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\* Southern Alps and Christiania Lodges are open for uncatered Summer bookings!

\* 20-21 February - Kahane Lodge working bee – contact Kurt Bloomfield 9868 5341

\* 30 April - 1 May – Southern Alps Lodge stores weekend at Charlotte Pass - contact Joan Gardner 9524 7026

\* 14 May - PreSnow Party  
Volunteers needed! This will be the only off-snow SASC function for 2016, so let's make it a great success.  
If you would like to help please contact Marie on 94196163 or [marie.westgarth@bigpond.com](mailto:marie.westgarth@bigpond.com)

## 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 meetings** held at Pennant Hills Bowling Club at 6.30pm (June) or the Sims home (October)

**Junior Committee meetings** to be held at different venues.  
Contact Daniel Kavov for details.

## PreSnow Party

**Saturday, 14th May, 2016**  
**7 to 11pm**  
**The Owners Pavilion**  
**Royal Randwick Racecourse**

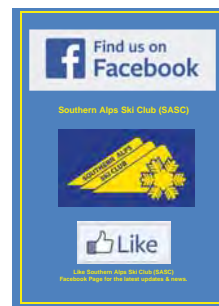
**\$80 per head (\$75 for Gold members)**  
Free parking, drinks on arrival and food

Time to share tall tales and true of past local and overseas skiing adventures and build the adrenalin for the season to come!

Bookings to Marie Westgarth, [marie.westgarth@bigpond.com](mailto:marie.westgarth@bigpond.com)  
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OR cheque (to SASC) posted to Marie.  
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Saturday, **20 February, 2016** to Editor.  
To [sasc.newseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sasc.newseditor@gmail.com)



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# 2016 CALENDAR

## SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

### JANUARY

- 15-17 Thredbo Blues Festival  
 Tue 26 Australia Day holiday  
 Tue 26 End public school holidays

### FEBRUARY

- Mon 1 Weekly lodge bookings open for Lodge members  
 Sun 7 Walk - Sydney Harbour  
 Geoff Thomas  
 Wed 10 Club Meeting – all welcome  
 - North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 Mon 15 5 day bookings open for Lodge Members  
 Mon 15 Lodge meeting Directors only – Homebush  
 Tue 16 Junior Committee Meeting – Eastwood  
 Sat 20 April Newsletter deadline  
 20-21 Kahane Working bee – volunteers needed-contact - Kurt Bloomfield

### MARCH

- Tue 1 Weekly Lodge bookings open for Club Members  
 4-7 South Coast camping trip- Lake Tabourie  
 – Bob Sims  
 5-6 Country Music festival - Thredbo  
 Tue 15 Less than 5 day bookings open for Lodge Members & 5 day bookings open for Club Members  
 Mon 21 Lodge Meeting – all welcome – Homebush  
 24-28 Easter Weekend – Kahane Lodge, Perisher (including Bushwalking Meeting on Friday 4pm) Contact: Bob Sims  
 25-28 Easter holidays

### APRIL

- Wed 1 Less than 5 day lodge bookings open for Club Members  
 Sat 9 Start public school holidays  
 Sun 10 Walk – Barangaroo - Annette Fitzallen  
 Fri 15 Lodge Bookings open for Temporary Members  
 Mon 18 Lodge Meeting – Directors only – Homebush  
 Mon 25 End Public school holidays  
 Wed 27 Club Meeting – all welcome - North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 29-1/5 Thredbo Jazz Festival  
 30-1/5 Charlotte Pass stores - volunteers needed  
 – Joan Gardner

### MAY

- Tue 3 Junior Committee Meeting – Carlingford  
 Sat 7 Walk – Mittagong - Grahame Giles  
 Sat 14 Pre-Snow Social Function  
 Fri 20 July Newsletter deadline  
 Wed 25 SASC LODGE Co-Op AGM - North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 Sun 29 Preparation Day for Bus Trip Juniors

