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HELP NEEDED FOR LODGE MAINTENANCE

Kahane Lodge (Perisher) working bee is planned for 24 – 25 February.

There is a long list of small jobs to complete including stacking the fire wood for winter.

This year we are also planning to include the upper lounge naming ceremony in memory of Kurt Bloomfield. Please contact **Rod Peile** 0448 670 586 if you are able to attend.

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.



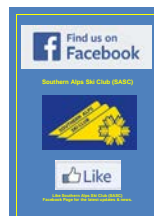
#ripkurt

It's snowing again. Although it could be Mother Nature crying because we lost a fine gentleman who loved these mountains so much today (Stephanie Witts)

A dear gentleman with a heart of gold.

Shall miss him and his wonderful smile very much

Such a gentleman and he was always so cheerful
We've lost a stalwart of the club and lodge



Pre-dinner drinks at the End of Season Party

SUMMER BOOKINGS

* Christiania Lodge is open for summer bookings.

* Southern Alps Lodge (CP) bookings will be affected by building works, please see SASC website for blackout dates

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 - 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 INC

JANUARY

- Wed 3 End of Christiania Lodge
New Year catered period
19-21 Thredbo Blues Festival
Fri 26 Australia Day holiday
Mon 29 End of NSW Public School
holidays

FEBRUARY

- Thu 1 7 day Lodge bookings open
for Lodge Shareholders
Sun 4 Walk – Narrabeen,
contact Geoff Thomas

Tue 13 Junior Committee Meeting
at Belrose
Thu 15 5 day Lodge bookings open
for Lodge Shareholders
Mon 19 Lodge meeting at
Homebush, directors only,
Tue 20 Club Meeting, all welcome
at Norths at 8 p.m.
Tue 20 April Newsletter deadline
24-25 Kahane Working bee –
volunteers welcome, contact
Rod Peile 0448 670 586

MARCH

- Thu 1 7 day Lodge bookings open
for Club Members
Fri 2-5 Camping weekend – TBA
contact Bob Sims

Thu 15 Less than 5 day Lodge
bookings open for Lodge
Shareholders and
5 day bookings open for
Club Members
Mon 19 Lodge Meeting at
Homebush, all welcome
29/3-3/4 Easter Weekend – Kahane
Lodge, Perisher (incl. Cross
Country & Bushwalking
meeting on Friday 5 p.m.),
contact Bob Sims

APRIL

- Sun 1 Less than 5 day Lodge
bookings open for Club
Members
Sat 14 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 Anzac Day
Sun 29 End NSW Public School
holidays
27-29 TBC Thredbo Jazz Festival
28-29 Charlotte Pass stores
- volunteers welcome,
contact: Tim Moore
0411 220 789

MAY

- Sun 6 Walk – TBA, contact Annette
Fitzallen
Tue 15 Junior Committee Meeting
at Chatswood
Sun 20 July Newsletter deadline
Wed 23 SASC LODGE Co-Op
Annual General Meeting
at Norths, 8 p.m.

JUNE

- Sun 3 Walk – Middle Harbour,
contact Bob Failes

Sun 3 Preparation Day for Juniors
Bus Trip
Fri 8 Christiania and Kahane start
catered period
8-11 Perisher PEAK Festival
Sat 9 Charlotte Pass Village,
Perisher and Thredbo
SEASON OPENING
12-15 CanTeen - Christiania Lodge
Mon 18 Lodge Meeting at
Homebush, directors only
Tue 19 Club Meeting – all welcome
at Norths, 8 p.m.
28/6-1/7 XC Summit Tour, contact
Bob Sims
Sat 30 Southern Alps Lodge (CP)
start catered period

JULY

- 4-7 Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year
olds – all welcome to apply
Sat 7 Start NSW Public School
holidays
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 +
Southern NSW at Perisher
26-30 Boys' Weekend at
Charlotte Pass (by invitation)
Sat 28 TBC Thredbo Masters race

