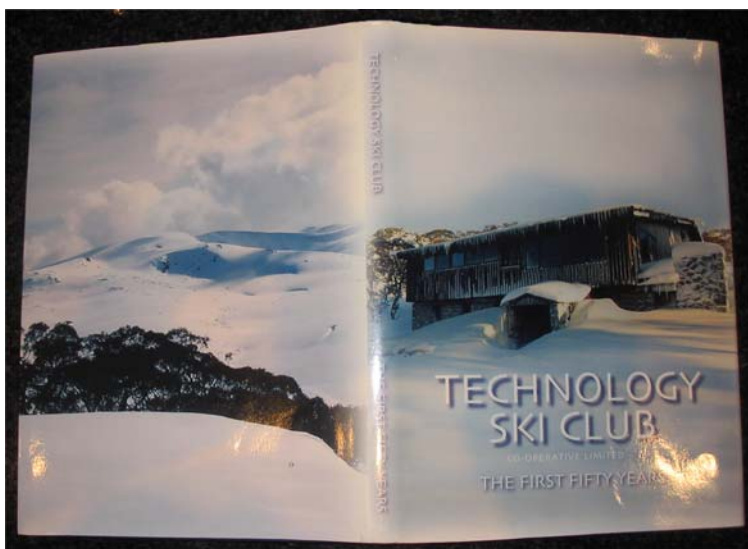
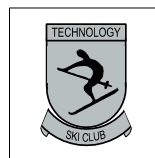


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The Technology Ski Club—The First Fifty Years book—The first copies have arrived.

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**Next Members Meeting will be
Friday 1st June 8:15pm
North Sydney Leagues Club
Featuring a Talk by Michael Scollay.**

Michael Scollay is a 'regular' presenter to Technology with his annual informative and interesting predictions of the weather for the forthcoming Winter ski season. Come along and hear Michael with what's in store for 2007.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

With the ski season fast approaching, the final touches are taking place to have the lodge ready for the influx of this year's members and visitors.

The most significant change you will notice this year is that the main staircase has been tiled. The carpet which previously covered the stairs was in need of replacement, so it was decided that tiling the stairs would be a more practical, longer term solution. An excellent job has been done on the tiling and the entire stairwell area benefits from the new look.

Also, in an attempt to address the issue of cooking smells making their way into the lounge area and to reduce the frequency of the painting requirement, a glass panel has been mounted above the kitchen cupboards between the wood box and the entrance door to the lounge room. This should reduce the amount of cooking smells which drift into the lounge area significantly. The other major job has been the continuation of the rebuilding of the buttresses along the Southern side of the lodge. This has been on-going work over the last couple of years

and was necessary to maintain the sandstone buttresses in good condition and to keep moisture out of the lodge.

As well as these three major jobs, the work parties have been busy over the summer months with all the other maintenance, repairs and cleaning issues. The work carried out by the work parties, whether it is repairs, painting, carting firewood or the never ending cleaning and scrubbing help keep your lodge in the excellent condition that it is.



Ray Knibb cleans the newly tiled stairs of the main foyer.

I am sure you will join me in both thanking and congratulating the participants of all the work parties for their efforts. I make special reference to Ross Swan and Mal Thomsen for their efforts in planning, organising and executing the work parties. They both give generously of their time in travelling to the lodge many times outside the season to organize for quotes, tradesmen and the transportation of items needed for lodge maintenance.

With everything at the ready, all we need now is some snow – so let's all keep our fingers crossed that between the El Nino weather pattern turning into a La Nina and the Cloud Seeding project, we get some good falls this year. You can learn more about what the predictions are for this year weather wise by attending this month's Club Meeting on Friday 1st June at North Sydney Leagues Club and hearing Michael Scollay make his predictions.

Regards
Mal Higgs

FROM THE BOOKING MANAGER

Bookings are moving along nicely for the season with a steady flow coming in to fill the holes. Keep checking the availability sheets because, there are always cancellations coming in - some filling almost as soon as they are available! We have billed nearly 1900 bed nights for the season so far.



If any of you have friends with children that race in the Interschools, we have a group coming in for the weekend of the 16th June to do some training. There are still a number of beds free this weekend. There are also lots of beds free in the first week of the private school holidays.

