

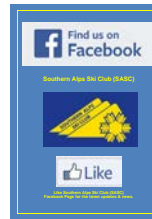


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Japanese night at Kahane

MEETING VENUES and TIMES

Club meetings (and AGM) held at
North Sydney Leagues Club at 8pm.

Open Lodge meetings held at
Sports House, Quad 1, Level 2
8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic
Park. Sports House entrance is locked
after hours so please call Joe 0418 238
552 or Rod 0448 670 586 for access.

Lodge AGM held at 8pm at North
Sydney Leagues Club

**Cross Country and Bushwalking
October meeting** held at the Sims
home.

Junior Committee meetings to be
held at different venues.

Contact David Green on 0413 470
099 for details.

- Club subscriptions due on 30 September.
- End of Season Party on 28 October,
Waterview, Olympic Park
- Club AGM – 15 November, North's Leagues
Club.

S O U T H E R N A L P S S K I C L U B

End of Season Party

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2017
AT WATERVIEW

Bicentennial Drive, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park
6pm – 6.30pm pre-dinner drinks then cash bar until 10.30pm
FREE PARKING

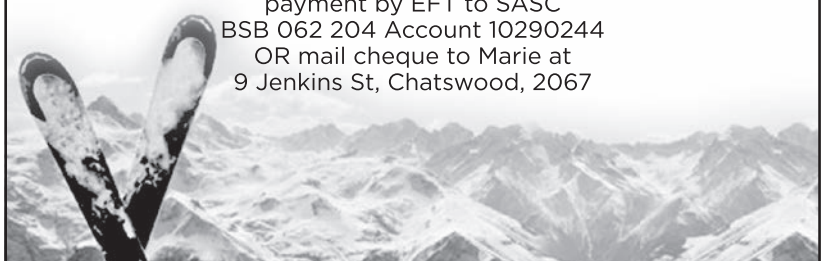
ADULTS \$75 (3 course dinner including pre-dinner drinks)

JUNIORS \$30 (2 course dinner including drinks)

BOOKINGS to Marie Westgarth marie.westgarth@bigpond.com
payment by EFT to SASC

BSB 062 204 Account 10290244

OR mail cheque to Marie at
9 Jenkins St, Chatswood, 2067



LIVE MUSIC • CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

JUNIORS GUESSING COMPETITION DRAW • PRESENTATION OF JUNIOR AND CLUB AWARDS
PRESENTATION OF GOLD MEMBER BADGES FOR 25 YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

2017 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

OCTOBER

- Mon 2 Perisher and Thredbo -
SEASON CLOSE
- Sun 8 XC & BW Meeting
- Sims Home
- Bob Sims
- Sun 8 End NSW Public School
holidays
- Tue 10 Junior Committee Meeting
- Mosman
- Sat 14 Walk - Blue Mountains
- Andy Cairns
- Mon 16 Lodge Meeting - all
welcome - Homebush
- Sat 28 End of Season Party
- contact:
Marie Westgarth 9419 6163

NOVEMBER

- 10-13 4WD Camping Weekend
- Alex Theakston's, Oberon
Bob Sims
- Wed 15 SASC ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING at North Sydney
Leagues Club - 8pm
- 18-19 Lodge Meeting -
Directors only - Thredbo
- Mon 20 January 2018 Newsletter -
deadline
- Sat 25 XC & BW group Christmas
Picnic Walk
- Bob Sims



Steve and Will at the top of Paralyser ready for the run down

From the Editor

This is my first missed ski season since 1982. After delaying a major ankle operation for 10 years, by last season I couldn't even manage snowshoeing. So the operation was done in early February and then again in July! Tim has enjoyed his season enough for two of us and I hope to be back on the snow in 2018.

NEXT DEADLINE, for the January 2018 Newsletter, is
Monday, 20 November, 2017 to Editor.
To sasc.newseditor@gmail.com
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Sadly, Keith Westgarth, a Southern Alps life member, passed away on 9 June, at home, after an extended battle with cancer.

Keith worked tirelessly for Southern Alps supporting wife Marie with her roles as a Lodge booking officer and Club social secretary. Keith was also a regular at the Charlotte Pass "boys" weekend. Keith was a special member that will be truly missed.

The club extends sincerest condolences to Marie, Keith's adult children: Susie, Cathy, Barry, their partners and Keith's much loved grandchildren: Courtney, Nicole, Emma, James, Jacqueline, Jeremy & Daniel.



