



SASC NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE of SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at Norths, 12 Abbott Street Cammeray, commencing at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend in person at Norths or on-line via Teams.

Please RSVP to the secretary, Leanne Price, at secretary@sasc-aus.com or 0402 043 920 before Friday 15/11/24 to confirm attendance at Norths or to receive live stream details.

AGM Agenda:

1. To receive apologies;
2. To receive minutes of the last AGM;
3. To receive President's Report, Statement of Accounts and Sub-committee reports for the year ending on 30 September 2024;
4. To elect Office Bearers for the 2025 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. To consider life membership nominations for Bob and Sally Sims
9. General Business.

Note – Nominations for Office Bearers must be in writing on the form issued by secretary and signed by the nominee & two financial Club members; 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.

Members attending at Norths are welcome to join the Committee after the meeting for dinner and drinks.

Summer operation of the Lodges

Bookings for the non-winter period should be made on Clubman.

– Christiania Lodge at Thredbo will be open for self-cater accommodation except during the following catered periods:

- After Christmas from 27 Dec to 10 Jan
- Easter from 17 to 23 April.

– Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass will be open for the 2024-25 summer period, however there could be periods when there are workmen on site. All bookings are on approval to ensure there is no conflict with guests during the work periods.

– Kahane Lodge at Perisher will be closed except for large whole of lodge bookings.

Please contact the booking officers listed on page 12 if you have any queries.

Summer Tariff sheet can be opened from our website www.sasc-aus.com

Make sure you get your raffle tickets before it is too late. Simply click on this QR code to make your purchase and be in the running or go to Southern Alps Ski Club Inc Fundraising Raffle | RaffleLink – Good Luck!



2025 Club Subscriptions

The 2025 annual subscription invoices will be emailed to members early October. Members who do not have an email address in Clubman or a link to another member in Clubman will receive subscription invoices in the post. Our preferred payment method is via the link on the subscription email this ensures that your Clubman data is automatically updated.

Members who have not paid their past subscriptions will receive separate invoices for each overdue season. It is simplest for the Club's administration if each invoice is paid separately via the email link.

Lodge Cooperative Shareholders are reminded that under the Coop's active membership provisions Rule 4 (2) states "A member must pay the annual subscription in accordance with rule 6 to establish and maintain active membership of the co-operative." Please ensure your Club subscriptions are paid annually.

Keep your member details up to date in Clubman

Members can change their details and details for their Related Members in Clubman. Email address, residential address, phone numbers, and your Newsletter preference can all be changed.

If you wish to add dependent children, change your name, change from single to family membership or vice versa please contact the Secretary, Leanne Price at secretary@sasc-aus.com

2024 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB^{INC}

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

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 – White'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

MEETINGS

Club committee meetings (online and face-to-face) will commence at 7:30pm. 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 Kavo for meeting details – 0401 250 866

From the Editor

In November 1981 I received an afternoon crash course in newsletter production before producing the January 1982 Newsletter. Contributions arrived by hand written snail mail, before it was professionally typed, assembled by cut and Perkins paste, and driven to the printer to be printed on 11 pages of foolscap paper and folded in half to create a 44 page booklet.

A new format was introduced for the July 1983 issue, to save printing and postage costs and make it suitable to be "displayed on the fridge". I typed it on my computer, with a 3 newspaper column layout on an A3 sheet, folded to A4 and displaying our "New" Club logo. We went to glossy paper in 1986 to allow better photo reproduction, accepted submissions by email from 2002 and included colour photos in 2023. After frequent printer changes with each Club President, in 1994 we finally settled on Target Printing at Gosford and have enjoyed many years of fantastic service with Brendan.

With 4 issues a year over 42 years it has been a constant accompaniment to raising 4 children, full time work, travel and lately, retirement! Thanks to the Club and Lodge office bearers and other contributors who I've met and worked with over the years and to my husband, Tim Moore, for his patience and understanding.

I wish the next editor all the best for prompt submissions, minimum corrections and smooth production and delivery.

Helen Pearson

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President's Report

I hope you have been able to spend some time in the mountains over winter. Warm weather in the last two weeks of August damaged the usual spring conditions that we have enjoyed. However being in a blizzard on 2 September, I felt like the season was just beginning.

