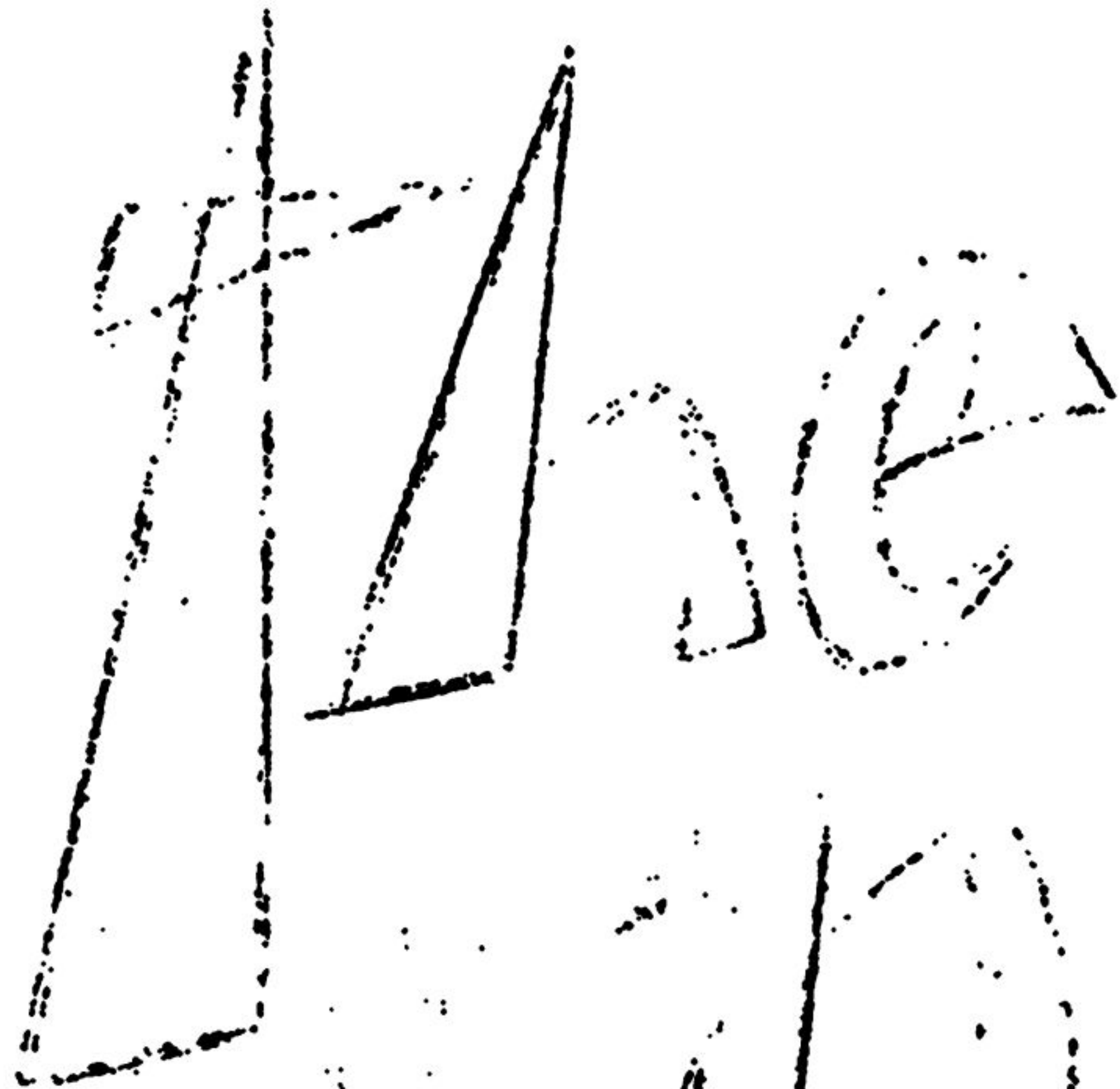




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A L L W E L C O M E
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EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING 11/6/'69

Present : A. Proudfoot (chair) A. Schafer, M. Griffin, A. Terry,
T. Thomas, E. Shaw, J. Sparksman, J. Abbott,
D. Warton, R. Mattingley, M. Siseman, S. Treloar,
F. Halls, S. Trotter.

