



# Bogong Bulletin

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Special 70 Years of Rover Skiing Celebration Edition

The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

## *70 Years of Rover Skiing Birthday Celebrations*

Bill Waters inaugurated the Bogong Rover Crew on 7 September 1933 with investiture of the winter party participants at Mt McKay. So the year 2003 marks 70 years of Rovers skiing the High Plains. The initial requirements for membership of the Bogong Rover Crew were simple attendance at a winter party. This subsequently became the membership requirements for the Alpine Rover Crew (and eventually the Alpine Venturer Unit). Hence these celebrations are for all users of the Bogong Rover Chalet in 2003. We are also celebrating 20 years of the BCMG and of course the chalet's survival during the January fires. As part of the celebrations for 70 years of Rover Skiing on the Bogong High Plains and to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the Bogong Rover Crew the Bogong Chalet Management Group is inviting each and every winter party of 2003 to mark the occasion in some significant way, maybe to conduct the original Bogong Rover Crew ceremony at Investiture Point at some time during the party or to re-enact the photo taken outside Cope Hut or in some other original way. Each Winter Party is being asked to record the occasion on a photo for posterity.

## **Celebrating 70 years of Rover Skiing the Bogong High Plains**

**Check out the website at  
[www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bogong](http://www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bogong)  
Bogong Chalet Management Group  
PO Box 190 Carlton South, 3053**

## *7<sup>th</sup> September 2003*

At midday on the 7 September 2003 a re-enactment ceremony will be held at Investiture Point to mark the exact moment of the formation of the Bogong Rover Crew. This date is the Sunday of 11<sup>th</sup> Week. As 11<sup>th</sup> week rarely runs the BCMG is offering a special 4 day winter party for those who wish to attend to the re-enactment ceremony. The winter party will run from Saturday as per normal but conclude with the ski out on Tuesday. It will cost \$150 a head for all participants. Places will be strictly limited to 35 and on the following basis. No preference will be given to any particular Alpine Rover at all and the places will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis. Please use a standard winter party application form clearly marked as 70<sup>th</sup> celebration application and must be accompanied by full payment. The application will only be accepted via Australia Post mail to Branch Headquarters, PO Box 190, Carlton South, 3053, Victoria. Applications open on the 21 July 2003. All applications will be stamped with the date of receipt by Branch staff (as per normal). Any applications received prior to the 21 July will be placed at the bottom of the pile. I suggest Victorians mail their applications on Friday 18 July and interstate on Thurs 17 July! In the event there are more than 35 applications on the 21 July 2003 then the 35 places will be determined by lottery. Notification of a successful application will occur later that week. This is expected to be a heavily booked event so if you want to go please get the applications in on the 21 July 2003. It will be a great event and with the opportunity of some good spring skiing as well.

## **8 November 2003 – Reunion Afternoon Tea**

On the 8 November 2003 the BCMG will be hosting an afternoon tea to celebrate the first 70 years of Rover Skiing on the High Plains. It is to be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Vic Sea Scout Hall, Aquatic Drive, Albert Park from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. There will be historical and video displays and we ask that everyone brings along their own photo collections for everyone else to see. Afternoon tea will be served from 2.00 pm with speeches after. Please invite along any alpine rover or venturer of any age (that is from 16 to 106!) that you may know of for this great get together and to swap yarns and a cuppa. The afternoon is entirely free and please come and go as you like. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Mick Simpson on 0397296607 or [smsimpson@virtual.net.au](mailto:smsimpson@virtual.net.au)

## Winter 2003 Bookings

The snow has come early to the High Plains with the official season opening having a small dump. More fell the following weekend providing a solid base of 60 centimetres for our opening weeks in early July. If you are thinking of applying for a winter party get in early as some weeks are nearly full. Contact the bookings officer on 0407 CHALET or use the standard winter party application form on the website or attached to Issue 42.

## Ambulance Subscriptions and Private Health Insurance

As most people know the ambulance service is not a free service. An ambulance trip from a winter party may well run into the thousands of dollars.

Remember the trip would include at least a skidoo trip to Falls Creek and road trip to Mount Beauty or Albury. It may include air evacuations from either Falls Creek or from Mount Beauty or Albury to Canberra, Melbourne or Sydney. Those dollar signs are whizzing past pretty fast right now. A bill of \$10,000 plus is quite possible. This is the reason the BCMG ***STRONGLY recommends ambulance*** membership. It is not that expensive, \$40 a year for a single, \$80 a year for families in Victoria [www.ambulance-vic.com.au](http://www.ambulance-vic.com.au) or on 1300366141

People attending winter parties who are relying on private health insurance, which provides ambulance cover, are urged to review that cover. Most insurers will only cover emergency evacuation trips, that is the trip to the first hospital, which may be Falls Creek or Mount Beauty. Mount Beauty is only set up to deal with minor cases and if badly injured you would be quickly bounced to Albury. You may not be covered for this trip. And if you wanted to be transferred to a hospital in your home state you would certainly not be covered for an ambulance trip from Albury. This isn't to say you are going to be injured of course, but we strongly recommend Ambulance Membership just in case! *Mick Simpson (ARC)*

## Ski Fun Day 2003

The BCMG will be running a ski fun day on 19 July 2003. There is no charge from us only resort entry fees to pay. Just turn up at 10.00 am at either Lake Mountain at Gerratys or at Mt Baw Baw at the W.F. Waters Ski Lodge for a fun social day's skiing. The exact location will be determined by the snow conditions in the week prior to the fun day. Please register with the Bookings Officer and you will be informed of the location prior. It will also be posted on the website notice board on Thursday prior. For this fun day please contact Linda on 0407242538 to register. The 2002 Ski Fun day was held at Baw Baw in the freshest snow and everyone honed their skiing skills and had fun to boot!

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

0407 CHALET  
0407 242538

## Old Rovers Ball – 7 November 2003

The Old Rovers Ball is an annual event for ex Rovers and current Rovers alike and is always a great black tie evening. This year it is again at the Streeton Room, The Centre Ivanhoe, Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe on 7 November 2003. There is live music from the Incredible Cucumbers and a great spread for dinner with beer, wine and champagne included. The cost is \$60 and tickets can be obtained from Paul Gard on 0417660545 [paulgard@iprimus.com.au](mailto:paulgard@iprimus.com.au) This will be a great chance for interstate Alpine Rovers to make a weekend of the reunion.

## Win a free Winter Party in 2004!!!

All you need to do to go in the draw to win a free 2004 Winter Party is introduce someone new to the Chalet in the winter of 2003. Just tick the box on the standard winter party application form and you are in the draw. You need to have attended a winter party before and also bring a person to a winter party that has never been to the Chalet in winter before. **GOOD LUCK**

*Does not apply to the 70<sup>th</sup> Celebration Mini Party*

## AGM – 8 October 2003

The BCMG AGM will be held at Victorian Branch HQ, 50 Barry Street, Carlton on 8 October 2003 at 8.00 pm. Full uniform please. If you want to get involved in the management of the chalet this is your chance. There are 7 Rover positions, 2 Venturer positions, 2 26-30 year old positions, 2 30+ positions and the chairman of the Alpine Rover Crew to elect. Contact Mick Simpson on 03 9729 6607 for further information. This is your chance to get involved so please come along.