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2016 Pre Snow Party

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at the Pre Snow in the very modern Owners Pavilion at Randwick Racecourse.

The cocktail party format provided lots of opportunities to meet up with new/old friends and to feel excited about our coming winter.

Sincere thanks to Roger, Tim, Nathan and their team from Australian Turf Club for excellent food/drink/facility services in a friendly manner throughout our special evening. I highly recommend the Owners Pavilion to anyone wanting a great function venue.

Great to see sponsored skiers Sami Kennedy-Sim and Tim Easdale there as well as our special guest, Joanne Motta, from our major Juniors Raffle sponsor Sun Peaks.

Special thanks to our entertainer Lainey who provided background music throughout the evening.



Ullr, the Norse god of mountains and snows has long history with Southern Alps.

This painting was "rescued" at Charlotte Pass and hung in the Southern Alps dining room not long after the lodge opening. Within hours heavy snow was falling. Let's hope Ullr can help us again this season!



Perisher Ski Patrol honoured long serving patrol members at the Inaugural National Medal Award Presentation Dinner in April. SASC members **Kurt Bloomfield, Richard Hemsworth and Ian Griffiths** were among the recipients of medals presented by Tony Abbott. These members have given selflessly for many many seasons to ensure our safety at Perisher – To all the volunteer ski patrollers Perisher and Thredbo - thank you.



Travelplan Ski is Australia's leading operator of quality snow holidays to the world's great ski resorts, and one of the most respected specialty travel wholesalers for over 40 years. Travelplan will donate \$100 to the SASC Juniors, for every ski booking received from SASC members over the value of \$3000! For a quote on your international ski holiday, please email sasc@travelplan.com.au and mention this offer.

2016 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

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
- Tue 11 Junior Committee Meeting – Mosman
- Mon 17 Lodge Meeting – all welcome – Homebush
- Sat 22 Walk – Blue Mountains Andy Cairns
NOTE CHANGED DATE!

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
ALSO Junior Presentation and RAFFLE DRAW
- Sun 20 January 2017 Newsletter - deadline
- Sat 26 XC & BW group Christmas Picnic Walk – Bob Sims

Sponsorship Applications for Athletes

Currently Southern Alps Ski Club is undergoing a review of the method by which sponsorships are given out to the Club's older athletes (19 years & over). As a result, applications will be firstly studied by a small group and then recommended to the full committee. Accordingly, athletes wishing to apply for 2016/17 season sponsorship need to submit their applications to the Secretary by **15 August 2016**. Successful applicants shall be notified following the September committee meeting. Applicants are requested to include the following in their applications:

- * Proposed overseas program including duration
- * Estimated program cost
- * Years as SASC member
- * Planned level of races/events participating in
- * Coaches name

NEXT DEADLINE, for the October 2016 Newsletter, is Saturday, **20 August, 2016** to Editor. To sasc.newseditor@gmail.com or ring Helen

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 6.30pm at West Pennant Hills Sports Club 103 New Line Rd, West Pennant Hills (June) or the Sims home (September)

Junior Committee meetings to be held at different venues.

Contact Daniel Kavov for details.



Stores Weekend - Charlotte Pass



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President's Report

Dear Members,

I was saddened to hear Peggy Griffiths passed away and more recently Gordon McDonald also joined the growing list of passed members; our condolences to both families and friends – see vale notices within this newsletter.

There is a lot of discussion and reviews being conducted by NPWS that could significantly affect our operations in the mountains.

The Perisher Range Resorts & Charlotte Pass Governance Review is being closely monitored by the Lodge Cooperative I am hopeful that we will get a successful outcome for our Southern Alps Lodge.

The environmental Carrying Capacity Review is looking at better ways to measure and regulate the number of visitors to Alpine resorts rather than the current bed number method.

The draft Wild Horse Management Plan, currently open for comment, seeks to reduce the horse population in Kosciuszko National Park from 6000 to 600 over the next 20 years – while this does not impact everyone, those alpine walkers and cross country skiers who enjoy watching the wild horses may like to comment.

Links to appropriate NPWS webpages are included on our home page (www.sasc-us.com)

Congratulations to Tim Moore and Alastair Sloan being the newly elected Lodge Directors. Both have huge shoes to fill, replacing Benny Kavov who retired from the Lodge board at the AGM in May and Rob Mayne who passed away last October. Thanks Benny for your significant contribution to the Lodge Cooperative over the past 41 years. Rob's contribution was covered in the January newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for Southern Alps Lodge winter stores weekend. The goods were carried into the lodge, invoices checked and goods loaded into the loft and freezers. The task was finished by lunchtime; great to have a few new starters. Special thanks to Toni Heath for providing a very enjoyable 3 course dinner on Saturday night. The party game "Crimes Against Humanity" kept us up late.

