



We're turning Japanese again!
Get the low down on the 2008 club tour to Niseko.
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What happens when you get 600 airline staff from around the globe together in one of Germany's most famous ski resorts to celebrate & race? See page 8 for more details...



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QANTAS SKI CLUB

ski+snowboard news

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SKI CLUB MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend and to be involved in these meetings

VENUE: St George Rowing Club Levey Street, Arncliffe, N.S.W.

TIME: 5:30 p.m. The first Tuesday of each month. Refer to calendar for meeting dates

SKI CLUB E-MAIL

For details on club news, events and membership, please e-mail through our website or email skiclub@qantas.com.au. A committee member will reply to your enquiry as soon as possible. Please use this facility rather than contacting committee members during business hours.

SKI CLUB WEBSITES

For the latest in club news and events or for e-mail contact:

Qantas Ski Club: www.qantasskiclub.org.au

I.A.S.F.: www.ski-iasf.com

N.A.A.S.F.: www.naasf.com

Air New Zealand Ski & Snowboard Club: www.airnz-skiclub.org/

Viva La Chile!

Sunny skies, gourmet food and breathtaking scenery was the order of the day in Chile. After a dramatic bus ride up into the Andes, our first week in Portillo was spectacular. There was plenty of terrain to choose from and something for everyone. Legends were born, condors flew overhead and the beer was good... and that was just the beginning!

Part Two of the trip found us in Valle Nevado with more than 23,000 acres of skiable terrain and the biggest ski centre in the southern hemisphere. Once again we found ourselves presented with amazing food, friendly, proud people and even a little bit of fresh snow just to top it off. Read on for the highlights...



SIAN, LEIGH, TANI, MATT, ROBYN AND GILLIAN ON A TYPICAL SUNNY DAY AT PORTILLO

Three restaurant meals a day and I'm still hungry! Craig

A month earlier would've been perfect. Don

Great skiing, fantastic food and perfect company! Diane

Thought I was going to have a heart attack just walking up a flight of stairs and that was before I even went skiing! Tani

Five person slingshot was an experience to be had! Sian

The Legend of El Tardo, La Posada and the staff. Brilliant! Tarde

Awesome terrain...with a foot of fresh would be out of this world. Mark

Great skiing, will definitely be back. The food was great too! Leigh

The Hotel Portillo made the skiing trip a great holiday as well. The mountain pass into Portillo 750m vertical rise straight up with 20+ hairpin bends – not for the faint hearted! Robyn

Did my fastest 100m down a ski run. Wish it wasn't on my bum! Keith

I beat Keith's 100m downhill time but I did it on my face!! Great resorts. Would love to come back

especially to Valle Nevado. So much terrain to be explored! Matt

Hot water yeah! Hate the kids. Love the mountains. Food's been great. Would come back!

Loved the locals! They made you feel really welcome.

How good was that!!! Valle Nevado's the shit!!

Time to ski, time to eat, time for a massage, time for a sauna, lastly (but not leastly) TIME FOR A CERVEZA! Must be Valle Nevado!

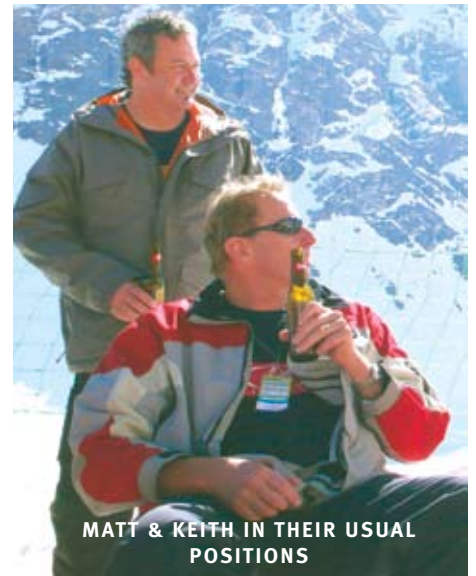
Some deadly runs on hard packed (ie. icy!) snow. Even better if lift ticket could encompass the other two resorts at Valle Nevado as both reachable on skies. Hotel not quite as organised as Portillo.

