



# SASC NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO NOTE

- Christiania catered period - 6 - 11 April.
- Kahane is catered until 11 April.
- Southern Alps Lodge stores weekend at Charlotte Pass 5 - 7 May  
– contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615
- Lodge Coop AGM Wednesday 24 May.

## EASTER IN THE MOUNTAINS

All our lodges will be open for accommodation; Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass for self-catered accommodation, Christiania Lodge at Thredbo has self-catering with a catered period from 5-11 April (some nights in this period are already fully booked), Kahane Lodge at Perisher will be open for catered accommodation until 11 April.

Thredbo has activities throughout Easter and the school holidays.

SLOPES and NPWS are co-sponsoring the "Back to Perisher" events on 9 & 10 April, this is family time in Perisher. Full details have not been released yet but the organisers are looking to reinstate the Fun Run to Charlotte Pass for the first time since COVID impacted the event in 2019.

Please make your bookings on Clubman or call appropriate the booking officer - see page 8.

## CP STORES and LODGE MAINTENANCE

Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) stores weekend is on 5 - 7 May and all volunteers are welcome. On Saturday morning the stores will arrive and need to be carried from the road into the lodge, checked off and stored ready for winter. The heavy items are handled by the young and fit! There will be a list of jobs to complete over the weekend. Please contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615.



*Spit to Manly Walk*



*Enjoying a Henry Lawson poem on our March walk*



## KAHANE THEME NIGHT

This winter the theme for Thursday Party Night at Kahane Lodge is 'Halloween'.

Get your favourite costume ready!

# 2023 CALENDAR

## SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

Please get in touch with the event contact for the latest information.

### APRIL

- Fri 7 Start NSW Public School holidays
- 6-11 Christiania Lodge Easter catered period
- Tue 11 End Kahane Lodge catered period
- Sun 23 End NSW Public School holidays
- Mon 24 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
- Sun 25 Anzac Day
- Wed 26 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online

### MAY

- Tue 2 Junior Committee Meeting, 8pm online
- 5-7 Charlotte Pass stores and maintenance weekend - volunteers welcome, contact Kim Easdale.0412 851 615
- Sun 7 Walk – Dangar Island, contact Bob Sims
- Sat 20 July Newsletter deadline
- Wed 24 SASC LODGE Co-Op Annual General Meeting, 8 pm at Norths
- Sun 28 Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip
- Tues 30 XC&BW Mid Year lunch - Drummoyne Sailing Club – contact Sally Sims

### JUNE

- Sun 4 Walk – Castlecrag, contact Colin Burman,
- Fri 9 Christiania and Kahane start catered period
- 9-12 Perisher PEAK Festival TBC
- Sat 10 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON OPENING
- Mon 12 King's Public Holiday
- Wed 14 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, **7pm at Norths**
- Mon 19 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
- 19-22 CanTeen - Christiania Lodge
- Sun 25 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) start catered period

28-1 July Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year olds at Kahane Lodge, all welcome to apply, contact Junior committee

### JULY

- Sat 1 Start NSW Public School holidays
- Sun 2 Walk - Royal NP, contact Russell Barnes
- 2-9 Junior Race Training Week at Kahane (by selection)
- Tue 4 Thredbo Junior Inter-Club, contact Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651
- Sun 16 End NSW Public School holidays
- Mon 17 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- 20-23 XC Summit Tour, contact Bob Sims
- 26-30 Southern Alps Weekend at Charlotte Pass (by invitation)

### AUGUST

- Sun 6 Walk – Kuring-Gai / St Ives, contact Sharon/Chris/Harm
- 6-11 SASC Race Week / Club Championships at Thredbo
- Mon 7 NSW Bank Holiday
- Mon 7 KAC XC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass
- Sat 12 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club
- Sun 13 City2Surf
- Sun 20 October Newsletter deadline
- 27-3/9 Nordic Week 1 – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims

### SEPTEMBER

- 3-10 Nordic Week 2 – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims
- 10-24 Nordic Ski Club of NSW at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass
- 15-17 Cadets Weekend - Kahane
- Sat 16 Perisher Cup teams race
- Sun 17 Walk – City Ramble, contact Annette Fitzallen
- Mon 18 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
- Wed 20 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- Sat 23 Start NSW Public School holidays
- Sun 24 Christiania Lodge end catered period

### OCTOBER

- Sun 1 Southern Alps (Charlotte Pass) end catered period
- Mon 2 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mon 2 Kahane Lodge end catered period
- Mon 2 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON CLOSE
- Sun 8 End NSW Public School holidays
- Sun 8 XCBW Meeting - Thomas's home, contact Bob Sims TBC
- Sat 14 Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy and Marion Cairns
- Tue 17 Junior Committee Meeting, 8pm online
- Mon 23 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online

### NOVEMBER

- 3-6 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims
- 18-19 Lodge Meeting at Christiania, directors only
- Mon 20 January 2023 Newsletter deadline
- Wed 22 SASC Annual General Meeting, 8pm at Norths
- Sun 26 XCBW Christmas Picnic/ Walk – Haynes Flat, Lane Cove NP, Contact Bob Sims

### DECEMBER

- Wed 20 Start NSW Public School holidays

Interschools calendar link:  
<https://www.interschools.com.au/home-nsw-act-qld-sa/events-dates>

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### MEETINGS

**Club committee meetings** (online and face-to-face) will commence at 7pm. Contact Assistant Secretary, Duncan Sutherland, for meeting details - secretary@sasc-aus.com

**Juniors Committee online meetings** will commence at 8pm. Contact Darren Gore for meeting details - 0419 691 717 or dgore@iinet.net.au

**Lodge online meetings** will commence at 7pm. Contact Daniel Kavo for meeting details - 0401 895 777



## SASC OFFICE BEARERS 2023

Check the website first, then contact appropriate Club office bearers if needed.

### PRESIDENT:

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- Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651  
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– Sandra Brinkman 0413 586 661

### CROSS COUNTRY AND BUSHWALKING COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Bob Sims  
Secretary - Sally Sims

### LODGE DELEGATE:

Tim Moore 0411 220 789

### AUDITOR:

Dynasty Colelough



*Spit to Manly Walk*



## President's Report

Our sub-committees are working to deliver events listed on the Club's calendar, I am hopeful that this year we can get through without impact from the pandemic or the significant weather that has affected our events over the last few years.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Sue Davies (nee Johnson), Alan Branch and Bill Sidwell. Vales will be in the July Newsletter.

I appreciate the disappointment of members who missed out on peak-season winter bookings at Kahane and Christiania Lodges. I encourage anyone who missed out to keep an eye on the availability calendars in case there are any cancellations. Shareholder priority is built into the booking rules and as they have invested capital in the lodges the priority is appropriate.

The Snippets section on page 6 has more information about Winter Bookings this year.

New Club member applications were put on hold in February last year. Since then some members have resigned or been archived due to subscriptions remaining unpaid, so the Committee agreed that it was appropriate to admit the 57 new member applications (single and family) received from February 2022 to December 2022 to maintain membership numbers.

I thank the Lodge Co-op for paying a 50% share of the 2022/23 elite athlete sponsorship funding. The commitment of these athletes is to be admired and we can be very proud of how they have conducted themselves. I wish them well. Please see further news on page 5.

I am concerned that we may have lost engagement with some members over COVID period. This is evident with the Committee vacancies for Social Secretary & Juniors Vice-Chairperson, meeting attendance, Race week bookings, and Lodge working bee volunteers. I know you are all busy, but I am sure there are members who may like to contribute. If that is you, please get in touch.

The Club Committee meetings are open to everyone. The next meeting is via Zoom on 26 April commencing at 7pm, Please contact the secretary for the login details.

The June Committee Meeting is face to face at Norths (and via Zoom) on Wednesday 14 June commencing at 7pm.

I hope to see you soon.  
Take care,  
Rod Peile  
0448 670 586

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## Captains Report

In my fantasy world, I envisage a successful Race Week 2023.

