

SASC NEWSLETTER

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Sam at 2018 PyeongChang with Olympic rings

SASC 2018 Pre Season Social



SASC together with KAC would like to invite you to a fun filled social evening.

Starting with: Canapés & drinks **6.15pm - 7.45pm** at **Barrel Bar & Dining** 3/362 Military Road, Cremorne

Followed by: Warren Miller's 'Line of Descent' Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace 380 Military Rd, Cremorne (film commences at 8:00pm) **Date:** Wed 16th May, 2018 **Time:** 6.15pm **Tickets:** \$30

Bookings: By 10 May, 2018 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



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HELP NEEDED FOR LODGE MAINTENANCE

Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) stores weekend starts on 28 April. The winter stores will be delivered on Saturday morning and we need your help to form the chain-gang to move goods from the road to the loft. Everyone is welcome, with the really heavy items handled by the young and fit! There will also be a list of small jobs to complete during the weekend. Please contact **Tim Moore** 0411 220 789 if you are able to attend.

This winter at Perisher, wish upon a star and come dressed as your favourite

> **Disney character** every Thursday night at Kahane Lodge.

MEETING VENUES and TIMES

Club meetings (and AGM) held at Norths, 12 Abbott St, Cammeray, 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 - March meeting held at Kahane Lodge, Perisher and 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.

2018 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB

APRIL

| Sun 1 | Less than 5 day Lodge bookings open for Club |
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| Sat 14 | Members Start NSW Public School holidays |
| Sun 15 | Lodge bookings open for Temporary Members |
| Mon 23 | Lodge Meeting at Homebush, directors only |
| Tue 24 | Club Meeting – all welcome at Norths at 8p.m. |
| Wed 25 Sun 29 | Anzac Day End NSW Public School holidays |
| 28-29 | Charlotte Pass stores - volunteers welcome, contact: Tim Moore 0411 220 789 |
| MAY | |
| Sun 6 | Walk – Middle Harbour, contact Bob Failes |
| Tue 15 | Junior Committee Meeting at Chatswood |
| Wed 16 | |
| Sun 20 Wed 23 | July Newsletter deadline SASC LODGE Co-Op Annual General Meeting at Norths, 8 p.m. |
| JUNE | |
| Sun 3 | Walk – Mt Annan, contact Annette Fitzallen |
| Sun 3 | Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip |
| Fri 8 | Christiania and Kahane start catered period |
| 8-11 Sat 9 | Perisher PEAK Festival Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo |
| 12-15 Mon 18 | SEASON OPENING CanTeen - Christiania Lodge Lodge Meeting at Homebush, directors only |
| Tue 19 | Club Meeting – all welcome at Norths, 8 p.m. |
| 28/6-1/7 | |
| Fri 22 | Southern Alps Lodge (CP) start catered period |

JULY

| 5-8 | Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year olds (at Perisher) – all welcome to apply |
|--------|---|
| Sat 7 | Start NSW Public School |
| Sun 8 | Walk – Cronulla area, contact Russell Barnes |
| 10-14 | Interschools – Northern NSW + QLD at Thredbo |
| 13-20 | Junior Training Week at Perisher (by selection) |
| Tue 17 | Thredbo Junior Inter-Club, contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615 |
| 17-21 | Interschools – Sydney division at Perisher |
| Wed 18 | Paddy Pallin Junior Shield at Charlotte Pass |
| Sun 22 | End NSW Public School holidays |
| Mon 23 | Lodge Meeting at Homebush, all welcome |
| 25-27 | Interschools - ACT + |
| 26-30 | Southern NSW at Perisher Boys' Weekend at |
| 27-28 | Charlotte Pass (by invitation) Thredbo Masters race |

AUGUST

- Sun 5 Walk - Lower North Shore, contact Ron McCann
- 5-10 SASC Race week / Club Championships at Thredbo
- Sat 9 TBC KAC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass
- Thredbo Top to Bottom and Sat 11 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club
- Tue 14 TBC Snowline Cup at **Charlotte Pass**
- Mon 20 Amelia McGuiness Founda tion day - Thredbo & Perisher trails
- Mon 20 October Newsletter deadline 21-26 Interschools – NSW State
- Championships at Thredbo Wed 22 Interschools - NSW & ACT
- Cross Country Champion ships at Perisher trails.
- Wed 22 Interschools NSW & ACT & QLD Slopestyle Championships at Thredbo
- 25/8-1/9 Nordic Week Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims

SEPTEMBER

| Sat 2 TE 5-9 Sun 9 | C AAC Roslyn Wesche Trophy at Falls Creek, contact Arthur Owens (02)6457 8334 Interschools – Australian Champships at Perisher Walk – Kuring-gai NP, contact Bob Sims | |
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| Mon 10 | | |
| Tue 25 | Homebush, directors only Club Meeting – all welcome at Norths Leagues Club, at 8p.m. | |
| Sat 15 | Perisher Cup teams race, contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615 | |
| Sun 16 | Christiania Lodge end catered period | |
| Sun 23 | Kahane Lodge and Southern Alps Lodge (CP) end catered period | |
| Sat 29 | Start NSW Public School holidays | |
| OCTOBER | | |

| Mon 1 | Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo |
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| Sun 7 | SEASON CLOSE Cross Country & Bushwalk ing Meeting - Sims Home, |
| Sat 13 | Contact Bob Sims Walk – Blue Mtns, contact |
| | Andy Cairns |
| Sun 14 | End NSW Public School holidays |
| Mon 15 | Lodge Meeting at Homebush – all welcome |
| Tue 16 | Junior Committee Meeting at Mosman |

NOVEMBER

| 9-12 | 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims |
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| Wed 14 | SASC Annual General |
| | Meeting at Norths at 8 p.m. |
| 17-18 | Lodge Meeting at Thredbo, |
| | directors only |
| Tue 20 | January 2019 Newsletter |
| | deadline |
| Sat 24 | Cross Country & Bushwalk ing Christmas Picnic/Walk – venue TBA, Contact Bob Sims |
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SASC OFFICE BEARERS 2018

Contact appropriate Club office bearers for queries re Annual Fees (both Lodge and Club members), Membership Numbers, Booking forms, Club Members Change of Address, etc

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LODGE DELEGATE: Tim Moore 0411 220 789

AUDITOR: Ron Giles

President's Report Rod Peile

Wow, what an achievement having two of our elite skiers compete at the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games. Congratulations to Sam Wells and Sami Kennedy-Sim who represented Australia at the highest level of competition. The Games certainly highlighted winter sports; I hope you are keener than ever to visit our mountains this winter. Thank you to the volunteers who attended the Kahane Lodge working bee in February, good progress was made on the planned jobs and the extra jobs that were found during the weekend. Some of the helpers also did work at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass. Uschi was on a mission in the kitchen and with her helpers kept delicious food up to us all weekend and for some the journey home.



We held a ceremony to name the upper lounge at Kahane in honour of Kurt Bloomfield, after a few words and toast, a portrait of Kurt was hung beside the new "Kurt's Lounge" sign.

Thanks to Jo White for the splendid painting of Kurt.

Our Sub-Lease renewal for Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass remains a concern, please see the Lodge report on the last page of this newsletter, our thanks to the team working to resolve the issues.

Work has progressed on the revised Club Constitution, I am very grateful for Kirsty Easdale's assistance with the first draft and we are working to resolve some early comments. The broad changes include:

- Compliance with latest Act
- Change to the Objects
- Annual fees for new members
- · Recognition of electronic media

• Adjustment to subscriptions distribution after removing publication fees

Alignment with current Club practicesAdding dispute resolution

We are still considering some further amendments like, maximum terms for office bearers, proxy votes. The draft constitution is about 30 pages so the intention is to make copies available on our website when the committee review is complete. Please contact me if you have a special interest in this work.

Our next Club meeting is on 24th April at Norths all members are welcome where we will finalise plans for the winter events and discuss changes in the draft constitution.

If you are able please offer your assistance for the Southern Alps stores/ working bee weekend is planned for the 28-29 April – see details in Snippets section. And then there is the Warren Miller movie "Line of Descent" in May. Hope to see you soon! Take care, Rod Peile

0448 670 586



From the Editor

My ankle continues to improve and I'm slowly getting back to camping, walking and an active retirement.

NEXT DEADLINE, for the July 2018 Newsletter, is Sunday, 20 May, 2018 to Editor.

To sasc.newseditor@gmail.com I will be editing from overseas and checking the email frequently. Ring Rod Peile 0448 670 586 in emergencies!.



VALE CARMEN COLLETT Sadly David Collett's wife, Carmen, passed away suddenly on 19 January We pass our sincere condolences to David, their children Daniel, Catlin and Ashleigh and the extended family.

Best wishes to **Peg Collett** who had spell in hospital to treat cellulitis in both legs in January.

Wishes for continued recovery to **Tony White** who had an emergency quadruple bypass operation at the San and returned to hospital with complications.

VOLUNTEERS for DISABLED WIN-TER SPORTS

Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) is looking for new volunteers to help out as guides on their skiing and snowboarding programs for people with disabilities.

www.disabledwintersport.com.au/ volunteering/

MEMBER DETAILS

Please remember to keep your member detail updated.