I love this country! It's the only place I've been where the people are all shorter than me! Neil

Santiago was full of gorgeous stray dogs but Matt wouldn't let me bring any home. Tani

Salsa dancing with the locals at La Posada. I think the cook fancied Kerri!

Standing on the quietest corner of the earth (Robyn will know what I mean).



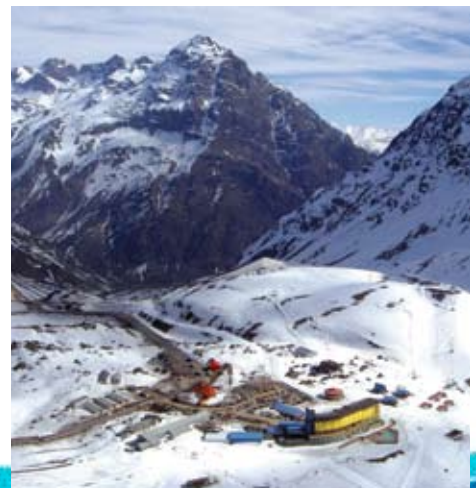
MATT & KEITH IN THEIR USUAL POSITIONS



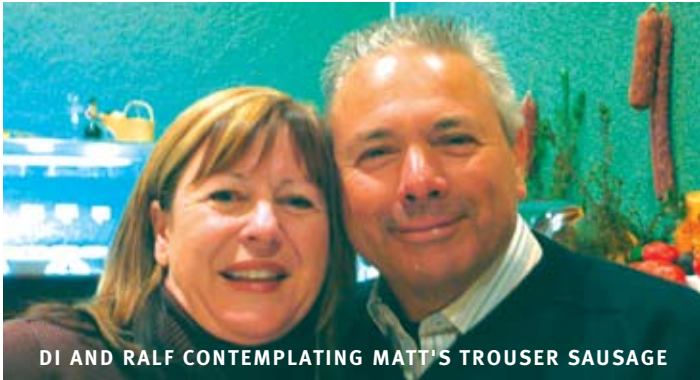
DON SNEAKS OFF TO WIN A PRIZE



PETE, ROBYN, SIAN, DI AND RALF RUBBING THEIR BELLIES



PORTILLO



DI AND RALF CONTEMPLATING MATT'S TROUSER SAUSAGE



VALLE NEVADO SUNSET



DON'S UP TO SOMETHING...AGAIN



LUCKY I ONLY GOT THE ENTREE SIZE

The Legend of El Tardo

On the Ski Club's first trip to Chile a legend is born. It begins when Tarde make his trip across the Pacific to Portillo, Chile and transforms into El Tardo...

We go to the local hang out in Portillo, La Porsada where in no time El Tardo has befriended the locals and has his eye on a little senorita. Not all the locals are impressed though, as the senorita has a boyfriend (Diablo No: 7) who is not taken with El Tardo. Diablo No: 7 then becomes the nemesis of El Tardo. We offer to marry El Tardo off for the dowry of three sheep and a goat (still waiting to hear about the goat).

The next day on The Condor slingshot, El Tardo and his nemesis meet again. Dirty looks are exchanged, as Diablo No: 7 is still not impressed by El Tardo.

Back to La Porsada and the legend seems to be getting larger. El Tardo has a Banos (toilet) stop and meets a crusty old Chilean Ski Patroller, whom he chats to for 15mins (in the banos mind). The patroller speaks no English and El Tardo no Espanol. El Tardo says 'si' to everything the patrollers says, and before you know it the patroller has lined El Tardo up with his donkey for a private show.

El Tardo gained even more fans as the trip went on by mesmerising the locals with his football prowess.

From the start of the trip we wondered where El Tardo's power and acceptance from the locals came from. In the end we found out it was because of his 'tres teste'.

(Legend translated from Spanish and retold by Leigh after a few cevercas)



EL TARDO MEETS THE (OTHER) DEVIL



EL TARDO WITH DIABLO #7 AND SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS



WOT?



