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Cancelled Lodge Bookings

This winter there were over 780 bookings that have been cancelled, mainly due to COVID stay-at-home and state boarder closures.

Members are reminded that the cancelled booking refunds are paid to the same credit/debit card used to make the payments.

The deposit and balance payment are separate transactions and are refunded individually.

Booking queries should be directed to the Lodge booking officers - contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

2022 Club Subscriptions

We are planning to email 2022 annual subscriptions invoices to members towards the end of September. Members who do not have an email address in Clubman or a link to another member in Clubman will receive their subscription invoice by post with this newsletter.

Our preferred payment method is via the Stripe payment gateway linked directly to the Clubman system. Your invoice has a link labelled "Pay this invoice" click on that link then enter your credit or debit card details.

Members who have not paid their 2021 or earlier subscriptions will receive separate invoices for each overdue season and 2022 subscription. It is simplest for the Club's administration if each invoice is paid separately via the link on each invoice.

If you would like to provide an email address for member communications and invoices, please email the Assistant Secretary at secretary@sasc-aus.com with your details.

Members with Clubman login can change their own email address, residential address, and phone numbers on their member record, however if you wish to add dependent children, change from single to family membership or visa versa please contact the Assistant Secretary, Leanne Price, to make these changes.

Lodge Co-operative Shareholders are reminded that Rule 11(c) of the Co-operative's Rules states "Every member shall be a member of Southern Alps Ski Club", as a qualification for Lodge membership. Please ensure that your Club subscriptions are paid annually.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
January 2022 issue

Saturday, 20 November, 2021.

Contributions to Editor:
sasc.newseditor@gmail.com
or ring Helen



VALE Anne Carter 1935 - 2021

Anne was a long term Junior Bus Trip coordinator and was awarded Life Membership in 1991 for work with the Club's Juniors committee. She joined Southern Alps in 1972, and was a Lodge Director in 1992-93. Anne loved Charlotte Pass.



VALE Irene Milson

Irene passed away on 7 August, aged 95.

Born in Kyiv in the Ukraine, Irene loved the Southern Alps Ski Club, the lodges, the snow, the mountains, the people and her Nordic skiing.

She was also a regular SASC bush-walker. She completed the Milford Sound Walking Track (N.Z.) with them at aged 64 and participated in many club camping weekends. We extend our condolences to Stevan, Kim (Kindler) and their families.

End of Season Celebration

to be held at **The Alcott**,
on **Saturday, 23 October, 2021**

has again had to be
CANCELLED.

We will try again in 2022!

For all the latest updates, news and events. Also be sure to share your pics and tag SASC.

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NOTICE of SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Secretary - Sally Sims

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AUDITOR:

Dynasty Colelough

Providing NSW Health regulations allow the AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at Norths, 12 Abbott Street Cammeray, commencing at 8:00pm. All members are welcome at the AGM; if you are planning to attend, could you please email Duncan Sutherland at secretary@sasc-aus.com or call 0431 452 862 before Monday 22/11/21. This is to ensure compliance with any COVID limitations that may be in place for the meeting.

AGM Agenda:

1. To receive apologies;
2. To receive minutes of the last A.G.M.;
3. To receive President's Report, Statement of Accounts and Sub-committee reports for the year ending on 30th September 2021;
4. To elect Office Bearers for the 2022 season per list shown on this page;
5. To nominate a Snow Australia delegate;
6. To nominate a Lodge Cooperative delegate;
7. To confirm Audit arrangements;
8. General Business.

Note – Nominations for Office Bearers must be in writing on the form issued by secretary and signed by the nominee & 2 financial Club members; forms must be submitted to the Secretary at least 1 hour prior to commencement of the AGM. Under the constitution proxies are permitted. Nomination & Proxy forms are available from the Secretary.

The Final AGM Notice will be emailed to members on 8th November 2021 and will include details of any COVID-19 requirements.

2021 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB^{INC}

We continue to plan the following events however COVID-19 protection measures may require some events to be modified or cancelled. Please contact the event contact for latest information.