Unfortunately, Joan Gardner was not able to attend the stores weekend this year as Rex Cox was in hospital

recovering after he fell out of bed and fractured his femur. Fortunately, Rex recovering well and has now returned to St Basils aged care facility.

Old Newsletters - Thankfully the master set of Club newsletters has been found at Southern Alps Lodge. The copies provided by members recently have been inserted into our sets as needed but we are still missing a few. I am keen to get copies of the missing editions listed on our website.

Our website (www.sasc-us.com) was re-launched at the end of April, the layout has changed to distinguish Club and Lodge Cooperative functions. I hope you enjoy the photo page headers. Please contact me if you cannot find what you need or have any improvement suggestions.

Concern over potential increase in elite snowsports sponsorship demand has resulted in a review of our policy. Elite skiers should refer to new details on page 2.

Lodge Bookings have been very strong but there are still some vacancies at different times of the season. While same tariffs apply at all our lodges lunch is included at Charlotte Pass. The Charlotte Pass oversnow transport is included with all pre-purchased weekly lift passes.

Guessing Competition tickets are included with this newsletter. Another chance to win a fantastic ski holiday for 2 adults to Sun Peaks Resort and many other prizes. Sun Peaks Resort, Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge, Travelplan Ski, Alpsport, SASC Lodge & Club, Snow Skiers Warehouse and SX Snow have once again been very generous offering prizes. I encourage you to support the Juniors training program by purchasing the enclosed tickets.

The next Club Meeting is on Tuesday, 13 September at North Sydney Leagues Club starting at 8pm. We welcome your attendance. This meeting will include update on our constitution review and finalise elite skier sponsorship for the 2016/17 season.

We would love to hear about your winter - stay for supper and a chat after the meeting.

Hope to see you soon.

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Snippets

Vale Peggy Griffiths

Peggy was a member since 1973 and together with Charlie they managed the XC & Bushwalking group for 25 years from 1980. She will be well remembered for the many trips and events she organised and her friendly welcome to everyone who attended.

Peggy passed away on 9 March, aged 88.



Vale Gordon MacDonald

Gordon was an early member and became very involved in the XC and Bushwalking group attending many Nordic Weeks, camping trips, 4WD trips and monthly walks. He will be well remembered for his knowledge, friendship and support.

Gordon passed away on 15 May, aged 81.

We extend our sympathies to Rosemary, family and friends.



Vale Frank Hopkinson

Frank enjoyed mountain climbing and camping at Easter in the Snowy Mountains and skiing.

He passed away on 9 January, aged 92.

L'Etape Australia bicycle race

The first Australian cycling event by Tour de France for amateur riders under professional conditions will be run in the Snowy Mountains on 3 December 16. Bullocks Flat is the start for both the 'Ride' (126 km) and the 'Race' (156 km). The route travels through Jindabyne, Rocky Plain, Berridale & Dalgety then the 'Ride' finishes in Jindabyne while the 'Race' continues to finish in Perisher. Entries are open, see <http://letapeaustralia.com/>. Our Lodges will be open for self-cater bookings; please contact the appropriate booking officer.

Kahane environmental results

Kahane is our only lodge required under lease terms to record and report our environmental performance. In the past year we have continued to improve; particularly our greenhouse gas emissions which dropped staggering 41% with a change to green power. Usage per bed night also reduced for water, gas & electricity. Well done to all Kahane guests and staff.

Club merchandise

The Juniors are again selling a range of gear in the lodges this winter – the sleeveless fleece vests, fleece beanies, key rings, badges etc are on sale in the lodges. There are still several merino pullovers at 2014 prices. Soft shell jackets in black or navy with SASC embroidery can be seen at the lodges and then ordered on our website www.sasc-aus.com.

Please ask your Lodge Manager or a Junior committee member to show you the items.

2016 Theme night at Kahane Lodge

Every Thursday evening is special at Kahane - This year's theme is **K**. Dress up for dinner to make the most of this fun evening.