Fortunately, our Club racing events were held before the warm weather came. I thank everyone who has participated in and/or helped run our events. This year once again we won both Thredbo Junior and Senior Interclub events, and we had successful Club Race Week. Congratulations to all involved, especially our Club Champions, Katie Small and Hayden Cairns! See page 4..

Charlotte Pass Snow Resort and their contractors did a sterling job installing the modular sewage plant equipment and had the resort open by 5 July. Unfortunately, Southern Alps Lodge recladding project completion and occupation certificate was delayed, which required a huge effort to overcome the obstacles – a very stressful time for everyone involved.

Thanks to the other Charlotte Pass lodges that were able to accommodate most of our members and guests. This outcome showed great co-operation between Clubs and their booking officers. As I sit snugly in Southern Alps Lodge dining room, a huge thanks to all involved.

The Junior Bus trippers had some special celebratory apparel to mark the Juniors 50th Bus Trip.

Tickets in the Juniors raffle can be purchased until 19 October. Please support our Juniors program by purchasing tickets. There are fantastic prizes to be won. See details in the Juniors report on page 6.

Our Club membership policy is being reviewed and work progresses on the child protection policy. Anyone who would like to contribute to development of our policies should contact me.

The Club's Annual General Meeting invitation is on page 1.

I encourage you to attend the AGM, we need your input.

Nominations are open for all the Club's committee positions. If you would like information about any of the roles please call or email me or other Club officers. Honorariums are offered for some Committee roles. Nomination

forms are available from the Secretary – secretary@sasc-aus.com
If you can assist with our social functions, please get in touch.

When you are thinking about summer holidays, it is worth considering a stay in the mountains for the fresh air and low humidity. There are mountain walks from either Charlotte Pass or Thredbo and the wildflowers should be at their peak in January.

Charlotte Pass is quiet and away from the rush and bustle of life and has great access to the walks. Thredbo has a great village atmosphere, restaurants, bike tracks abound, the Leisure Centre to enjoy plus special holiday activities.

This is the last newsletter that Helen Pearson will compile and edit. Helen has dedicated 40 plus years to the newsletter and her family has grown up with Club newsletter demands. I have enjoyed working with Helen and am grateful for her tolerance to my late submissions. Thanks, Helen, for your outstanding contribution. The newsletter is essential to record the Club's news and events and I hope we can continue to produce a quality quarterly journal.

Hope to see you soon.
Rod Peile
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Benny at Funnelweb



1988 Christiania extensions – Gerhard May, Joe diFalco, Benny Kavo



Vale Benny Kavo

Benito (Benny) Kavo passed away in July aged 86. Benny joined SASC in December 1970, he was involved with the Juniors, and was a Club Vice President. Benny was a Lodge Coop Director from 1975 to 2016 and made huge contribution to the rebuilding of Christiania after it was destroyed by fire. Benny was granted life membership in 1980. Benny also had roles with the Thredbo Volunteer Ski Patrol.

The celebration of Benny's life was well attended by SASC members highlighting the esteem he was held. Our sincere condolences were appreciated by Robert & Daniel and their families. Robert and Daniel Kavo wrote: From our hearts we thank you for your condolences and overwhelming appearance of SASC members from Dad's past at the celebration of Dad's life.

From our perspective it takes a village to raise a child and the way the Southern Alps village embraced us, in Dad's passing tells us a lot about this village's culture.

Once again – Thank you all for embracing Benny's passing.

Captains Report

BREAKING SKIING NEWS – SASC has won the Thredbo Interclub Championship for the 12th year in a row and the Junior AND Senior Interclub AND SASC Race Week Shield for the second year running!

Here's to the 2024 ski season. After a shaky start, the snow arrived in time for the July school holidays. Initial dumps were then followed by some of the longest coldest spells on record keeping the snow guns running almost around the clock for weeks on end. The end of July saw almost a metre of snow fall in one week, leading to Perisher opening 100% of its lifts at the same time for the first time in 4 years!