The treasurer reported an improvement in Club finances due to payment of subs. by some dilatory members. However at this date our membership is less than last years' so expenditure will be regarded more critically. The cost of the quarterly printed programs has increased so greatly during the last couple of years that alternative processes are being investigated. (It is now requiring the subs. of 25 to 30 full members to meet the cost).

The walks secretary reported that walks are being well attended and that the vans are paying their way. The committee is at a loss to know why the van has been booked out for the forthcoming trip to the Stony Rises whilst the Grampians trip for the long weekend had to be cancelled through lack of starters. Can anyone tell us?

The social secretary expects that a talk on Antarctica will be given at a later date by Max Corrie and that Gyneth Taylor will speak on National Parks. (Incidentally the president has so far collected 60 signatures on a petition circulating through the Federation and elsewhere for the preservation of the Little Desert and more should be added before the due date 20 - 21 July '69.

Should we aim to make the Christmas party take the form of a Barn Dance or a get-together on someones back lawn (and if so whose)? Your opinion about this will be sought at the next General Meeting. 27/6/'69.

The Editor of our Magazine 'Walk' still pleads for articles. Time is moving on. Why not give it a go? An article may be anything from a small paragraph to some pages. An editorial sub-committee vets the entries and is able to pull an article into shape should that be necessary. Last years 'Walk' sells steadily. There are plenty left however. What about using some as Birthday gifts?

Don't forget to contribute to the monthly newsletter. When you think of something, jot it down; don't put it off till later.

Who lives down Mentone way who could help Shirley prepare the news for distribution? This happens at her place on the 3rd. Wednesday evening of each month.

Our ancient duplicator has developed so many idiosyncrasies that we have to contemplate its replacement. It has been given a couple more months grace. Does anyone know where we could get a good second-hand one in the reasonable to cheap price bracket?

Our lady manager at Wilkinson Lodge reports the Warm Ray installed and efficient - this will save fuel and water of eyes. A drain has been cut up.

hill of the Lodge to deflect storm waters and a lock has been installed on the upstairs window. (This is where you get in in the winter time - you then go down stairs for the shovels, return, chuck off your coat, spit on your hands and proceed to tunnel down to the doorway). A set of steel lockers have turned up - more may follow. Someone has influence. Poor old Rat-o - first wirenetting to keep him out of his home now steel lockers to keep him out of his tucker.

On Tuesday 24th June at C.A.E. Centre, Flinders St. a lecture on Aquatic Plants will be given by Miss Ashton. Athol says it will be good.

Then on 25th June at the Herbarium, Mr. Piesse will address members and visitors to National Parks bi-monthly meeting on the subject of national parks. As more and more of our bushlands fall before the bull-dozer (how vividly this was brought home to the group walking from Seville to Lilydale) so will National Parks become more important to Bushwalkers. Ultimately they may become the only places we can walk (The Writer may be dead by then but the reader may not be).

Track clearing in the Ada River Valley is coming up soon (2/10/69) The turn up to this in the past has been not so good but this time it will be good. All you young fellers (and girls too) are getting good warning to start a course in hand toughening (You rub in goanna oil night & morning) to sharpen up the old axe or scimitar and to gird up the loins (think that means get a panty girdle) Art Terry will soon be after you.

Fred Halls has been stirring things up in the Search & Rescue field. You should know that our representatives in this field are Fred himself, Arthur Whyte, Kel Wilson, Tyrone Thomas, William Thompson, John Siseman, John Sparksman, M. O'Donnell, Rod Mattingley, Peter Johns, Graham Errey, Alan Bennett, Loch Wilson, Darrell Sullivan, Barry Short, Harold Petersen and Edy Lawton - quite a team.

The applications of Anthony Miksevians, Rosemary Rider and Geoffrey Angell for admission to the Club were accepted by your committee.

A. Proudfoot

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

FORESTS COMMISSION FIELD DAY

SUNDAY 13th JULY 1969

To Burn or Not to Burn - That is the question which is exercising the minds of many of us who are concerned for the well-being of our countryside. Certainly we are all agreed that no longer can we run the risk of terrible wildfire which has been our experience in this most inflammable State.

To enable us to hear and discuss the Forest Commission's policy in the matter, Mr. Athol Hodgson, a Forest Officer, has kindly volunteered to give up his Sunday on 13th July to take us to the Daylesford district where he will show us what has been done in protective burning in that area.

We appreciate that as yet the complete picture of burning and all its implications for fauna and flora is not fully known but this occasion will give us an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the various aspects which are worrying us.