If you are looking for bookings (or know people who are after accommodation) during the busier periods in July and August, we still have a very good arrangement with Oldina Ski Club. Direct all enquiries through me, as Technology does get a percentage of the booking if we initiate it. Their lodge provides two cooked meals a day and also provides linen. It is a little less convenient than Tech, but still an easy stroll or ski to the lifts, and

they run a skidoo to take skis etc back to the lodge from the base of the quad each afternoon. A number of people have been taking advantage of the autumn weather and booking a weekend in Perisher. I still have vacancies for most weekends up until the June Long Weekend, so be in touch if you want to get down before the snow falls. The booking phone number is 9405 6260 or email me on bookings@technologyskiclub.com. I do not check this email daily, so be patient! If you need an urgent answer leave me a message on the phone.

Week Commencing	Available Twin Rooms	Available Quad Beds
12/6/07	10	8
16/6/07	10	8
23/6/07	8	8
30/6/07	2	2 male
7/7/07	1 male bed	0
14/7/07	1	2 male
21/7/07	0	2 male 2 female
28/7/07	1 male bed	2 male 1 female
4/8/07	0	1 male bed
11/8/07	0	1 male bed
18/8/07	1 female bed	0
25/8/07	0	4
1/9/07	1 Room & 1 male bed & 1 female bed	0
8/9/07	3	4
15/9/07	10	8
22/9/07	10	8

Paula Gidley—Booking Manager

PERISHER LIFT PRICES - 2007

Every year, ahead of the ski season we anxiously await the snow, but not so anxiously await the inevitable lift prices. For 2007, Perisher-Blue have released their prices as below:

Season Passes

Season Passes Season Passes with Skitube include NPWS entry fees from Bullocks Flat.	Adult 15yrs/over	Student To yr 12	Child Under 6 yrs	Senior 65 yrs	Senior 70 yrs
Early Bird Season Pass*	1039	571	-	-	-
Early Bird Season Pass* - including Skitube	1249	687	-	-	-
Season Pass - Mountain Only	1139	626	29	570	115
Season Pass - including Skitube	1349	742	29	675	220
Skitube Only	210	116	-	-	-

Mountain Pass Prices

Early Season Mountain Pass Prices Valid from opening to 22 June.			Including return Skitube ex Bullocks Flat Prices include NPWS fees	
	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr
AM Mountain Pass* (til 1.00pm)	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*
Noon start Mountain Pass (From noon to close)	76	42	100	54
1 Day Mountain Pass	95	52	119	64
2 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	133	73	180	96
3 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	190	102	261	137
5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	293	169	390	218
5.5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass - Available Sunday PM only	293	169	390	218
6 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass - NEW for 2007	344	199	461	258
Night Skiing & Boarding (Tues/Sat 6.30 to 9.30pm - conditions permitting)	23	13	47	25

Standard Mountain Pass Prices Child 5 and under are free of charge (Mountain Pass Only) Prices for Child 5 and under are only available on presentation of a Birth Certificate.			Including return Skitube ex Bullocks Flat Prices include NPWS fees	
	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr	Adult 15yr/Over	Child 6 to 14yr
Regular Prices - 23 June to 9th September. (After 9th September see Spring Passes for 3 and 5 day packages)				
AM Mountain Pass* (til 1.00pm)	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*	13 refund off 1 Day*	7 refund off 1 Day*
Noon Start Mountain Pass (from Noon to Close)	76	42	100	54
1 Day Mountain Pass	95	52	119	64
2 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	190	104	237	127
3 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	271	145	342	180
5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass	418	241	515	290
5.5 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass - Available Sunday PM only	418	241	515	290
6 Day Consecutive Mountain Pass - NEW for 2007	492	284	609	343
Night Skiing & Boarding (Tues/Sat 6.30 to 9.30pm - conditions permitting)	23	13	47	25

For additional information relating to other packages (eg lift and lessons, lessons etc.), refer to the following web link:

http://www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/prices/mt_pass.html#season

The Rush is On

The rush to complete Australia's highest dunny is on!!

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is working feverishly to complete stage one of works to construct Australia's highest toilet before the arrival of snow.

The attached media release and photos below illustrate some of the efficient ways our Government manage to spend our hard-earned taxes and Park entry fees. The decision to construct the toilet was based on the fact that the Main Range in Kosciuszko National Park is now receiving more than 100,000 walkers outside of winter creating a serious human waste management issue that could not go unresolved.

In recent years the NPWS has provided portable toilets at Rawson's Pass just below the summit of Mt Kosciuszko but NPWS Acting Alpine Area Manager, Arthur Willis, said that this really was "unsightly and inappropriate at such an iconic site."