### JUNE

- Sun 5 Walk – Bob Failes  
 Mon 6 XC & BW Meeting – Pennant Hills Bowling Club – Bob Sims  
 10-13 Perisher Music Festival  
 Sat 11 Perisher and Thredbo- SEASON OPENING  
 14-17 CanTeen – Christiania Lodge, Thredbo  
 Mon 20 Lodge Meeting – Directors only – Homebush  
 Tue 21 Club Meeting – all welcome - North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 23-26 XC Summit Tour Bus Trip – Bob Sims  
 Fri 24 Charlotte Pass - SEASON OPENING  
 29-2/7 Junior Bus Trip – 8-13 year olds – all welcome to apply  
 Thu 30 Interschools – QLD division - Perisher

### JULY

- Sat 2 Start public school holidays  
 Sun 3 Walk – Royal National Park – Russell Barnes  
 6-9 Interschools – Northern NSW division - Thredbo  
 8-15 Junior Training Week at Perisher (by selection)  
 Mon 11 Thredbo Junior Inter-Club  
 Wed 13 Paddy Pallin Junior Shield - Charlotte Pass  
 13-16 Interschools – Sydney division - Perisher  
 Sun 17 End public school holidays  
 21-25 Boys' Weekend (by invitation)- at Charlotte Pass  
 Sat 23 Thredbo Masters Race  
 Wed 27 Lodge Meeting – all welcome – Homebush  
 27-29 Interschools – ACT & Southern NSW division - Perisher  
 31-5/8 SASC Race week - Thredbo

### AUGUST

- Fri 5 End of SASC Race week - Thredbo  
 Sat 6 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club & Thredbo Top to Bottom  
 Sun 7 Walk – Balmain – Ron McCann  
 Wed 10 KAC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass  
 Wed 17 Snowline Cup; GS race – Charlotte Pass  
 Sat 20 October Newsletter deadline  
 Tue 23 Interschools – NSW & ACT XC Championships - Perisher  
 24-28 Interschools – NSW Championships - Thredbo  
 27-3/9 Nordic Week- - Bob Sims

### SEPTEMBER

- 7-11 Aus Interschools Championships - Perisher  
 Sun 11 Walk – Kuring-gai NP – - Bob Sims  
 Mon 12 Lodge Meeting – Directors only – Homebush  
 Tue 13 Club Meeting – all welcome - North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 Sat 17 Perisher Cup – Teams race at Perisher  
 - Kim Easdale  
 Sun 18 Charlotte Pass Village - SEASON CLOSE  
 Mon 19 Christiania Lodge closes - Thredbo  
 Sat 24 Start public school holidays  
 Sun 25 Kahane Lodge closes - Perisher  
 Sun 25 XC & BW Meeting – Sims Home  
 – Bob Sims

### OCTOBER

- Sun 9 End Public School Holidays  
 Thu 13 Junior Committee Meeting – Mosman  
 Sun 15 Walk – Blue Mountains Andy Cairns  
 Mon 17 Lodge Meeting – all welcome – Homebush

### NOVEMBER

- 4-7 Camping Weekend (4WD) – Abercrombie NP - Bob Sims  
 12-13 Lodge Meeting – Directors only - Thredbo  
 Wed 16 SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at North Sydney Leagues Club – 8pm  
 Sun 20 January 2017 Newsletter - deadline  
 Sat 26 XC & BW group Christmas Picnic Walk  
 – Bob Sims

## SASC OFFICE BEARERS

2016

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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### BUSHWALKING COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Bob Sims

Secretary - Sally Sims

### LODGE DELEGATE:

Joe Di Falco

### AUDITOR:

Ron Giles

## President's Report

Sadly, I begin this report with news that Rob Mayne passed away in October. Charlie Griffiths passed away in August. Both of these men played significant roles in SASC. Obituaries are on pages 5 and 6. Condolences to their families and friends.

Thanks and gratitude to the members that worked hard during the year to ensure smooth operation of Southern Alps Club and Lodge events.