August Race Week, where SASC competed with TAC for the Race Week Shield was met with excellent snow and perfect conditions at Thredbo and was probably the best week of the season. Sadly, KAC were not able to field enough racers this year but they will be back next year.

Race week is run over 5 days, starting with a private race training session on the Rossi Race Course, with the Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G events held over the following days.

The men's Slalom event was taken out by our Vice Captain, Daniel "The Carver" Kavó, posting a blistering 35 sec through the gates, followed closely by last year's club champ Hayden Cairns, and Robert Kavó in third place. The women's Slalom was taken out by Katie Small in first place followed by a young Lily Small and brilliant Meray El-Khoury in third.

The following day again saw perfect blue bird conditions, allowing Hayden Cairns and Katie Small to win the men's and women's GS event, with Robert Kavó in second and Andrew Bunn in third for the men and Ruby and Abby Whelan smashing it for the women. On the Super G, Jenny Owens, Katie Small and Kim Easdale reigned supreme for the women. Hayden Cairns, Daniel Kavó and Andrew Buenn took out the event for the men.

And the ultimate SASC Race Week champions for 2024? For the men, it was Hayden Cairns, Daniel Kavó, Robert Kavó crowned the best and greatest. For the women, it was Katie Small, Ruby Whelan and Lily Small who dominated the field. Where was I amongst all these elite skiers you ask? Close. Very

close. Maybe next year. Best Dressed was awarded to the stunning Meray El-Khoury and always handsome Alastair Sloan. Best crash went to John Whelan for demonstrating the miracle of flight, after a close encounter with a snow making pole. Darcy Howells, aged 6, was also recognised as the youngest ever race week competitor!

But of course the club race week events are but a prelude to the week's main event, being the Thredbo Interclub race, where the best of the best from all of Thredbo's ski clubs compete for ultimate glory. This year saw over 140 racers compete, with SASC fielding a team of 16 racers, hand picked by SASC racing legend Arthur Owens. In the women's competition SASC skiers Jenny Lyons, Letitia Murphy and April Wynn (our club sponsored skier) took out first, second and third places, with less than two seconds separating them. In the men's division, while the fastest on the day was a Berghutte skier (38.19s), SASC took second (Scott Kneller with 39.41) and third (AJ Jones with 40.44). This was an amazing result for SASC, and we pay genuine respect to the skill demonstrated by these elite skiers.

Important to note that SASC Race Week is the result of the efforts of quite a few people. Special thanks to Daniel and Robert Kavó, Arthur Owens, Alastair Sloan, Meray El-Khoury, Hayden and Jett Cairnes, John Hardy, Kim Easdale, Butch Young, John and Belinda Whelan (and family), Erin and Jeremy Howells (and family) and Alice and Andrew Buenn (and family), Cath Wynn and lodge manager Carolyn for making sure everyone was well looked after during the week. The race events are all arranged and paid for by SASC, for the benefit of all of its members, which is just one more feature that helps make SASC the number 1 Australian ski club.

With the end in sight for the 2024 season, I hope everyone got some quality skiing, riding, and après with your family and friends this year. Thank you all for being a part it! And for 2025, my very long range snow forecast is predicting that it could in fact be the best season ever. So, get ready Southern Alpers, the mountains are calling and you've got a party to go to. Will I ski you there? I hope so.

Have a great Summer and Christmas break team. Your very best. Oliver Small – SASC Captain 2024.





Juniors Report

This year we celebrated the 50th time that the **Juniors Bus Trip** has run – a remarkable legacy that shows no sign of stopping anytime soon. With a specially designed shirt logo from Nicky Di Falco, the trip was set to take around 50 children to the slopes for this annual pilgrimage. Unfortunately, the previously publicised fire and ultimate delay in opening Charlotte Pass this season coincided with our event. Sadly the younger children were unable to go and with the remaining 35 of the older group heading to Kahane Lodge Perisher.

Leading the organisation of this event once again was Anneliese Seubert in the role of bus trip coordinator, however with an impending international transfer, Annelise handed the reigns over to Jenny Williams and Lesley Moxon. Joining them as parent helpers were Suzanne and Tae Royle, Nathan Heaton, Oliver Small, Meredyth Hughes, Shaun Edwards, Rebecca Wayne and once again former bus trip participant and junior race training team member Brianna Wassell was a welcome addition to the parents.

