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SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB

End of Season Party

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2017 AT WATERVIEW

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

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

JUNIOR\$ \$30 (2 course dinner including drinks)

BOOKING\$ to Marie Westgarth marie westgarth@bigpond.com



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

2017 Theme night at Kahane Lodge Every Thursday evening is special at Kahane - This year's theme is "Japanese". Dress up for dinner and enjoy the fun

MEETING VENUES and TIMES

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

Open Lodge meetings held at Sports House, Quad 1, Level 2

8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park. Sports House entrance is locked after hours so please call Joe 0418 238 552 or Rod 0448 670 586 for access.

Lodge AGM held at 8pm at North Sydney Leagues Club

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

Junior Committee meetings to be held at different venues.

Contact David Green on 0413 470 099 for details.

Racing Dates to Remember

- * Thredbo Junior Interclub Race: Tuesday 11 July (afternoon) nominate for the SASC team (ages up to U18). Contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615.
- * **Junior Club Championships** and Paddy Pallin Junior Shield: Open alpine and cross country races for children under 16 and school students at Charlotte Pass on Wednesday 12 July. Our Junior Club Champions are determined on results from the Paddy Pallin Junior Shield races. See SASC website or contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586.
- * Race Week: 6–11 August All members are eligible to enter the Club's Championship races at Thredbo. Club sponsored training on Tuesday 8 August, racing starts Wednesday 9 August to Friday 11 August Contact Arthur Owens 6457 8334.
- * Thredbo Senior Interclub Race: 12 August by selection.
- Watch and cheer our best racers competing in this prestigious event.
- * Snowline Cup: Tuesday 15 August All members are invited to enter a Giant Slalom race (fastest time of 2 runs) at Charlotte Pass on see our website or contact Stu Lowndes at stuartlowndes0@gmail.com
- * **Perisher Cup**: Saturday 16 September Teams race comprising cross country relay race, 2 GS runs, and jump with open, women and junior categories Contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615.

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2017 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB

JULY

Start NSW Public School Sat 1 holidays Sat 1 Junior Bus

Trip ends

Sun 2 Walk - North Shore, **Grahame Giles**

Interschools - Northern 4-8 NSW + QLD at Perisher

Junior Training Week at 7-14 Perisher (by selection)

Thredbo Junior Inter-Club -Tue 11 Kim Easdale 0412 851 615

11-15 Interschools -Sydney division at Thredbo

Wed 12 Paddy Pallin Junior Shield - Charlotte Pass

Mon 17 End public school holidays Boys' Weekend 20-24 (by invitation)

- Charlotte Pass

Mon 24 Lodge Meeting all welcome - Homebush

Interschools - ACT & 26-28 Southern NSW - Perisher

Sat 29 Thredbo Masters Race

AUGUST

Walk - Wanda/Cronulla, Sun 6 - Russell Barnes

6-11 SASC Race week / Club Championships - Thredbo

Wed 9 **KAC Classic Cross** Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass

Thredbo Top to Bottom & Sat 12 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club

Tue 15 Snowline Cup -Charlotte Pass

Sun 20 October Newsletter deadline Interschools - NSW State 22-27 Championships - Perisher

Interschools - NSW & ACT Thu 24 XC Championships - Perisher.

Nordic Week 26-2/9

- Charlotte Pass - Bob Sims

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2 AAC Roslyn Wesche Trophy - Mt Hotham, Arthur Owens 6457 8334

Sun 10 Walk - Kuring-gai NP - Bob Sims

Mon 11 Lodge Meeting - Directors only - Homebush

Tue 12 Club Meeting – all welcome - North Sydney Leagues Club - 8pm

Perisher Cup - Teams race Sat 16 at Perisher

- Kim Easdale 0412 851 615

Sun 17 Charlotte Pass Village -SEASON CLOSE & Southern Alps Lodge end catered period