Thanks also to our Lodge managers and their staff. Chris and Ally at Charlotte Pass and Tony and his crew at Kahane excelled as usual. Bridget McKenzie and her team did a fantastic job in their first season at Christiania. From all reports the guests were very happy. Members willingly contributed time and expertise at the Kahane working bee and Charlotte Pass stores weekends. We would love to see old and new members join in for the 2016 work parties (20-21 Feb for Kahane working bee and 30 April for Charlotte Pass stores). The function at Pier One to celebrate 50 years operating our ski lodges was well attended and everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends – we are planning only one function in May 2016 – please get in early and purchase your tickets to avoid stressing me and the social committee.

The winter season appeared very short for me; being away in June and then the late snow falls appeared to leave us with a short the season. A noted highlight at the end of the season was receiving NSW Alpine Club of the year award – first time since 2008 – well done to the Juniors who scored the necessary points.

The Presentation function at Middle Harbour Yacht Club was a very pleasant afternoon. The Juniors guessing competition was drawn (see Juniors Report for winners). Joanne Motta represented Sun Peaks and was able to provide useful information to the members. Please contact me if you can explain why this event was not well attended.

The Club and Lodge Cooperative have provided financial support to our elite skiers again this year. We wish Sami Kennedy-Sim, Sam Wells and Tim Easdale all the very best for their northern hemisphere training and competition. Skier updates are on page 4. Keep an eye on Facebook or the SASC website links for their results.

I would like to congratulate Scott Knelner who has been selected as one of the 39 ambassadors to mentor the athletes at the Lillehammer winter Youth Olympics in February.

Thank you to the members who have been sending in old newsletters for our file of back issues – we are very close to two full sets now. I will check over Christmas break and update the website list if we still have a few missing. The Club AGM was held in November. It was great to see some new faces however as only the existing committee members were nominated, they were re-elected. I believe committee renewal is important. This year is my sixth term so I am giving fair notice that I am looking to stand down next year and allow someone to enjoy the President's role. The Clubs financial position remains strong with net assets (including sub-committees assets) of \$217,291.

My aim for the 2016 term is to complete a review of the Clubs constitution, Kim Easdale, Phil Friedlander and Darren Gore have offered to assist. If you have interest and experience in this area I would be pleased to hear from you.

We are very grateful for the contribution of the Juniors sponsors, they have helped to fund our Juniors program again this year. Please support these businesses - Sun Peaks, Nancy Green's Cahilly Lodge, Travelplan, SASC, Alpsport, Lodge Coop, Snow Skiers Warehouse & SX Snow.

Take care,

All the very best for prosperous New Year.

Rod Peile  
0448 670 586



*Middle Harbour  
Yacht Club*



# Snippets

## Get Well soon

Ron McCann – recovering from a triple by-pass operation  
Colleen & John Hearne – recovering from a car accident, on the way to Nordic Week  
Steph Witts - recovering from knee operation.

## Best wishes to Selma Kahane's 100th birthday on 7th January.

## All Welcome - The Southern Alps Ski Club Story

written by Chas Keys is a beautifully presented hard cover book covering the full SASC history. Cost is \$50 + \$10 postage within Australia. Call Rod 0448 670 586 to order your copy.

## CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions were due on 30/9/15 and payable before 31/12/15. 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.

## MISSING EMAIL DETAILS

Please remember to keep your email address updated.  
See [www.sasc-aus.com/update-membership-details/](http://www.sasc-aus.com/update-membership-details/)

## LODGE MAINTENANCE-

We need your help!!  
**Kahane Working Bee** is scheduled for 20 – 21 February.  
We plan to complete a few small jobs and prepare the Lodge for winter. Please contact Kurt Bloomfield 0408 209 433.

**Southern Alps Lodge** (Charlotte Pass) stores weekend starts on 30 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 the really heavy items are handled by the young and fit! We usually have enough time to explore around Charlotte Pass before heading home. Please contact Joan Gardner 9524 7026.