Vale Margaret Stewart

Margaret Stewart passed away on 17 June 2017. She joined the club in May 1976 and enjoyed many skiing holidays at Charlotte Pass and overseas. She was also a keen walker and golfer. Margaret will be missed by many in the SASC XC & Bushwalking family.

President's Report

Rod Peile

Dear Members,

I hope you have enjoyed a fantastic winter and had opportunity to spend some time in the mountains. The snow was a little late but the big dumps brought plenty of powder smiles.

I was lucky to have a few trips. To Kahane for the Peak Festival at Perisher on the June long weekend. This included the Perisher Historical Society Annual Lunch, where we were entertained with childhood stories from Peter McGuinn and Carel Laing, son and daughter of Stan McGuinn who was manager of the Chalet from 1954-62 then CEO of Perisher from 1963-72, fantastic times as the ski industry was taking off. Then I enjoyed the cross country group Summit tour on patchy snow, then back to Charlotte Pass for the Paddy Pallin Junior Shield in mid-July. My season will finish with Nordic week and then some time at Kahane in September.

Since my last report we have lost two Southern Alps life members. Keith Westgarth passed away on 9 June after an extended battle with cancer, Keith was always positive and hopeful of being cured. Keith was a great person and will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Rex Cox passed away on 9 July at 98. He had lead an extremely full life until advancing years took him into an aged care facility in his mid-90s. See obituaries on pages 2, 4 and 5..

On behalf of our members, I extend sincerest condolences to both Keith's and Rex's family and friends.

Congratulations to our 2017 race competitors and the 2017 Club Champions - see the Captains and Juniors reports for details. Our Thredbo Junior Interclub team came second while the Thredbo Senior Interclub took the honours again - well done and congratulations to the teams!

Efforts led by Stuart Lowndes to run the Snowline Cup at Charlotte Pass in August were defeated by the conditions, even holding off for few days did not help - thanks for trying Stuart.

This year we have two senior sponsorship applications for consideration at the September Club meeting. Sam Wells and Sami Kennedy-Sim are both training for selection in Australian Winter Olympic teams, good luck to both ladies - see report on page 6.

It is very disappointing that NPWS have not yet completed negotiations for the head lease at Charlotte Pass, so our future remains uncertain. See the Lodge report on page 12.

Don't forget the L'ETAPE Australia bike race is on 2 December, 2017. Please contact booking officers promptly if you are looking to make a booking.

Considerable time has gone into the review and update of the Club's Constitution. A draft has been prepared based on the 2016 NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution which brings in necessary technology updates, dispute resolution and privacy requirements. The draft includes a revision of the Club's objects to include "encouragement of sport" which is important if our tax exempt status is challenged. I was hopeful we could finish the update before this year's AGM but there are a few items to work through so at this time I expect approval may be held over to the 2018 AGM.

If you would like to comment on the content, please call or send me an email.

I hope you are able to attend the End of Season Party on Saturday, 28 October. See notice on the front page. This date was selected to stay clear of your other Christmas and year end celebrations.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 November at North Sydney Leagues Club starting at 8pm. All members are welcome to attend. The annual reports will be received from the sub committees and the office bearers for 2018 year will be elected. If you would like to nominate for any of the positions, please call or email me for information.

I intend to seek nomination for the President's position for another term to see the constitution update completed. Your comments and suggestions on any of the Club activities are welcome. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Hope to see you soon.

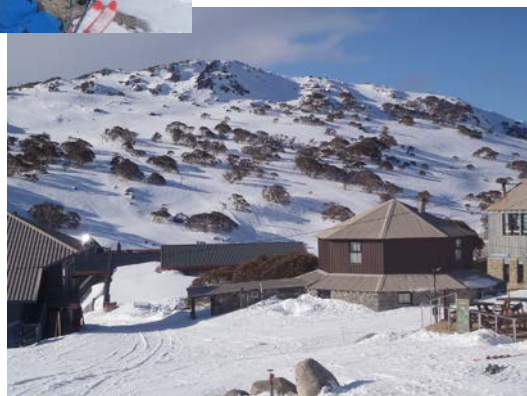
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Skiing from Charlotte Pass



Vale Rex Cox

(23/8/1918 to 9/7/2017)

Many of you would be aware Rex Cox passed away in July, aged 98 years. Rex played a huge part in Southern Alps development, he loved talking with people and found ways to encourage or assist them.