AUGUST

- Sun 5 Walk – Lower North Shore,
contact Ron McCann

5-10 SASC Race week / Club
Championships at Thredbo
Classic Cross Country Race
- Perisher to Charlotte Pass
Sat 11 Thredbo Top to Bottom and
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 TBC AAC Roslyn Wesche
Trophy at Falls Creek,
contact Arthur Owens
(02)6457 8334
5-9 Interschools – Australian
Championships at Perisher
Sun 9 Walk – Kuring-gai NP,
contact Bob Sims

Mon 10 Lodge Meeting at
Homebush, directors only
Tue 25 Club Meeting – all welcome
at Norths 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
SEASON CLOSE
Sun 7 Cross Country & Bushwalk
ing Meeting - Sims Home,
contact Bob Sims
Sat 13 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
17-18 Lodge Meeting at Thredbo,
directors only
Tue 20 January 2019 Newsletter
deadline
Wed 21 SASC **Annual General
Meeting** at Norths at 8 p.m.
Sat 24 Cross Country & Bushwalk
ing Christmas Picnic/Walk –
venue TBA, Contact
Bob Sims

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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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Ron Giles

President's Report

Rod Peile

I hope you are enjoying the festive season.

2017 was a very solid year for Southern Alps; although the snow was late arriving there was plenty remaining well into November, unfortunately, we do not make best use of the late snow after the weather warms away from the mountains.

I thank the Club committee and members that assisted in our 2017 events and look forward to working with the same committee re-elected without change at our November AGM.

My thanks also to the Lodge Cooperative team, lodge managers & their staff for taking care of members.

I welcome our new members and their families to Southern Alps and trust you have enjoyed the benefits on offer.

This year financial membership has grown by 140, some of this increase is credited to overdue subscriptions being paid. 76 new members and 97 Juniors rolled over to adult membership.

The Clubs financial position remains sound and with the current expenditure we didn't need to increase the subscription fees.

Congratulations to the teams that competed in the Perisher Cup in September and to the Junior members that sufficient points to take out the NSW Snowsports Alpine Club of the year award again.

The Club and Lodge Cooperative have provided support for Sam Wells and Sami Kennedy-Sim for the 2017/18 northern winter. Both ladies are well on the way to selection for the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. On your behalf I have wished them well.

25 year Gold Member badges were presented to eligible members attending the End of Season Party in October. Although the members attending enjoyed the evening, attendance was down. The social committee are considering other options, one being a movie night with snow theme shared with other ski

clubs. Keep a lookout for details in the next newsletter.

Great to see the future of Charlotte Pass is looking brighter with head lease being offered to the incumbent, see page 8.

My efforts to update the Constitution fell short of the mark so with assistance of Kirsty Easdale we will endeavour to have something to review prior to the ski season. With discussion over winter I hope we can adopt the changes at the next AGM.

I thank you for purchasing tickets in the Juniors Guessing competition and ask you to support the sponsors Sun Peaks Resort, Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel and Suites, Alpsopts, Snow Skiers Warehouse, SX Snow and our new sponsor - Sensational Sydney Cruises. The winners list is in the Juniors report.

Sadly, we have lost another Southern Alps life member; Kurt Bloomfield lost his battle with cancer at home under the loving care of Uschi and Kurt's family on 29 September. Kurt made significant contribution to Southern Alps, particularly at Kahane Lodge. In recognition of Kurt's contribution, the Kahane Lodge upper lounge will be named in Kurt's memory; a naming ceremony is being planned for the Kahane working bee. See page 4.

I hope you can join us for the lodge working bees; Kahane Lodge in February and Southern Alps Lodge stores/working bee weekend at the end of April. Please contact the organisers listed in the calendar if you can assist. Our next Club meeting is on 20 February at Norths. I encourage your attendance. One topic for discussion is the assimilation of new members. I ask you take time to ensure anyone you are proposing understands the Club culture. I encourage your attendance. Take care,
All the very best for prosperous New Year.