## NPWS News

The latest NPWS issue reports on capital works carried out on the Perisher Range and other news items that may be of interest to members. Links to information provided by NPWS are shown the Southern Alps website – [www.sasc-aus.com](http://www.sasc-aus.com)

Please purchase your All Parks annual pass from the Kosciuszko National Park gates to ensure the majority of your fee goes to KNP rather than general Parks revenue.

## SKI CHARLOTTE PASS

Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass has had vacancies the last few seasons - particularly in the school holidays. I encourage you to consider staying at “the Pass” in 2016.

- \* Lunch is included in our tariff
- \* Lodge and resort are child friendly
- \* Oversnow transport to/from Perisher terminal is included with weekly lift passes
- \* Discounts apply for early purchase lift tickets

## PEAK FESTIVAL - PERISHER

June long weekend, 10 - 13 June.

The festival includes:

- \* 120 concerts over 4 days with music for all tastes, comedians, poetry, music workshops and kids entertainment.
- \* unlimited scenic chairlift rides on Perisher's Quad chair
- \* free night skiing on Saturday night (weather permitting).
- \* concerts start on Friday and conclude on Monday
- \* SLOPES has organised special early purchase adult tickets for, only \$89 until end Feb 2016.
- \* More information see [www.peakfestival.com.au](http://www.peakfestival.com.au) or call 1300 811 324

## BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

Have you been to Ben Ricketts? SASC is a shareholder of this preserve. If you are in the Jamberoo area call in and have a look. There are 3 self-contained cabins and a multipurpose hall surrounded by outstanding natural beauty and in close proximity to Kiama, beaches and nature reserves. SASC members have access to some shareholder bookings - \$155 for week, \$140 for long weekend, \$110 for weekend - daily rate and mid week rates also available. 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](http://www.benricketts.org.au)

## SPONSORED SKIERS

Our sponsored skiers, Sam Wells, Sami Kennedy-Sim and Tim Easdale have expressed thanks for the funding Southern Alps (Club and Lodge) have been able to provide for their overseas training programs and competition.

**Sam Wells** has overcome last season's injuries and is set to display a new aerial jump this season with “multiple twists added to the flips”. Sam kicks off with on snow training in Ruka Finland and then Ladies World Cup competition on 19-20 Dec in Beijing, China.

**Sami Kennedy-Sim** also have injury concerns last season but finished the Aussie season strongly being placed 1st in the Aust & New Zealand Cup and 2nd in FIS Ski cross event at Hotham in September. Sami was named in the Australian National Ski Cross team in October and has been training in Europe, with 16 World Cup events planned for the 2015/16 season. Sami is aiming to be ranked in the top 8 by April!

**Tim Easdale** has had his first Europa Cup Ski Cross race of the season on 22 November at Pitztal, Austria. Tim did well to finish 45 well under his world ranking. Tim's ambition is to reach World Cup level of ski cross racing. We also have a lot of Juniors heading overseas to train see the details in the Juniors report. Let's wish them all the very best for training and competition.

## AUSTRALIAN ALPINE CLUB

SASC members have reciprocal arrangements for booking accommodation at Australian Alpine Club lodges in the Victorian and NSW ski areas and Niseko, Japan. Any further information at [www.australianalpineclub.com](http://www.australianalpineclub.com)

## MODERN HOLIDAY HOUSE TO LET

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## Mayne family THANK YOU

To all our dear friends at Southern Alps, Thank you all so much for your beautiful flowers and lovely words, it was really kind of you. What a time we've had at the Club over the years! We hope to see you down at the Pass next year.  
Love Jane, Peta, Danielle and family.  
XXXXX

## Vale Rob Mayne 1946 - 2015



Sadly Rob Mayne passed away in October, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Rob was dedicated to his family and skiing. He commenced skiing late in life in 1972 and quickly fell in love with it and was committed to putting a lot back into skiing through his involvement with the SASC. He was initially a family club member then a Lodge member and Life Club member and a Director of SASC from 1990 to 2015. Additionally he was the Club President from 1991 to 1993. Rob had a special love of skiing and enjoyed being involved in the management, maintenance, and in holidaying at our Charlotte Pass Lodge. His commitment to our Charlotte Pass Lodge was for the whole year; from co-organising the stores weekend, assisting Lodge Managers during the winter, organising maintenance and managers during the summer months.