We have plenty of snow, but not while we are racing. The snow condition is fantastic, but not too cold. We have a keen contingent of SASC racers, taking out our Interclub race by a country mile. Christiania is full with cheer, maybe through the gluhwein provided, and Caroline, our lodge manager is yodeling tunes as we eat a scrumptious celebratory dinner.

Maybe I should call it a positive mental attitude after a three year forced hiatus with too much snow, Covid and rain last year hampering the reality.

**Race Week** goes back a week this year culminating in the Interclub on 12 August.

Race Week will follow its normal cadence with the following program:-

Tuesday 8 Aug - afternoon training. We had some excellent race coaches last year and I have ordered the same for this year.

Wednesday 9 Aug - slalom and ski cross.

Thursday 10 Aug - giant slalom.

Friday 11 Aug - super giant slalom.

We encourage all new racers again this year and I'm looking forward to those from last year returning to fulfil the promise.

In past years we have mate against mate and family against family competing for bragging rites until the following year. If you are in Perisher or Jindabyne and would like to have some fun participating in our club races, call me on 0401250866.

The **Interclub** on Saturday is by invitation only, but we always keep a few positions available for racers from Race Week who perform well.

Southern Alps has a proud history in the Interclub and I encourage anyone to come and watch our past and present top racers compete.

Kim Easedale will be looking for talented racers to compete in the **Perisher Cup** on 16 Sept. The Perisher cup is both a Nordic and Alpine race and is a lot of fun.

Let us look forward to a fantastic winter 2023.

Daniel Kavo  
Club Captain

## Juniors Report

Greetings everyone! I hope you had a great start to the year and that any travel plans you had over summer went smoothly and safely.

Our Junior's program is now finalised, with the **Bus Trip** scheduled to run similarly to last year. The bus will depart from Sydney for Perisher on Wednesday, 28 June and return on Saturday, 1 July. Younger participants may be able to continue on up to the Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte's Pass if there is enough overall interest and we can make the numbers work. Look out for an email in April asking for you to express your interest.

**The Bus Trip preparation day** is set for Sunday, 28 May at the Lane Cove Sailing Club.

Due to a change in scheduling for the Junior Interclub, the **Juniors' Race Training week** will be held in the first week of the July school holidays, from Sunday, 2 July to Sunday, 9 July.

**Thredbo Junior Inter-Club** is on Tuesday 4 July (by invitation). Contact Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651

We're excited to announce that we're planning to run a **Cadet Trip to Perisher** this year for former Junior bus trip "cadets" aged 14-18. The trip is scheduled from 15 to 17 September and will include some training/lessons and the opportunity to participate in the Perisher Cup. Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from Kahane Lodge and be chaperoned. An email with more detailed information will be sent in April.

We're optimistic about a smoother integration with the Perisher Resort this year, thanks to the direct connections we've established with key personnel in the organisation. Thank you to all those who helped make this happen.

We welcome applications for sponsorship from Junior skiers for the southern winter and look forward to supporting the growth and development of our aspiring young members on the snow.

Until next time, go well!

Darren Gore  
Chairperson, SASC Juniors

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## Sponsored Skiers

We had three sponsored skiers intending to compete in the Northern Hemisphere this year.

**Letitia Murphy** has returned after a successful Northern Winter program with International Racer.

Initially poor snow affected Letitia's race plans but changes on the run ensured a full program of 7 races some National Junior events and other FIS events in Italy. Letitia aimed to lower her FIS points in GS but ended improving her slalom points. Letitia plans to continue with International Racer in New Zealand during the 2023 southern winter and at Mt Hotham for training and FIS ANC races.

Letitia thanked Southern Alps for our support.

**April Wynn** had some great training with her coach Hannes Grimmus but unfortunately in mid-January she

crashed in Switzerland. April has not returned to competitive skiing since the mid-January concussion, she is staying with the team and learning from the experience of those around her, the intention is to remain with the team until they return home at the end of March.

