



SASC NEWSLETTER

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Please note that the Club postal address
(above) changed in January 2020

Before your trip to the snow this season check that you have read and understood the **Lodge COVID plan** (sent to you by the booking officer about 3 weeks before your stay) **in detail**. There are many important changes to routines!

Pre book Skitube access (it is limited and not included in your Season Pass this year), check Skitube restriction times for luggage, be prepared for delays (oversnow to lodges is limited and can't be pre booked), wear required clothing (masks and gloves) anywhere in the resort, skitube and car parks.

COVIDSafe plans are now in place for the Lodges to operate at reduced capacity this season. The main features of the plans are:

- *Regular temperature checks,
- *Physical distancing,
- *Personal hygiene,
- *Enhanced cleaning and sanitising,
- *Excluding guests with likely COVID symptoms or contacts.

All members and guests are required to sign the waiver and comply with the COVIDSafe plan designed to protect Members, Guests and Lodge Management Teams.

COVIDSafe Plans will be monitored to ensure they remain aligned to latest NSW Health regulations and NSW SafeWork guidelines.

Kosciuszko National Park rules this Winter

To keep the community safe, ski resorts and alpine areas including accommodation premises and essential services will operate at a reduced carrying capacity and in line with NSW Health and COVID-19 regulations.

Park visitors are permitted to stay in on-snow accommodation even if they are not undertaking ski or snowboarding activities.

For recreation on the snow, visitors will need a pre-purchased lift access pass and/or a Trip Intention Form (see <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/trip-intention-form>) for access to cross country ski trails or back country. Tobogganing is not allowed within any of the resorts or within KNP.

END OF SEASON

Celebration

SATURDAY,
24TH OCTOBER 2020
AT 6.30PM

The Alcott,
1 Birdwood Avenue, Lane Cove

Gather your family or SASC buddies and join us for a fun, end of ski season get together. There'll be movies and arcade games for the children in their own room and of course the drawing of the Juniors Guessing Competition where you could win some great prizes. Also SASC gold member badges for 25 years continuous membership will be presented.

ADULTS \$30 • CHILDREN UNDER 12YRS \$10

Includes finger food and a welcome drink.
Drinks will then be available to purchase.

BOOKINGS

Email Marie Westgarth at
marie.westgarth@bigpond.com

PAYMENT

By EFT to SASC BSB 062 204 Account 10290244
Note: Name and member number

PARKING

Free parking after 6.30pm in the carpark
across from The Alcott.



CLUBMAN Bookings reopen after freeze to sort out COVID occupation

The Clubman Lodge Availability Calendars highlight where we still have members on waiting lists by displaying a negative number of beds in a red flashing icon. The green and orange icons show the number of vacant beds that can now be booked. The calendars are live and reflect the current position at each of the Lodges.

2020 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

We continue to plan the following events however COVID-19 protection measures may require some events to be modified or cancelled. Please contact the event contact for latest information.

AUGUST

Sun 2 Walk – La Perouse area, contact Ron McCann

Mon 3 Bank holiday

Thu 20 October Newsletter deadline

30/8-6/9 Nordic Week – Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims

SEPTEMBER

6-12 Interschools Snowsports event- Perisher

Tue 8 Amelia McGuinness Memorial Time-trial & Alpine Masters and Apprentices event- Perisher

Sun 13 Walk – “A City Ramble”- contact Annette Fitzallen

Sat 19 Perisher Cup (Alpine, XC and Jump) teams race, contact Club captains or Kim Easdale

Mon 21 **Lodge AGM** (rescheduled) at Norths

Wed 23 Club Committee Meeting via Zoom -8pm- contact Duncan Sutherland for logon details

Sat 26 Start NSW Public School holidays

Sun 27 Southern Alps (Charlotte Pass), Christiania and Kahane Lodges end catered period

