



SASC NEWSLETTER

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- * **Southern Alps Lodge stores weekend at Charlotte Pass 26-28 April – contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615**
- * **Kahane is open for catered bookings until 28 April.**
- * **Lodge Co-op AGM Wed 22 May at Norths, 12 Abbott St, Cammeray.**



New Snow Gum at Kahane Lodge



Window detail



Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass, wrapped in scaffolding.

2024 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

Please get in touch with the event contact for the latest information.

APRIL

- Tue 2 Christiania Lodge Easter catered period ends
Sat 13 Start NSW Public School holidays
Mon 22 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
Wed 24 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
Thu 25 Anzac Day
26-28 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) working bee and stores (27/4) – volunteers welcome, contact Kim Easdale, 0412 851 615
Sun 28 End NSW Public School holidays

MAY

- Sun 5 Walk – Castlecrag/North-bridge– contact Colin & Fiona Burman
Mon 20 July Newsletter deadline
Tue 21 Junior Committee Meeting, 8pm online
Wed 22 SASC LODGE Co-Op Annual General Meeting, 8 pm at Norths

JUNE

- Sat 1 Walk – Barren Grounds, Geoff Volk
Sun 2 Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip – Lane Cove Sailing Club
Tue 4 XC&BW Mid Year lunch – Drummoyne Sailing Club – contact Sally Sims
Fri 7 Christiania and Kahane start catered period
7-10 Perisher PEAK Festival TBC
Sat 8 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON OPENING
Mon 10 King's Public Holiday
Wed 12 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm at Norths
16-19 CanTeen – Christiania Lodge
Sun 23 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) start catered period
Mon 24 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online

JULY

- 3-6 Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year olds at Kahane Lodge, all welcome to apply, contact Junior committee
Sat 6 Start NSW Public School holidays
Sun 7 Walk – Kamay NP, contact Russell Barnes
14-21 Junior Race Training Week at Kahane (by selection)
Tue 16 Thredbo Junior Inter-Club, contact Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651
Sun 21 End NSW Public School holidays
Mon 22 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
26-28 Thredbo Masters events
26-29 XC Summit Tour, contact Bob Sims
31-3/8 Southern Alps Weekend at Charlotte Pass (by invitation)

AUGUST

- Sun 4 Walk – Kuring-Gai / St Ives, contact Sharon/Chris/Harm
4-10 SASC Race Week / Club Championships at Thredbo
Mon 5 NSW Bank Holiday
Mon 5 KAC XC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass
Sat 10 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club
Sun 11 City2Surf
Sun 20 October Newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 1-8 Nordic Week 1 – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims
8-13 Nordic Week 2 (5 days) – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims
13-15 Alpine Access Arc'teryx Back Country Training Weekend (2 days) – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass (See Alpine Access website for details) - Contact David Herring 0423 470 090
Sat 14 Perisher Cup teams race TBC
15-29 Nordic Ski Club of NSW at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass

- Wed 18 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
Sun 22 Christiania Lodge end catered period
Sun 22 Walk – City Ramble, contact Annabelle Tytherleigh
Mon 23 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
Sat 28 Start NSW Public School holidays

OCTOBER

- Sun 6 Kahane Lodge and Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) end catered period
Mon 7 Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 7 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON CLOSE
Sun 13 End NSW Public School holidays
Sun 13 XCBW Meeting – Thomas's home, contact Bob Sims
Tue 15 Junior Committee Meeting, (Annual) 8pm online
Sat 19 Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy and Marion Cairns
Mon 21 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online

NOVEMBER

- 8-12 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims
16-17 Lodge Meeting at Christiania, directors only
Wed 20 SASC Annual General Meeting, 8pm at Norths
Wed 20 January 2025 Newsletter deadline
Sun 24 XCBW Christmas Picnic/ Walk – Lane Cove NP, Contact Bob Sims

DECEMBER

- Sat 21 Start NSW Public School holidays

Interschools calendar link:

