the end of season Working Bee: we’d love to have you along.



Top L to R:
Bert; Don and Ian; Mac
Second L to R:
Libby and Val; Alison
Third L to R:
Carol; Gwen, John, Don,
Val, Sarah
Snow on Sunday and
New paint



A Summer Gone By

At the end of the season we took off in the new car over the ranges. After a short gastronomical tour of Melbourne to empty the coffers we picked our way back through every dirt road and creek crossing we could find. The road out of the back of Falls Creek is truly stunning. Then it was on to a much more mundane summer than the last couple of years and we simply got sidetracked in Queensland. This of course was not all bad and we spent our time kayaking and cycling and working as necessary. Summer flashed past with no warning and it was time to pack the summer toys into storage. With a twist of fate, just before we left for Ullr, the boiler breathed its last breath, wept its last hot rusty tear and



split its sides laughing as it died. So we made a detour to Nth Stradbroke Island and spent a happy couple of weeks camping on the beach spending our days spear fishing, kayaking, snorkelling and releasing undersized whiting.

But we're here now and offering daily sacrifices to any interested deities working in the snow department. It's a slow start but any who choose to remember know this has happened before and can change over night regardless of the weather maps.

On the lodge front the new carpet is in and looks great and the outside of the building has had a stylish change of team colours. The new boiler is installed and boiling and came in a giant packing

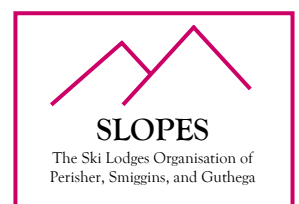


crate. This has provided a stack of cheap pine to keep me sane knocking up a couple of chairs for the deck to enjoy the warm weather. I'm hoping their completion will bring the snow and the new problem of where to store them. There was even enough wood to make a fold away waxing table for the boiler room.

Em is pottering happily in the kitchen and it's been great weather for walking and so now we're just waiting for some company.

Cameron & Emma, Summer 2008
(written early June)

Major Items of Interest from SLOPES



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HANS OVERSNOW: Has won a five year plus five option licence for over snow transport for Perisher Valley. Requirements for better Smiggins access and smartening up of uniforms etc were part of the deal. They pay about \$45,000 a year for the licence.

Hans also won a 5 year contract for snow grooming contract for roads etc, previously held by Perisher Blue. This includes cross country trail grooming.

They also handle the freight shed and get paid \$56,000 a year for this.

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FREE SHUTTLE: For one night a week, probably Tuesday, there will be a free shuttle going around the lodges and the centre. It has been designed to encourage village circulation. Details will be available in the valley.



SEPTIC TANKS: NPWS is pulling out redundant septic tanks in the valley at no charge.

GREASE TRAPS: A functioning grease trap is very effective in protecting Perisher’s sewage plant. Consequently NPWS will be contacting lodges if they think their grease traps are not big enough.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION: A waste station will be built by 2020, behind the fire/ambulance areas. This will mean the unsightly dump bins at the Perisher entry point will be removed at that time.

RAIN WATER TRAPPING: An experimental site for rain water trapping is being constructed for this winter at CSIRO lodge. The cost is very high and it is not anticipated that it will become common. The project is being funded by a Government grant. SLOPES has advised NPWS that it will recommend its member ski clubs participate in any such project that requires the Committee of a lodge being responsible for the purification and supply of potable water to its occupants.

STREAM ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS: Perisher Range has a problem in that any stream must have a

certain flow to maintain the bugs and the fish. With the water take off required for the skiers, this flow is not always available. A very clever idea has been developed to tap the water flow that goes down the SKI Tube to Bullocks Flat, and pump it to just below the Perisher supply weir to maintain a stream water flow. The cleverness is that it is restoring water that would otherwise have been in the Perisher streams if there was no Ski Tube diverting the flow.

COOKING OIL: Lodges using deep fryers who dump the spent oil into the sewer cause severe overload problems. There is a Grey collection container for spent oil somewhere in the valley and SLOPES has advised it is looking to come up with a collection service.

Perisher Ski Patrol



Stay “Safe in the Snow” with “SnowSafe’s Alpine Responsibility Code” rule number 4 of 10:

Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or run, or are not visible from above.

Know and observe the code: it’s your responsibility, and have great snow fun.

Every year people become lost in the mountains and ski areas of alpine country. To care for people in the snow, all ski resorts maintain very skilled Ski Patrols throughout winter months.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IF THEY HAVE CHANGED

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Ski patrollers can easily be identified in all resorts by their distinctive uniform with a cross. They are highly trained to deal with injured skiers and boarders, both within the resort and beyond resort boundaries. Patrollers open and close trails and runs, and mark hazards. For your safety, as well as that of others, obey the signs that are displayed by the Ski Patrol.

The main purposes for operating these Ski Patrols are to:

- Administer First Aid assistance to injured persons on the snow
- Transfer those requiring further medical attention to resort or other advanced medical care
- In conjunction with the State police and other emergency services, to search for and rescue skiers/boarders lost in alpine areas
- Serve the public with other assistance and skiing/boarding information
- Improve safety standards in alpine resorts, and reduce the accident rate.

So, stay SnowSafe.



Photos: From L to R:
Colin, Westy, Crowie, Don, and Mac

Tall Tales and True from Dad's Army

We had spent a great and fun week in the snow staying at ULLR lodge.

Dad's army is made up of some older blokes who have known each other for a long time and enjoy a ski and a good laugh. We sometimes get up to some mischief and unknowingly this was one occasion.

On the morning of our departure from Ullr we took all our bags downstairs as was customary in years gone by in preparation for collection by Hans Oversnow.

Whilst we were enjoying a sumptuous breakfast and a convivial chat upstairs seated at the long table, a young honeymoon couple arrived with their luggage, decided to go skiing and because their rooms weren't yet ready changed downstairs and off they went to enjoy the good snow conditions.

Hans Oversnow arrived at the duly appointed time, we loaded the luggage, climbed aboard and off we went to Perisher centre to catch the train down to our cars and subsequently to our next destination. We stopped in Canberra for lunch and intended over-nighting at Bill Carrol's country estate at Bowral.

Just outside of Canberra I got a phone call from an American guy who was staying at Ullr and I pulled over to chat to him. After some casual chat he said by the way

you haven't by any chance got any extra luggage on board. Don West and I got out and checked the boot and the luggage was all ours and there were no extras. Having reported this I asked what the problem was. He related the story about the young honeymoon couple who had put their luggage downstairs and that it was no longer there and they had nothing to wear other than what they skied in. When we arrived at Bill Carrol's place the other two cars were unloading and scrutinizing the bags as they came out of the cars. Lo and behold, there were the missing bags and having been opened revealed some flimsies that definitely didn't belong to us. We reported back to Ullr that the missing bags had been located. How to get them back to Ullr was the question. After much toing and frowning the best we could do was to leave them at the nearest service station to be picked up by the next person going through to Ullr in a couple of day's time. As to the honeymooners, I guess they dressed by day and cuddled to keep warm by night. Amidst all this confusion Bill had forgotten to turn off the security system so we had a visit from the local security firm who were surprised to see seven guys all bunking in together. Having got over this interruption and having sat down to have a well earned drink, we were interrupted by a knock at the door and when opened were confronted by the census collector who thought he had come across a retreat for aged gays.



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