He will be long remembered for his enthusiasm, 'take no prisoners' attitude and robust style, which was legendary. Always a selfless man he was well-meaning in the best interests of members and the SASC. If there were any problems with NPWS or Government Departments he would go to see the relevant Member of Parliament, government manager or anybody else he thought could help and assist the SASC cause. Rob was such a man that if you asked for the parka on his back, he would give it to you, no problem.

Rob was heavily involved in our Race Weeks, the SASC Junior Race team and Junior Bus weekends for many years. Additionally he was a strong Cross Country skier with many XC Summit tours under his skis.

Rob was a keen sportsman in other fields, too. He was a strong surfer, windsurfer and sailor.

Rob is survived by Jane, Peta, Danielle and their families.

He will be greatly missed by us all and he will live on in our memories of shared great times.

Life will now be a bit quieter without you. Thanks Rob.







**Vale Charlie Griffiths  
1919-2015**

Charlie passed away on 27 August, 2015. We extend our sympathies to Peggy and her family. Charlie will be remembered as a true gentleman. He and Peggy joined the club in 1973, and from 1980 they chaired the XC & BW group for 25 years, organising Nordic Weeks, Summit Tour XC trips, bike rides, weekend camping trips, extended walking trips incl New Zealand not to mention the monthly walks around Sydney. They also organised working parties to Cootapatamba Hut and maintenance of the Charlotte Pass pole line. They were both elected life members in 1993.

*Nordic week 2007 - aged 88 and still skiing well*



Charlie encouraged many members to give cross country skiing a go, and for some the Summit Tour XC bus trip was their introduction to XC skiing and the club.

Charlie was well known for telling a joke especially the ones that were so funny he couldn't get to the punch line. He also had a great fondness for apple pies and dinner was never complete until the desserts arrived.

He had great fortitude, after a serious car accident in 2009 he still attended our camping trip to Wilson's Promontory. When they joined us we were all amazed at his will power because he looked like he'd just gone 10 rounds with Mike Tyson but he was still smiling and telling jokes.

He was also a great optimist especially when it concerned skiing, on one Summit Tour trip we encountered boilerplate ice all the way to the Pass, I thought the trip across was horrendous but when we arrived the managers asked "how was the snow Charlie" to which he just replied "beautiful".

It was well known that Charlie had special connections when it came to arranging fine weather for our club events, we all believed that he had "the" gold phone. Charlie passed away on the Thursday prior to Nordic Week and we were lucky enough to enjoy one of the best weeks anyone can remember, seven days of sunshine and no wind plus one day of snow. I know he is still looking after us, thanks Charlie it was "beautiful".





# *Bushwalking and Cross Country*

Bob & Sally Sims

## Coming up in 2016

Feb – Walking the Spit to Manly  
Mar – Camping week-end to Ulladulla,  
Lake Tabourie Caravan Park

Please refer to the club calendar for a complete list of activities for 2016 including each walk leader's contact number.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk in 2016.

### Past Events

#### Nordic Week at the Pass

We had 19 XC skiers at the Pass this year, the snow was excellent and the weather was fabulous with sunny days and little or no wind. With three groups operating we managed tours to all parts of the Main range and within the valley including:-

The A-Team - Ramshead Range, Mount Townsend, Blue Lake, Little Austria and Leatherbarrel via Cootapatamba Hut.

The B-Teams – Wrights Creek, Trapyard, Guthrie's Trig, Kangaroo Ridge, Spencers Creek, Snowy Gorge.

It was a fabulous week made possible by the help and support of our Managers and staff.