Sun 17 Christiania Lodge - Thredbo end catered period

Start NSW Public School Sat 23 holidays

Sun 24 Kahane Lodge -Perisher end catered period

OCTOBER

Mon 2 Perisher and Thredbo -SEASON CLOSE

Sun 8 XC & BW Meeting - Sims Home

- Bob Sims End NSW Public School Sun 8

holidavs Tue 10 Junior Committee Meeting

Mosman Sat 14 Walk - Blue Mountains

- Andy Cairns Mon 16 Lodge Meeting - all welcome - Homebush

End of Season Party Sat 28 - contact: Marie Westgarth 9419 6163

NOVEMBER

10-13 4WD Camping Weekend - Alex Theakston's, Oberon **Bob Sims**

Wed 15 SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at North Sydney Leagues Club - 8pm

18-19 Lodge Meeting -

Directors only - Thredbo Mon 20 January 2018 Newsletter -

Sat 25 XC & BW group Christmas Picnic Walk

- Bob Sims

deadline

Thredbo Historical Society Mid-Winter Dinner

Wednesday 26 July 6.30 for 7 pm in the Kosciuszko Room of the Thredbo Alpine

Resort Operations Manager, Stuart Diver, will present the 2017 Faces of Thredbo Awards, Patron Alan Rydge will speak on Thredbo's 60 years and the Anniversary book, "Thredbo: Pioneers Legends Community", will be launched by Rebel Penfold-Russell, film producer and Patron of the Arts. Author Chas Keys will be present to speak and carry out book signings.

We have purchased 3 books for members to peruse at each of our lodges.

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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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President's Report

Dear Members,

I hope our season is off to a great start! In April we matched the Lodge Co-ops donation of \$500 to both the **Perisher and Thredbo Volunteer Ski Patrols** to assist their continued operation. We see their contribution to our safety in the resorts as very important – I also pass our sincere thanks to our members who volunteer to patrol at both resorts.

Thanks to all the members that helped out at the Southern Alps Lodge winter stores weekend in April, apart from getting the stores away we also completed some cleaning/maintenance jobs. Great to have Hugo Thompson, one of our Juniors, helping alongside one of the stalwarts Joan Gardner. Special thanks to Laura Scott, Tim Moore and Jo White for the delicious dinner on Saturday night.

Congratulations to **new Lodge Co-op Directors**, Daniel Kavo and William Sidwell. Special thanks Arthur Owens for his contribution as a director of the Lodge Co-operative since 1998.

I remain hopeful that the Office of Environment and Heritage will conclude the Perisher and Charlotte Pass Management Review by July and we have an understanding of the possible impact on our future operations - see page 8.

The review of the Club's constitution (not the Lodge Cooperative Rules) continues; I intend to have the proposed changes as an insert for the October newsletter and hope to have your approval at the AGM on 15 November. The proposed changes include restating the objectives, some new clauses that will cover: privacy, electronic media, use of technology, child protection, harassment and changes to the club fee structure. Please contact me if you would like to be involved in developing this revision.

SASC snowsports sponsorship is offered to members competing at an elite level; adult member applications for 2017-18 season are due in August - see page 5.

Congratulations to Sam Wells and Sami Kennedy Sim for performances during 2016-17 season. Jenny Owens announced her retirement after a remarkable ski racing career – we wish Jenny all the best for the future - see page 4.

Juniors Guessing Competition tickets are included with this newsletter. A chance to win a fantastic trip to Sun Peaks Resort staying at Cahilty Hotel and Suites and other prizes (see page 6). I encourage you to support the businesses who generously donate prizes.

The **next Club Meeting** is on Tuesday 12 September at North Sydney Leagues Club starting at 8 pm. We welcome your attendance. This meeting will include discussion on our constitution review and finalise elite skier sponsorship for the 2017/18 season. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Hope to see you soon. Rod Peile 0448 670 586 rod.peile@bigpond.com

NPWS Park Entry Update - Kosciuszko National Park

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has installed number plate recognition cameras at entrances to Kosciuszko National Park (KNP) to allow future automated tolling. NPWS have confirmed that there will be no change to how fees will be collected for the 2017 winter season.