Rod Peile
0448 670 586



End of Season Party drummers

Snippets



Vale - Kurt Bloomfield
Southern Alps life member.

Kurt Bloomfield passed away at home on 29 September after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service was held on 3 October at Macquarie Park Cemetery - Jewish Section, Ohel Chaim, and attended by many SASC friends and Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol members.

Kurt was born in Austria and escaped war torn Europe to set up life in Australia with his wife, Erna.

Kurt joined Southern Alps in 1970 with his family and was elected as a lodge director in 1977 and served on the Lodge Cooperative board until retirement in December 2017 due to declining health. Kurt was recognised with life membership for his contribution to both the Club and the Lodge Cooperative. He will be fondly remembered as a gentleman who was very passionate about skiing and vital to Kahane Lodge. He was keen supporter of SASC Juniors program, with many Juniors meetings being held in the Bloomfield's home. Kurt donated both time and goods to the Juniors cause, helping with purchase of the Juniors gear and also selling gear to members in the Lodges.

Kurt was the chief organiser for the Kahane Lodge working bees. For more than 40 years Kurt was an active member of Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol, patrolling both slopes and the cross country trails.

Kurt was a generous friend to many Southern Alps members.

We extend our sincere condolences to Kurt's partner Uschi Lobel, Kurt's children: Peter & Yvonne, Peter's wife Vicky and Kurt's grandchildren: Gaelan, Kobie & Nathan.

NSW Snowsports

In a major restructure members of NSW Snowsports have voted to progress a merger with Ski & Snowboard Australia to align the administration of snow sports throughout Australia. For more information see <https://www.nswsnowsports.com.au/news/7495/>

NSW Alpine Club of the Year

Congratulations to our junior members enrolled in Perisher and Thredbo race clubs who scored sufficient points to get Southern Alps to the top place again in 2017. This is our third consecutive win. Thanks to the Winn family for organising a replacement trophy after the original trophy was misplaced. We would still like to recover the original trophy so if you come across it please return to one of our lodges or call the secretary, Kim Easdale 0416 800 360.

Ski at Charlotte Pass

There have been vacancies at Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass the last few seasons, particularly in the school holidays. We encourage you to consider staying at "the Pass" in 2018. This is great family resort where children can develop their skills away from the rush of the larger resorts. Lunch is served in the lodge and included in our Lodge tariff.

If you want to know more about staying at Charlotte Pass please see <http://www.sasc-aus.com/southern-alps-lodge/>

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions were due on 30/9/17. Please pay overdue amounts promptly. Reminder notices will be sent out shortly which automatically include a \$10 late payment administration fee. Club membership is still only \$40 for singles and \$60 for families. If you have any payment query please contact Peter Collett 9524 8384.



MEMBER DETAILS

Please remember to keep your member details 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.

Sponsored Skiers

Two of our members, Sam Wells, aerial skier and Sami Kennedy-Sim, ski cross competitor, are working very hard to be at their peak for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at PyeongChang in South Korea. Both ladies will compete in World Cup events leading up to the Games.

We wish Sam and Sami all the best for training and competition.

The Ladies Aerial Preliminary Competition is on 15 February with Finals on 16 February both starting at 10 pm AEDT. Australian has a team of 4 eligible for this event.

The Ladies Ski Cross Preliminary and Final races are on 23 February starting at 1:30 pm AEDT.

2018 Peak Festival

At Perisher on the June long weekend (9-12 June).

Last year's festival has been acclaimed as the best yet so the 2018 festival has a lot to build on.

The festival has live concerts for all tastes, poetry, music workshops and kids entertainment spread over 4 days at venues across Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega.

Book your accommodation at Kahane and log on the Peaks festival website (<http://peakfestival.com.au>) to pre purchase festival tickets. The earlier your tickets are purchased the greater your discount.

Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

Recently work has been carried out on cabin bathrooms and the main house has been renovated for the new caretakers. The BREP board members are keen to increase usage of the facilities to provide funds for further improvements. BREP have set up a 'building fund' and have asked shareholders and friends for donations – email comealooong@benricketts.org.au Working bees are planned for Feb 24/25, May 12/13, Aug 4/5, Nov 4/5.