"Human waste on the Main Range has become a major management issue in recent times and after much discussion and debate both internally and with the broader community we felt that the most sensible solution was to construct a toilet at Rawson's Pass," Mr Willis said.

"With that decision came other issues such as deciding just how to build Australia's highest loo. This is, after all more than 2,100 metres above sea level and subject to all manner of weather at all times of the year. We knew from the outset we would not complete the work within a single season but so far we are moving according to schedule."

"By the arrival of the first snow we hope to have completed the construction of the toilet structure including the bulk of the internal fit out. Importantly we will have covered the toilet building in earth as this is a toilet that is being built into the side of the mountain. This means that the soil we lay over the top now will have time to settle and be ready for further planting of grass tussocks, tube stock and seed in the coming spring and summer months."

"When we return after the snow has receded we will complete the internal fit out and replant the area and complete the stonework on the outside of the structure. I anticipate the toilets will be open for business by mid December. The public may also be unaware that we have taken the opportunity to fill in and repair the old car park at Rawson's Pass which was originally constructed decades ago to cater for the ever increasing numbers of tourist vehicles which would make their way to Mt Kosciuszko on a road built almost a hundred years ago."

(Extracted from the NPWS—Resort News)



Restoration and toilet works this summer at Rawsons Pass.



Rawsons Pass and the Mt Kosciuszko summit as it was (from the air) in the 1970s

TIDINGS AND THE TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE

Over the last few years there has been a gradual trend for Members and Associates to receive their monthly Technology Tidings electronically rather than by post. The option of having Tidings sent by post is still available and the traditional 'yellow' newsletter still arrives to many members, but the number is decreasing. The electronic version via email also has advantages, for example:

- ◆ Full colour in pictures and images
- ◆ Easy storage and perpetual access with no quality degradation
- ◆ Significantly reduced cost to the Club
- ◆ Hardcopy by printing if desired.

While 158 members and associates currently receive Tidings by email, there is another source for the newsletter that many would not know about. Since 2000, the Technology website has had direct links to all produced newsletters. To access these links, from a standard Internet Browser (when online), go to the Technology Ski Club website address at:

<http://www.technologyskiclub.com/>



From the button called **Newsletters** on the Home Page, you will be taken to the Tidings web page as shown here.

The current year's monthly Tidings's links are provided but if you scroll down to the bottom of the page, there are links to the links that take you to the various year's Tidings.

Note that to view Tidings electronically, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat or the Acrobat Reader installed. This is free and is available from the Get Acrobat Reader button.

THOUGHT OF RACING?

Have you ever wanted to have a go at racing? Maybe you just want to tighten up the technique to improve your free-skiing, or you like the thought of controlled speed. Race training provides you with an instant set of friends to ski with and lift priority. It provides a safe environment to let your skis run, feel the G-forces and learn quick recovery techniques. In fact, it can be safer than free skiing because the course is fenced off, thus providing you with a free run without the impediment of avoiding others in front of you. Blue Cow and Perisher both provide race training at all levels. Go to www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/wsc or www.thredbo.com.au/thingstodo/winter/activities.

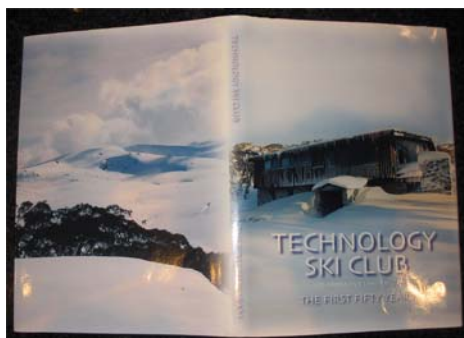
There are different programs for children and adults. There are Masters Race programs (for those over 30 years old) which provide weekend and week programs. When you've done a little training, you might like to enter a race. There are plenty of races throughout the season for both alpine and X-country. If you're a Master, there are Giant Slaloms at the end of nearly every week. Prizes are awarded according to categories of gender and 5-year age groups. Technology's authority on this is Keri Bleicher. You may be racing against ex-Olympians. Then in early August (4-5th), Blue Cow provides Masters races of Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super Giant Slalom.