OCTOBER

Mon 4 Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 4 End NSW Public School holidays
Sun 10 XCBW Meeting - via Zoom contact Bob Sims
Sat 16 XCBW Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy Cairns

Mon 18 Lodge Meeting online 7pm all welcome
Tue 19 Junior Committee Meeting online at 8pm
Sat 23 **CANCELLED Social Function at the Alcott**

NOVEMBER

5-8 XCBW 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims
Sat 20 January 2022 Newsletter deadline

20-21 Lodge Meeting at Christiania, directors only TBA
Wed 24 **SASC Annual General Meeting**, at Norths, 8 pm
Sat 27 XCBW Christmas Picnic/Walk – venue TBA, Contact Bob Sims

DECEMBER

Sat 18 Start NSW Public School holidays

MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 most meetings will be held electronically. Members should contact the relevant secretaries for meeting details in the week prior to the meeting date listed in the Calendar

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 Kavov for meeting details - 0401 895 777

President's Report

Dear Members,

The season commenced with such promise, but by the end of June the worst fears were being realised. Most of my winter has been based around the NSW Premier's 11am COVID update rather than looking at the latest snow reports!

Fortunately, our Juniors bus trip was on the way home just as the Greater Sydney stay-at-home orders were commencing. Planning for winter events continued but as each of the NSW Health order extensions were confirmed cancellations were necessary. Members and friends from Regional NSW & ACT were able to take advantage of the cancellations caused by the Greater Sydney lockdown in July and were able to enjoy the Lodges, good snow, and the quieter slopes.

Tickets in the **Juniors raffle** are still available until 23 October. Please support our Juniors program by purchasing tickets. See details in the Juniors report on page 5.

I sincerely thank **Paul Booth and Louise Paris** for their support of our Juniors and the discounts provided to members since opening Snow Skiers Warehouse in 1991. Paul's support of Southern Alps commenced in the late 1980s when he was the manager of the Snow Business store at Sylvania. **Snow Skiers Warehouse** was sold in May and the new owners have not responded to our inquiries.

In August I submitted comments on the draft **Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct Master Plan** on behalf of Southern Alps. I appreciate our membership is diverse with members who are conservative and equally, on the other side, members who are pro development. The submission was aligned with a snowsports organisation with Lodges in the resorts. The joint submission of the Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher Smiggins and Guthega (SLOPES), Perisher Blue and the Perisher Chamber of Commerce was endorsed with additional comments on Charlotte Pass parking and transport, buses to Rawson's Pass, helicopter flights, funds distribution and asset protection zones. I am confident that the revised Alpine State Environmental Planning Policy will ensure appropriate environmental controls are in place. A large portion of the Master Plan

focused on the area around Jindabyne but this area was excluded from our submission.

Sami Kennedy-Sim and **Ben Wynn** have applied for northern winter sponsorship, I wish both the very best for the winter ahead. The prospect of Sami competing in her third Winter Olympics and Ben embarking on full time ski program is very exciting. Please see the Captain's Report for more details.

The **Annual General Meeting** invitation is on page 2.

If you would like to nominate for any of the Club's committee positions, please call or email me, or other Club officers for information. Honorariums are offered for some committee roles. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary – secretary@sasc-aus.com Your comments and suggestions on any of the Club activities are welcome at the AGM.

I am looking forward to the pandemic restrictions easing and hope we can travel to the mountains over the summer period, It is a great time to explore the alpine region and take in the fresh air and scenery.

I encourage you to get your vaccination as soon as possible! Hope to see you at the AGM or in the Lodges over summer.

Rod Peile
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**On top of Mount Perisher
- waiting for sunrise!!**

Snippets

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve.

Southern Alps members have access to a limited number of shareholder tariff bookings at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve located less than 2 hours from Sydney on the rainforest covered slopes of Jamberoo Mountain. Accommodation is provided in three self-cater cabins. Please contact Carley at bookings@benricketts.org.au to make your booking; please mention you are a Southern Alps member.

Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct (SMSAP) Master Plan

The SMSAP vision is for year-round tourism, investing in infrastructure and attracting more visitors to the area which requires new facilities, increased residential and holiday accommodation and improved transport. The period for comments on the draft Master Plan closed on the 23rd August, please see commentary in the President's report on Southern Alps submission. The Special Activation Precincts team received over 2,100 submissions which will be accessed and carefully considered before the final Master Plan is released in the first half of 2022. More details can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/snowy-hydro-legacy-fund/special-activation-precincts/snowy-mountains>

To support the Master Plan the Kosciuszko Plan of Management is being revised in parallel.

Historical Society Newsletters

The Perisher Historical Society, Thredbo Alpine Museum and Australian Alpine Snowsports History Association newsletters are all posted on our website home page www.sasc-aus.com. All newsletters include interesting articles related to snowsports, the resorts and milestones of alpine pioneers.

Perisher X Country (PXC)

PXC is a sub-committee of the northern division of Snow Australia and aims to grow participation in XC skiing in Perisher Valley and beyond.

Members with an interest in XC skiing should go to www.perisherxcountry.org then click on the Contact Us page to subscribe to their regular emails, trail reports are provided during winter. PXC News is focused on the activities of volunteers and those who have a keen interest in helping grow the sport of XC skiing.

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

June – Mid Year Lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club

This lunch started a few years ago as a get-together opportunity for those members who are no longer regular walkers. This year it exploded to over 36 members who enjoyed a sunny day on the Parramatta River. We had an hour for a stand around catchup and then an enjoyable bistro lunch at the club.

June - Two Creeks Track

A balmy sunny day saw 18 members walking from Lindfield to Echo Point and return. It is a great Sydney walk, with 14kms of varied terrain, water views and a well serviced picnic ground for lunch.

Many thanks to Sharon, Chris and Harm for your planning and leadership.

Unfortunately, mid-June saw the return of Covid to Sydney and the gradual shut-down of all of our events, walks, the Summit Tour, Nordic Week etc. We'll be back as soon as we can.

Our 2021 walk schedule can be found in the SASC Newsletter and on our page of the SASC web site. A detailed walk description is sent, via email, one week prior to the event, please contact me if you would like to receive a copy.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk.

The XC & BW page of the SASC website (<https://www.sasc-aus.com/cross-country-bush-walking-news>) has details of past walks (description, pictures and maps) and a calendar of our upcoming walks.

While the Covid-19 crisis continues we will keep the website updated with the status of our upcoming events.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

2021 has turned out to be a virtual ski season for many of us - hopeful planning only to be frustrated by ongoing lockdown creep!

Both Race Week and Interclub events were planned and of course cancelled at the last minute.

We are lucky being skiers as we only remember the good days and quickly forget the bad ones so luckily 2021 will be long forgotten by winter, 2022!

Our sponsored skier, **Sami Kennedy-Sim** heads overseas at the end September for ten ski cross events before expected selection for Beijing Winter Olympics. We wish her all the best! You can follow Sami's successes on the Ski Australia YouTube channel. We are currently reviewing applications from Sami and Ben Wynn for **2022 sponsorship** and will advise next newsletter.

Let's leave 2021 season behind and all look forward to 2022!

Scott & Daniel



Two Creeks



Middle Harbour

News from the Junior Committee

Junior Bus Trip

In late June, our coach carrying excited Junior club members headed from Rydalmere, Sydney early in the morning for a 4-day trip to the Snowy Mountains. On the day we departed, the early stages of the Sydney lockdown had started to manifest. Little did we realise how much it would alter the winter season!

Our trip south was relatively uneventful, and we managed to meet our time brackets to facilitate pick-ups at Suttons Forest, Canberra and Jindabyne.

Upon arrival at the Perisher terminal a dozen younger members headed to Charlotte Pass on the oversnow, whilst the remaining 41 (11–14s) stayed at Perisher and headed to Kahane Lodge. Our resident cross-country skiing expert, Jasmine Melvey, took some of the Perisher group on an afternoon slide outside the lodge as the snow started to fall, whilst the remainder had some rest and got ready for the next day's skiing and lessons.