2016 Raffle Winner, Mick, finding some yummy powder in the trees - superb!

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Arthur Owens

Winter will be upon us before we blink. Many of us would have recovered from our overseas trips enjoying the wonderful northern hemisphere snow conditions and believing our skiing skills have improved beyond reproach. I am sure we are all very keen to display those new skills at our resorts in NSW. SASC, having lodges in the three top resorts in NSW, are ideally positioned for our members and guests to book in and enjoy a great camaraderie within the lodges. No more so than booking into Christiania at Thredbo to participate in a very social Race Week from 6 to 11 August. Parties are held in a few different lodges during the evenings and we can take our new found skills onto the great mountain of snow the following days and compete in social races for the Club.

Club sponsored ski tuition begins the week on Tuesday followed by a variety of races the following three days. We would love to see as many as possible for our race Week and indeed other events through the season including the Snowline Cup at Charlotte Pass and the Perisher Cup in September. Congratulations to all of the Club's skiers and boarders that have competed well overseas and particularly those that achieved podiums in their particular disciplines.

More detailed information can be found on the Club's website **www.sasc-aus. com** and please have your bookings in as soon as possible to enjoy what I believe to be a great season looming.



Rochelle Skiing at Sun Peaks

Snippets

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of **Keith Westgarth** on 9 June, after a long and brave fight with cancer. Our sincere sympathy to Marie and family.

Kahane Lodge Environmental Results

The last 12-month reporting period ending on 28 February, showed we continued to reduce water and gas usage, however there was 7% increase in fuel oil and electricity usage per bed night possibly due to winter weather patterns. We will be looking to ensure there is no wastage and look to improve these figures this winter. Kahane is our only lodge required under lease terms to report our environmental performance.

This winter every Thursday evening is "going Japanese" at Kahane Lodge. Dress up for dinner and enjoy the fun.

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

L'Etape Australia bicycle race

Get ready - it's on again. After a very successful race last year; Tour de France are organising the next Snowy Mountains bicycle race on 2 December 2017 for amateur riders under professional conditions. There is two divisions; the 'Ride' (126 km) and the 'Race' (157 km). The route travels from Bullocks Flat 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 if you are racing/supporting or just want to take in the atmosphere!

Changed Contact Details?

Please remember to advise the secretary if your address, phone number or email address change either by completing form on the website OR write to the Secretary, PO Box 841, Spit Junction 2088.

Email Addresses

Emails are being sent when required between newsletters to provide important information to you however we are missing email addresses for about half of the current members; majority of these are our young adults that gain individual membership when they turn 19. Please encourage your family to submit their email details on our website www.sasc-aus.com.

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve

Caretakers Jake, Jeddah and family have relocated and moved out of the main house, so the BREP Board has decided to take this opportunity to make some significant repairs to the house while finding a new caretaker. In the interim there is a need for relief caretakers to prepare cabins for incoming guests, be available while guests are at BREP, and feed the sheep. If this appeals to you please email Annie McCluskey annie.mccluskey@sydney. edu.au

The business plan committee are looking to set up a Building Fund for major works. Contributions to the building fund would be donations, without expectation of return from shareholders and BREP friends. SASC has advised we will not be making a financial contribution however members are welcome to contribute as individuals, or give their time, or contribute in kind.

Building work on the main house includes: removal/management of fibro, new kitchen, new bathroom, air conditioning, roof repair/replacement, 2nd bedroom, carport & paint. If you would like more information, please contact Phil Friedlander 0419 226 518.

The cabins can still be booked and are located in on the beautiful Illawarra escarpment, close to Jamberoo. SASC members have access to some cabin bookings at the very modest shareholder rates 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 - sasccoop@ bigpond.com Benefi ts of being a Lodge share holder are explained on our web-site www.sasc-aus/lodge-shares

Sponsored Skier reports:

Jenny Owens has announced her retirement from elite ski cross racing. The commitment to reach a 4th Winter Olympics was beyond reach; Jenny wrote "I decided it wasn't worth the effort, the stress, the sweat and the tears, especially at my age!... Another top 10 at an Olympics...that's something that doesn't really excite me anymore! So, once again, for the third attempt, I am hanging those bloody skis up!!"