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve

Beautiful for a winter escape on the Illawarra escarpment, close to Jamberoo and some very scenic country. SASC members have access to some cabin bookings at the very modest shareholder rates starting at \$30 per day mid-week and \$130 for a long weekend per cabin. Call 4236 0208 or email bookings@benricketts.org.au

Lodge Share Holdings

Currently there are some lodge shareholdings available for purchase; interested members should contact Beverly Endicott sascoop@bigpond.com

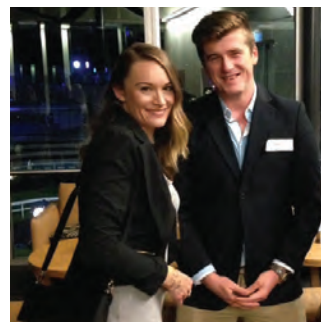
Sponsored Skier reports

Tim Easdale returned from Europe mid-April after a successful northern winter and prospects of a World Cup start early next season. He was straight into the gym to work on a strength and conditioning program along with some road bike riding to improve aerobic conditioning. During our winter he has been invited to train with the national team and will probably take part in the team's on snow training camp. Tim offered to assist the Club where he can in thanks for the support SASC has provided. In fact, he was one of the "young team" that carried the heavy items on the Charlotte Pass stores weekend.

Sam Wells has returned to Australia and attended a camp at the Water Ramp Facility near Lilydale, Vic. The camp began with the basics before working on more difficult skills including some triple summersaults in the bungee trampoline system. The camp finished up with the SSA Annual Awards Evening and the OWIA Figure Skating Gala - both events provided opportunity to mix and mingle with everyone winter sports and to celebrate the closing season.

Sam is now in the USA for training for the next Northern Winter Season. She is hoping to secure a second triple twisting, double summersault this year to improve competitiveness at World Cup events. Sam is looking to qualify for next year's Aerial World Championships in Spain early next year. The 2016/17 northern winter marks the opening of Olympic qualifications for the 2018 team - so a big year ahead! Sam wished us all the best a great Aussie snow season!

Sami Kennedy-Sim recovered from injury and finished the season with some very good Ski Cross World Cup results including 7th place in the final race of the season which lowered her world ranking to 14. Sami was straight back to training in Sydney and now has an administration role with snowsports programs based in Jindabyne during this winter.



Sami and Tim at the PreSnow

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

Camping at Bendalong

14 members camped at Bendalong Caravan Park for four days of walking and swimming. It was a great weekend, the weather was kind and the water warm. Walks included Pigeon House Mtn, Rusden Head and beach walk north and south of the camp.

Easter at Perisher

We had a record roll-up for Easter this year, 39 members came to enjoy the mountains in autumn. We organised several walks including:- the Lubra Rocks, The Old Restaurant at Charlotte Pass, The Lakes Walk, Wragges Track. This Easter also saw some members enjoying the cycling options in the mountains including:- Perisher to the Pass, The Thredbo Valley Track and Perisher to Guthega. As always the combined meals were fabulous and the weather was great. Many thanks to all who attended.

Barangaroo to Central

Annette led a very interesting walk from Circular Quay through Barangaroo, Darling harbour, the Goods Line, UTS(The Paper Bag building), Central Park (The White Rabbit Gallery). A great walk for a beautiful Sunday in Sydney.



Walking above Charlotte Pass

Box Vale Walking Track

13 members met at Mittagong to walk the old railway line to the Box Vale Mine which was built in 1888 but ran for only 8 years. A very interesting snippet of our mining / railway history. Thanks to Silvia for supplying afternoon tea in Bowral.

Coming up in 2016

July - Wattamolla to Garie, Royal National Park

August – Balmain

September – Nordic Week at the Pass

September – Kuring-gai NP

October – Blue Mtns (note the new date Sat 22nd Oct)

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.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Arthur Owens

People around the Snowy Mountains are eagerly awaiting the snow season with an exceptional amount of strong cool winds and scattered snow showers.

SASC is anticipating an exciting Race Week and Senior Interclub races as we progress towards what is hoped to be a great season.

With the Snowline Cup at Charlotte Pass set in place for August, racers are guaranteed a challenging time. The Snowline Cup is open to anyone in the Village and guests. This is a very social race and it is your fastest run of two runs that counts towards winning.

Race Week at Thredbo offers many events and prizes for all ages and comers, young and old. The club has several perpetual trophies and many individual and age categories. There are still a number of rooms available at our lodge at Thredbo, so anyone interested in having a fantastic time by joining in to any of the club races, look at securing your bookings quickly.

The **Senior Interclub** at Thredbo promises to be a great event with abilities ranging from Olympic skiers to 80 year old social skiers. The SASC is by invitation so those doing well at Race Week have a real chance of representing the club at this prestigious event.

For the serious master skiers you are well catered for with the Thredbo Masters Race in July which follows 5 days of intense training. Perisher also run a Masters race and everyone is welcome to enter their race as well as the Thredbo event.

The Perisher Cup at Perisher valley in September is also a wonderful event to become involved in and you can do this by contacting our club's secretary Kim Easdale.