We were very fortunate to benefit from the early season snow falls that enabled the resorts to open the mountains up with plenty of lift options available. The group was able to spend plenty of time on snow as well as access lessons from the resort's instructors.

We were well supported as always by the lodge managers Tony and Bridget and very fortunate to be supported by the Kahane team who delivered lunch to the Perisher Alpine Church which was made available to us through Julian Thompson. The second year that we have been able to do this and remains a fantastic arrangement, making the logistics of our days at Perisher much easier to manage.

Thank you to all involved for your help and support in making this event possible, we hope that next season we will be back running groups to both Perisher and Charlotte Pass once again.

The **Junior race training team** were selected at the end of the bus trip and were awarded their jackets from April Wynn who came to speak with the kids about competition and ski racing. The team members were Harry Effenburg, Aiden Heaton, Gia Thomas Hughes, Adrianna Regan, Charlotte and Emily Royle, Findlay Toohey and James Wylie. The program is a full week of lessons and racing, a demanding experience for participants. Early in the week, the lessons at Perisher included

dedicated race gate training, where practical. After delays due to conditions, the group headed to Thredbo for the Junior Interclub and were part of the SASC junior team for that event. By the end of the week the standard for team members had improved significantly, it is always very satisfying to see the growth in on snow capability of our junior skiers. It takes a lot to facilitate this training, and my thanks go to Suzanne and Tae Royle and Nathen Heaton who led the group as a Team Managers.

Our Junior Racing Coordinator Lorena Juracich worked tirelessly to assemble the **Junior Interclub** team. The task was made increasingly difficult as the event was postponed due to the poor mountain conditions by 3 days. These delays made managing the lift tickets and entries quite challenging, however Lorena gathered a team of 18 junior members on the day! Our oldest being Ethan Juracich in his last year as a Junior, our youngest was Abi Jones at only 6 years of age!

The conditions were challenging as there was no course inspection and only one run was able to be completed as the wind was playing havoc with the lifts and accessibility of the course. The field comprised 68 competitors (down by 30 from last year) across 8 competing clubs. The SASC team scored points steadily as the event progressed with good performances across the 3 age brackets. At the completion of the competition the Southern Alps Ski Club were in 1st place for the second year in a row, with Annabelle Jones and Henry Woon our clubs fastest female and male skiers respectively. Considering up until last year the Junior Interclub had never been won by SASC and with many repeat team members, everyone who participated on the day should be very proud. Well done to Lorena, who has managed this role so well since taking it over, the SASC helpers on the day, and of course our junior ski race team for handling the prevailing conditions and competing with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The Juniors have continued to support our U/18 club members who have committed to formal training programs and club racing activities. Lily Juracich and Henry Woon have devoted themselves to various training activities through the season and been recipients of **sponsorship support** from the Junior Committee. We look forward to seeing their continued enjoyment of high-level

training and racing transfer into the level of results that they are seeking. Applications for support and sponsorship are always welcome, applications for both the northern and southern winter can be submitted for consideration once participants have committed to their respective programs.

We thank members and friends who are supportive of the juniors through the purchasing of club merchandise and of course the **annual club raffle**. The team at Tourism SunPeaks are long-time supporters and have supplied our 1st prize, your chance to ski Canada during our summer. The club and lodge are offering accommodation prizes at SASC facilities. Alpsports at West Ryde and SX Snow at Carlingbah have continued their support including a member's discount. Club member Anthony Sharwood has also provided a copy of each of his books. Thank you to all who continue to support us.

Make sure you get your raffle tickets before it is too late. Simply click on this QR code to make your purchase and be in the running or go to Southern Alps Ski Club Inc Fundraising Raffle | RaffleLink – Good Luck!



The next juniors meeting is on 16 October 2024 and will be held as a videoconference. If you would like to attend, please advise the Juniors Secretary Katie Newton juniors@sasc-au.com. There are roles for a wide range of skill sets that support our activities that cater for children up to 18 years of age. I'd be happy to discuss with interested club members who are considering becoming involved.