Follow link on our website home page www.sasc-aus.com, email the secretary@sasc-aus.com or post changes to PO Box 841 Spit Junction 2088.

NSW XC NEWS

The Perisher trails and Nordic Shelter work party dates are 7-8 April, 5-6 May & 2-3 June, if you can help please contact Peter Ward (nsexc1@gmail.com) to confirm dates and offer assistance. Perisher Cross country week 4th -12th August – A broard range of Cross Country events/activities are being planned see www.perisherxcountry.org

PERISHER INVESTMENT in CHAIR-LIFT & SNOWMAKING

Perisher have announced a quad chair will be built to replace the Leichardt T bar during the 2018-19 summer. The new chairlift project also includes additional snowmaking to allow linking of Happy Valley to the base of the new quad chairlift. The project will increase lift capacity in the area by 75%.

2018 PEAK FESTIVAL AT PERISHER

June long weekend - 9 to 12 June. This is a great festival covering most music tastes, there are live concerts, poetry, music workshops and kids entertainment spread over 4 days at venues across Perisher, Smiggins Holes and Guthega.

Festival tickets can be purchased at http://peakfestival.com.au; the sooner you buy your tickets the greater your discount. You can also register to be a volunteer worker at the same website. Don't forget if you are staying at Perisher you need to book your accommodation per the usual process.

PERISHER HISTORICIAL SOCIETY DINNER

Sunday 10 June, 6 pm at the Marritz Hotel During the dinner Johnny Abbottsmith's children will speak of their time growing up at Perisher and Smiggins.

BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

BREP is only 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road. Cabin accommodation is very reasonable and our shareholding allows a limited number of member's access at shareholder rates. There is always work to be done on the preserve, working bees are planned for May 12/13, Aug 4/5, Nov 4/5. For bookings or information please contact the Ben Ricketts caretaker (02) 4236 0208. See www. benricketts.org.au

Sponsored Skiers

Sam Wells sent an interesting update in late December:

"The final six weeks of the summer in Utah went well for me. I was the leading Australian in the water ramp event; reaching the super final round. I left Utah feeling really confident with each of my jumps that I plan on performing on snow this year. After wrapping up a strong summer season of water ramping, I went to Melbourne for a short bout of strength and conditioning and some bungee aerial work in preparation for the winter season on snow.

Our team commenced pre-season, on snow, training in Ruka, in far north Finland in mid-November. During this camp, I was able to refine my technique and get some more landings under my belt before kicking off the first FIS Freestyle World Cup events in China. At the 'Secret Garden' site, the site for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, I had two days of great performance. On day 1 I qualified through to the super final round and finished in 6th place, landing one of my most difficult jumps. On day 2 I finished the individual World Cup event in 5th place, which saw me qualify for the team final. Only the top 6 teams qualified for the team event, and only 3 made it through to the super final. In the team event, I joined my teammates, David Morris and Danielle Scott to out-jump most of the field to enter the super final round and secure a silver medal; this was outstanding achievement, given that we had two girls jumping doubles and only one male performing triples. I couldn't have been happier with my performance on day 2; I pushed myself in terms of degree of difficulty, competing my hardest jump in each of the rounds and putting them all to my feet. It was a real confidence boost to have stepped up my game across two days of competition and to outjump a number of strong competitors. I am enjoying a short rest over the festive season before reconvening with my team in Utah for some more training and the remaining World Cup events. Thank-you, as always, to the club for the ongoing support. I couldn't be happier to be representing the club as a sponsored athlete.

All my best to you, and the club committee and members for a happy, healthy and fantastic 2018."

Sam Wells announced her retirement from aerial skiing after competing at PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games, unfortunately after so much hard work Sam was not able to land her Olympic competition jumps.

Sam wrote "It most certainly was disappointing to finish the season, and as of now my career, with jumps that didn't reflect the positive attitude and perseverance that I carried with me to every training session that went into preparing for these Olympic Winter Games. I am pleased to have represented Australia at a second games and will cherish that achievement."

We wish Sam all the best for her future endeavours.

Sami Kennedy-Sim skied well in her Olympic qualifying heats to start race day in 9th position. It was certainly exciting to see Sami progress through the ski cross heats and to make the semifinal in great form. Unfortunately a pole strap break coming out of the gates left Sami behind and into the small final. Sami's 8th place was her best result of the season. Congratulations Sami! Sami will now finish the World Cup season before returning home. See www.samikennedysim.com/ for more information.