*Lunch in the Snowgums*

#### Blue Mountains Walk

For our annual Blue Mountains walk, 19 members met at the recently renovated Hydro Majestic Hotel. Highlights of the walk were the Three Brothers (smaller version of the "Three Sisters"), morning tea overlooking the Megalong Valley, the old flying fox that used to service the Hydro, the old "Sun Bath". The walk ended with a well-earned coffee at the Hydro Majestic.



*Morning Tea by Cockle Creek*

#### Bobbin Head Walk

On a pleasant spring day 15 members met in Murrumbidgee St, Nth Turrumbidgee. After organising a car shuffle we walked into the NP and followed the Gibragong Track down to Bobbin Head. We had morning tea beside Cockle Creek and lunch overlooking Bobbin Head. The wildflowers were fabulous, thanks to Chris and Sharon for the organisation.

#### Camping / 4WD weekend at Abercrombie NP

In November we travelled out to the Abercrombie N.P. for our annual 4WD trip. The area had just been hit by one of the heaviest snowfalls ever recorded. Lots of snow and no wind meant the gum trees could not cope so there were branches down everywhere. We were able to help with the clean-up as well as an afternoon 4WD trip to a historic gold mine from the early 1900's. Many thanks to Alex and Jacqui for your hospitality.



*Overlooking Megalong Valley*



## CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Arthur Owens

Yet again the Southern Alps Club excelled in our snow sports events during the 2015 season. The snow sports talent that has identified the great Club we are, shone through to see wonderful results on snow.

Equal first in the Thredbo Senior Interclub, a very close second in the Junior Race, good numbers and strong competition at Race Week, many of our elite and development athletes achieving podiums at State & National events, Best Overall Club in NSW Alpine, podiums at the Perisher Cup & Snowline Cup, reflect this Club ethos.

And of course what is helping 'drive' the increasing strong Club base is the support from the Lodge Cooperative. This has allowed a number of juniors to participate more in the Resorts Race Club's during winter and developing those essential skills that you can only get at a young age. This together with our continued policy of promoting snow sports will see the Club produce excellent athletes.

All results during the year have been published in the Club's Newsletters and are also available on the website.

**Race Week Carnival 2016**, with KAC, TAC & Dulmison has been booked with Thredbo:

Tue 2 August – Rossignol race course – 11:30am to 1:30pm – Timed training

Wed 3 August – Rossignol race course – from 9:30am – Slalom

Wed 3 August – Friday Flat/Golf Course – from 4:30pm – Cross Country

Thur 4 August – Rossignol race course – from 9:30am – Giant Slalom

Fri 5 August – Long Rossignol race course – from 9:30am – Super G

Sat 6 August – Thredbo Senior Interclub – (by invitation)

Wed 17 August - Snowline Cup at Charlotte Pass.

Please plan your on snow dates accordingly and we are all looking forward to meeting up again next season.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you all have a safe & healthy New Year.

## JUNIOR REPORT

The 2015 Junior Committee would like to thank our club members, SASC Lodge Co-op and Guessing competition sponsors - Sun Peaks resort for their coordination and lift tickets, Nancy Greene's Cahilly lodge for accommodation and Travelplan, Snow Skiers Warehouse, SX Snow and Alpsport for the continued support given to the Juniors program enabling us to subsidise the Junior Bus trip, Race training, Thredbo Junior Interclub team and sponsor our elite Junior skiers through enabling our juniors guessing competition.

The Guessing competition prizes went to some deserved winners:

1st prize.-Peter Wilson

2nd prize.-Alex Theakston

3rd prize.-Robert Chapman

4th prize.-Steven Peile

5th prize.-Margaret Hargreaves

6th prize.-Alan Dickinson

We believe these contributions have a bearing on engaging our membership for the longer term. We must not forget the support that the club and lodge cooperative give to the Juniors, for without them we could not afford to keep the bus trip and Junior training so affordable.