Rex was born in Parkes, found himself working at 15 to support his mother and two younger siblings when his father disappeared.

Rex served in New Guinea during WW2 with 73 Anti-aircraft Searchlight Company.

Post war Rex worked as a manufacturers agent travelling NSW southern areas when a friend introduced him to skiing at Dainers Gap. He was 31 years old and immediately hooked.

In 1954 Rex was introduced to Southern Alps Ski Club mainly so he could race.

Rex quickly rose to the top being elected as the Club Captain in 1955 to 58 then again 62-63, 70, 72-73 & 76-77.

Rex was a Lodge Cooperative director from 1963 to 1998, Club President in 1974-75 & 84-85.

Rex was awarded Southern Alps life membership in 1975.

Rex was key to many activities in Southern Alps; the formation of the Lodge Cooperative with Arnold Kahane, Evelyn Pigot and Joan Gardner, the Charlotte Pass Interclub racing with Geoff Knott that developed into the Race Week we have now at Thredbo, Junior Race team with Joe Di Falco, the Cross Country & Bushwalking group with Sue Davies.

Rex became a keen cross country skier with Paddy Pallin and others. He enjoyed cross country ski touring and led groups onto the Main Range and the Jagungal wilderness area. Rex loved being in the mountains and continued to take week long tours well into his 80's. It wasn't unusual for Rex to carry an extra treat to share when morale was low.

Rex was also a keen bush walker leading many summer main range walks to see mountains in full bloom.

Rex's love of the mountains included the huts, he helped with the formation of the Kosciuszko Huts Association and was instrumental in having Broken Dam Hut rebuilt in 2007.

Rex travelled extensively to Europe, United Kingdom, Canada and Antarctica. He had 14 trips to the Himalayas (often as leader),

In his mid-70s Rex's fitness, mountain knowledge and experience was such that the Australian Army invited him to assist with their snow exercises.

Rex loved people and enjoyed having a chat, sharing stories and fellowship. Many will remember Rex with oilskin coat, rucksack and thermos full of hot chocolate. He loved skiing, and often said it is one of the few sports you can do with your children and grandchildren.

The condolence messages received all carried a similar themes describing Rex as 'enthusiastic', 'encouraging', 'fiery', 'remarkable', 'special', 'icon', 'positive', 'cheeky', 'kind', 'amazing', 'legendary' & 'tenacious' He had a lasting impact on people, Southern Alps and the development of skiing in Australia.

Rex is survived by his long term friend Joan Gardner, 5 nephews and a niece and their families.



Rex with nutcracker



1993 Rex with Peter Rochaix



Rex and Joan Gardner



*Rex and Jono Moore
ready for 3 legged
race at Club picnic*



1986 July Rex and Evelyn Pigot



2003 standard race



*Lunch on Gungartan above Disappointment
Spur aquaduct track - Rex, Bob Sims, Jim
Henderson, John Lee*



Rex with day pack

Snippets

VALE - Paul LeMay (1924 - 2017)

Paul became a Lodge Member when Kahane (then Kunama) was purchased by SASC and memberships were offered to past guests of Kunama. I became acquainted with Paul and Liz in 1974 when we first stayed at Kunama and the friendship continued on when we all became Lodge Members.

Paul and Liz were beginners back then but enthusiastically embraced their newfound love of skiing. Paul was known for his amazing recall of jokes and funny stories and kept Kahane guests entertained with many an after-dinner tale.

Paul is survived by his wife, Liz and their daughters, Tiffany and Kylie, their partners and his grandchildren.

- Judy Riddell

Off-season live-in caretakers – Any members interested in caretaking Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass are advised that vacancies exist between 22 September and 2 December, 2017, and from 3 February to mid June, 2018. Please contact Tim Moore on 0411 220 789.

Christiania Christmas/New Year period

Enjoy the benefits of Thredbo in summer, Christiania will be open for catered bookings from 26 December to 3 January, 2018. Linen, breakfast and dinner served at Cascades Restaurant in the Thredbo Alpine Hotel are included in the tariff. See www.sasc-aus.com/christiania-lodge/ for details.

Summer rates

The summer tariffs for our lodges are published on the website see www.sasc-aus.com please contact the booking officers if you do not have access.