Jenny was a member of our 1989 Juniors race team and progressed through Australian Junior Alpine Ski teams, Australian Alpine & Winter Olympic teams; Her journey has been subject of many newsletter articles over the past 28 years.

She thanks everyone for their support and interest.

Congratulations Jenny on your splendid ski racing career; we wish you the very best for the future.

Sam Wells - Aerial Skier

Sam jumped very well at times with some tremendous form scores, however the northern winter ended with varied results. She has identified areas to work on and has a clear plan to improve competition results next season. There was not much time for rest with training for next season commencing soon after competition finished. Sam commented: "It has been wonderful to have had the support of the club this year, and to follow along with the competitions of other SASC supported athletes! Thank you for the ongoing encouragement and support!!!!"

We wish Sam all the best for her pre-Olympic training.

Sami Kennedy-Sim – Ski Cross Skier Sami did not achieve the ranking she wanted this year but there were some outstanding results, including a World Cup 2nd place at Idre, Sweden.

She made some changes this past year and has more refinement to implement for the 2017-18 season.

Sami wrote in April: "Thank you for joining me on this exciting path. And I look forward to bringing better results into and at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. I have returned home just over one week ago and I am about to begin training again... To implement new strategies, more changes and more work than ever to get on that Podium in February 2018".

There is more detail and links on the sponsored skiers on our website www. sasc-aus.com.au



Jenny Owens - 2012 3rd Winter X Games

SASC Snowsports Sponsorship

Any adult members planning to train and compete in the in the 2017-18 northern winter snowsports events are required submit their sponsorship request to the Secretary (email secretary@sasc-aus.com) by 15 August 2017. Applications will be studied by our sponsorship group; their recommendation will be considered at the September club meeting. Applicants are requested to include the following in their request:

- Proposed overseas program including duration
- Estimated program cost
- Years as SASC member
- Planned level of races/events participating in
- · Coach's name

Long time Club member & Art Teacher Jan Owens was awarded Life Member of the ever popular Lake Light Sculpture Jindabyne due to her unwavering support on the committee over the life of the event. Jan was also the recipient of the Australian National University (ANU) Residency Award due to her constantly evolving and innovative sculpture techniques. Jan's sculpture 'Bogong Moth' was created using plants and reinforced mesh and wire.

Lake Light Sculpture this year had over 22,000 visitors pass through looking at a high level of sculptures that are displayed along the lake side in Jindabyne over Easter.

During Jan's time with SASC she was the booking officer for Christiania Lodge Thredbo for 10 years and spent time on the Club's committee.

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

Bushwalking and Cross Country Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

March – Wollstonecraft We had to cancel this walk after heavy rain made the track too dangerous.

Easter at Kahane

Easter at Kahane was a real success, fabulous weather and great company. Walks included:- Lakes walk, Porcupine, the old restaurant via Stilwell, Blue Lake, Rennix, Rainbow Lake and Guthega to Perisher via Blue Cow.

The traditional slide nights provided post dinner entertainment seeing where people have been where over the last year. The Jindabyne Sculpture walk was a great day out in Jindabyne. Many thanks to all who attended.

May - La Perouse Loop

We had 16 walkers meet at La Perouse to complete the loop walk via Henry head, Cape Banks, Coast Hospital Cemetery and return via the Jennifer St Boardwalk. We stopped for lunch on the cliffs overlooking the ocean and were entertained by a seal feeding in the kelp. Thanks to Ursula & Geoff for the planning.

Coming up in 2017

Aug – Cronulla Area – Russell Barnes Aug – Nordic Week at the Pass Sep – Kuring-gai NP – Bob Sims Oct - Blue Mountains – Andy Cairns

Our walk schedule is included in the SASC 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 receive a copy of the email

We look forward to seeing you on a walk soon.