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would care to participate in this excursion. If sufficient numbers apply, transport will be by motor coach, otherwise we will use private cars. Further details may be obtained by ringing Mrs. Gyneth Taylor, 397 - 6029 (evenings) or Mr. Eric Stewart 232-6152.

VNPA next quarterly meeting will be held at the Herbarium on Wednesday 25th June at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. R.D. Piesse, Director of the Australian Conservation Foundation, who will tell us something of the aims and work of that all welcome body.

NEW W.A. CLUB

Geoff Schafer reports the first walk held on 24-25 May of the newly formed Perth Bushwalkers. It is their aim to have an overnight walk once a fortnight. Visitors will find them meeting at No.9 Museum St. Wednesday nights at 8 p.m.

THE LYREBIRDS OF SHERBROOKE

Thousands have stopped to listen and watch the Lyrebirds of Sherbrooke Forest in action. Although the birds have become used to people intruding, it is still best to choose a time to avoid the crowds. Also keep within a triangular area of about 2½ sq. miles that is formed by the boundaries: (1) Belgrave to Kallista road, (2) Kallista to Monument Corner road, and (3) the southern slopes of Sherbrooke Gully.

The display season runs from early June to early September, after which the male moults and begins to grow 16 new tail feathers. By the time winter has arrived the female has constructed her nest, camouflaging it well, often in a secluded spot. If one is found, care should be taken in not disturbing the female too much or she may desert her nest. These are critical days, because of the increase in nearby human (and dog and cat) populations, as well as the closeness to motor roads.

A solitary egg is laid and is usually incubated and hatched by mid-August. The female is kept busy all day, feeding the youngster and carefully removing droppings from the nest, while the glamorous male spends hours preening himself. It takes about 8 years for a male to reach full maturity.

A highly marked sense of territory are possessed by these birds, and often one particular bird may be found in the same area year after year. The famous Timothy was estimated as being about 26 years old in 1952 when his ground was claimed by the even more famed Spotty, who, in turn, disappeared at the age of 21 or 22 in early 1964. In winter immature males are excluded from the mature bird's ground. Here he makes his silvery display that is accompanied by the melodious mimicry in a voice ranging over four octaves.

Athol Schafer

N.B. Athol's Lyrebird Walk 19/7/'69..... See Pg. 5 of Walks Previews

VICTORIAN NATIVE PLANTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

TUESDAY, 24th JUNE

An illustrated Talk entitled

"WATER PLANTS" will be given

by Miss Helen Aston of the National Herbarium. This will be an account of a search that lasted several years, new finds, and the interesting facts concerning the plants.

To be held at the C.A.E. Centre, Mutual Store Building on corner of Degraes Street, opposite Flinders Street Station, at 8 p.m.

ALSO: the Annual Meeting of the V.N.P.P.S. will be held on 15th July '69.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: W. & Pam MARKUS
8 Broadway, Glenelg. S.A. 5045.

DUTY ROSTER:

June	20 John Sparksman	July 11 Michael Griffin
	27 Jan Abbott	18 Rex Filson
July	4 Marion Siseman	

The latest WINTER WALK PROGRAMME has been printed and is attached to this copy for informative reading.....

WALK PREVIEW

DAY WALKS

- JUNE 29** SUGAR LOAF M.-MT. DISAPPOINTMENT-TO ROURONG RES. Medium.
 Leader : Peter Carlyon. p) 68-6027
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-20.
- JULY 6** CAMPASPE R.-MITCHELLS FALLS E a s y
 Leader :: Doug Crocker p) 82-1830.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-80.
- JULY 13** AVONSLEIGH-CAVERSHAM H.-PAKENHAM. Medium
 Leader : Spencer George p) 34-6821
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Expected time
 of return. 8 p.m. Approx. distance 10 miles.
 Map ref. Cranbourne 1:63,360 & Gembrooke 1:31,680.
 A pleasant walk along forest tracks and grazing
 paddocks, from wooded mountain and apple orchards.
 Time will be allowed for lunch. It will be advisable
 to carry water.
- Sat. 19** LYREBIRD WALK : SHERBROOKE FOREST E a s y
 Leader : Athol Schafer. p) 211-2649.
 Train leaves Flinders St. stn. 8.03 am. Ticket :
 Return Belgrave - fare 88c.
 Maps: Monbulk military 1:50,000 Broadbents, No.200
 (Sherbrooke) Leaving Belgrave station the party should
 reach the bird haunts about 10.00 am, remaining in that
 area near firebreak (381283) until midday for a
 picnic lunch at Mallista. The afternoon will be a
 warm-up walk back to Belgrave. Returning city approx.
 5 pm.