Club Subscriptions

Club membership subscriptions were due on 30/9/17 and payable before 31/12/17.

Renewal notices are included with this newsletter - If you have a subscription query please contact Peter Collett.

Do we have your correct details? If you are not receiving occasional emails from Southern Alps then we don't have your correct email address. Please remember to keep your email, postal address and phone numbers updated. It's easy – go to the website home page www.sasc-aus.com click on the "Please update my member details" button in the right hand column and alter your details to be updated by the secretary.

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve - The final working bee for 2017 and the AGM will be held on 14/15 October. Anyone interested in attending should call Rod Peile 0448 670 586.

Thredbo Historical Society

A book to celebrate 60 years of Thredbo operation was successfully launched, first in Sydney at the end of June, then at the THS Mid-Winter dinner. The book "Thredbo – Pioneers, Legends, Community" written by Chas Keys features 176 pages of text and photos covering the people and groups that influenced the development of Thredbo. The book costs \$60 & can be purchased from the Thredbo Museum or on line at www.thredboskimuseum.com

Juniors Guessing Competition

Tickets were included with the July newsletter, thanks to our members who have requested extra books, your additional sales are appreciated. Contact Rod Peile (rod.peile@bigpond.com) if you would like more tickets. Please support the prize sponsors Sun Peaks, Nancy Greens's Cahilty Hotel and Suites, Alpsport, Sydney Sensational Cruises, Snow Skiers Warehouse & SX Snow. Please return all sold ticket butts to Marie Westgarth before 20 October or bring them to the End of Season Party.

Lodge Share Holdings

Share holdings are available for purchase. Interested members should contact Beverly Endicott, 4441 0466 or sasccoop@bigpond.com

Sponsored Skier reports

Sponsorship applications have been received from Sam Wells (Aerials) & Sami Kennedy-Sim (Ski Cross). Both ladies are currently in contention to represent Australia at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Korea. Our commitment will have been decided at our September club meeting, we wish them every success for training, competition and team selection.

Sam Wells

Sam has completed training camp at Lilydale in Melbourne then on to Park City to refine her triple twisting double jump and is now at a point where Sam feels "comfortable with competition jumps in each range".

Sam has also been achieving high distinctions with her Health Science degree.

Sami Kennedy-Sim

Sami has focused on strength and conditioning and breaking bad habits. New SSA Alpine Director, Mick Branch, has provided some alpine technical advice to Sami's team. Craig Branch has also been in the picture providing waxing advice assisting Sami to win the first of two Australia New Zealand Continental Cup races at Mt Buller in August.

See our website www.sasc-aus.com for news/links to Sam's or Sami's updates.



Japanese night at Kahane



Bella Green

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

June – Kuring-gai Chase

We started at Greenvalley Ave and stopped for morning tea in the St Ives Showground. Lunch was enjoyed alongside Kuring-gai Creek, then we returned via Muellers Track in the Kuring-gai Wildflower Gardens. A lovely walk and it was great to have Annette back in the team. Thanks to Bob for the organisation.

June – Summit Tour Bus Trip

This year we had 27 XC skiers on the bus. There was some bushwalking on the Friday and some challenging skiing over the top on Saturday but a great week-end was had by all. Thanks to Ron and Owen for standing in as trip leaders and to our Lodge Managers for your support.

July – A City Ramble

(This was a late replacement for the scheduled North Shore walk). We met at Circular Quay, walked past the Opera House, through the gardens to Woolloomooloo, up the Burton Steps into Potts Point admiring the architecture and history of the Cross. After lunch at the El Alamein Park we continued along Darlinghurst Rd. From this point there were three options to end the day – The Jewish Museum, Oxford St or Brett Whiteley's Gallery. Many thanks to Annette and Graham for the planning.

August – Cronulla

13 walkers met at Wanda and followed the walkway via Elouera, North Cronulla and Cronulla Beaches, to the Cronulla Ferry Wharf. On to Gunnamatta Park for morning tea, then Darook Park and Bass and Flinders Point. After lunch at Shelley Beach, we returned via the Esplanade to Cronulla Beach then back to Wanda Beach.

We finished the day with more 'chat' and coffee at the "Two Figs" cafe, Wanda Beach.

It was a great day for a Sydney winter walk, a big contrast to the blizzard conditions in the Alps. Thanks to Russell for the planning.

