

SKI TRACKS

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Water Restrictions & Board Nominations Mar 04

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The members of the Elouera Ski Club Ltd Board are all **VOLUNTEERS**. They give their time freely and for nil recompense. They do not volunteer to fill out forms with **YOUR** name, address, date of booking etc on 2nd, 3rd and in one case, 4th sheets of bookings. Nor should the Board members have to hunt through a list of members to find **YOUR** membership number or **YOUR** postcode. Nor should they have to do the simple arithmetic that is needed to add the cost of **YOUR** accommodation to the cost of **YOUR** foodstore deposit and then add **YOUR** booking fee. The **50cents** on the end of some prices is there because the total is then easily divisible by 11 and that gives the treasurer a full number of cents in the GST payable column. It is not there to be ignored nor deleted.

Eleven (count them 11) priority booking forms which were not marked "priority booking" and were therefore opened in case they were for an Autumnal jaunt to the lodge, were returned to those making the booking as being not '**complete in every detail**'. I took pity, however and photocopied them and actioned the photocopy which was then held pending the arrival of the original(s). Those which were marked 'priority booking' could only be opened at the meeting. The other Board members prevented me from sending back about 75% for not having included the booking fee (and/or for at least one of the above discrepancies). As we checked the booking and found the fee missing, we simply deducted one credit point for the booking fee.

This will not happen in future and the forms will be returned

There are over **FIVE HUNDRED** member numbers – BE FAIR! I am writing this on the Thursday after the priority booking night and I'm still stewing about the large number of incomplete / incorrect forms. [A member has pointed out that I may not have been sufficiently clear in the way in which the \$2.20 Booking Fee would be introduced and the timing thereof. I was at fault in not pointing out that the date of 2 Mar was the date on which Priority bookings would be opened & therefore no matter when a booking for Winter 2004 was sent, it would be regarded as being received and actioned on 2 Mar. Also the Booking Fee was not included in the sentence which stated that the accommodation cost and the foodstore deposit had to accompany the booking. I accept that criticism]. As the Booking Fee is now established as one of the fees, we should not have such a rash of errors in future.

Surely, it is not too much to ask that **all** details like post codes, people's given names, ages of children for whom the child rate is claimed etc is filled in correctly and completely. As you may gather – "**Not happy, Jan**".

If YOU did something amiss, it will be circled on your form & you'll know when you get your yellow copy back (except for those who have decided that I don't need that copy and did not return it).

The Booking Form is in four different colours for very good reasons. Each copy has a different purpose. Viz: the **WHITE** copy shows the first week on which the booking starts. The **BLUE** accompanies the money to the Treasurer as a 'failsafe' way of showing each of us that the correct tariff has been paid by the guest and has been passed for banking. The **GREEN** is used for those staying two weeks in lieu of a white copy to show that a guest is booked into the lodge in that week. The **YELLOW** copy is returned to the member, or other guest, along with a room allocation sheet showing just which room is allotted to which guest. If the yellow sheet is gone then I know that I must have sent out the room allocation – bit hard when some of you have decided to detach the yellow sheet before sending the booking application to me. To say that I am becoming fed up with the way in which some members (and regular non-member guests as well) are treating their responsibility is an understatement.

Please, look after your board members as they really do have the best interests of the club, and therefore of you, at heart – and they work hard on your behalf!

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Limited vacancies exist during the 2004 season. No week was *completely* filled on priority booking night but at least one group (being too large a group to fit on their first choice week) was moved to their second option.

Water restrictions @ Charlotte Pass.

It is now 23 Mar and there is a real crisis in Charlotte Pass. The dam has a leak !!! *and* there is/was a leak from the main supply pipe serving our Lodge. The leak (adjacent to the fire hydrant which serves Southern Alps Lodge, Spencers Creek Lodge and Pygmy Possum Lodge) has been fixed today so there is **no, nil, zip, zilch** water for 24 hours. The Dam is being repaired as well and then CPV will tank in some water so that guests in the village over Easter will have some. If it doesn't rain soon there could well be restrictions. Water usage is one more area in which we must exercise restraint and

GO SLOW ON THE H₂O.

Election of Directors and Notices of Motion.

Nominations for positions on the Board are now open should be forwarded to the Secretary at 4 Leumeah Pl West Pennant Hills 2125 by close of business on Monday 17 May 04. Items for Notices of Motion should also be forwarded to the same address by the same date. Nominations need not be on the attached form but they **must** be signed by the person being nominated and moved and seconded by two different members (not by one member with more than one membership).

STOP PRESS!!!!

Closure of Pygmy Possum Lodge (temporarily)

Because of the leaks / lack of water the lodge is **Closed** and will remain so for the foreseeable future. As discussed with the party leaders, those booked in for Easter should plan on attending the Lodge but they may well be rung just prior to Easter to tell them that their trip is **off**. Some thought has been given to alternative water supplies and I have no idea what will happen in that regard. If there are no **SIGNIFICANT** falls of rain before the end of June, the lodge (along with the rest of Charlotte Pass) may not open for the winter season.

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