If you're at school, the Interschool competitions are a good way to start racing. There are also interclub races which are a lot of fun. The Perisher Cup inter-club race is the most well known for Technology members and its always a lot of fun and is held during the long weekend in October each year. The Balmain Cup held in Guthega for which the four fastest times out of six count. The Balmain Cup races are quite difficult and there is Slalom, Giant Slalom, Snowboard and Cross-country. Different people can race the different disciplines but there is also a prize for the fastest individual who goes in all four. Balmain Cup (1 September) ends in a presentation dinner. Next year, it will be the 75th anniversary of the Balmain Cup and the organisers are looking for former racers to make it a big night.

You may not have tried cross-country ski racing before but if you are aerobically fit in another sport, you might like to have a go at some of the short courses around the trails at Perisher. One of the main sources of information for these races is at the Nordic Centre or from Perisher-Blue.

So if you've ever had an inkling to try racing, there are plenty of opportunities to have some training and enjoy the events. For further information, contact the Technology Race Convenor, Robert Dominis.

TECHNOLOGY 50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK



Over 200 pages containing more than 250 photographs, stories, maps and information about the first 50 years of Technology Ski Club and skiing in Australia. A complete history of the design, construction of the original Technology Ski Lodge with anecdotes and many amusing stories. The building, negotiations and opening of the second Technology Lodge is also detailed along with the social and cultural contributions from Members, families and friends of the Club.

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Thanks
Andrew Dunn
Treasurer

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Following on from Keri's talk on skier fitness, a group of physiotherapists run a **Get Fit To Ski** exercise program. It is held this year at Drummoyne. Classes are Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks, at 7.15 pm.

Lots of lunges, quads work, agility and stretches.

The contact is Jenny Fergusson 9712-1071 or ajferg1@bigpond.com.au.

We usually have 4 or 5 Technology members -- it's a lot of fun.

Compare Resort Stats

Resort	Beginner Terrain	Intermediate Terrain	Advanced Terrain	Highest Elevation	Base Elevation	Downhill Skiable Area	Downhill Longest Run	Downhill Capacity	Freestyle Park	Halfpipe	Snowtube Park	Toboggan Area	XC Trails	Village Height	On-Mtn Car Spaces	No. of Beds	Nearest Town	Distance from Town
New South Wales																		
Charlotte Pass	40%	50%	10%	1954m	1760m	50ha	500m	2000	No	No	No	No	Unlimited	1760m	0	607	Jindabyne	40km
Perisher Blue	22%	60%	18%	2034m	1605m	1245ha	3km	5303	Yes	Yes	No	No	104km	1680m	6980	3114	Jindabyne	30km
Selwyn Snowfields	40%	48%	12%	1614m	1492m	45ha	1.5km	9500	No	No	Yes	Yes	45km	-	800	0	Adaminaby	45km
Thredbo	16%	67%	17%	2037m	1365m	480ha	5.9km	17841	Yes	Yes	No	No	6km	1365m	2200	4200	Jindabyne	30km
Victoria																		
Mt Baw Baw	40%	50%	10%	1560m	1450m	35ha	680m	6000	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	8km	1450m	850	700	Noojee	50km
Mt Buffalo	50%	40%	10%	1695m	1490m	3.5ha	480m	2000	No	No	No	Yes	15km	1490m	200	400	Bright	31km
Mt Buller	25%	45%	30%	1790m	1390m	180ha	2.5km	40000	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9km	1600m	2000	7000	Mansfield	47km
Dinner Plain	100%	0%	0%	1520m	1490m	1ha	150m	300	No	No	No	Yes	15km	1520m	na	na	Omeo	43km
Falls Creek	17%	60%	23%	1780m	1600m	450ha	3km	25000	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20km	1650m	2000	4200	Mt Beauty	30km
Hotham	20%	40%	40%	1850m	1450m	245ha	2.5km	25000	No	Yes	No	Yes	35km	1750m	1500	3500	Harrietville	34km
Lake Mountain	38%	34%	28%	1530m	1440m	2400ha	-	0	No	No	No	Yes	37km	1440m	2000	0	Marysville	20km
St Gwinear	-	-	-	1509m	-	-	-	0	No	No	No	Yes	10km	-	Yes	0	Rawson	30km
Mt Stirling	20%	60%	20%	1747m	1340m	-	-	0	No	No	No	Yes	75km	-	Yes	0	Mansfield	32km
Tasmania																		
Ben Lomond	37%	53%	10%	1570m	1460m	14.2ha	800m	4300	No	No	No	Yes	6km	1450m	350	400	Launceston	65km
Mt Mawson	30%	50%	20%	1300m	1250m	-	-	-	No	No	No	Yes	Unmarked	1250m	Yes	-	Hobart	90km

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