Whilst the snow conditions deteriorated somewhat from the season's promising start, hopefully there has been some enjoyable time spent outdoors in the mountains by our club members.

Go Well!

Darren Gore

Junior Chairperson





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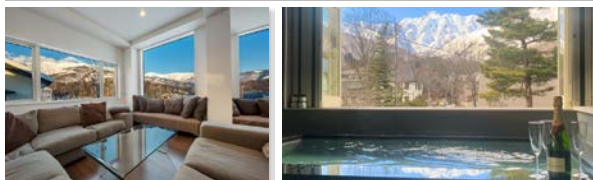
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Snippets

Sponsored Members update

Programs for the Northern Winter season are getting later each year, so there has not been any decision on sponsorship for our elite athletes.

April Wynn has worked through winter in the Perisher Ski Patrol and will work at Perisher through our off season until plans come together for overseas training/competition.

Matt Clayton has been skiing at Perisher and working part time as a boot fitter in Jindabyne. He is planning to work at Silverstar as a slopestyle coach from November to March and then spend 1 month training at Mammoth.

Kahane Lodge Revegetation Plans

A review of last summer's planting will be conducted post winter, although it appears there may have been some species that have not survived the autumn and winter. Dates to pencil in are 18-19 January for weeding weekend and 15-16 March 2025 for planting, dates will be confirmed later.

Volunteers are needed for both weekends, families with children are welcome, if you can help, please contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586 or president@sasc-aus.com

Ben Rickett's Environmental Preserve.

Ben Ricketts is located on the Illawarra escarpment about 2 hours' drive from the centre of Sydney. There are 3 old world cabins on the site that can be booked for overnight self-cater accommodation. Southern Alps members have access to a limited number of bookings at shareholder tariff. Please email bookings@benricketts.org.au to make your booking; please mention you are a Southern Alps member.

Snowies Alpine walk

Stages 1 to 3 are complete and ready for use, Stage 4 from Perisher to Bullocks Flat is due for completion soon. This is the final stage of the Snowies Alpine walk that connect Guthega to Charlotte Pass, Charlotte Pass to Perisher, and Perisher to Bullocks Flat. The alignment of new walks is fantastic with spectacular views of the main range or the Thredbo Valley, however the return journey on each leg is quite long for the average walker so having a car at each end is preferred or you can organise private transport to the start or finish – Snow Connect is a local company who can help with transport summer and winter, discounts are offered to SASC members, contact Leanne at 0455 577 478 or info@snowconnect.com.au

Members wishing to explore the new trails should consider accommodation at Southern Alps or Christiania Lodges this summer.

Writer of the Mountains

SASC member and former Thredbo ski instructor, Anthony Sharwood, has made dozens of visits to Kosciuszko National Park over the last four years, writing the first major works about Australia's alpine region to be published with a mainstream publisher (Hachette Australia) in many decades. The third book in his Australian alpine trilogy has just gone on sale.

All three books make excellent Christmas presents for anyone who loves the mountains. If you don't happen to win the set of three in the raffle, they can be bought individually or together in most bookstores or at any online book retailer.

The three books are:

From Snow to Ash (2020): This best-seller chronicled Anthony's trek along the Australian Alps Walking Track in the Black Summer of 2019/20, discussing the logistics of the walk itself, his personal struggles at a pivotal stage of life, as well as broader environmental and historical issues in the mountains.

The Brumby Wars (2021): A finalist in Australia's most prestigious journalism awards, the Walkleys, this is an exploration of this fraught issue, in which Anthony canvassed 60 voices across the mountains and beyond in an even-handed manner, while ultimately arguing for a reduction in brumby numbers to protect our fragile alpine ecology.

Kosciuszko (On sale 25 Sep, 2024): The first Australian biography of the extraordinary Polish freedom fighter whose name graces our highest peak, in which Anthony also explores what name the Ngarigo people want for the mountain.

If you love our mountains and love Aussie stories told by an award-winning writer, please support Anthony!