The generous offer from SASC lodge co-op to help with race training for those children lucky enough to race train at Thredbo Ski Race Club and Perisher Snow sports was greatly appreciated by the parents who ap-

proached the junior committee. I encourage those racers who are partaking in race training next year to contact us by the February juniors meeting.

The Juniors presentation was at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Due to the late notice we didn't have any of our junior team represented. Our most outstanding Junior Racer went to Oliver Thompson and our most improved Junior Skier went to Thomas Elliott. Oliver had a outstanding year judging by his results. We have been able to help, with some sponsorship, SASC children travelling North this year for training and racing in various parts of the world. This year - Oliver Thompson, Antonia Murphy, Jaqueline Lee, Bella Green, Will Delaney, Maria McCrohon, Louie McCrohon, April Wynn and Ben Wynn. Watch out for these outstanding children when they return. We hope you all have a fantastic training experience.

We also sold gear in the lodges during winter including the new wind stopper. We are excited about the quality of the gear. Look out for the new merchandise in lodges and on the website.

I would like to thank the 2015 committee and their families for their contribution over the past 12 months, New comers to the 2016 committee are David Green - Vice Chairman and Lisa Manoy - Secretary.

We thank Joan Gardner for organising the Paddy Pallin Junior Shield/Martin Walkers trophies and prizes.

Hope you enjoy your New Year and/or ventures to the Northern Hemisphere for that endless winter.

Daniel Kavo - Juniors Chairman.



**2015 NSW Alpine Ski Club Award**





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### Sun Peaks Resort – Canada's Alpine Village

Congratulations to the winner of the Junior Guessing Competition, we look forward to sharing our mountain with you Mr. Wilson!  
For those of you lucky enough to be visiting Sun Peaks this season make sure to check out the NEW guided Gil's Backcountry Tour! Embark upon a private tour of Sun Peaks' legendary backcountry with a certified ski guide and instructor. Learn the safest routes, best lines, and local secrets while improving your technique in Sun Peaks' famous dry powder. For intermediate to expert skiers and riders. Tours run daily and include a delicious lunch!  
Of course a visit to Sun Peaks wouldn't be complete without taking advantage of a FREE Sun Host Tour, consistently ranked one of the best resort experiences by our guests! Tours are available for all ability levels and terrain preferences and depart from the Village Day Lodge at 9:15am and 1:00pm daily. Look for the big smiles and orange coats. (Participants must at least be able to ski a green run with confidence).  
"The whole experience was great, and Sun Host Wally was outstanding. This was, by far, the best experience we've ever had at a ski resort. Wally was so friendly and cheerful, he made the whole day fantastic. It was like skiing with a good friend."  
– Michael and Stephanie, Australia



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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.

**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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**LODGE REPORT**

Looking back at the vast variations of snow condition during the 2015 ski season, we can only praise the ski resorts for the great investments made in artificial snow making!! Without it we would have been faced with a rather short season.

Patronage at the Lodges seems to have plateaued out as per past seasons, resulting trading figures show that Kahane Lodge is again operating very successfully and again made a record profit.

Christiania also operated very well under the new management team headed by Bridget Mc Enzie, who has already been signed up for next season.

Rather sadly Charlotte Pass Lodge again did not show a profit !!

Charlotte Pass lease renewal has NOT progressed at all. The State Government and National Parks have not even commenced the preparation of documentation for the much talked Expressions of Interest for the head lease renewal.

We have held meetings with Department Heads of the Environment Ministry and National Parks, but there seems to be a great deal of inertia.

As we have already used up the first year of the granted 3 year extension of our old lease, I strongly suggest that any members who have any Political connections, please, voice our deep disappointment in the rather slow progress that is taking place.

Please keep in mind of the fully catered period at Christiania Lodge, held in conjunction with the Alpine Hotel.

We are looking for a member to take on the Christiania Lodge treasurer's role. If you are interested please contact me.

Wishing you all a great Festive season and safe Northern Hemisphere Ski soirees to the lucky ones.

Best Wishes, Joe Di Falco

**SASC LODGE CO-OPERATIVE LTD  
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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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