Bushwalking and Cross Country Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

Nov – Christmas Picnic Walk at Lane Cove NP

26 members met at Haynes Flat Picnic area. We enjoyed a short walk along the river past lots of sleepy water dragons, followed by a picnic lunch and catch up with friends. We celebrated George Lowson's 80th birthday and then enjoyed a game of cricket on the lawn - not quite Test Match standard but a lot of fun!

Thanks to Sally and the ladies for the planning.

Feb - Curl Curl to Collaroy Coastal Walk

20 walkers met at Nth Curl Curl and walked to Dee Why via Dee Why Reserve then past Long Reef Headland for lunch at Collaroy. We returned to Rosemary MacDonald's for fish and chips and pleasant social afternoon. Thanks to Geoff for your planning and to Rosemary for your hospitality.

Coming up in 2018

Apr - Easter week-end at Kahane May - Middle Harbour walk Jun – Mt Annan Jun – Summit Tour XC Bus Trip

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.





Christmas Picnic Walk

George Lowson celebrating his 80th



Dee Why Reserve



Fairy Bower Falls Walk, Bundanoon -(report next newsletter}

CAPTAIN'S REPORT Arthur Owens

Autumn is upon us again and our winter athletes would have returned home from a very exciting northern hemisphere winter. Both our Club's Olympians Sam Wells & Sami Kennedy-Sim represented the Nation with the greatest of pride and we are all extremely proud of them.

It is time again to arrange your bookings for all the Club's racers this coming season and our booking officers are eagerly awaiting your paper work.

Race Week this year is the week beginning 5 August with race activity commencing Tuesday 7 August.

For all those interested in the Thredbo Master Races the Super G is most likely on Friday 27 July with the GS on Saturday 28 July. The Snowline Cup at Charlotte Pass is scheduled for Tuesday 14 August (TBC) and it is certainly worthwhile making the venture to the great resort 'tucked' away in the mountains.

Please contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615 for those wishing to compete in the Perisher Cup scheduled for Saturday 15 September.

The Club had a lot of juniors competing overseas this year and there really are some promising athletes among them. With the continued financial support for our youth by the Club ensures that SASC will continue to be recognised as a breeding ground for elite winter athletes.

Hope we see you all this season and remember your fitness and health. If you do not use those athlete muscles you will lose them.



Sam in the air at 2018 PyeongChang Olympics.

Junior Committee

See the SASC website for all the latest

News from the

news and information.



Kahane working bee dinner



Snow Skiers Warehouse

- Rockdale *Your Freeriding Ski Specialists* *Contact Paul or Louise* For great service with skis, snowboards and gear for sale or hire. 420 Princes Highway, Rockdale. (south of Bestic Street) Phone 9597 3422 www.snowskierswarehouse.com.au



SX SNOW - Caringbah (formerly Ski Exclusive Cronulla) * Sales & Service, Hire, Kids Dept *Open 7 days Phone 9526 2566; Fax 9525 8116 www.sxsnow.com.au Unit 11, 59-63 Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah 2229 (street frontage and access is off Willarong Rd) Special discounts to SASC members, see Adam or Nicole



Fairy Bower Falls, Bundanoon -(report next newsletter}

Sun Peaks

- Top 4 Unique Experiences ALPINE FONDUE AND STARLIGHT DESCENT

After the slopes have cleared and the mountains have fallen silent for the day, you'll board the Sunburst Express chairlift for an exclusive twilight ride up to the newly renovated Sunburst Bar + Eatery mid-mountain restaurant. With your fellow diners, you'll enjoy stunning views of the sunset down the valley, while darkness falls across the resort. Indulge in a delicious Swiss dining experience before going out to do a five-mile ski run glittering in the moonlight. This is a must-do activity at the resort!

CAT TRAX GROOMER RIDES

Take a ride in one of Sun Peaks' Pisten Bully Snow Groomers and witness first-hand how they work their magic on the ski runs. Each ride is 45 minutes in length and there are two evening tours. Make sure you book your space early to avoid missing out on this epic ride. **GUIDED ICE FISHING**

Spend an afternoon or evening on a fully-guided ice fishing adventure with Elevated Fishing Adventures. This experience is ultimately Canadian and you'll join local guide Campbell for a fishing session on a mountain lake where you'll get to try your hand at catching a few of the hard-fighting and great tasting wild Rainbow Trout. Everything you need is included in the tour, even a heated ice fishing tent. All you have to do is sit back, take it all in, and wait for that big catch.

SKI BIKING

As you may have noted, the terrain at Sun Peaks is incredible for riding, and you can try out the fast-growing sport of ski biking at the resort. Tear up the snow as you explore the resort for the first time during a guided tour. Remember to reserve your spot in advance and wear your ski or snowboard boots!







