



SASC NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE of SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are welcome to attend the Club AGM that will commence at 8 pm on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at Norths, 12 Abbott Street Cammeray. **RSVP must be sent** to secretary@sasc-aus.com or call 0431 452 862 before Monday 16/11/20 to ensure we are able to maintain necessary physical distancing.

AGM Agenda:

1. To receive apologies;
2. To receive minutes of the last A.G.M.;
3. To receive President's Report, Statement of Accounts and Sub-committee reports for the year ending on 30th September 2020;
4. To elect Office Bearers for the 2021 season per list shown on page 2;
5. To nominate a Snow Australia delegate;
6. To nominate a Lodge Cooperative delegate;
7. To confirm Audit arrangements;
8. General Business.

Note – Nominations for Office Bearers must be in writing on the form issued by secretary and signed by the nominee & 2 members of the Club; forms must be submitted to the Secretary at least 1 hour prior to commencement of the AGM. Under the constitution proxies are permitted. Nomination & Proxy forms are available from the Secretary. The Final AGM Notice will be emailed to members on 8 November 2020.

President's Report

Dear Members,
Our lodges have, so far, remained COVID free. As well as our own Covid concerns, some members experienced difficulty obtaining lift tickets at the major resorts plus at times poor snow and weather conditions.

Thanks to our Lodge Managers and their staff for implementing our COVIDSafe plans and to all the members and guests staying at the Lodges for adhering to those plans!

It has been disappointing but understandable that most Club events were cancelled due to the pandemic. I hope we can look forward to improved arrangements next year.

The Juniors are conducting their raffle using an online platform. Please support our Junior program by purchasing some tickets. See details on page 5. Applications for sponsorship have been received from **Sami Kennedy-Sim** and **Theo Coates**. Providing travel restrictions allow, Sami and Theo are intending to train and compete in Northern Hemisphere events during the 2020-21 season. Their sponsorship applications will be determined at the next Committee meeting. We wish both Sami and Theo all the best for their endeavours.

The auditor appointment will be discussed at the September Committee meeting and then formalised at the AGM in November.

The **Annual General Meeting** invitation is on page 1. If you would like to nominate for any of the committee positions, please call or email me for information. Honorariums are offered for some committee roles. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary – secretary@sasc-aus.com
Your comments and suggestions on any of the Club activities are welcome at the AGM.

I hope the Lodges can remain open over the non-winter period. I encourage you to consider a stay in the mountains. Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass and Christiania Lodge at Thredbo will be set up for COVIDSafe operation but it is up to members and their guests to behave in an appropriate manner to prevent transmission of coronavirus. It is a great time to explore the mountains and take in the fresh air and scenery.
Rod Peile
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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.

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 Zoom
- Mon 19 Lodge Meeting online contact Christine Marriott for details.



Winter at Perisher



NOVEMBER

- 6-9 XCBW 4WD camping week-end (fully booked)– 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

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.

NEXT DEADLINE - for the January 2021 Newsletter, is Friday, 20 November 2020. Contributions to Editor: sasc.newseditor@gmail.com or ring Helen

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

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Chairman - Bob Sims
 Secretary - Sally Sims

LODGE DELEGATE:

Tim Moore 0411 220 789

AUDITOR:

Position to be filled at AGM.

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

We have had to cancel most of our walks due to the Covid-19 risks and restrictions, however we did manage to run the July walk and enjoy Nordic Week.

July – Botany Bay Foreshore walk

We managed to get one walk in while still complying with the Covid-19 restrictions.

We formed up into two groups and walked over the Captain Cook Bridge and then through the Taren Point Shorebird Reserve, returning to the bridge we followed the foreshore to Georges River Sailing Club and enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the park.

It was great to be able to get out and enjoy a walk on a beautiful sunny winter Sunday.

Many thanks to Russell and Col for leading our two groups.

September – Nordic Week at the Pass

Twenty-one XC skiers met at Charlotte Pass for Nordic Week, the snow was fabulous and the weather very kind. We visited some old favourites including Snowy River (North Arm), Wrights Creek, Guthrie Trig, Spencers Creek. It was very nice to enjoy some groomed back country trails including the summit road and the Bett's Camp link track.

Many thanks to our Lodge managers and staff for their support and hard work during these difficult times.

Our walk schedule is included in the SASC Newsletter calendar and on the SASC 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.



