



This letter serves a three fold purpose:-  
to keep members informed of our general activities, to close  
the southern winter and open the northern.

At the time of writing we have in excess of 100  
names on our books, 74 being financial. As a result of a  
recent questionnaire returns of new members are still arriving  
quite regularly. It would seem the potential is unlimited as  
several new members came from a recent cabin crew intake  
course.

#### Australian Season.

October saw the close of one of our best seasons  
ever. The Club assisted many members (both financial and  
un-financial) in finding accommodation, sometimes at very  
short notice. We were also able to help in equipment discounts  
and are sure to expand this aspect for our next season.

The Club was represented by the Secretary at the  
Annual General Meeting of the N.S.W. Ski Association on  
22nd November. I strongly support the Association and feel  
we should become full members next year. At the moment I  
represent the Club as an Associate only. Membership would  
give us credibility in dealing with overseas Clubs, resorts  
etc. The Association works for all N.S.W. skiers during our  
season, as was shown by the P.J.T. reducing prices at Perisher  
Valley/Smiggen Holes this year.

#### New Zealand Season.

November saw the Club represented at Mt. Hutt for  
some late spring skiing. Conditions were quite good. Kiwis  
are always very friendly, but seem to excel in the snow.  
The Club was very well received at Mt. Hutt as usual.

We are still waiting on replies from New Zealand in  
connection with specific deals. In particular a Trans Tasman  
interline competition.

Value Tours (Aust) offer us a discount package on  
Mt. Hutt. More details next year. Mt. Cook Airlines will  
give discounts on arrival in New Zealand on presentation  
of I.D.s

#### NORTHERN WINTER

##### Japan.

I believe the official "Interline" Ski meet will be  
held at Sapporo in the new year. Waiting to hear something  
officially. More next newsletter.

There is currently a six day trip to Tokyo which  
should offer potential skiing during the slip. Any information  
available would be appreciated by the Club Secretary.



Europe and U.K.

There is quite an extensive airline ski group in Europe as you can imagine. However getting any information seems impossible. Qantas staff in several of our European ports are keen skiers. Two ex instructors work for us in Vienna. <sup>AP</sup> Once again waiting to hear back from them.

We are well represented in the U.K. by our based crew. Several pilots and cabin crew have already been signed. S/S Mal Calander recently went to a meeting of the Speedbird Silver Wings Club. It would seem that it consists of all B.A. staff, and membership is in excess of 1000. They have their own lodged in a Northern Italian resort, approx. 2 hours drive from Milan. It is approx. 90% booked for the season and they have stated we would be welcome to book the remaining 10%. Prices are £4.00 per night - B. & B. There are single and double rooms. Once again more detailed info to follow.

London retail outlets have been approached on Club discounts, a list will be published shortly. I would advise members to carry their Club I.D. cards when on the track.

Inghams, the largest ski tour operator in the U.K. gives us 20% discount. I am waiting on confirmation from several others.

North America

One of our S.F.O. airport staff Bill Van Valkenberg is our contact there. Bill has been very helpful over the years to many Aust. staff not only skiers. He is a keen skier himself and has been involved in the mountains for many years. We have approached the Far West Ski Association and are awaiting replies at the moment.

Some U.S. resorts have an airline week (all airline staff 50% off) and a list will be published as soon as it comes to hand.

Canada

At this stage we have not made any contact on an official basis. However many of our members have skied there. S/S Andy Cochran has a brother who is an instructor on the west coast. More info. to follow.

I am holding current European and U.S. Ski Resort brochures. Anyone wishing to ski this current season, please contact me.

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Hon. Secretary.