Cruise Like a Local: 12.30pm to 4.30pm 4 hour Sydney Harbour lunch cruise with 3 course barbeque lunch, served with regional wines and local beers Tea at Sea: 10.am to 12pm 2 hour Sydney Harbour morning tea cruise OR arrange a Group or Exclusive charter. Bookings essential, call 1300 134 495 or visit www.sensationalsydneycruises.com.au

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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Joe Di Falco 0418 238 552

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Charlotte Pass Lodge -

Christine Edwards 0416 255 815 (10am to 6pm) 2/3 Beloka Close, Jindabyne 2627 southernalpscp@gmail.com

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.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS OF MEMBERS PLEASE INCLUDE: Club Membership Number Surname, Given names Old Address, New Address Phone number, Mobile, FAX, Email

ALL MEMBERS: Email to secretary@sasc-aus.com or post to SASC, PO Box 841, Spit Junction, 2088

LODGE SHAREHOLDERS: also email to sasccoop@bigpond.com or post to Beverly Endicott

30 Pope Avenue, Berrara 2540

LODGE REPORT

There are no major issues with Christiania or Kahane Lodges. We anticipate having Bridget and Michael on deck at Christiania and Tony and his Team at Kahane.

About 40 people assisted with the recent working bee at Kahane and Southern Alps Lodges and Uschi and her Team provided excellent culinary support to the workers. On behalf of the Lodge I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who gave up their time and travelled up to our homes in the mountains to help out.

I'd also like to congratulate our sponsored Olympic competitors Sam Wells and Sami Kennedy-Sim on their effort and hard work to get as far as they did in a very tough competitive environment.

Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass was closed for fire upgrade and other building works through until 29 March 2018.

On 12 February Jacksons Contracting started work on -

* Passive fire upgrade work in the Staff area and Quiet Room – replacing ceilings and walls with fire rated plasterboard as required by our Fire Safety Master Plan (FSMP).

* New fire exit doors in the southwest corner of the Dining Room and the western wall of the Manager's Flat bedroom.

* Concrete repairs on the lower balcony, kitchen window slab and back door.

* Repairs to the Quiet Room roof.

* Miscellaneous maintenance and repair jobs.

Fire Integrity Services will complete replacement of a number of badly deteriorated fire exit and other doors and install a new fire door between the central stairwell and the kitchen corridor in accordance with the FSMP.

Snowy Mountains Plumbing will complete a comprehensive list of repairs as well as assisting Jackson Contracting with the fire upgrade work.

Charlotte Pass Lease renewal -

On 14 December 2017 - Joan Gardner, Rod Peile, Tim Moore and I met with Charlotte Pass Snow Resort (CPSR) - Kevin Blyton (CEO), Josh Elliott (Chief Operating Officer) and Christine Parker (Financial Controller – Resorts & Cinema).

They presented us with their Sub-lease offer detailing costs and some general conditions associated with operation of the new Sub-Lease. It required us to confirm acceptance of the terms and conditions of the new Sub-Lease by 23 February 2018. We subsequently received the Sub-Lease and associated schedules on 21 December and these were dissected and analysed by an informal Team of Legal and other specialists with input from SASC Lodge Coop Directors.

David Lasky (SASC member and specialist in the law as it is applied to commercial leases) has provided us with a huge amount of expert help, looking through the new Sub-Lease on our behalf but also working with Legal and Commercial Property specialists from the other Lodges and CPSLA.

Simultaneously Rod Peile and Tim Moore have been analysing future revenue/expenditure projections under the new (more costly) Sub-Lease.

On 20 February we advised CPSR that 'Southern Alps Charlotte Pass Lodge, in principle, would wish to proceed with a replacement Sub-Lease' but 'No binding legal obligations on the part of Southern Alps Charlotte Pass Lodge will arise until it executes the replacement sub-lease'.

However there is still a huge amount of work to be done before we are in a position to 'sign on the bottom line'. We are continuing to seek more information from CPSR so we are clearer on how the new Sub-Lease will work and how much it will cost us, and we are continuing to work with the other Lodges through CPSLA to ensure we identify all issues of common interest that affect us.

Your Directors are committed to getting the best possible deal for SASC Lodge Coop in relation to this new Sub-Lease for Southern Alps lodge.

On a lighter note in 2018 we anticipate having Chris and Alli back to look after us again. Tim Moore can't wait for some more of Chris' home cooked bread before dinner each night.

Regarding 2018 winter 2018/19 summer bookings for Southern Alps Lodge, it's 'business as usual' and bookings are being processed by Booking Officer Christine Edwards as per normal.

All the best

Joe Di Falco

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