OCTOBER

Mon 5 Labour Day Public Holiday

Mon 5 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON CLOSE

Sun 11 End NSW Public School holidays

Tue 13 Junior Committee Meeting at Mosman

Sat 17 XCBW Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy Cairns

Mon 19 Lodge Meeting at Homebush – all welcome

Sat 24 End of season Party 6.30pm

The Alcott, Lane Cove
Sun 25 XCBW Meeting - Sims Home, contact Bob Sims

NOVEMBER

6-9 XCBW 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims

Wed 18 **SASC Annual General Meeting**, at Norths, 8 pm

Fri 20 January 2021 Newsletter deadline

21-22 Lodge Meeting at Thredbo, directors only

Sat 28 XCBW Christmas Picnic/ Walk – venue TBA, Contact Bob Sims

DECEMBER

Sat 19 Start NSW Public School holidays

MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 most meetings will be held electronically.

Members should contact the relevant secretaries for meeting details in the week prior to the meeting date listed in the Calendar.



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Check the website first, then contact appropriate Club office bearers if needed,

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CROSS COUNTRY AND

BUSHWALKING COMMITTEE:

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Secretary - Sally Sims

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Tim Moore 0411 220 789

AUDITOR:

Position vacant - contact Rod Peile or David Collett if you would like to volunteer.

President's Report

This winter will be remembered for a long time because of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has taught us new ways to do things, including use of Zoom for Committee meetings which has allowed remote members to join meetings to learn more about Southern Alps.

I appreciate the disappointment felt by members who had winter bookings cancelled due to lower Lodge occupancy caused by physical distancing orders. Fortunately, some were able to opt for alternative dates where vacancies remained. This winter we all need to be patient and comply with the COVID Safe rules in our Lodges.

The operation at Resorts continues to evolve, I encourage you to check Resort websites regularly to keep up to date with the latest information.

If you intend to use the lifts you should purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Don't give up if you cannot purchase tickets in the first instance - we have seen days where lift tickets were unavailable at first try, then later they were.

Thanks to Ron Giles who has been auditing the Club's annual accounts since 1992. Ron has also been the treasurer for Southern Alps Lodge. Ron feels it is time to hand over the auditing role to someone who is more familiar with the modern programs now in use. If you are suitably experienced and would like to pick up this important role please see the Club Auditor advertisement on page 4.

We are hoping our elite skiers will be able to travel to the Northern Hemisphere later in the year and as such are calling for sponsorship applications by mid-August – please see details on page 4.

The next Committee Meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting, and members are welcome to log in and contribute however motions can only be passed by members of the Committee; please see the Calendar for details.

Please take care of each other,
Rod Peile
0448 670 586

NEXT DEADLINE, for the October 2020 Newsletter, is Thursday, 20th August 2020. Contributions to Editor: sasc.newseditor@gmail.com or ring Helen

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

March – Camping week-end at North Haven

We just managed to get our camping week-end in before the Covid-19 restrictions came into force. 26 members joined us at North Haven near Port Macquarie. We enjoyed a few good walks although the area is still showing the effects of the summer bushfires.

More details, maps and photos can be found in the XC & Bushwalking section of our club website.

As a result of the Covid-19 restrictions we were forced to cancel our annual Easter @ Kahane week-end. We then cancelled all planned walks and finally the 2020 Summit Tour bus trip.

I'm hopeful that the restrictions will soon be eased and we may be able to restart our monthly walks even if we have to team up into multiple groups of allowable numbers.

Our walk schedule is included in the SASC Newsletter calendar and on our web site. The walk details are sent via email one week prior to the event, please contact me if you would like to receive our walk email.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks.



Diamond Head beach



From Kattang Headland

Snippets

SASC 2020/21 Snowsports Sponsorship

Pandemic uncertainty surrounds World Cup events however FIS are still planning the usual events across 3 continents so we are calling for sponsorship applications for any adult members planning to train and compete in the 2020/21 elite winter snowsports events.

Applicants are requested submit their request to the Secretary (email secretary@sasc-aus.com) by 15 August 2020.

Applications will be studied by our sponsorship group and 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 participation in races/events
- *Coach's name

Junior members also have sponsorship opportunities for the northern winter, please contact Juniors Secretary, Lisa Manoy on 0400 811 133.