Snowy River Below the Summit Road



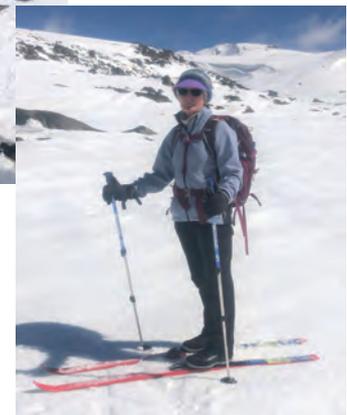
Above Wrights Creek



Guthrie Trig



Ski Charlotte Pass



Snippets



Vale Dennis Turnbull

Dennis passed away on Monday 17 August aged 83, after being admitted to hospital with heart complications. Dennis and Sandra joined the club on 1/8/1964 with membership number 29. In the 70's he organised annual weekend bus trips to the newly built SASC Charlotte Pass lodge. The trips were a regular source of new club members. He was stalwart at Race Week and helped to run the events. As an avid motor scooter rider he completed a trip around Australia with Sandra as well as many trips around Europe during a 3-year working holiday.

We extend our condolences to his wife Sandra, and children Lee and Andrew.

Club Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due after 30 September. Members who have an email address registered in Clubman will receive their subscription notices by email.

Members with overdue subscriptions will receive an invoice for overdue subs and a separate invoice for 2021 subscription. Our preferred payment method is via the Stripe payment gateway linked directly to the Clubman system; simply follow the link on your subscription invoice.

There are still a significant number of members who have not provided an email address or had their membership linked to another member; these members will receive an invoice in the post but it is much simpler and cost effective to provide your email address OR link your membership for online payments. Please email the Assistant Secretary at secretary@sasc-aus.com to add your email address or to link your membership.

You can update your own member details on Clubman, Family members must remember to update details of all dependant members. Please contact the Assistant Secretary to add or remove family members on your membership.

Lodge Booking System

Thank you all for patience and understanding with the new Clubman system. This year we handled 506 Lodge bookings plus 351 cancellations, mainly caused by COVID restrictions. Fortunately, Clubman handles the cancellations and processes the refund. Members are reminded any refund is returned to the same credit/debit card used to make the payment and **NOT** paid to a bank account by EFT. Members are reminded to check they have booked into the **correct Lodge**. The resort name has been added in Clubman to highlight the Lodge location.

Please check the "common booking errors" on our website bookings page www.sasc-aus.com/new-lodge-bookings. Clubman booking queries should be directed to the Lodge booking officers.

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve.

The Preserve is open again on restricted basis since we are under NSW Health orders. If you would like to stay at any time please contact Carley at bookings@benricketts.org.au

The final working bee and AGM is to be confirmed but scheduled for 17-18 October. Anyone interested in attending should call Rod Peile 0448 670 586.

Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct

The NSW Government has expanded the 'Go Jindabyne Master Plan' to the SMSAP to create a master plan that encompasses a much broader area including the resorts, Jindabyne, East Jindabyne and Tyrolean Village. The vision is for year-round tourism, investing in infrastructure and attracting more visitors. More information or to register for updates see www.planning.nsw.gov.au/snowymountains

Long time club member, **Lloyd May**, has recently acquired the Snowy River Holiday Park in Dalgety. Discounts for SASC members from October. <https://www.snowyriverholidaypark.com.au/>

Rose family enjoy Charlotte Pass

Our annual trip up to Charlotte Pass this year could have failed due to COVID, but as luck would have it we managed 2 trips - in late July and again in August. The sigh of relief as we stepped out of the snow and into our "home" in the mountains was especially meaningful, knowing all the hard work that went in to being able to open the lodge up to guests.

We were prepared for all the COVID changes, being warned in advance of the precautions and risks, but nothing was unreasonable or difficult and we happily slipped into the routine of sanitising and temperature checks.

Fortunately we were again blessed with amazing people during our stays - mostly familiar faces with a few new ones. The kids connected and reconnected with friends over games of Uno, popcorn and the "dreaded" devices, and mealtimes were just as loud and wonderful as always. Our bellies were always stuffed and a highlight of every day was watching Alli clean the blackboard to write up the evenings' offerings!

We were reminded again how amazing it is to be able to ski as a family, the kids are fast overtaking Mum and Dad in skill, style and speed, and all had great fun participating in the standard race (they all came away with silvers!). We had mixed conditions ranging from an unbelievable ice storm and rain to powder, but our time at Charlotte Pass is never 100% about the snow, and this year in particular we have been so thankful just to get away, clear our minds and enjoy ourselves.

Alli and Chris are truly the most wonderful lodge managers - our heartfelt thanks goes out especially to them and their team, for taking this crazy season in their stride.

We love this lodge, the mountains and the club - we will always be back!



Thank you Lodge staff

The Juniors committee thank Lodge managers and staff for selling the new Club teeshirts and caps to guests during the season. The displays you have put up at the lodges are really fantastic. Stock is low for the popular tees and we will look at doing another run to replenish supplies for next year. A great help for Juniors fundraising!