**Matthew Clayton** – After investing so much in preparation for the slopestyle ski training, Matt broke his foot before leaving Australia. Initially it looked like Matt could be out of action for 6 weeks and with that expectation he could still travel early February, however after the first few weeks the recovery time was extended to at least 3 months. Matthew now has a second injury, and his foot is back in a moon boot. He is devastated that these injuries have affected his plans but hopes to be right for air bag training in Jindabyne soon and then events at Thredbo and Perisher over winter

# Snippets

## WINTER BOOKINGS

Bookings opened with a rush. Clubman processing times were extended by members entering bookings before the 7 am start time, attempting to book more than one Lodge shareholder's associate, and entering multiple requests for the same dates while their initial request was in the processing queue.

When Club members bookings opened similar rules were triggered including submitting before opening time, initially week bookings must start on Sunday, trying to book shorter periods when only week bookings were open.

There were a few bookings denied because members clicked the "Whole of Lodge" button (now been hidden from members' view).

If your booking is denied there is a reason displayed on the screen. If you re-submit the same booking without resolving the problem it will also be denied.

- If you are having difficulty with your member data please contact the Club Secretary, Leanne Price.
- If you are having booking difficulties, please contact the appropriate booking officer listed on page 8.

There are still booking opportunities Kahane and Christiania Lodges at each end of the season. Southern Alps Lodge has availability at the end of July and early August - see the availability calendars online in Clubman.

## NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

The number of newsletters we are posting has stabilised at about 1200 per issue. The cost of printing and posting is expensive and consumes resources. If you receive a paper copy and could manage with just the full colour email version, please login to Clubman and set your preference for the 'Newsletter option' on your member's page to "EMAIL". If you have any concerns please call or email Rod Peile or secretary, Leanne Price, contact details on page 2.

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- for the July 2023 issue, is Saturday, 20 May, 2023. Contributions to Editor: [sasc.newseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sasc.newseditor@gmail.com)

## 2023 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for this year were due on 31 December, reminders were emailed in January.

If you are not receiving subscription notices or reminders please contact the treasurer, David Collett, at [treasurer@sasc-aus.com](mailto:treasurer@sasc-aus.com) or 0413 045 814. Anyone who is more than 3 years in arrears will be archived in September. Under the Lodge Cooperative rules Lodge shareholders MUST remain financial members of the Ski Club.

Subscription payments should be made through the Clubman system. Please contact the Treasurers or Secretaries (see page 2) if you need assistance. EFT and cheques should only be used as the last resort. If you do not wish to continue your membership please contact the secretary, Leanne Price.

## BEAUTIFYING OUR LODGES

Scott Duncan has received some high-quality responses to the note in the January newsletter with a lot of excellent photos from a small number of contributors. The intention is to print and display these photos in the rooms at the Lodges. If you would like to submit some photos please email them to [sascphotos@sasc-aus.com](mailto:sascphotos@sasc-aus.com) the selection and printing of photos will be progressed in May.

**AUSTRALIAN ALPINE CLUB (AAC)** has lodges at Hotham, Dinner Plain, Falls Creek, Perisher, and Niseko (Japan).

Southern Alps shareholders should enjoy AAC reciprocal booking rates and Club members have the right to book at guest rates.

The tariffs differ between AAC lodges. Please refer to

<https://www.australialpineclub.com/book/102-lodge-details.html>

Bookings for SASC members open on 15 March, bookings can be made by contacting the respective booking officer shown on the tariff page.

Any further information at [www.australialpineclub.com](http://www.australialpineclub.com)

## PERISHER HEAD LEASE

Ryan Petrov, Southern Ranges Services Manager for NPWS, advised that Government is reconsidering the options for a Head Lease over the Perisher Range Resorts. The process is being led by Regional NSW and the Government is reviewing the process and issues from the last two attempts for a head lease negotiation prior to determining whether to put out a tender to the market again.

## BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

Ben Ricketts Preserve has several small cottages that are available for holiday or weekend rental.