So with the season looming close everyone should be well into their fitness program and I will be looking forward to seeing you all on the hill.

Note to all Club Racers

Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA) and NSW Snowsports are encouraging anyone competing at snowsports events to register for Snowracer Insurance – it's FREE and you benefit from \$500 of personal accident and \$1 million public liability cover for participants in any races in Australia.

Some event organisers are making Snowracer registration compulsory - for details go to www.snowracer.com.au



On Pigeon House Mtn



Lunch at Rainbow Lake

JUNIOR REPORT

Daniel Kavov - Juniors Chairman

The Junior's program for the 2016 season was confirmed at our May meeting. Please contact Daniel Kavov or Lisa Manoy if you have any questions about the Juniors program. It was great to see the support at our meeting in May and hope to see that continue.

We had a great **Northern Winter** with many of our juniors training and racing. Our Junior sponsored skiers this year were: Antonia Murphy, Will Delaney, Jaqueline Lee, Bella Green, Maria and Louie McCrohon, April and Ben Wynn and Oliver Thompson. They had plenty of challenges as well as some great achievements. We are very proud to be able to help support these children as the cost of overseas training can be prohibitive. Check our Facebook site to find news and views.

Our **soft shell jackets** (which look great) can be ordered online on our web page. Our lodge managers keep a sample jacket at our lodges.

We have **sleeveless fleecy vests** and a few **LY/S size tee shirts** for sale this season. Please ask your lodge manager or juniors committee member to purchase these and other items.

If you have any new fundraising ideas, contact me at kavod@optusnet.com.au or come to our next juniors meeting at Mosman.

A sincere thank you to all **our sponsors** who contribute to our juniors program success, and I encourage all our members to spend their ski apparel and gear dollars with them. Let them know you are from Southern Alps Ski Club.

Our sponsors have again generously offered to assist with the **major guessing competition**. A book of tickets is enclosed with this newsletter and we appreciate your support. Tickets this year will be in books of 5, costing \$20 per book and you will receive two books. Please purchase your tickets and return butts and money to Marie Westgarth. You have got to be in it to win it! Please sell to friends and family.

1st Prize – Sun Peaks Resort-Canada's Alpine Village Ski Holiday for 2 adults with accommodation at Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge. Bookings through Travelplan.

2nd prize – One week's accommodation for two, on snow - donated by SASC.

3rd prize – Pair Rossignol Experience skis with bindings - donated by Alpsport.

4th prize – One week's accommodation for two, on snow - donated by SASC lodge Co-op

5th Prize - \$500 Snow Skiers Warehouse gift voucher - donated by Snow Skiers Warehouse

6th Prize – Ski Parka - donated by SX Snow.

Last year's first prize winner was extremely happy with the facilities at Nancy Greene's and the mountain overall. Don't miss out!

Good luck to all Club Juniors competing in the **Inter-schools races**.

The Preparation morning was held on 29 May at the 12ft Skiff Club at Longueville. It was a fantastic venue on the bank of the Lane Cove river. We had some getting-to know-you exercises and a great sausage sizzle with an information session. The children enjoyed the day and managed to stay warm and dry.

Junior Bus Trip

We had 35 children apply for positions and we then included some 14-15 yr olds to get to 40+. We aim for 8-13 yr old range so they can experience the bus trip but we are glad to have the numbers!

We are hoping that we have a super snow year after a very slow start last season. The bus trip this year is leaving on Wednesday 29 June night. I hope the snow gods give us their blessing again!

Charlotte Pass is an excellent location for our group and I am sure the village staff and our adult helpers will do everything possible to ensure the kids have a great time.

The helpers elected at our May meeting are: Michael Este, Troy Ingle, Hayden Cairns, Lisa Manoy and Klara Henderson. Troy and Klara are new faces this year as bus trip helpers.

Thredbo Junior Interclub on Monday, 11 July. Please ring Kim Easdale as soon as possible if you would like to enter. Kim will be sending out letters as well. Competitors will have race entry and daily lift ticket paid by juniors with lodge gathering and presentation at the Kellar or Kosciusko room later in the afternoon. We came in at 2nd place last year but we were only one point away from equal first. The Junior Race team will enter and I encourage any of our club children

kept on racing to contact Kim. Anyone staying at Kahane, Southern Alps at Charlottes, or Jindabyne are welcome to join in but numbers may have to be limited if the total number of children exceeds 35. The juniors are planning a bus to take racers to Thredbo from Perisher via the SkiTube. A race briefing and bib collection for the competitors will be held at Christiania at 8am. The Junior committee plans to provide some training on the Sunday Morning, for Junior racers with a race coach at Perisher. We are planning a picnic lunch after the event for all competitors.