News from the Junior Committee

I write this report from the comfort of the Christiania common room on a drizzly Sunday in September. Most of the snow has already melted away. We have had a patchy season at best. That is one small consolation for being unable to offer the Juniors bus trip, the Race Training week or the chance to race in the Junior Interclubs races this year due to Covid19 restrictions.

Sponsorships

However, many of the club's dedicated junior skiers have continued to train and race despite the setbacks. We were very pleased to offer some of our junior members club sponsorships this season. Congratulations to this year's southern winter sponsorship recipients - April and Ben Wynn, Hugo Thompson and Matthew Clayton.

Sponsorship aims to assist skiers who are engaged in recognised ski coaching programs such as the Perisher Winter Sports Club and Thredbo Ski Racing Club.

For those interested in training assistance for the northern hemisphere winter, now is the time to contact the Juniors committee for further information.

For any questions about the Juniors program for next year please feel free to contact me on stuart@stuartj.net or any of the other Juniors committee members.

Digital Guessing Competition

This year the raffle for guessing competition prizes will be drawn online via a Zoom meeting at 8:30pm on 24 October. (the date and time of our cancelled club social event at the Alcott). We will announce the Zoom meeting details closer to the event via email to all ticket holders who provided an email address and on the club website!

The transition to digital format for the raffle, has been successful. Take up by members and friends has been really solid – so thank you to all those ticket-holders for your generous support and good luck in the prize draw.

The fantastic prizes on offer including a week's SASC accommodation x2 offered by the club and the lodge co-op respectively, a new pair of skis to the value of \$1000 from AlpSorts, a ski gear voucher to the value of \$500 from SnowSkiers Warehouse, a ski parka to the value of \$400 from SXSnow, and up to \$75 of Juniors 'merch' provided by the Junior committee. Time is running out to buy your tickets – access the link from the club's website homepage to do so.

Cheers
Stuart Jones
Juniors Committee Chair



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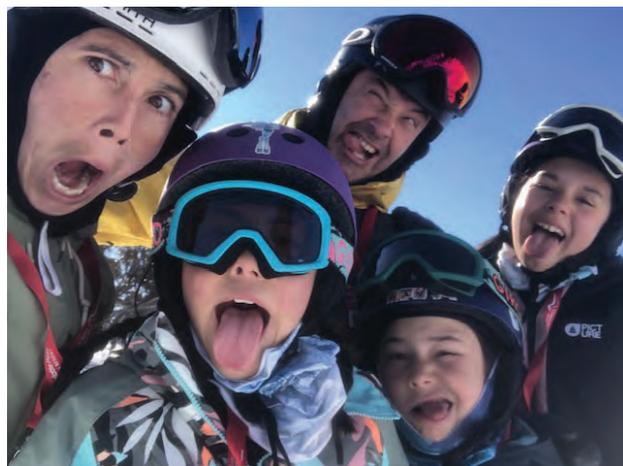
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LODGE SECURITY

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.

**Australian Alpine Clubs
– Victoria/Japan**

SASC members have reciprocal arrangements for booking accommodation at AAC lodges in Falls Creek, Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain and Perisher. 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
- Any further information at
www.australianalpineclub.com

LODGE REPORT

The 2020 snow season has been challenging but, considering the circumstances, relatively successful. We have been able to open for most of the season but at a reduced occupancy rate due to Covid19 safety requirements.

Members and guests owe a huge thank you to our Covid Action Committee (CAT) being Alastair Sloan, Rod Peile and Kim Easdale for formulating each lodge's Covid Safety Plan. Thanks also the Lodge Managers who implemented the plan and enabled us to open.

We propose to open Christiania at Thredbo for a fully catered period from 27 December 2020 until the end of the January 2021 school holiday period. Because of Covid 19 restrictions it is difficult to provide a safe environment with a communal kitchen with high occupancy. Caroline Major has agreed to cater for this period and I invite all our members to take advantage of this. Thredbo in summer is a pleasant place to be with cool nights, mountain air and great facilities for bike riding,

shopping, bush walking and use of the clean Olympic size pool and gym.

I thank all the directors and booking officers who have put in at an even greater rate than usual this year due to Covid 19 issues. Our Treasurers, CFO and Lodge Secretary have also made a great contribution.

Since travel overseas and possibly even interstate is restricted, consider using Christiania Lodge at Thredbo and Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass as your holiday destinations. Thredbo-Perisher-Charlotte Pass area walks information can be found on the National Parks and the Thredbo websites. We will have information about summer non-catered occupancy distributed by email and through Clubman.

We are very pleased with the way that Clubman has performed date and especially thank Rod Peile for getting the system up and running.

Phillip Friedlander
Chairman of Directors

[At our AGM, Peter Rochaix retired as Director and Scott Duncan was elected. More next issue.]

Looking towards Guthega Dam



Charlotte Pass skiers

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 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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