The preserve is located 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Due to storm damage Jamberoo Mountain Road has been closed to traffic and access through Robinson is required until repairs are completed later this year. Contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586 before booking to take advantage of our lower tariff.

There is always work to be done on the preserve, volunteers are welcomed at the working bees planned for May 20/21, August 19/20, and Oct 21/22. See [www.benricketts.org.au](http://www.benricketts.org.au) for more information or call 0491 718 963 for bookings.

## 2023 PEAK FESTIVAL - Perisher

The Peak Festival is usually held over the opening weekend in June. To date, details have not been released. There has also been mention of another festival at seasons end in October. Keep an eye on the Peak website for updates, see <http://peakfestival.com.au> or <https://www.perisher.com.au>

Accommodation at Kahane Lodge can be booked through Clubman or by contacting Linda at [sascperisher@gmail.com](mailto:sascperisher@gmail.com)

## KANGAROO CHALET.

Perisher Historical Society are gathering information on lodges in the Perisher Range that have burnt down. Kahane Lodge (previously Kunama Lodge) was built by Rudi Kunz after fire destroyed Kangaroo Chalet, that had stood at the site.

If any members have photos or information on Kangaroo Chalet or the fire on 29/6/1970, please contact Perisher Historical Society president & author Peter Southwell-Keely at [info@perisherhistory.org.au](mailto:info@perisherhistory.org.au)



**Be prepared this winter for 'Halloween' Party Night on Thursdays at Kahane Lodge.**

# Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

## Past Events

**November** - Christmas Picnic – Lane Cove National Park.

Forty members gathered at the Haynes Flat picnic ground in the Lane Cove National Park for our annual end-of-year event.

It was great to catch up with several members who no longer make it to our regular walks.

The weather was kind and the kookaburras seemed confused by our new bird defensive strategies.

The quality of the cricket never seems to get any better - but when you have a 5-year-old batting and a 92 year old fielding ...

Many thanks to all who attended, especially the ladies who supplied the vast quantity of nibbles, cakes and biscuits.

## February – Spit to Manly

We had 12 members meet at The Spit for this classic Sydney Harbourside walk. It was a beautiful day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Adele and Leigh for your last minute leadership while many of our group were either sick or away overseas.

## Summit Tour 2023

We still have a few seats available on the 2023 Summit Tour if you are interested please contact Bob Sims for more information.

Please see the club calendar on page 2 and/or the club website for more details of past as future events

We look forward to seeing you on a walk.

Bob Sims



Christmas Picnic



Christmas Picnic

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## Nordic Week 2022

- Amanda Gibson

I am new to skiing and to cross country skiing but. I was lucky enough to be at Nordic week when one of the grand old men of the mountains, Andy Cairns, was at the lodge. Andy took some of us who are new to cross-country skiing under his care and skied with us for a couple of days. He was generous with his time and his knowledge; helping to build our confidence in our skiing and our ability to navigate in the beautiful areas away from the resort.

On our first ski with Andy we skied under bluebird skies from Charlotte's down the valley to Johnnie's Plain and then to the right bank of Spencer's Creek. We crossed the Kosci Rd at Spencer's Creek bridge and skied up Bett's Creek looking for a snowbridge. The recent rain and the spring snow-melt were really starting to bite into the snow and finding a stable snowbridge proved more difficult than we had anticipated. We abandoned the snow-bridges to the creek and instead skied Bett's Creek catchment until lunch.

While we were searching for a way across Bett's Creek Andy's eldest son, Murray, his wife Michelle and their daughter Hayley took the opportunity to get in some telemarking practice on a northern outcrop of the Ramshead Range before they headed out to the

Main Range the next day. We returned and regrouped for lunch on the snow grass on the eastern edge of Johnnie's Plain and returned via the valley before heading to the deck of the Stillwell Hotel to round out the day.

Our second ski with Andy was under greyer skies. Once again, we headed up the valley and then turned right towards Wright's creek. We followed the creek all the way up to the head of the waterfall, took some selfies and enjoyed the solitude.