<https://www.interschools.com.au/home-nsw-act-qld-sa/events-dates>



Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass
– construction details

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

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Dynasty Colelough

MEETINGS

Club committee meetings (online and face-to-face) will commence at 7pm.
 Contact the Secretary for meeting details – secretary@sasc-aus.com

Juniors Committee online meetings will commence at 8pm.
 Contact Darren Gore for meeting details – 0419 691 717 or dgore@iinet.net.au

Lodge online meetings will commence at 7pm.
 Contact Daniel Kavov for meeting details – 0401 250 866

President's Report

There are plenty of us with winter bookings so all we need now is the snow! The sub-committees are working on plans for our winter calendar events detailed in this newsletter and you will also receive emails about details as the dates approach.

The revegetation/rehabilitation work at Kahane has progressed nicely, we have created an alpine native flowering garden above the retaining wall in front of the bedroom wing and pockets of native plants in front of that. Snow gums have been planted where the existing gums have been affected by the longicorn beetle larvae. A big thank you to the members who have helped with this project and to Amy Slocombe from NPWS who has been involved in planning, spreading compost, and supervising our work. Thanks also to NPWS for the materials and plants they provided. This is a long-term project so we will be looking for helpers in the years to come.

Work on our policy documents stalled last year but we are working on the member protection policies and are looking to setup online storage to ensure our Club documents are safely stored for future reference and simplify handover to new committee members. I was pleased to see there has been a relatively even spread of winter bookings across the membership, if you are waiting to see snow on the ground there are still good shoulder/budget season vacancies at all lodges and some peak season vacancies at Southern Alps – Charlotte Pass.

Thanks to the Southern Alps Lodge building team who have progressed the recladding project. The Lodge should be looking its best this winter with new external cladding, double-glazed windows & doors.

The next Club Committee meeting is on 24 April commencing online at 7pm. The meeting login details and agenda will be emailed to members prior to the meeting. All members are welcome to contribute, and I welcome your input.

Take care,
Rod Peile
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Weeding Team



Lawn seeded areas



Weeds galore

Captains Report

We have had some great weather in the mountains over the past few months, and hopefully some of you were able to get to the alpiners to enjoy the great outdoor lifestyle it offers in the warmer months.

However, with Summer past and Autumn here, its time to start training for the coming winter. SASC lodges are booked almost to capacity and the 2024 season is shaping up well, with resort operations starting to return to normal after years of disruptions from the pandemic.

Looking forward to our calendar of events, the SASC junior bus trip celebrating its 50th year of operations this season, with demand seeing kids being accommodated at both Charlotte Pass and Perisher in the first week of July. The bus trip is a fantastic way for the next generation of SASC members to improve their skills and make new friends within the club, and the last few years have seen them be lucky enough to get some of the best snow of the season.

The Thredbo Masters event is scheduled for Friday 26 July to Sunday 28 July 2024, with age categories from 18+ to 80+ for anyone wanting to take on their mates to be crowned the Master of Thredbo. Could it be you?

SASC Race week commences Sunday 4 August culminating in the Interclub event at Thredbo on Saturday 10 August. There has been a lot of interest from members in this event and arrangements are in place with TAC and KAC to make sure its another terrific week of club skiing for everyone involved, regardless of your age or ability through the gates.

On the whole, 2024 is shaping up to be another great year for SASC and I am looking forward to catching up and skiing with as many of you as possible (unless it's a powder day).

Time to get your skis waxed SASC – you have a party to go to.

Wishing you all an exceptional 2024 ski season.

Oliver Small – SASC Club Captain



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Juniors Report

Please refer to the Club website for information on the Juniors.

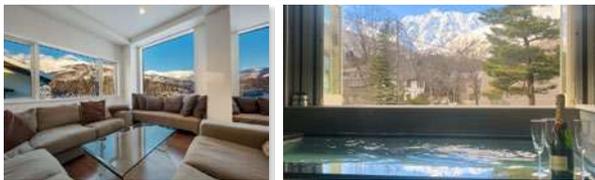


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Snippets

VALE RITA ELLIS

Sadly, Rita passed away on 10 January. Rita and husband Bob joined Southern Alps in 1977 and they were regulars at Race Week and involved with Juniors program. Rita was the Club's Vice Captain in 1985.