LEIGH TRYING TO HIDE FROM THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY



THE OTHER SIDE OF VALLE NEVADO



DINING IN THE LEATHER PANELLED ROOM AT PORTILLO



NOT ANOTHER BORING DESERT!



LAKE INCA AT PORTILLA



**BRAVING THE DREADED
SLINGSHOT**



THE BEER OF CHOICE



CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AT VALLE NEVADO



AFTERNOON TEA



**THE REAL REASON BEHIND OUR FAVOURITE WAITER'S
MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE**

SO MUCH TERRAIN AT VALLE NEVADO AND THIS IS ONLY THE FRONT VIEW!



Qantas Ski Club Tour 2008

Niseko – Japan 18 February to 29 February 2008

Here we go skiers & snowboarders! We're heading back to the legendary powder of Niseko in Japan.

Demand is expected to be high for this trip so get in early. Numbers are strictly limited to 40!



The 2008 trip has been planned around giving members the opportunity to experience some of the sights and culture of Japan. We've chosen a Monday to start the tour giving you the chance to spend the weekend in Tokyo on route to Sapporo. The first night in Sapporo will include the unique experience of a Mongolian all you can eat BBQ at the Sapporo Bier Garten, a historic Japanese brewery with all you can eat and drink (beer and soft drink) in two hours. Believe me, that's long enough!! This year, due to the incredible amount of interest and investment in Niseko, we have secured western style, near new, fully self contained apartments right outside the door of the gondola. Once you are confirmed on the tour, you will be provided with a 'travel tips' pack including information on some things to see and do in Japan, locations of ski and snowboard shops where you can pick-up some terrific sale items, and detailed instructions on how to get where you need to be.

TOUR PACKAGE: AUD \$1,950

Includes first night accommodation in Sapporo, coach transfer to Niseko, 10 nights accommodation in self contained apartments, 8 from 10 day all-mountain lift pass at Niseko, 2 day trips by coach to and from alternate resorts (including Rusutsu) plus lift pass, and return transfer to New Chitose Airport. **PLUS MORE!**

ACCOMMODATION:

Near new, fully self-contained apartments at the base of the Gondola

ELIGIBILITY:

You must be a member of the QANTAS Ski Club.

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS:

Must be on the official QANTAS Ski Club booking form. One person per form which must be accompanied by your Deposit or Full Payment. All package costs are in Australian dollars. If booking is made with a deposit the final balance of payment must be made no later than 19 January 2008. A waitlist will be held when the week has been fully booked, with late bookings being subject to availability. Note: A booking will only be accepted providing a deposit is received and you meet the eligibility requirement.

TRANSPORT:

Transport to and from Japan will be by your own arrangement. (Airfares are available with package, on Qantas, Through Qantas Retail Centres. Strictly NO changes permitted to issued ticket. Conditions apply. Please note on your application if details are required). Coach transfers from Sapporo City to Niseko, then back to New Chitose Airport, are included in the package.

CANCELLATIONS

The refund of moneys will be given only if the package can be sold to another person. A waitlist will be held when the week has been **fully booked**.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL...

Steve Barrett 08 9225 8240 (ext 78240)
or John Mills 0410 132-101

Ski Club E-mail skiclub@qantas.com.au

booking form

QANTAS SKI CLUB TOUR 2008

Niseko and Rusutsu, Hokkaido, Japan 18th Feb – 29th Feb 2008

Please print all details. One form for each applicant.

First name:

Surname:

I am a member of the QANTAS Ski Club (Please tick ✓)

QANTAS Ski Club Other Airline Airline name _____

I am a: (Please tick ✓)

Skier Snowboarder Male Female

QANTAS staff OCS address: _____

Home address: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the Tour 2008 Package:

Total Cost AUD\$1950 (Deposit AUD \$450)

Less deposit paid AUD\$ _____

Balance owed AUD\$ _____

to be paid by 19th January 2008

Do you have a preference with whom you wish to share?