Perisher Cup

We are hopeful that rules will allow running of the 68th Perisher Cup on 19 September –this is an alpine, XC & jump teams' event – please contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615 if you would like to be part of the SASC team.

"Hotel Kosciusko"

A new 300 page publication, written by Donald A. Johnston, on the Hotel Kosciusko has been released. The Hotel was built in 1909 and stood in front of what is now Sponars Chalet on the Kosciuszko Road. This is where Southern Alps members stayed, partied and skied in the 1930s, 40s & 50s. The book covers the history and legacy of Australia's first planned alpine resort. The Club has purchased copies for members to enjoy in our Lodges but if you would like your own copy please follow links on our website or contact the Perisher Historical Society; books are \$65 each + postage.

Kahane Lodge thermometer

Thanks to Lloyd May, a large view thermometer has been mounted on a balcony post with easy view without going outside. Members and guests will be able to compare Kahane temperature with temperatures published by weather channels.

Back County safety

The limits on lift tickets may inspire members to consider backcountry touring. Please make sure you have experience in your party and appropriate equipment that includes avalanche beacon & a personal location beacon (PLB). Weather can change rapidly; warm clothing, food, water and navigation aids are essential.

PLBs are available for loan in Kosciuszko National Park when you register your walk with NSW Police or the NPWS - contact the Snowy Region Visitor Centre for more information.

Club Auditor – could you help?

Ron Giles has been auditing the Club and Club Sub Committee annual accounts, with Ron's retirement (see President's Report) the Committee is looking for a person to take over this role. The Auditor must be independent of the Committee; prior knowledge of MYOB accounting software would be an advantage. The Auditor is entitled to an annual honorarium equal to one week's Club Peak Season tariff. Please contact David Collett or Rod Peile if you are interested.

Snowies Iconic Walk

During the summer period progress was made on the walk despite bushfire and COVID-19 interruptions; Plan of Management amendments were adopted

Environmental assessment of the routes from Guthega to Charlotte Pass, Charlotte Pass-Porcupine-Perisher & Perisher to Bullocks Flat was passed. Work proceeded on Charlotte Pass to Guthega section with rock paving, gravel/natural surface and elevated steel grid construction.

Seamans Hut toilet has commenced with completion due early next year. See NPWS website for full details or follow the link on our website News page.

Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve.

Ben Ricketts was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic but has reopened with plans in place to keep everyone safe. Several small cottages are avail-

able for weekend/holiday rental at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo (120 km south of Sydney).

Members have access to a limited number of days at shareholder tariff; please contact Rod Peile (0448 670 586) for our shareholder password before you book. See www.benricketts.org.au for more information or call 0491 718 963

Unforgettable stay at Christiania.

After waiting online for 8 hours on the Thredbo website to score lift tickets, we arrived at the lodge to familiar friendly faces and of course a temperature check.

The snow season was off to a slow start but the Gunbarrel and the new fancy Merrits gondola were fired up and ready to go. The sky unleashed 85cm of snow - on our final night!

The combination of no wind and ridiculous amounts of snow saw destruction all through the village with trees coming down everywhere- including on top of our car where a branch had come from 5 metres above.



Environmental services were unable to help due to amount of call outs and the complete power outage throughout the resort.

We were able to free the car using a saw from a neighbouring lodge but the snow continued to cause havoc closing the roads in and out of the resort. Thankfully Caroline offered us shelter and another night's accommodation. We finally arrived back at the lodge a little broken, but due to the roads being shut there were lift tickets available for the day. In 2 seconds flat we were in our snow gear, boards in hand, heading up the Gondola. We had so much fun in all the fresh snow with the groomed runs all knee deep in powder.

A huge thanks to Caroline, Dion and Hannah for their amazing hospitality, friendly smiles and delicious meals. Can't wait to do it all again (minus the tree)

Jessica Newey

Junior Committee

Hi everyone,

With no bus trip, no juniors race team and no junior interclub race this season due to all the uncertainty about accommodation, lift tickets, and snow, you may be wondering what is left for this report to report on! Well...