DEFIBRILLATORS in LODGES

Defibrillators were put in prominent locations in our lodges prior to 2017 winter. Using a defibrillator may save a life so don't hesitate to use it if needed. There is a great video that dispels myths about defib use at <https://thedefibwarehouse.com.au/heartsine-500p-training/>,

While not the same machine we have, the concepts are the same. Please be aware of the defib locations at your lodge and if you cannot find it please ask the Lodge Manager.

2024 PEAK FESTIVAL – Perisher

Details for the 2024 Peak Festival have not yet been released. The music festival events have previously been held over the June long weekend. Last year, entry to festival events was free. Keep an eye on the Peak website for updates, see <http://peakfestival.com.au> or <https://www.perisher.com.au> Accommodation at Kahane Lodge can be booked through Clubman or by contacting Linda at sascperisher@gmail.com

SPONSORED SKIERS

April Wynn was invited to a FIS camp in Sweden for Junior female Ski Cross competitors with two other Australian girls, they found it to be an amazing experience and benefit for training that April has continued in Austria after the camp. As well as training April has entered several Europa Cup events, best result to date is 23rd place in France. April hopes to stay in Europe for the Junior World Championships in April.

Matthew Clayton – Matt commenced his freeski training camp at Livigno in January but unfortunately on the third day of the camp had an innocuous low speed fall from a low rail that damaged his collarbone. Getting treatment in Italy proved very difficult so Matt came home without further training. Doctors in Sydney found the collarbone was broken and needed to instal a plate. Matt is recovering well and hopes to be back in the gym in March. He is keen to continue his freeski training.

WINTER BOOKINGS

Winter bookings opened with less intensity than previous years and, apart from the school holiday period, dates were available when Club member bookings opened.

There were processing delays in the first half hour on the opening days for Shareholders and Club members that was compounded by a significant number of booking requests being denied by the booking rules.

The most common rules that caused bookings to be denied were:

* Members resubmitting the same booking when first attempt was still processing.

* Unfinancial membership.

* Shareholders booking more than one Associate.

* Booking for shorter periods before Any Night bookings were open.

There are still booking opportunities at Kahane and Christiania Lodges at each end of the season, Southern Alps Lodge has availability throughout the season – see the availability calendars in Clubman.

CLUBMAN UPDATE

Member Date of Birth – The personal information used by the Club and Lodge Co-op has been reviewed and found the full date of birth for adult members is not required but the year of birth is helpful to guide lodge rooming. The DOB for adult members has been updated to 01/01/YYYY, where YYYY is the year of birth. We still need children's full DOB to determine the correct tariff for bookings and when to roll over to adult membership.

A new waitlisting feature is available to members when a booking is denied due to Lodge capacity. The denied booking request can be saved to the waitlist and if there is a cancellation the Booking Officers can contact the next person on the waitlist. We are working with Clubman to make it easier for you to find your waitlisted bookings and cancel any waitlisting you no longer want.

Family members financial status is now mirrored from the Prime member which provides true financial status of each family member. This status allows spouse/partners to make bookings without needing to contact a Booking Officer. If you are a spouse/partner and want to make booking, please ensure your email is on your Clubman record. If you want to add your email address please contact the Club Secretary, Lea Price, at secretary@sasc-aus.com.

2024 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for this year were due on 31 December 2023. Reminders were last emailed at the end of February. If you have unpaid subscription charge it will be displayed at the bottom of your Clubman home page. There will be multiple charges if you are more than one year in arrears.

If you have concerns please contact the treasurer, David Collett, at treasurer@sasc-aus.com or 0413 045 814.

If you do not wish to continue your membership please contact the secretary, Leanne Price at secretary@sasc-aus.com.