Our **Junior Club Championship** races will be awarded on the results of the Paddy Pallin shield held at Charlotte Pass on the 13 July, snow and weather permitting. Races include alpine Super Junior (U8 years), Alpine GS course for children 8 to 16 years & 1.5 or 3 km traditional style cross country races. If you are not staying at Charlotte Pass and would like to be entered into the bib draw please ring Charlotte Pass Lodge on 6457 5223 from 11th to 12th July 2016 to advise your entry details. Entry is \$10 with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed girls and boys in each age group. Once again Charlotte Pass village will be running the races with Southern Alps managing the race entries for all lodges. Assistance from members will be appreciated.

Junior Presentation and Christmas Party

This year's Junior presentation will be held at our SASC AGM. We will have refreshments available after the AGM. Parents and club members are ALL WELCOME to come along. Get together with a group of your fellow enthusiasts and join in. There will be presentations for Junior Race Team trophies, Most Outstanding Junior Racer and Most Improved Junior Skier. 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.





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CAHILTY LODGE SUN PEAKS RESORT

Report from Winners of the Sun Peaks Prize in the 2015 Guessing Competition

We left Sydney late on Thursday morning for the journey across the ocean to Vancouver and the connecting flight to Kamloops. They serve good burgers at the airport (air side)!

We were picked up by Sun Peaks transport driver and taken up the mountain where there was light snow falling, so it still felt like winter.

The next week we had a mixture of snow falling and bright sunshine which provided a great atmosphere for the holiday.

Our son re acquainted himself with downhill skiing and we went further up the mountain each day.

The accommodation at Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge was excellent and family orientated.

We left all too soon and returned to Vancouver ready to fly home.

Thank you to Southern Alps Ski Club, Sun Peaks, Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge and Travelplan SKI, Karen, Ryan and Peter




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LODGE REPORT

The Lodge Co-op is in a secure financial position due to the tireless effort of the elected and hired management teams at all three Lodges.

Finally, after endless emails and meetings we have been unofficially informed by the Department of Environment & Conservation NSW (National Parks) of the following major decision regarding the Lease at Charlotte Pass.

1. NPWS will not guarantee that sub-leases will remain in Charlotte Pass
2. Expressions of interest for the Head Lease at Charlotte Pass to be advertised and resolved by mid-winter 2016
3. Head Lease Tender to be advertised in early 2017 and awarded later in the year

The above three items do not resolve our hopes of a Lease Renewal in any way and we may not have a Lodge at Charlotte Pass by October 2017. In the meantime we just keep on going to meetings and try to resolve the above issues.

Lack of natural snow early in the ski season is a factor that will influence our decision in the Charlotte Pass Lease Renewal.

National Parks are also trying to entice someone to take over the Managing of Municipal Services (Head Lease) at Perisher as they (NAT Parks) have incurred an accumulated loss of approximately \$50-\$60 million dollars over the years of in House Management of the Village.

Resolving the Perisher Village Head Lease will take years but it will not affect our Lease as we have secured a new 20 Year Lease with three ten year options back in 2008 which National Parks have to honour.

In view of the overall situation with our Leases and the uncertain future of Ski Clubs in Australia we would dearly like to hear your opinions on the matter, How we can maintain a strong Lodge Coop while planning for future opportunities?

Financially, the 2015 Season's total operating profit is \$158,067 made up of:
* Charlotte Pass \$ 8,257
* Thredbo \$ 49,152
* Perisher \$100,658

It is good to see Charlotte Pass finally show a profit after so many disappointing results - an improvement on the occupancy has made the difference! So please visit Charlotte Pass and widen your skiing horizons before it is too late!

After many years of service as a Director, builder of Lodges and many other roles, my good friend **Benny Kavo** has decided to retire from the Board. On behalf of the Co-op and its Members I would like to thank Benny for his unselfish efforts over the years. I have very many fond memories of Benny and I rebuilding, extending lodges, arguing with Gehardt and at the end being able to look back and say "I built that". Thanks Benny!

Welcome to Tim Moore and Alastair Sloan, the new Lodge Directors elected at our AGM.

In view of the great results achieved by our Juniors, the Board has decided to further support them. We have to outperform just one more Club then 'mission accomplished'.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to our Lodge Members, Directors, Booking Officers, Treasurers, Secretary and Administration Officer for their tireless effort, work ethic and excellent cooperation. We are operating as an Honorary Co-op and member support is essential to ensure a bright future.

Have a great winter!!!
JOE DI FALCO

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