Coming up in 2017

October - Blue Mountains – Andy Cairns

November – 4WD/Camping – Abercrombie NP

December – Christmas Picnic walk – Lane Cove National Park

Our walk schedule is included in the SASC Newsletter calendar and the details are sent via email one week prior to the walk, if you would like to join us please contact me to be added to the email distribution.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk soon.

Just a reminder that we keep a club EPIRB at our Charlotte Pass Lodge. If you are staying at the lodge and planning an extended day trip or an overnight ski-tour/walk, then please consider borrowing the EPIRB. We only ask that you complete a trip register detailing your planned activity.



**Summit Tour 2017
- on the Main Range**



Morning tea in Kings Cross



Cronulla Walking group



**Summit Tour 2017
- Coffee in Thredbo**

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Arthur Owens

Snow was well timed, with 40 to 50cm dump over the weekend before our Race Week. Most of the week we had fantastic conditions, but the weather did deteriorate towards week's end. We all had a great week with many interesting stories to tell, certainly more interesting than my fall out of the start gate in the GS.

Race Week Results

Age winners – Letitia Murphy, Kim Easdale, Jan Owens, Tim Easdale, Daniel Kavo, Arthur Owens, Butch Young.

Leah & Jim Gardner Trophy – Letitia Murphy

Smith trophy – Tim Easdale

Eric Folden Trophy – Kim Easdale & Daniel Kavo

Rob Mayne Trophy – Letitia Murphy

Evelyn Piggott Trophy – Antonia Murphy

Rex Cox Trophy – Kim Easdale & Tim Easdale

Rose Bowl (Most Improved) Daniel Kavo

Club Champions – Kim Easdale & Tim Easdale

Thredbo Interclub

This was another one of those great days! Rained all day!!!

Warm weather created soft snow and anyone who had a bib number beyond 30 was skiing in 60cm deep ruts. There were more falls in this race than I have ever seen, including six of our team hitting the deck.

This caused a few concerns heading to the Presentation as we had no idea about how many of the other teams had fallen in the really tough conditions. I am not too sure whether SASC won or the other teams lost, but we were winners by 5 points nonetheless.

SASC has a great team of youth and mature racers and congratulations to all for a fantastic effort on such an horrific day of racing.

Stand outs were:

Jenny Owens – fastest female

Craig Branch & Scott Kneller - 2nd & 3rd respectively

Charlotte Murphy - 3rd fastest female

SASC fastest team of 5 – Craig Branch, Scott Kneller, Jenny Owens, Matt Coffey, AJ Jones.



Antonia and Letitia Murphy at Race Week.



Arthur and Jan with their trophies for age group.



Racers ready to start at Race Week.



Troy Ingle in the start gate.

News from the Junior Committee

By David Green

SASC Juniors assist skiers who are engaged in the full weekend or fulltime ski coaching programs with PWSC and TSRC. Our skiers have achieved some fantastic results at the interschool's championships, and we wish them well for the rest of the season.

Theo Coates - Div 1
1st Alpine, 2nd SkierX State Championships
1st Alpine, 1st SkierX Southern/ACT Region

Ben Wynn - Div 3
1st Alpine, 1st SkierX Southern/ACT Region

April Wynn - Div 3
1st Alpine, 1st SkierX Southern/ACT Region

Letitia Murphy - Div 3
3rd Alpine State Championships

Bella Green - Div 3
1st SkierX State Championships
3rd SkierX Northern Region Champs

Hugo Thompson - Div 5
2nd Alpine Southern/ACT Region

Jacqui Lee - Div 2
3rd Alpine State Championships
2nd SkierX Sydney Region Championships

If you are interested in helping with our Juniors training program please attend our next Juniors meeting at Mosman on **10 October**. Phone Daniel on 0413470099 for details.

Any Junior member who has raced in Club races, Interschools, participated in race club training or entered other snow sports races during this season can be considered for our "Most Improved Junior Skier" and "Most Outstanding Junior Racer" awards. Please submit your results to the Juniors secretary, Lisa Manoy by email on lisamanoy@bigpond.com, before our October meeting.

For those interested in training assistance in both the northern hemisphere winter and our Australian winter, please contact the committee for further information. Requests are required prior to the October meeting.