Shareholders MUST remain financial members of the Ski Club to satisfy Co-op active membership provisions. Unfinancial Shareholders can have their holding forfeited.

STORES and LODGE MAINTENANCE

– Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) stores weekend is on 26-28 April and volunteers welcome. On Saturday morning the stores will arrive and need to be carried from the road into the lodge, checked off and stored ready for winter. The heavy items are handled by the young and fit! There will be a list of jobs to complete over the weekend. Please contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615.

BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

Ben Ricketts Preserve has three small cottages available for bookings. The preserve is located 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. There are walking trails around the Preserve and nearby Barren Grounds Nature Reserve see: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/barren-grounds-nature-reserve>.

Southern Alps has access to a limited number of shareholder bookings. To take advantage of this please contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586 before booking.

Members are welcome to volunteer for the Ben Ricketts working bees, planned for 18/19 May, 17/18 Aug, and 19/20 Oct. See www.benricketts.org.au for more information. Call 0491 718 963 or email bookings@benricketts.com.au for bookings.

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

February – North Head Circuit
15 members met at Manly Wharf for a circuit of North Head, we passed Little Manly beach, Collins beach then climbed through the bush to North Fort where we stopped for morning tea. We then headed out to Fairfax Lookout via the Memorial Walk. The return was along the coast via the Hanging Swamp, the 'Hole in the Wall' track and down to Shelly Beach for lunch. It was a great day out and we covered 13 kilometres back to the ferry.

Note the change of date (Sun to Sat) for the June walk.

In 2024 the annual Summit Tour XC ski trip is scheduled for Friday 26 to Monday 29 July, if you are a keen XC skier and would like to try group touring on the Main Range from Thredbo to Charlotte Pass, please give me a ring to discuss.

The XC & BW page of the SASC website (<https://www.sasc-aus.com/cross-country-bush-walking-news>) has details of past walks (description, pictures and maps) and a calendar of our upcoming walks.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk.



Collins beach



Q-Station Cemetery



Morning Tea at North Fort

**SASC LODGE CO-OPERATIVE LTD
OFFICE BEARERS**

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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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.

Lodge Share Holdings

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott 0428 821 555
sascoop@bigpond.com

LODGE REPORT

Bookings for the 2024 winter season are strong for the peak periods at Christiania and Kahane. There are still some vacancies in this period at Charlotte Pass. The directors have increased the winter tariffs at Christiania and Kahane by around the rate of annual inflation but have not increased the tariffs for Charlotte Pass. This is to take into account the extra cost of accessing the Charlotte Pass lodge with the oversnow access and encourage our members to take advantage of a stay at the Pass.

Extensive work is being carried out to the Charlotte Pass lodge (including removal of the diesel fuel tanks) now that we have approval to complete the works. I am personally looking forwards to staying at the Pass and experiencing the "new" lodge. Backcountry week at the Pass is an opportunity to go out from the lodge and enjoy the beautiful back country which is accessible from the lodge with a group of like-minded people.

The lodge is still in a strong financial position and there is a waiting list for persons who wish to purchase shareholdings.

Maintenance and improvements have been made to Christiania and Kahane lodges and working bee weekends have been well attended. The Charlotte Pass stores weekend is on 26 and 28 April 2024, and everyone is welcome to help. Please contact Kim Easdale if you want to attend.

Our lodge managers Tony at Kahane and Carolyn at Christiania return for the 2024 winter season. We welcome a new managers, Sam Mitchell and Carl Herden, at Charlotte Pass.

Summer bookings at Christiania have been good. The workers on the Charlotte Pass lodge have been staying at Kahane but the lodge is also open for members with a summer manager in occupation.

The amount of work behind the scenes for all the lodges, but especially Charlotte Pass, has been extensive and continuing and I thank all the directors, treasurers, CFO, secretary and booking officers for their contributions.

I look forward to seeing lodge shareholders at the AGM in May. Here's hoping that the snowfalls start early and continue (with good snowmaking conditions also) throughout the winter of 2024.

Regards,
Phillip Friedlander
Chairman of Directors



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