Matt Clayton – photo by Ob Ryo

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

June – Mid Year Lunch

We held our annual mid-year lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club, it is a beautiful location on the Harbour. It is always a great opportunity to catch up over a relaxed lunch. This year was a record attendance with 36 members. It was a special occasion because we were able to help Andy Cairns celebrate his 90th birthday – a fabulous milestone for a stalwart of the club. Thanks to everyone for your support.

July – Kamay NP

We delayed this walk by a week due to the inclement weather, it was a good move because the following weekend was beautiful. Fifteen walkers met at La Perouse for a delightful walk around the headland including the Browns Rock track, Henry Head, morning tea at Cruwee Cove and then on to the Westpac facility. Our thanks to Russell for another great walk 'down south'.

July – Summit Tour

This year we changed the format of the Summit Tour and ran it from Fri Night to Monday night so we could fit in with existing Lodge bookings. There were 22 experienced skiers on the tour, Saturday saw a group of All-Terrain skier's head for Kosi via the Ramshead range, Sunday was our crossing to the Pass however the weather did not play fair and only 9 skiers managed to get onto the Chair before it was put on extended wind hold, so the rest headed for Perisher and the alternate route to the Pass. Both options were tough and it was a very challenging day. The ski out to Perisher on Monday went to plan and everyone made it back to the coach. It was another very successful tour enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Owen and Ian for your leadership and especially the KAC lodge for providing our accommodation on the Sunday night.

August – Sydney Harbour

On a beautiful Sydney Saturday 19 members met at Circular Quay for an interesting walk over the Harbour Bridge, past Luna Park, around to Berry's Bay, Balls Head Reserve for lunch, past the Coal Loader, then on to Wollstonecraft Station to complete the walk. This was one section of the longer

Sydney Harbour Circle Walk. Thanks to Chris for your leadership and planning. We look forward to the next instalment.

September Nordic Week

Nordic week was a lot of fun with trips in all directions from Charlotte Pass. Groups travelled to Mount Kosciuszko, Main Range, Betts Creek, Mount Carruthers, Mount Guthrie, the suspension bridge over Spencers Creek, and the Old Restaurant/Wright's Creek.

The week featured mostly sunny days with plenty of wind.

Snow coverage beyond Charlotte Pass was good and a small topup of snow on Monday provided some 'freshies' to play in.

Our accommodation at Southern Alps Lodge was excellent, especially the delicious meals provided by our wonderful Managers Sam and Carl and their Team.

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.



La Perouse Walk



Summit Tour-Kosciuszko Trig



Summit Tour-Heading for Perisher



Sydney Harbour Walk



Nordic Week collage



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
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LODGE REPORT

The 2024 snow season has come to an end and was marked by very cold and then warm conditions. I was able to re-sort ski until early September 2024 and the snow on the Main Range remained in good quality until well after this date. It was a pleasure to stay at Charlotte Pass lodge for the backcountry week and experience the resort and back-country skiing.

The best news for the Lodge Co-operative was that Charlotte Pass Lodge finally obtained its Occupation



Following a fire at the Charlotte Pass resort sewerage treatment plant, containerised modules were installed.

Certificate after extensive renovations and opened for our guests in early August 2024. Notwithstanding the best efforts of the directors and consultants and some very supportive lodge and club members, the Department of Planning, NSW Fire & Rescue and a fire at the Charlotte Pass resort sewerage treatment plant combined to put back the issuing of the Occupation Certificate. Once opened the guests at the Charlotte Pass lodge have reported being very happy with the meals and friendliness of the new managers Sam and Carl. The lodge is looking fresh and tidy inside and out.

A very special shout out to the Charlotte Pass directors, Tim Moore, Will Sidwell and Kim Easdale and Daniel Kavo and Christine Edwards for exceptional effort to get the lodge open for guests.

Summer bookings are open and Christiania at Thredbo will be catered for periods after Christmas and during Easter as well as being open for uncatered stays. The lodge is set up for mountain biking with the ski room having bike racks installed and a hose available to wash down the bikes. Charlotte Pass is open for uncatered summer bookings and Kahane at Perisher will be closed except for large group bookings.



Charlotte Pass Team – L to R: Carl, Paddy and Sam

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