



APRIL 2005

FALLS CREEK

newsletter



Big Air Oh Yeah

Last years night time big Air competition outside the Frying Pan Inn was held on 14 August 2004.

From the Lodge window, night lights illuminated the jump site and village bowl, which looked absolutely amazing under confetti sized snowflakes.

In support of our fellow snowboarders and freakazoids, we made the short trek outside to watch the big air comp. No need to worry about beers warming up, as those of us who thought we'd be okay without hats, gloves, snowboots and a body heater, were sadly mistaken. It was shiver me timbers cold. Approx. 7cm of snow settled on our shoulders in the two hours we watched the comp. It really looked like we were inside a snow dome.

The Big Air contestants were really up against the odds, with high winds & insanely poor visibility. A recipe for big air stacks, and there were plenty. The crowd was very supportive, showing appreciation with loud cheers & clapping, or equally loud ouch & arrgghhh if it didn't quite go to plan.

A huge effort by all entrants; Winner of the men's skiing division was won by 16 year old Air & Style skier " Jono Lipsker " who won \$1500 cash) Winner of the women's skiing was Anna Segal who won \$500 cash. (And yes:.... We were peeved with the inequality of cash prizes!) Anna was also awarded a prize for the Best Stack!

In the board riders, Robbie Walker won the \$1500 cash and Falls Creek-based boarder Ramona Bruland, won the \$500 for the chicks. Way to go dudes.

Look out for this years big Air Comp. It's just awesome!





VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

New winter season bookings

Bookings have opened for weekly accommodation in the winter season and the lodge is starting to fill. We are expecting some increased demand in Season 2005, so don't be disappointed by waiting until the last minute. Those who paid their subscriptions early should also have received their vouchers.

New bathrooms

The bathroom renovation project has been completed, another great reason to book into Falls Creek for Season 2005. This renovation has been made possible in large part through a loan provided by the Australian Alpine Club, clearly one of the benefits of membership.

New website

We have our own new website at www.aacfallscreek.com. It is a significant improvement on the previous version and we expect it will be increasingly used as an information source for members and others. For example, if you can't find your booking information or booking application forms, copies can be downloaded from this website. The new website is also aimed at being a source of information for people who may be thinking about AAC Falls Creek membership. Also, see what happens when you click on the snow crystal. Feedback and comments are welcome.

New members

AAC Falls Creek welcomes Cathy Brice, Lois Haywood, Sue Marshman, Campbell Miller, Ruth Owen and Anthony Sasse as new members. If you know of others who may be interested in joining please either direct them to the AAC Falls Creek website (www.aacfallscreek.com) for details or e-mail aacfallscreek@gmail.com for further information.

New Work Party dates

The Work Party for is scheduled for Saturday 30 April / Sunday 1 May. It has been brought forward by one week this year to prevent a clash with Mothers' Day. Contact Alan Long on 9328 4491 if you wish to assist

with this activity that will prepare the lodge for the 2005 winter season. Attendees will also receive accommodation vouchers.

New AAC project

The Australian Alpine Club has decided to proceed further with a project at Niseko in Japan. The aim is to establish a new project in a manner similar to the foundation of other Australian Alpine Club projects, such as the most recent one at Dinner Plain. The indicative debenture will be \$5,000 from each of 150 members. This will be an historic step for the Australian Alpine Club in acquiring an overseas project, enabling members to access northern hemisphere skiing in some of the finest powder snow in the world. If you are interested or know of people who might be interested in participating in the AAC Niseko project, please e-mail aacniseko@gmail.com

New Committee

The Annual General Meeting of AAC Falls Creek will be held on Tuesday 10 May at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. The 2005 Committee for AAC Falls Creek will be elected at this meeting, if you would like to become more involved and are interested in being part of the Committee this is your opportunity. AAC Dinner Plain and Anton (Mt Hotham) clubs will also be meeting at the same time in separate rooms at the same venue. Following the three Annual General Meetings there will be a presentation on the AAC Niseko project to the combined clubs, plus drinks and savouries.