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



Porcupine Walk Easter 2017



Morning tea near Cape Banks

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JUNIOR REPORT

David Green
Juniors Chairman.

Alot has happened since the last report. We convened a very well attended May meeting, at which the Junior's program for the 2017 season. It was great to see such significant support at this meeting, which augers well for the future of the juniors and later the senior ranks of the club. The May meeting was busy with major discussion and planning of the annual bus trip and race training week, the interclub race preparations and the raffle.

Junior Bus Trip

The bus trip was totally oversubscribed this year, so there were a couple of unfortunate kids who will have missed out. We aim for 8-13 yr old range so some of the younger ones didn't make the cut, but will of course be welcome in the ensuing years. We are hoping that we have a super snow year again, at the time of writing this, it is already snowing. The bus trip this year is leaving on Wednesday 28 June in the early evening. 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, Darren Gore Klara Henderson, Troy Ingle and Linda Fischer there are some new and some old faces this year as bus trip helpers, I would like you to join me in thanking all of them for volunteering, and making such a valuable contribution to so many of our kids.

The **Bus Trip preparation** morning was held on 28 May at the 12ft Skiff Club at Longueville. It was a fantastic venue on the bank of the Lane Cove river and we have Michael Este to thank for this

The kids all participated in some getting-to know-you exercises and a great sausage sizzle with followed by an information session led by Tim and Lara Easdale, both of whom are past attendees of the camp, and successful international competitors in their own right. The children greatly enjoyed their stories. Thank you Tim and Lara for giving up your time, it was much appreciated.

The **Junior Race team** is 8 children chosen from Charlotte Pass Bus Trip. They benefit from a week of race training and competition whilst staying at Perisher, with race team managers, ex racers Matt Coffee and Julian Thompson.

Thredbo Junior Interclub on Tuesday 11 July commencing after 1230pm. Please ring Kim Easdale on 0412851615 as soon as possible if you would like to enter. Kim will be sending out letters as well. Competitors will have race entry and if they have travelled to compete a daily lift ticket paid by Juniors with lodge gathering and presentation at the Kellar or Kosciusko room later in the afternoon. The 2016 race was cancelled due to poor weather and we are looking to start 2017 with an outright win over SCA. We are particularly looking for children from 4-11 years old.

The Junior Race team are always augmented by other club children, and I encourage any of our club children keen on racing to contact Kim Easdale prior to July. 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 on the day. A race briefing and bib collection for the competitors will be held at Christiania at 10 am.

The Junior committee plans to provide free training on Monday 10 July, for Junior racers with a race coach at Perisher. Please get in touch with Matt or Julian via the Kahane lodge if you would like to attend.

Our **Junior Club Championship** races will be awarded on the results of the Paddy Pallin shield held at Charlotte Pass on the 12 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 8-10 July to advise your entry details. The bib draw will be done on Monday 10 July.

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 setting courses etc, with Southern Alps managing the race entries, bibs timing results and

presentations, with assistance from other lodges.

Assistance from members will be appreciated.

Junior Presentation and End of Season Party

This year's our Junior's presentation will be held at the End of Season function on October 28 at the Waterview Convention Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

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 of Junior Race Team trophies, Most Outstanding Junior Racer and Most Improved Junior Skier.

We will also draw the major **raffle prize** at this function.

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

A book of tickets 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. You have got to be in it to win it! Please sell to friends and family.

Please continue to support Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites and Sun Peaks, Snow skiers Warehouse, SX Snow, Alpsport and our Club & Lodge along with new sponsor, Sensational Sydney Cruises, Thanks for generously providing prizes for our Junior raffle.

Last year's first prize winner Mickey Perett was extremely happy with the facilities at Nancy Greene's and the mountain overall, and has a review on page 7 and photos on pages 3 and 8. Don't miss out!