1 Share _____

2 Share _____

3 Share _____

4 Share _____

I Acknowledge:

1. I will attend this ski trip entirely at my own risk;
2. That I am over 18 years of age;
3. Skiing / Snowboarding can be a dangerous sport;
4. That the Club recommends the use of helmets while skiing/boarding;
5. Appropriate insurances are my responsibility;
6. The QANTAS Ski Club is exempt from any claims arising however caused;
7. Every attempt will be made to meet package itinerary as requested;
8. Changes may be effected without notice or compensation;
9. I am aware of the booking cancellation policy;
10. I will abide by the QANTAS Ski Club Code of Conduct;
11. That personal information about any person on this tour will remain confidential.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Attach deposit/full payment cheque made payable to QANTAS Ski Club Inc. to completed form and forward to:

By post

QANTAS Ski Club Inc.

C/- Stephen Laws

PO BOX 320 MASCOT NSW 1460

By OCS

C/- Stephen Laws

SITX31G

By credit card

Post or fax 02 8221 9620

(Please tick) VISA Mastercard

Card Number _____

Expiry Date: ____/____ Amount: \$_____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Notes:

1. Cheques must be a Bank Cheque or equivalent unless prior arrangement is made with a QANTAS Ski Club Executive Committee Member.
2. A booking will only be accepted providing a deposit is received and you meet the eligibility requirement.



49th World Airlines Ski Championship 2008
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, March 2nd-7th, 2008



Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany's Winter Sports Capital and host of the 2011 FIS Alpine World Championships

What happens when you get 600 airline staff from around the globe together in one of Germany's most famous ski resorts to celebrate & race? One monster skifest & nonstop party to end all parties. Only very limited spaces available, so book early.

Since the 4th Winter Olympic Games in 1936, internationally acclaimed sporting events such as the traditional New Year's Event on the Olympic Ski-Jump and the World Cup downhill ski racing on the legendary 'Kandahar' have already found their place in the community's seasonal calendar.

Now it's our turn...

Proposed Itinerary For Qantas Ski Club Germany Trip 2008

Annual IASF (International Airline Ski Federation) World Airline Ski Championship in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Sunday March 02

- Arrive Munich Airport
- Group Bus to Garmisch-Partenkirchen or make your own way via train
- Check in at Fiakerhof Apartments

Monday through Thursday

- free skiing or races. Itinerary provided on arrival.

Monday March 03

- Parade to opening ceremony, Welcome function at Bayernhalle – Octoberfest Night; food plus drink vouchers included

Wednesday March 05

- Fancy Dress "Wednesday Night Fever" Disco Party, Olympic Ski Jump Arena.
- Fingerfood & drink vouchers included

Thursday March 06

- Cross country races
- Airline Team Fun race
- Farewell Dinner (included), Olympic Ski Jump Arena

Friday March 07

- Check-out Fiakerhof Apartments
- Bus back to Munich Airport or do your own thing



TOUR PACKAGE: \$980 AUD

5 nights central accommodation in downtown Partenkirchen, 4 day lift pass, entry to all IASF parties, daily transport, two dinners. See itinerary following page.

Accommodation:

Fiakerhof, Garmisch-Partenkirchen one hour from Munich, Germany: The QantasSki Club has booked the entire house which is within walking distance to the pedestrian zone and watering holes. For further information go to: www.fiakerhof.de

Please note: beds are traditional German, one frame two mattresses, two sets of bedding. No twin beds. Each apartment has at least one double bed and one double or single sofabed, some in the same room, some in a separate room. Please keep this in mind when requesting your share person.

NB: Whilst the cost has been set at \$980, this may change depending on the value of the Euro. The rising Euro against the Australian dollar may result in a slight increase in the cost of the trip.

QUESTIONS

Contact: Stephen Laws Ph: 96916015
or Ski Club E-mail skiclub@qantas.com.au

ELIGIBILITY:

You must be a member of the QANTAS Ski Club and over 18 years of age.

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS:

Must be on the official QANTAS Ski Club booking form. One person per form and accompanied by your deposit or full payment. All package costs are in Australian dollars. If booking is made with a deposit the final balance of payment must be made no later than 19th January 2006. A waitlist will be held when the week has been fully booked, with late bookings subject to availability.

BOOKINGS:

A booking will only be accepted providing a deposit is received and you meet the eligibility requirement.