WEEKEND WALKS

- JUNE 20-22** STONY RISES-LAKE CORANGAMITE. E a s y
 Leader : Tyrone Thomas p) 89-5197.
 Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$3-20.
- If you are interested in joining this group and your name
 is not on the list, you are requested to ring Tyrone
 to see if he has any cancellations to accommodate you
 in the van as at 11/6/69 the list totalled a grand number
 of 50...
- JULY 4-6** CAMPASPE RIVER VALLEY - E a s y
 Leader : Rex Filson p) 88-1165
 Van leaves Batman Av. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$2-80.
- 11-13** LANGLAUF SKIING AND SNOW WALKING
MT. STIRLING. Medium grade - 15 miles.
 Leader : Tyrone Thomas p) 89-5197
Mt. Stirling - Clear Hills, King River. This walk is
 designed to cater particularly for walkers, as in the past
 the snow trips have tended to be dominated by skiers. However
 there will be excellent skiing for those who want it.
 We will climb Mt. Stirling from the north-west, over the
 summit and to Clear Hills' hut where the skiers may elect
 to stay overnight or continue on with the walkers for a
 further 3 miles to King hut in the beautiful King River Valley
 near Mt. Cobbler. Hut accommodation throughout below the snowline for the

PRICE INCREASE IN MAPS?

The National Mapping Council has passed a resolution "That the Council is of the opinion that....adopt a....retail sale price of at least75 cents....per standard map sheet."

I have been unable to find out if and when this proposed price increase will come into effect, but I have been assured that it will almost certainly come about. (The National Mapping Council advises, but not directs, the various mapping authorities in the country). It will effect all maps, whether they are Lands Dept. Army, or National Mapping.

Hang onto your old inch to the mile and 2 inches to the mile maps. At the present moment the Lands Dept. don't intend reprinting these maps when the present stocks run out, pending the production of maps on the metric scale. However, such is the mapping program, that the areas to be mapped in the future do not as yet include any of the areas already mapped. So it appears that when current stocks are exhausted these maps will be virtually unobtainable. Some of the more popular maps are already out of stock. I don't know what the Army's policy is, but I do know that some of their 1" to the mile maps are becoming difficult to obtain.

Two new maps have been published by the Lands Dept. in the last month. They are the Provisional Compilations of Alexandra 1:100,000 (the old Alexandra and Taggerty 1" = 1 mile mapsheets) and Darby 1:50,000 (the Eastern 1/2 of the old Yanakie 1" = 1 mile series). For those of you who are waiting for the next obvious map in this series, Wilsons Promontory, you'll be waiting an awfully long time, as due to various Departmental reasons there are no plans to produce this sheet as yet.

Anybody interested in mapping blunders?

Try finding Shellback Island (3,100 yds. long x 600 yds. wide) on the Army 1" = 1 mile Yanakie Sheet.

Barry Short

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Another work party on 17-18 May has ensured the Lodge is well and truly prepared for Winter (which has since arrived.) The warm ray is installed and is most efficient. The upstairs window now locks.

Ground base saucepans seem to be non-existent unfortunately. - What about another look in that bottom kitchen cupboard? Perhaps a large tray might come to light also.

M. Siseman

WELCOME TO 3 NEW MEMBERS:

1. Geoffrey A. Angell, 26 Manica St. W. Brunswick, 3055. p) 38-8217
2. Tony Miksevians, 21/147 Anzon St. N. Melbourne. 3051. p) 329-7394
3. Miss. Rosemary Rider, 3 Keyes St. Ashburton. P) 25-1432 b) 63-0131 Ext. 347

Contd. from Walk Reviews - Weekend Walk July 11-13 T. Thomas. walkers, and plenty of snow each day should make the trip most enjoyable & comfortable at night with roaring fires. The skiers may leave their skis at Clear Hills hut & come down out of the snow to King hut for Saturday night with the walkers if they wish.

My thanks once again to contributors --

COPY DEADLINE for July is 12/7/'69. (an address list of holders of current membership - will be prepared for July ...)
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