2017 Junior Bus Trip

- Klara Henderson

Although the forecast was not as we wanted, there was still lots of excitement as we boarded the bus at Canterbury this year for the annual Junior Bus Trip. We left on time and made excellent progress overnight, collecting a few children along the way. We met the few final juniors on a clear crisp morning at Perisher and took the snow cats up to Charlotte Pass. The parent helpers were really impressed by the energy and helpfulness of those children who took on the job of relaying bags up the steps into the lodge. Ally and Chris welcomed us with breakfast and then we took to the slopes, via the hire shop for those who needed to collect gear. The juniors were arranged into lesson groups and the instructors took them through skills and drills making the most of the man-made snow. After lunch and some free skiing time, a group of parents and kids headed out for a hike - searching for snow clouds! One of the group celebrated her birthday on the trip and Ally and Chris made a special birthday cake for us all to celebrate with.

On Saturday morning the juniors were enthusiastically early out on the slopes - first ones on the chairlift, stretching their legs prior to the morning lesson. The instructors had creative drills for the children to work on, given the limited snow. Parents and instructors felt the children really honed and deepened their skills. Lots of single leg skiing! On Friday we had the group photo taken at lunchtime. And the kids all got the chance to ski through the gates, practicing their race style. There were a few small jumps set up, which were a great attraction, resulting in more bursts of laughter and joy than crashing!

Friday evening was the famous games night which was organised Lynda. The children really enjoyed themselves,

coming up with creative solutions to some of the activities. And the lodge was kept in one piece too! Timing was kept tight on the games so the kids were kept engaged for the entire time and then ready for bed straight after.

Some fierce battles were had on that well-loved ping-pong table, with the shrieks of triumph that could be heard from the dining room!

Saturday morning was our last day, but the children organised themselves well and we exited the lodge and Charlotte Pass without incident. It is always sad to come to the end of such a great weekend,

The kids who had limited skiing opportunities had improved so much over the course of the weekend. In fact everyone learnt something new. Special thanks to Chris and Ally for looking after us with your delicious food, thoughtful and warm hospitality. We cannot wait for another year at Charlotte Pass.

Junior Race Week 2017 - By Julian Thompson & Matt Coffey

Race team selection was very tight with some good young skiers emerging. Congratulations to those who were selected for the team this year: Hugo Thompson, Nat Manoy, Brianna Was-sell, Beatrix Jones, Paul Napier, Kai Ingle, Luke Fisher and Logan Coffey. Matt and I were honoured to manage the 2017 Juniors race training week. The week was a great success with all the kids improving their race technique, showing drive and commitment and having lots of fun. We started off at Kahane on Friday 7 July. Over the weekend we did some GS training in the gates with Peter Gray from Perisher Race Department. The kids showed great mental and physical toughness to grind out 5Km of X-C practice around the Perisher trails in a raging blizzard on Sunday.



2017 Junior Race Team

On Tuesday morning we travelled to the Thredbo Junior Interclub Race. Despite great performances from all SASC skiers, we narrowly missed out on winning the Interclub, placing second behind Ski Club of Australia by 21 points to 18. There were 11 lodges and over 140 kids competing which was great to see. We also managed to have a quick catch-up with 9 time paralympic medalist Michael Milton who showed the kids how fast you can ski on one leg – over 200 km/h! After some reviving lasagne and ice cream back at Christiania, we embarked on the long journey back to Kahane pretty satisfied with our efforts, only to discover the devastating news that we had missed Tony's schnitzel and killer berry pavlova!

Following our late night, an early morning cat to Charlotte Pass on Wednesday was met with groans of enthusiasm but it was a sparkling day at the Pass with good snow and the race team 'mojo' dial was soon back to "very high." The Shield included a 3Km X-C loop and a Giant Slalom. Many of the race team kids made the podium during the presentation at the Chalet and SASC was streets ahead of any of the other lodges.

On Thursday and Friday we were finally able to relax and enjoy some free skiing and jumps with Olympian Sami Kennedy-Sim after a hectic training and racing schedule. We let our hair down on Thursday at Japanese night at Kahane with some awesome, almost in-tune, karaoke performances.

Next day most of the kids had bleary eyes from lack of sleep and tired legs, but we sensed a general satisfaction from a fun, but challenging race training week.

All the kids improved their racing technique, X-C skiing and learnt to wax their skis. Matt & I were very pleased at their commitment to the week and dedication to improve their skiing. The racing future of SASC is in good hands with this lot. Thanks to Tony and the

Kahane Lodge team for putting up with race team's early starts and late finishes and producing gourmet delights night after night!