BREP is only 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road. For bookings or information please contact the Ben Ricketts caretaker (02) 4236 0208. See www.benricketts.org.au

From the Editor

After 10 months in a cast, my ankle is improving by the day - back to how it was 10 years ago already!

NEXT DEADLINE, for the April 2018 Newsletter, is Tuesday, 20 February, 2018. Contributions to Editor: sasc.newseditor@gmail.com or ring Helen on (02) 9399 3873

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

September – Nordic Week

Great snow, great weather and a great group of XC skiers. We had parties of all abilities with interesting trips each day including Townsend, Little Austria, The Craggs, Blue Lake, Trapyard, Spencers Creek, Wrights Creek and the old Restaurant. One of the best weeks I can remember. As always, thanks to Ally and Chris and the team for your support.

September – Thornleigh to Hornsby via the Great North Walk

On a beautiful Spring Sunday, 17 walkers met at Thornleigh. This is a classic Sydney walk, easily assessable via public transport, and with enough hills to get the heart rate pumping. The wildflowers were out in force as well as impressive areas of Xanthorrhoea and ferns. A great day out with thanks to Chris, Sharon & Harm for the organisation.

October - Blue Mountains – Andy Cairns

It was a great “gear testing” day in the Blue Mountains. 16 intrepid walkers met at Gordon Falls and walked around the escarpment via the Bridal Veil Falls to the Leura Cascades for lunch. We returned to the Gordon Falls and retired to Andy and Marion's for a gourmet afternoon tea and a chat. Thanks Andy & Marion, we'll come back next year to see the views!!

November – 4WD/Camping – Abercrombie NP

We had the best weather I can remember, with cool nights and warm days. We helped Alex install a new water tank and remove a large tree overhanging the tanks. Great campfires each night and a lovely roast lamb camp oven dinner on Saturday night.

Coming up in early 2018

February – Coastal Walk & Swim – Narrabeen Area

March – Camping Week-end – TBA

April – Easter week-end at Kahane

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.



Wright's Creek



Thornleigh to Hornsby Walk



Bridal Veil Falls Lookout



Abercrombie Week-end

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Arthur Owens

Whether it's World Cup Aerials & Ski Cross, FIS Alpine along with domestic events, juniors & seniors alike have again excelled in their disciplines. Indeed, SASC has won the NSW Alpine Club of the Year for the 3rd successive year for the best young talent.

Thanks to the Club Committee & Board of Directors for their continued interest in all the programs that our elite and development athletes aspire to.

We hope to increase the number of clubs participating in Race Week, since many members are beginning to reduce their length of time, at any one time, on snow, with usually only the really keen racers allowing for time to join in for the week.

KAC are looking at reducing their time on snow during Race Week and were trying to hold all their events on the Friday in 2017, but the resort could not cater for such a crammed timetable. The Thredbo Alpine Club is still keen to join us next year.

Thanks to Robert Kavo, Kim Easdale and Alastair Sloan for their valued contribution during the 2017 season.

We will move into 2017/2018 overseas season with confidence that our elite and development athletes will return with the best they can possibly achieve and I am sure we all wish them the greatest of fortunes.

Bookings are underway for the domestic season next year for all events and again we will look forward to a promising snow season.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



Scott Kneller and April Wynn after SASC was awarded champion club by NSW Alpine



SASC winning team at presentation of NSW Alpine.

News from the Junior Committee

The lucky ticket winners are:

1. Anine Leahey - Sun Peaks Resort – Canada's Alpine Village one week Ski Holiday for two

2. David Lasky – One weeks accommodation for two at SASC lodge

3. George Joukador a non-skier who offered the prize, pair of Elan skis from Alpsports, for redraw. The redraw was held at the Club's AGM where another of Karen & David Peaston's tickets were drawn out.

