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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter



Ski Fun Day

Saturday 16th July from 10am

This event will be held at either Mt Baw Baw or Lake Mountain depending on the snow conditions. Ski Fun Day is not an instructional day, just a chance to get together and ski with friends. Checkout the chalet website closer to the time for details.

Meet at W.F. Waters Lodge if the event is held at Mt Baw Baw, 1.5 Hrs East of Melbourne. Or meet near the old Day Shelter if the event is held at Lake Mountain, 1.5 hrs North East of Melbourne.

For Details Contact
Stuart Linnell
0421729098

Or checkout our website
www.bogongroverchalet.org.au

Ski Expo

Wednesday 15th June from 8pm

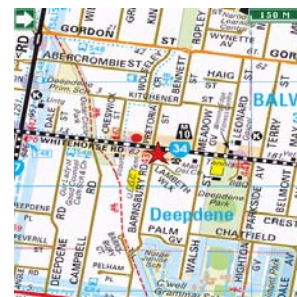
- X-C Skis poles and boots
- Telemark Skis
- Plastic Boots
- Downhill Skis & Boots
- Gore-Tex Jackets
- Tents
- Sleeping Bags
- Stoves
- Packs
- Books
- Maps
- Waxes

Ski Expo will be held again this year at EMC @ Snow-Ski Centre. Ski Expo is a great chance to buy all sorts of quality outdoors gear, not just ski's and get expert advice. Its also a chance to catch up with friends over supper, listen to interesting guest speakers and checkout all the latest ski gear.

See you all there on the 15th.



Ski Expo will be held at:
EMC
68 Whitehorse Rd
Deepdene
Melway Ref 46 A7
Plenty of parking is available in Barnsbury Rd



Are you an Ambulance Member?

Most private health insurance only covers the first leg of an emergency evacuation. Transfer to another hospital could cost you thousands. Join your states ambulance service any maybe save \$\$\$\$

Waiting for Snow.....

Check out The Frog's predictions for the coming season at:
www.snowatch.com.au

50th Issue!

Welcome to the 50th Issue of the Bogong Bulletin. Over 50 editions the Bulletin has evolved from being a way to get the minutes of BCMG meetings out, to a newsletter of all things Bogong. To keep the Bulletin interesting and informative I need your help. If you've got any interesting stories, news or gossip, let me know at lukem75@ozemail.com.au.

Luke Moore – Alpine Rover Crew Chairman

Chairman's Chatter

Well our bookings are flooding in fast with weeks 2 and 4 already full. For the university students out there if you want to go to the chalet in the July school holidays you'll need to book into week 3 now! (This is in the Uni holidays for most major Universities).

For those of you Alpine Rovers out there who haven't put your application form in yet, we would love to keep the chalet open continuously during winter (hasn't been achieved for a long time!) so please get your application forms soon.

With the snow ready to fall we are all gearing up for a fantastic season, and if you can't make it to the chalet this winter I would love to see you at the ski fun day or ski expo.

Big thanks to the committee and other helpers for their tireless efforts over the last few months in getting the chalet up to scratch for this winter. It's great to see a lot of major projects being completed or nearing completion which means we are heading in the right direction. Make sure you utilise the chalet as it gets better every time you go!

Yours in Rovering,

Dan Angus - BCMG Chairman

Calendar of Events For 2005

June 10-13	Queens Birthday W/end
June 15	Bogong Ski Expo
June 25-July 2	Week 1 Snow Venture
July 2-9	Week 2 Open Week
July 9-16	Week 3 Open Week
July 16-23	Week 4 Snow Venture
July 16	Ski Fun Day
July 23-24	Freeheel Festival Mt Stirling and Buller
July 23-30	Week 5 Open Week
July 30-Aug 6	Week 6 Open Week
Aug 6-13	Week 7 Open Week
Aug 13-20	Week 8 Open Week
Aug 20-27	Week 9 Open Week
Aug 27	Kangaroo Hoppet
Aug 27-Sep 3	Week 10 Open Week
Sep 3-10	Week 11 Open Week
Sep 10-17	Week 12 Open Week
Sep 17-24	Week 13 Snow Venture
Oct 12	Alpine Rover Crew AGM

Buying Gore-Tex?

Nicole and I went and bought new Gore-Tex jackets in January and returned them in April. All Alpine Rovers should be aware that 2-layer Gore-Tex materials, no matter what the sales people or Gore-Tex advertising say, are not suitable for bushwalking or alpine pursuits. The so called durable water repellency (DWR) layer disappears in a few days and the material is prone to high condensation build up (exactly what Gore-Tex is supposed to prevent). People must not expect to stay dry under a 2-layer Gore-Tex when there is precipitation around. When we returned our jackets, Gore tested them and stated that "the jackets are within design specifications" and that "the material has not failed". They clearly do not include the performance of the DWR as part of their waterproof testing regime despite the jacket being useless without it working. In the real world, when worn in rain for more than 30min you were getting very wet.