TRANSPORT:

Transport to and from Garmisch, Germany will be by your own arrangement.

CANCELLATIONS:

The refund of moneys will be given only if the package can be sold to another person. A waitlist will be held when the week has been fully booked.



booking form

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First name:

Surname:

I am a member of the QANTAS Ski Club (Please tick ✓)

QANTAS Ski Club Other Airline Airline name _____

I am a: (Please tick ✓)

Skier Snowboarder Male Female

QANTAS staff OCS address: _____

Home address: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the GERMAN Tour 2008 Package:

iASF package

Total cost: AUD\$980 (Deposit AUD \$300)

Less deposit paid AUD\$ _____

Balance owed AUD\$ _____

to be paid by 7th February 2008

Airfare details required? Yes No (Please tick ✓)

Do you have a preference with whom you wish to share?

1 Share _____

2 Share _____

3 Share _____

4 Share _____

QANTAS SKI CLUB GERMAN TOUR 2008

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

2008 IASF World Airlines Ski Championships

2 – 7 March 2008

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By credit card

Post or fax 02 8221 9620

(Please tick) VISA Mastercard

Card Number _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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notice to members

Your responsibilities

When attending any QANTAS Ski Club function or event you and any invited guests are responsible for your own personal property. The QANTAS Ski Club will not pay for any members or guests personal item lost, misplaced or stolen.

Code of conduct

The QANTAS Ski Club has a Code of Conduct and expects all members and invited guests to enjoy all functions and events without being offended by others or offending other members, invited guests or members of the general public.

Organisation of events

When an Expression of Interest for a particular event or trip is published and the number interested is less than 15, the Ski Club Committee will not proceed with the arrangements for that event or trip. Members are welcome to attend an event or trip with an expression of interest of less than 15, however they must make their own arrangements. The Ski Club Committee will assist with all available details and information.

Cancellation policy

For all QANTAS Ski Club functions and events deposits and final payments are refundable, less administration cost of 5% of the amount paid, only if the package can be sold to another person. Bookings and monies are transferable at any time.

Ski Club News

The Ski Club News is published to keep you up to date with the latest news and planned events. It is your newsletter and we would welcome your input. If you are a skier, snowboarder or just enjoy the social events have your say. If you have ski gear to sell, know of some great ski holiday packages, have had a memorable experience (on skis or snowboard) or have some good technical info, just sent us an email to skiclub@qantas.com.au

QANTAS SKI CLUB

Calendar of Events – 2007-08

EVENT LOCATION		
8 January 2008 5.30pm	Club Meeting	St George Rowing Club Arncliffe
5 February 2008 5.30pm	Club Meeting	St George Rowing Club Arncliffe, NSW
18-29 February 2008	International Trip	Japan – Niseko
2-7 March 2008	IASF, WASC	Garmisch, Germany
1 April 2008 5.30pm	Club Meeting	St George Rowing Club Arncliffe, NSW
6 May 2008 5.30pm	Club Meeting	St George Rowing Club Arncliffe, NSW
May 2008 7.00pm	AGM	TBA
3 June 2008 5.30pm	Club Meeting	St George Rowing Club Arncliffe, NSW
8 September 2008	IASF Board Meeting	Björkliden, Sweden
8-13 March 2009	IASF, WASC	Björkliden, Sweden

A little bit of history...

If you are interested in the history of the ski fields down south, you may be interested in obtaining a copy of **KIANDRA – Goldfields to Ski Fields** by Norman Clarke.

You can obtain a copy for \$10 by calling Norman on 02 9544 8527 or 0418 828 806, or by email on nbclarke@ozimail.com.au

Norman Clarke was a member of the Kiandra Ski Club for 47 years. 10% of the profits from the sale of this book go to the NSW Ski Association.

We're going green!!

Your Committee has decided to contribute to saving the forests and from 2008 will be phasing out the issuing of hard copy newsletters. Therefore it is important for all club members to provide an email address. For those of you currently receiving your newsletters by email, please ensure that you advise the Ski Club if your details change.

Advice should be forwarded to the Ski Club at the following address: skiclub@qantas.com.au