4. Beryl Dunn – One weeks accommodation for two at SASC lodge

5. Brad Kahane – Sensational Sydney Cruises - Cruise like a Local Harbour cruise

6. Peter & Amanda Huuk – Sensational Sydney Cruises - Cruise like a Local Harbour cruise

7. Karen & David Peaston – Snow Skiers Warehouse - gift voucher

8. Chrissie Foy – SX Snow - ski parka

Thanks to sponsors for the fantastic prizes.

The first prize ticket was purchased by Borgy Leahey for her daughter, Anine, who is very excited and cannot wait for her trip to Sun Peaks in 2018.

We wish children travelling overseas all the best for their training and competition.



Sam and Rod at the Ticket draw



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Special discounts to SASC members, see Adam or Nicole

Sun Peaks 2017-18 Season opening

by – Sam Loxton (Sam drew the guessing competition prizes at last year's AGM).

Opening Day at Sun Peaks Resort - As the wait for the ski and snowboard season entered its final days in mid November it was clear something special was brewing in Sun Peaks. While the snow continued to fall and the teams were hard at work to prepare for the big day, anticipation was growing amongst locals and guests alike. Teased by the snow-covered peaks of Tod, Sundance, and Morrisey on all sides of the cozy village, it soon became apparent that this year's winter opening day could be one for the books.

Boy, was it ever! As the first hint of sunrise warmed the sky on Saturday, November, 18, it revealed a huge selection of trails on all three mountains, plus 100% of the Nordic trails, were ready to roll - an unprecedented amount of terrain for opening day. By 5am the coveted first chair on the Sunburst chairlift had been claimed, with the promise of fresh powder and immaculate corduroy the prize of the victors. Soon the front of the line at Sundance and Morrisey were also filled - a triple dose of first chair joy.

The excitement built. The clock ticked down. The ropes dropped. And so began the best opening day in the history of Sun Peaks Resort.



Breakfast at Sun Peaks – most important meal of the day



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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:

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30 Pope Avenue, Berrara 2540

LODGE REPORT

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped make 2017 a very successful year for the Lodge – SASC Lodge Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Booking Officers, our Lodge Managers and our Guests.

We have had excellent utilization rates for the 3 Lodges during the winter season especially in the latter part of the season after substantial snow falls. Base depths of around 240cm occurred after the big blizzard in early September - the best season since 1990!

All Lodges operated without any major hiccups during the year. We had one Fire Brigade call out at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, in September due to smouldering of a towel placed over a standard lamp. Luckily no one was injured, the Fire Brigade from Perisher responded quickly and our emergency procedures were executed flawlessly by Chris and Alli.

This is a lesson to us all – fire is an ever present risk in our homes in the snow and we must be constantly vigilant!

As you have seen from Tim Moore's email bulletins, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of the lease renewal process for Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass. We still need to receive, review and hopefully sign our new 40 year sublease under the Charlotte Pass Village P/L (CPV) head lease. The next step in the process is a meeting with CPV in Sydney in early December. We have to wait until May for the completion of the process.

On Monday 20 November 2017, Rod Peile, Tim Moore and I attended the SLOPES AGM along with representatives from Perisher Blue, Chamber of Commerce, National Park and Wildlife Service and NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage.

Slopes is the organization representing Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega Lodges.

Perisher Blue has plans for upgraded lifting on Mt Perisher, a chairlift to replace the Leichhardt Tee Bar and snow making at Smiggins but these won't happen until a long term strategy is put in place re bed numbers in the valley and ongoing management of services and infrastructure.

Please note that the Lodge is currently planning to implement a new web based booking program in 2018 to replace the existing MS Access system. Booking forms will be sent out as usual with the January newsletter but the new system will allow guests to enter their booking preferences directly. Final allocation of beds/rooms throughout the year will be made by the Booking Officers.

Our Booking Officers are working harder than ever these days as guest stays are shorter, on average, than in the past.

In conclusion I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season and look forward another great year in 2018.

Joe Di Falco
Lodge Chairman

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.

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