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CANADA'S ALPINE VILLAGE

Guessing Competition 2016 Sun Peaks Prize

Rochelle and I would like to thank SASC for a great **Juniors Raffle** trip to Sun Peaks!

As long standing members, whose kids greatly enjoyed the SASC Juniors program, we have been happy to support the Juniors by buying raffle tickets. When we won it was a real surprise!

We had a wonderful trip and caught the best of the ski season in early March. Sun Peaks was a great ski area, with three separate mountains and huge terrain with few other skiers at that time of year. The mountain layout is really great, with good connections between the 3 mountains and a huge variety of terrain.

There was a big snow base, and we had great fresh snow every night, with the Tuesday evening dump of about 350-400mm of powder. We started that day when the lifts opened, and were still skiing fresh powder in the trees on the last run.

The Cahilty lodge room was a lovely loft style, and perfectly positioned for ski in/ski out access with very good facilities and a short walk from the main village street – close enough to easily access everything but far enough away to really give you an intimate feeling at lodge. The village itself is great – good ski shopping and rentals, and a variety of restaurants and bars for some socialising and nightlife.

Other activities included mountain-top dinners with ski out in the dark, ice skating, sledding, and good cross country ski trails.

Sun Peaks was hosting a World Cup speed skiing event, and we watched for several hours.

I actually grew up about 100km from Sun Peaks, and skied it as "Tod Mountain". It has changed and improved tremendously. I have extensively skied in the Western Canadian region, but Sun Peaks is now my first recommendation for skiers visiting the area.

Please pass on our thanks, and our hopes to win the raffle again!

Mickey and Rochelle Perret



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Bookings essential, call 1300 134 495 or visit www.sensationalsydneycruises.com.au

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CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS OF MEMBERS PLEASE INCLUDE:

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LODGE SHAREHOLDERS:

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Highland copperhead enjoying some warm sun at Charlotte Pass

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LODGE REPORT

Joe Di Falco Chairman of Directors

Welcome to new Lodge Co-op Directors, Daniel Kavo and William Sidwell, who along with Phil Friedlander were elected at the AGM in May. Both Daniel and Will grew up with their families heavily involved with Southern Alps. They are keen to contribute their experience and business skills. It is great to see the next generation taking active roles in the Lodge Co-operative.

The retirement of Kurt Bloomfield was covered in the April newsletter. Heartfelt thanks to Arthur Owens for his contribution as a director of the Lodge Co-operative since the retirement of Rex Cox in 1998. Amongst other things Arthur provided specialist advice on fire & emergency services as well as implementing EFT for booking payments while he was involved with bookings for Christiania Lodge.

The lease renewal process for Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass continues.

Part of the major upgrade of Fire Safety at Charlotte Pass Lodge has recently

been completed, under the direction of Tim Moore. The Co-op was successful in deferring some sections of upgrade orders requested by Planning NSW until 2018, when we hope to have a clear outcome of the Lease Renewal. Once the Co-op Lease Renewal has been successfully negotiated at the end of 2017 I am planning to step down as Chairman but will remain, if elected, as a Director.

The Lodge Co-op is in an extremely sound situation, good reserves, no debts, secured leases over two lodges and soon to be renewed lease for Charlotte Pass. Members can remain confident of Director's traditional approach to Financial Management will ensure a bright future and protect the Co-op against any contingencies that may occur.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our Lodge Managers, Directors, Booking Officers, Treasurers, Secretary and Administration Officer for their unselfish effort, work ethic and excellent cooperation.

Have a great winter! Joe Di Falco, Chairman



Charlotte Pass Lodge Stores Weekend

DRESS STANDARDS AT LODGES

Members are reminded that guests in the dining and lounge areas of the lodges are required to maintain a reasonable standard of dress. Night wear, bare feet or scruffy footwear are not permitted.

LODGE SECURITY

Members and guests are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of all their valuables, cash, credit cards, equipment and clothing while staying in the lodges. The Lodge Co-operative cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of such items.

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