Sponsorship will continue

The Juniors committee have resolved to continue supporting our talented junior skiers though this challenging period where they are able to find and enroll in qualifying race training programs. We have received a handful of applications this year and we will be supporting those that meet the eligibility criteria. More details about the successful applicants and their achievements in the October newsletter update.

Juniors raffle goes digital!

We will still be conducting a Junior raffle this year – a big thanks to all our local sponsors Alpsort, SnowSkiers Warehouse and SXSnow who remain onboard to support the Juniors and the club. The SASC Club and Lodge CoOp will also continue to offer the 1 week accommodation prize too. We won't offer the overseas trip to SunPeaks this year due to the risk and uncertainty regarding overseas travel at present.

How to buy your tickets I hear you ask? The Juniors Committee's 'Digital Darren' Gore, has set us up to take the raffle online and we will advise shortly on how to participate. The conversion to digital format looks to be a winner for everyone.

With the success of last year's function at the Alcott, the raffle will again be drawn at the club's annual social and movie night in October, assuming that it can be held safely. For the latest information about the evening see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Desirable ... SASC Caps

With the strong interest in the SASC hoodies and long-sleeve Ts, we have prepared an additional item of desire to round out the SASC wardrobe... caps! They look great and support Southern Alps Ski Club Juniors. The caps come in 3 styles – heavy brushed cotton, trucker and flat peak. \$20 each, available from any SASC juniors representative or the lodge managers at any of our lodges. Thanks Sandy Brinkman for the awesome designs.



Next Year's Bus Trip

Thanks to members who provided feedback on the Juniors' proposal to run the bus trip with a new format, leaving on Thursday morning and returning Sunday. The advantages for our Junior skiers are an extra day of skiing and day travel on the bus so they can start fresh after a good night's sleep.

That's it for my July update – a brief text indeed. Let's hope there is more to write about next season.

Cheers
Stuart Jones
Juniors Chairman



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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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Lodge Share Holdings

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott 0428 821 555
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**Australian Alpine Clubs
- Victoria/Japan**

SASC members have reciprocal arrangements for booking accommodation at AAC lodges in Falls Creek & two lodges in Mt Hotham including Dinner Plain. AAC also have a lodge in Niseko, Japan.

To book please contact the following:
Dinner Plain (AAC)
- booking@aacdinnerplain.com.au
Mt Hotham - Antons
- makflong@bigpond.com
Falls Creek (AAC)
- makflong@bigpond.com
Niseko (AAC)
- bookingsaacniseko@gmail.com

LODGE REPORT

Government restrictions have reduced the number of guests that we can accommodate in each of our lodges. At one stage it looked like there would be no 2020 Australian ski season so any skiing may be a bonus. Unfortunately some guests have not been able to stay at the lodge of their choice, or on the dates they preferred, or at all. A lot of work has been done by all the directors and in particular Alastair Sloan, Kim Easdale and Rod Peile to prepare guidelines and liaise with the booking officers so that we were able to open this ski season. I would also like to thank the booking officers who have had a much greater workload on top of managing the first season of Clubman bookings.

The directors have had to monitor the changing government health regulations and we have forwarded to members our CovidSafe guidelines. All members and guests should **carefully read** the booking rules and Waiver form before leaving home (see page 1).

Being able to open even with bed restrictions will mean that we hopefully will not make a big dent in our finances and I encourage members to make bookings where there may be vacancies on Clubman.

Our managers have graciously stood up and managed the lodges to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 regulations and I thank them for doing so. I am sure that all guests will appreciate that this is not a normal season and enter into the spirit of cooperation with the managers and other guests as has been a hallmark of our compliance with the lockdown. Fair Trading has allowed all cooperative societies to postpone their AGM and financial reporting. We did however finalise our finances on time and the audited reports have already been forwarded to shareholders. We plan to hold our AGM on 21 September at Norths. Shareholders will have an agenda added to this Newsletter. Hoping for a long and snowy winter.
Phillip Friedlander
Chairman of Directors



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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