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PATSCHWORK February 2015

To date it has been a typical early summer, very hot before Christmas, then there is a change and just while folks are on their holidays we have 10 days of cool and rainy conditions. I always feel for those who go camping for their annual holidays. January can be very ordinary. At home we have had two cosy fires and it's January 19! Never fear though, children go back to school in early February and then watch the mercury rise.

This is just a brief note to let you know a couple of housekeeping matters.

BOOKINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

As you know Bookings and Subscriptions go hand in hand. No subscriptions, no bookings. You will have recently received your subscription electronically with just a few members needing the paper version. We ask that subscriptions be paid promptly please, as we are late getting them out this year due to works on our website and our booking system. The introduction of which will be delayed until further testing has been completed.

All bookings for the 2015 season will revert back to our previous method by contacting our Booking Agent, Alan and Ken Long. The details are contained in the Booking Sheet for 2015.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but can assure you that we seek to implement a seamless and simple online system and whilst the new system is very impressive, we have identified some glitches which do not adhere to our brief and as such we have advised our consultants that we are suspending the service to allow them time to address the issues and for the system to be re-tested before we re-commission.

We apologise for any confusion this may cause you, however by reinstating our old system, you will be able to attend to your booking needs with a high degree of comfort and understanding thus ensuring the integrity of your booking for 2015.

Consult the website for important information relating to the Club's calendar of events for 2015 - Race Weekend, School Holiday & Kids Week dates, reciprocal Lodges available to Patsch members. This information is contained in the Booking Sheet.

LODGE MANAGERS FOR 2015

This year we will once again enjoy the excellent services of Kim & Ed as our Lodge Managers. We are so very lucky to have them both for another year. They are so efficient and welcoming they turn our Lodge into your home away from home. They will take up their position in late May / early June of this year. Please welcome them back.

WEBSITE

The website has now been cleaned up and will be our major form of communication from now on. Yes, I intend to throw away the quill pen and ensure my electronic skills are brought to the fore! Well that's not quite true because behind the scene Simon Kanat, Boo Soust and Arash have been mighty busy getting our electronic wizardry up and going and looking crisp and fresh!

The Club's events and news will all be published on our website on a regular basis, so stay tuned.

RACE WEEK

This year's race week is scheduled for 1st August and just like last year, fine sunny weather with fresh snow is on the agenda – not to mention 2 bottles of pear and apple schnaps! Gee they were nice and didn't they warm you up. Some of our members came back for seconds and thirds. Of course their second timed runs didn't match the enthusiasm, but that's what it's all about ... fun.

This year's Cocktail Party will no doubt be aiming to beat last years which was outstanding. Emma and Boo who organised the Race last year have provided the results so you can re-live your glory.

4WD PASSES

As a member if you would like to make an application for either 4WD Tip Corner Pass or a Village Pass, get your application into the Committee by 16th February. Access passes are keenly sought after, so you must make a request through the Committee by the due date. The Committee will advise you in writing if you have or have not been successful.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee has reviewed the process for new membership applications by parties who have been proposed and seconded by an existing member. We will be seeking greater input from both the proposer and the seconder. Applications will be published on the website under Membership and you will need your password to gain access to view the proposed applications. The Committee will put up a detailed explanation of the new amendments shortly.

Don't forget, if you have any queries in relation to membership, please feel free to contact either Michael Monester or Emma Poynton by email and I am sure they will be only too happy to help you out.

LODGE MAINTENANCE

It was our intention to commence boiler replacement works prior to the 2015 season. Regretfully the difficulty of sourcing acceptable tenders has meant that this major undertaking has been put back 12 months. We will ensure that the existing boilers are well serviced to safeguard that we get another year out of them. Otherwise this year has been a quiet year for major works and really only the odd repair and repaint has been required. This does help our bottom line which I have to say is looking good from a financial position.

Enjoy your Club.

Regards

Damian Moloney
Chairman
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