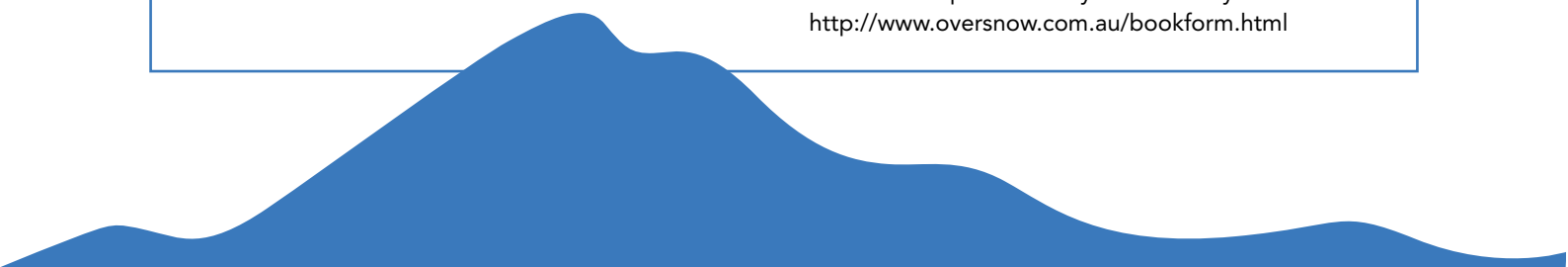
Season car parking passes

If you plan to stay for more than seven days in 2005, a season car parking pass makes sense. Not only is it cheaper, it also means you don't have to queue at the entry gate and paying well before you arrive certainly seems to take some of the financial pain away.

Details at the Falls Creek Resort Management website at: <http://www.fallscreek.com.au/winter/entry.asp>

Oversnow discounts

The Falls Creek Oversnow is also offering discounts for 'early bird' bookings. If you have planned and booked your stay at Falls Creek and require oversnow transport, this might also make financial sense. They are also offering a 5% discount for travel between 10 am and 2 pm on Fridays and Sundays. Details at: <http://www.oversnow.com.au/bookform.html>



race weekend august 5-6th

Please phone John Cameron for further information and Alan Long for bookings.

welcome

AAC Falls Creek warmly welcomes Cathy Brice, Lois Haywood, Sue Marshman, Campbell Miller, Ruth Owen and Anthony Sasse. Welcome to the Club.

AAC in Japan Sound great? You bet!

Well if all goes to plan, and you let us know you are interested; we are looking at having an AAC project in Niseko Japan. But we need feedback. This is real folks.

We have a great opportunity to expand portfolio, but we need to know if you or people who are not currently AAC members are interested. Register interest by e-mail to: aacniseko@gmail.com

There is also a presentation planned on the proposed AAC Niseko project after the combined AGMs on Tuesday 10th May at Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

about the club

The New Bathrooms are completed. Inside you can test out the new toilet, soap up in the shower, see through the clean new shower screen, wash off the snow tan in the new vanity, walk on the new floor covering and look so glamorous under the new lights. That's right; the long-awaited Bathrooms have all been renovated and they look great. So when you make your booking this year; go on ... give the new shower a go.

Enjoy.

work bee weekend

April 29-30th

So people; get your tools out, put ya boots on, and pack ya bags for a great workin & party weekend. Those who do the work, get the reward. A free accommodation voucher in return for your help at the bee.

All meals on saturday & breakfast & lunch on sunday are provided.

Bookings are filling quickly so PLEASE contact me on (03) 9328 4491 if you would like to attend.

Members who...

introduce new members to the Club will receive a one week accommodation voucher ...

Newsletter Contributions

If you've got stuff you want to say, good snow stories or just great goss, we'd love to hear it.

So please email us at: julie@maxwell.com.au

annual general meeting

Tuesday 10th May

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Come along ... you can even have a biscuit.

Hope to see you there.



fun page

What to do when there is just too much snow.

These lads certainly knew how to entertain themselves and others in the lodge.



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If you would like to receive a full colour copy of the newsletter via email please email Julie at:

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have your say

To better improve your stay, committee members need your feedback about the Lodge, facilities, management, survey and total snow experience.

So the next time you stay at AAC Falls Creek, please take the time to complete the survey, (placed on bed in each room on exit day) and feel free to add any good/constructive comments. Surveys will be collected from the room on changeover or may be placed in the box under the mirror at front landing.

We thank you for your input.