Although we did have snow on the ground at both Perisher and Charlotte Pass, we did need to contend with rain and sleet, making everyone's gear wet and cold. Unperturbed, all participants went into their lessons and made the most of the early season conditions.

At the completion of a day's skiing, a typical bus trip evening is a well-earned dinner followed by some games and

relaxation. Both groups followed this program. Every night seemed to be games night this time around while efforts were made to dry out everyone's gear and get set for more time on the snow the following day.

Our Lodge managers at both Perisher and Charlotte Pass were very helpful and accommodating, as always, and while having a building full of children adds a level of intensity, they supported our efforts and objectives, which we are most thankful for.

Separating the older children (Perisher) from the younger ones (Charlotte Pass) allowed a greater number of children to attend as well as manage on-snow skill and ability in most cases. Parent helpers at both sites had their work cut out in managing the day and night activities and busily swapped notes each night to see how the other group was faring. This initiative did work from a logistical perspective and is a credit to those that worked on that concept and made it happen.

Just before the Bus Trip we felt that the **Junior Race Team** week would be viable, although compromised by Covid requirements. Thanks to Sandy Brinkman and Neil Caldwell who offered to manage them for the week we were able to select a team. Well done to Jeremy Westgarth, Zara Melvey-Lester, Chloe Thomlinson, Jett Brinkman, Riley Gore, Kirralee Caldwell, Jett Jenkinson and Dainis Galvins. The team were all presented with their race team jackets as they departed the lodge at Perisher on Saturday.

The coach arrived back in Sydney at 5.30pm Saturday 26 June and the Sydney lockdown started at 6pm. Sadly this curtailed the opportunity for our Junior Race Team to head back the following week. The Junior Interclub did not run and many other events and holidays have been affected since then.

The Bus Trip could not have proceeded or been successful without the support of the Lodge Co-operative, the Club itself and Junior Committee. On the ground, Lani Richardson once again co-ordinated the trip with able assistance from our parent helpers, Sandy Brinkman, Jasmine Melvey, Annaliese Seubert, Meredyth Hughes, Barry Westgarth, Gary Mezei and Mark Fleming. Thank you for helping make such a complex undertaking possible.

A reminder that all merchandise and apparel that is sold from the lodges, as well as the proceeds from the online raffle, support and subsidise the Junior activities. Thank you to those that have been able to assist us with meeting our objectives.

The next Junior committee meeting will be held (online) on 19 October and we encourage interested parents of Junior members to join the meeting to discuss plans and potentially become involved for next year. Please contact me if you would like to join that meeting.

Darren Gore
Juniors Chairman



Junior Race Team



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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.

Lodge Share Holdings

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott 0428 821 555
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Australian Alpine Clubs

- Victoria/Japan

SASC members have reciprocal arrangements for booking accommodation at AAC lodges in Falls Creek, Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain and Perisher. AAC also have a lodge in Niseko, Japan.

Booking details for each lodge at www.australionalpineclub.com/book.html

Any further information at www.australionalpineclub.com

LODGE REPORT

The 2021 Snow season has been affected again by COVID-19. I thank all of those who booked to stay at our lodges, and you should be receiving refunds in accordance with our refund policy. Once again, the Covid Action Team of Alastair Sloan, Kim Easdale and Rod Peile have been continuously monitoring the Covid 19 restrictions. Thanks to our managers and their staff for carrying on with operating our lodges during these difficult times and also to the booking officers who have had a particularly onerous time.

The directors have been meeting online regularly to discuss and consider all the implications of the Covid-19 restrictions on the operation of the lodges.

Our income has been severely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions but due to the good management practices by the past and present boards, treasurers and CFOs we are still in a relatively strong financial position.

A number of shareholders have become inactive and so we are in the process of forfeiting and reissuing those shares.

Work still progresses in relation to the updating, repairs, and maintenance of the Charlotte Pass Lodge in particular. We hope to open for summer trading over the Christmas/New Year period and extending into late January.

In the event that we are open we will probably be insisting that you shall have evidence of your double Covid-19 vaccination.


Chairman,
Phillip Friedlander.

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