Cheers

Cam Cook – Bogong Rover Crew

Alpine Rovers Taking over Kandersteg!

We have three Alpine Rovers on staff at Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. Matt Franzke has been Activities Director for a few years now, his fiancé Katie is and they have been joined by last years Management Group Chairman James Dugan as Shop Manager.



Matt and Mate



Katie



James

New Merchandise

New Polo shirts and Full Zip Fleece jackets are now available from the Chalet. Polo Shirts will cost \$20 and Fleece \$45. There are also bucket hats and beanies for \$15 each as well as Bills Book, car stickers and wine glasses.



Bucket hat in Italy

The other Rover Chalet – W.F. Waters Lodge

If you can't make it to the chalet for a week, how about a weekend at Mt. Baw Baw. There are still places left on weekends, or you can book it out Monday to Friday. Contact bawbawbookings@vicscouts.asn.au

Long range snowfall forecaster predicts medium to heavy snow in June

With less than 60 days (59 to be precise) to the official start of winter at Falls Creek the proverbial question "When will it snow?" is now being asked.

Wangaratta-based John Moore who 'sells' his long range snowfall forecast to clients such as Falls Creek Resort Management is predicting medium to heavy snow in June.

His forecast of a medium fall (Moore's definition of medium is between 16-35cms) between 8-10 June, would be the "icing on the cake" for the start of the winter season for businesses such as Falls Creek Ski Lifts.

He's predicting the alpine resort will get a heavy dump (16-18 June) of 36cm and upwards and that June will be an Above Average Snowfall Month. If either forecast is close it will be a very good start to the season (again).

ski.com.au Date Posted: 13-4-2005



Bogong Rovers

The Bogong Rover Crew is a honorary crew, whose members are invested as recognition to their contribution to the Alpine Rover Crew, Rover Skiing and Scouting. Being invested as a Bogong Rover is not about the number of winter parties attended, but a

commitment to Rover Skiing and the Chalet. Alpine Rovers who have attended over 3 winter parties can be invested into the Bogong Rover Crew after nomination by a Bogong Rover.

Last year there were no Bogong Rovers invested for the first time in many years. If you are a Bogong Rover and know of anyone deserved, please contact Luke Moore – ARC Chairman at

bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au, Mick Simpson – ARC Secretary on smsimpson@virtual.net.au, or Matt Anderson – Warden on matt@trendprint.com.au

New Equipment now at the Chalet



There will now be more '1 plankers' on the hills around Bogong! The chalet management group have purchased 3 more snow boards, as well as some toboggans and snow shoes.

We now have 5 compete snow boards for those wanting to cross to the dark side and try a bit of back country boarding! (We would have 6, but one set of bindings is incomplete after some 'adjustments' were made. Please don't take the bindings off the boards!) We also have 4 more toboggans for play around the chalet.

Email and the Bulletin

If you are getting the Bogong Bulletin by snail mail we would love for you get it via email. We have over 450 people receiving the Bulletin electronically and with 4 editions every year the BCMG saves \$900 in postage alone. If you are connected to the web the Bulletin is uploaded about a week before the snail mail version goes out. Please send your email address to smsimpson@virtual.net.au even if you have already done so!! I try to maintain the Bogong Bulletin email address list but sometimes it can get a little daunting with so many addresses. If you know someone who would like to receive the Bogong Bulletin via email please have them send me their email address as well.

Mick Simpson - Alpine Rover Crew Secretary

Kangaroo Hoppet



Saturday 27th August

Quite a few Alpine Rovers ski in the 42km Hoppet, 21km Birkebeiner, and 7km Joey Hoppet each year as well as the crew that runs the Wallace Hut Drink Station. If you are interested in having a go this year visit

<http://www.hoppet.com.au> for entry information. If you're not in another ski club, put 'Bogong Rover Chalet' in the 'Ski Club' section when you enter.

History report:

I have been very busy with the opening of the Rover HQ. The Heritage Centre is putting together a great display.

I have recently obtained a complete set of skis, skins, boots and poles in fantastic condition. Keep those photos coming in. I will now be sending back original photos and articles that have been lent to us as they have been scanned, copied and are now safely stored digitally and physically.

The history boards are back in the chalet - can you see the ghost that is skiing with Bill?

History Tips

Don't think that CD photos will be accessible forever - remember the old 5¼ inch floppy discs - does anyone have the ability to read them anymore? The best way is still to print a photo or two - pick your best ones, print them and place them in an acid free photo album. That way, you will always have them easily accessible.

Always wear sunglasses to avoid damage to your eyes. The old fellas reckon that they wouldn't be having the eye problems that they have today if they had worn their sunglasses when they were supposed to. Even cloudy days can affect your eyesight!!!!!!!!!! Look after your eyes so that you will always be able to see the snow.

Cheers,

Sue Tanck – Alpine Rover Crew Historian

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 page (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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