Paddy Pallin Junior Shield

The Paddy Pallin Junior Shield races are run at Charlotte Pass by Southern Alps with assistance from other Charlotte Pass lodges, the race day includes a Super Juniors (U8s) race, a Giant Slalom race and a Cross Country race for school aged children. This year the snow arrived just in time. The 'T' bar had only been open a few days when races were run on Wednesday, 12 July. Unfortunately, Joan Gardner was not in attendance due to Rex's failing health and her own ailments.

This year, on recommendation of the Ski School, our XC was held in the morning on a track set at the back of the Chalet. It was good to have some competitors from Jerrabomberra Lodge join us in the XC. The Super Juniors were next set on a course beside the beginner's poma, then main GS was run in the afternoon. The snow was still quite fresh so plenty of ski grooming and a course adjustment between the two runs was required to prevent the skiers and snowboarders breaking through to the heath below.

There were 52 Paddy Pallin trophies awarded over multiple age categories and disciplines across 8 of the Charlotte Pass lodges. Our Juniors did extremely well. Congratulations to Ben Pike who won boys Alpine, Cross country and Combined awards, Beatrix Jones who won the girls Alpine and Combined trophies and to Hannah Williams for winning the girls Cross Country.

Thanks to the Knight family for helping write out race entries and organising trophies. The Pike family, Sue Williams, Matt Coffey and Julian Thompson were a great help on the mountain and with time recording.

Fundraising Tickets and Presentation Night

This year's children's presentation will be held at the end of season function 28 October at the Waterview Convention Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. There will be presentations for Junior Race Team trophies, Most Outstanding Junior Racer and Most Improved Junior Skier.

Parents and club members are ALL WELCOME to come along. Get together with a group of your fellow enthusiasts and join in.

The final Junior Guessing competition tickets will be available and I am sure the draw will be a highlight of the evening, especially if someone attending wins a prize.

A book of tickets was enclosed with the July newsletter and we appreciate your support. Tickets this year were in books of 5, costing \$20 per book and you received two books. You have got to be in it to win it! Please sell to friends and family.

1. Ski Holiday to Sun Peaks for 2 adults
2. 1 week's accommodation for 2 adults at one of the SASC lodges
3. Pair of Elan skis including bindings (\$999)
4. 1 week's accommodation for 2 adults at one of the SASC lodges
5. Sensational Sydney Cruises for 2 (\$570)
6. Sensational Sydney Cruises for 2 (\$570)
7. Ski Shop gift voucher (\$500)
8. Ski Parker (\$500)



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- Rockdale

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LODGE REPORT

Winter 2017 has delivered some of the best snowfalls in recent years, so there is plenty of soft fresh snow on tap for our guests up until our Lodges close.

Recently elected Directors, Will Sidwell and Daniel Kavo, continue to settle into their roles at Charlotte Pass and Perisher respectively with help from the other Directors.

There is no resolution of the Charlotte Pass lease issue yet.

We have been successful in passing a written brief to the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, on the need to expedite finalization of the new lease arrangements before the expiry of our current lease extension on 31 October, 2017. No official advice has yet been received from Office of Environment & Heritage (part of Dept of Planning & Environment) apart from "OEH recommends that sub-lessees may take waitlist bookings for the 2018 ski season. If negotiations conclude positively then sub-lessees may be able to confirm waitlist bookings subject to negotiation and confirmation of sub-leases." However, we can't advise booking rates until we know the ongoing lease fees.

We are continuing to formulate plans for Charlotte Pass pre winter 2018 - passive fire upgrade work and ongoing repairs and maintenance, pending lease renewal.

Southern Alps, Kahane and Christiania Lodges have been operating pretty smoothly throughout the season, continuing to provide excellent experiences for our guests.

Thanks to our wonderful Lodge Managers and their staff and all SASC Lodge and Club office bearers and other supporters for their ongoing hard work and diligence.

Special thanks to all Club members and Lodge Shareholders who have supported us and visited our homes in the snow during the year. Everyone's support have helped to make 2017 a great year for SASC.

Remember that our Lodges are open (mainly un-catered) at times during spring, summer and autumn – and are a great way to escape from the heat and humidity of the coastal areas.

Best wishes to everyone for safe and happy holiday season.

Joe Di Falco



Japanese night at Kahane



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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