We had a nice ski back down and headed to the saddle between Sugarloaf and Guthrie. We skied up Spencer's Creek through the trees till we were almost level with the north peak of the Paralyser. We (well, Andy) reckon this was about three quarters of the way between Charlotte's Pass and Illawong lodge. We didn't make it to the new bridge at Illawong as the rain started so we quit while we were still dry, turned and headed back to the lodge.

Nordic week was great fun; you don't have to be a highly skilled skier to enjoy areas away from the resorts. That said, I wouldn't be heading out to the main range unless you knew what you were doing or were with someone who was very experienced in the back country. So, why not strap on a pair of cross-country skis or snowshoes and get amongst it.



**SASC LODGE CO-OPERATIVE LTD  
OFFICE BEARERS**

Contact appropriate Lodge office bearers for queries re accommodation, Lodge members' change of address, shareholdings, comments/general correspondence concerning the lodges.

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**DRESS STANDARDS AT LODGES**

Members are reminded that guests in the dining and lounge areas of the lodges are required to maintain a reasonable standard of dress. Night wear, bare feet or scruffy footwear are not permitted.

**LODGE SECURITY**

Members and guests are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of all their valuables, cash, credit cards, equipment and clothing while staying in the lodges. The Lodge Co-operative cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of such items.

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**Lodge Share Holdings**

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott 0428 821 555  
sascoop@bigpond.com

**LODGE REPORT**

Winter 2022 was the 'winter that never ended' with a number of significant snow falls in November and December. Backcountry skiers enjoyed large drifts on the Main Range peaks well into November and December.

Bookings for the 2023 winter season have been strong. Please ensure that your Club subscriptions are paid before booking. Lessons learned are constantly being used to fine tune and improve Clubman.

COVID 19 is still around so we all have to maintain vigilance and be considerate of others.

Our current Lodge Managers will be with us again in winter 2023 - Carolyn at Christiania, Tony at Kahane and Nadia and Kimmi at Charlotte Pass. Hans Oversnow will no longer be the oversnow provider at Perisher/Smiggins and NPWS are seeking an alternate service provider.

Summer bookings have been quieter than in recent years and lots of accommodation is available through to winter 2023 so please come and enjoy autumn in our mountain homes.

If you are a member of a sporting organisation then please consider our lodges as a potential base for high altitude training activities.

Disappointingly we were unable to gain approval in time for Charlotte Pass lodge recladding to be completed in summer 2022/2023. Additional consultant reporting requirements became apparent and these take a number of weeks to finalise.

Our Building Advisory Team - Tim Moore, Will Sidwell, Daniel Kavov, Joe Di Falco, Rod Peile, Alex Porebski (our Architect) and David Lasky (our Legal Advisor) - are now focussed on

construction start in 4th quarter 2023. Sincere apologies to regular Charlotte Pass summer lodge guests who have been inconvenienced by this process. Summer lodge maintenance work is ongoing. Re-carpeting/repainting of Christiania lodge is being managed by Joe Di Falco.

A combined Kahane/Charlotte Pass lodge working bee led by Rod Peile and Tim Moore was held on weekend of March 10 to 12 and many cleaning, repair and housekeeping jobs were completed. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who help out.

Also, Kim Easdale is the Project Lead on fully decommissioning the redundant underground diesel fuel tanks in front of Charlotte Pass lodge. This will most likely involve excavation, tank removal and backfill of the flat area outside the Ski Room in 4th quarter 2023. Overall we are in a strong financial position thanks to a very successful winter 2022 season and we have kept tariff rate increases to a minimum. Full financial details will be forwarded to Lodge shareholders prior to Lodge AGM in May.

This is a direct result of hard work by our skilled Directors, Secretary, CFO, Treasurers, Booking Officers in the background and by our Lodge Managers and their Teams on the ground.

Lodge shares are fully subscribed at the moment so add your name to the waiting list if you would like to become a Shareholder.

Here's hoping that snowfalls start early and continue throughout winter 2023. Look forward to seeing you in the mountains.

Phillip Friedlander  
Chairman

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**SASC LODGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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