



SASC NEWSLETTER

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CLUBMAN UPDATE

Clubman was certainly tested when the Club member week and 5-day bookings opened. The system peaked at 5 bookings/second just after midnight and in the first hour there were over 100 bookings processed. Way more than we ever expected. We are sorry that some bookings crashed out as a consequence. The server capacity has been quadrupled to avoid any repeat. A few points to note:

- Please review the Lodge Availability before attempting your booking.
- Please read the Booking Instructions on the Create Booking page.
- Check all your family members are listed on your membership **before** making your booking – if they are not there you must contact the assistant secretary, Leanne Price.
- Only Associates or Temporary members can be added by using the “EN-ROL NEW GUEST” button.
- When enrolling Temporary members do not enter false email addresses. When Temporary members are linked to your membership through the “Invoices to” field an email address is not required.
- Shareholders who would like to include a Club member as their Associate must contact the Booking Officer before booking.
- All current members are in Clubman; if you cannot find a member please contact Assistant Secretary, Leanne Price. If you are having difficulty with your member data please contact the Secretaries, if you are having booking difficulties please contact appropriate booking officer listed on page 8.

LODGE MAINTENANCE - HELPERS NEEDED

Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) **Stores Weekend** is on 17–18 April. We need your help to carry and pack the winter stores into the lodge. Please contact Kim Easdale.0412 851 615.


Christiania Easter catered period:
1 -10 April.

We are considering extending the catered period at **Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass)** through to Monday 4 October (Labour Day Weekend and end of school holidays). Please contact our Booking Officer, Christine Edwards on 0416 255 815 (10am to 6pm) to register your interest, as soon as possible.




*Joan Gardner and Rex Cox
Vale Joan Gardner - see page 4*


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SAVE THE DATE

END OF SEASON

Celebration

SATURDAY,
23RD OCTOBER 2021
AT 6.30PM

The Alcott,
1 Birdwood Avenue, Lane Cove

Further details to follow
in the next newsletter.



2021 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.

APRIL

- 1-10 Christiania Lodge catered period
- 1-6 Easter Weekend – Kahane Lodge, Perisher, contact Bob Sims XCBW meeting - at Kahane 5pm
- Fri 2
- Sat 3 Start NSW Public School holidays
- 17-18 Charlotte Pass stores - volunteers welcome, contact Kim Easdale.0412 851 615.
- Sun 18 End NSW Public School holidays
- Mon 19 Lodge Meeting online 7pm directors only
- Sun 25 Anzac Day
- Wed 28 Club Committee Meeting all welcome, online 8pm

MAY

- Sun 2 XCBW Walk TBA contact Geoff Thomas
- Tue 4 Junior Committee Meeting online at 8pm
- Wed 19 **SASC LODGE Co-Op Annual General Meeting** at Norths, 8 pm
- Thu 20 July Newsletter deadline
- Sun 30 Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip

JUNE

- Tue 1 XCBW Mid Year lunch - Drummoyne Sailing Club – contact Sally Sims .
- Sun 6 XCBW Walk – Middle Harbour contact Sharon, Harm & Chris
- Fri 11 Christiania and Kahane start catered period
- 11-14 Perisher PEAK Festival TBC
- Sat 12 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON OPENING
- Mon 14 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Wed 16 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, online 8pm
- Mon 21 Lodge Meeting online 7pm directors only
- 21-24 CanTeen - Christiania Lodge

- 23-26 Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year olds at Perisher – all welcome to apply
- Sat 26 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) start catered period
- Sat 26 Start NSW Public School holidays

JULY

- 2-7 Junior Race Training Week at Kahane (by selection)
- Sun 4 Walk – Cronulla area contact Russell Barnes
- Tue 6 Thredbo Junior Inter-Club, contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615
- Sun 11 End NSW Public School holidays
- 15-18 XC Summit Tour, contact: Bob Sims
- Mon 19 Lodge Meeting online 7pm all welcome
- 21-25 Boys' Weekend at Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) (by invitation)

AUGUST

- 1-6 SASC Race Week / Club Championships at Thredbo
- Sun 1 Walk – Middle Harbour – contact Colin Burman
- Mon 2 Bank Holiday
- Sat 7 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club
- Wed 11 KAC XC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass Contact Chris Hegarty 02 9411 5974
- Fri 20 October Newsletter deadline
- 29-5/9 Nordic Week – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims

SEPTEMBER

- 10-12 Arc'teryx/Alpine Access Back Country Training Weekend at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass - contact David Herring 0423 470 090
- 12-26 Nordic Ski Club of NSW at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass
- Sun 12 Walk – “A City Ramble”- contact Annette Fitzallen
- Sat 18 (TBC) Perisher Cup teams race, contact Kim Easdale - 0412 851 615
- Sat 18 Start NSW Public School holidays

- Mon 20 Lodge Meeting online 7pm directors only
- Wed 22 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, online 8pm
- Sun 26 Southern Alps (Charlotte Pass), Christiania and Kahane Lodges end catered period

OCTOBER

- Mon 4 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mon 4 End NSW Public School holidays
- Mon 4 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON CLOSE
- Sat 16 XCBW Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy Cairns
- Mon 18 Lodge Meeting online 7pm all welcome
- Tue 19 Junior Committee Meeting online at 8pm
- Sat 23 **Social Function at the Alcott**
- Sun 24 XCBW Meeting - TBA contact Bob Sims

NOVEMBER

- 5-8 XCBW 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims
- Sat 20 January 2022 Newsletter deadline
- 20-21 Lodge Meeting at Christiania, directors only
- Wed 24 **SASC Annual General Meeting**, at Norths, 8 pm
- Sat 27 XCBW Christmas Picnic/ Walk – venue TBA, Contact Bob Sims

DECEMBER

- Sat 18 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

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

Lodge online meetings will commence at 7pm. Contact Daniel Kavo for meeting details - 0401 895 777

President's Report

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Dynasty Colelough

Dear Members,

The news that Joan Gardner had passed away caused many members to write and express their condolences and remark on Joan's friendship and enormous contribution to Southern Alps. The service to celebrate Joan's life was very well attended with happy memories shared. See page 4.

Long-term members, Barbara Reinstadler and Richard Mason have also passed away. Our condolences to their families. See page 4.

The Lodge bookings have exceeded all expectations this year, whether this is due to the COVID pandemic or other factors we will need to wait to see. There could be COVID limits on lift tickets so I encourage anyone who intends to use resort lifts to purchase their lift tickets as soon as possible.

Along with the strong Lodge bookings the Club Committee is also seeing a surge in new member applications, the committee will continue to monitor the numbers and may apply limits if necessary.

Our Club calendar events are planned around the current COVID regulations however the rules can change rapidly, please be sure to check any concerns with the event contact. The 2021 Eas-

ter Back to Perisher events organised by SLOPES and NPWS have already been cancelled.

Good progress is being made on the Club's policy documents and we are currently reviewing the Membership policy and Member Protection policy, the policies complement the Club's constitution, detail expectations and provide fairness for all members.

In February members helped with some important maintenance at Southern Alps Lodge and Kahane Lodge (see page 5). A small crew, led by Bob Sims, travelled to Cootapatamba Hut for its first annual maintenance since being rebuilt - the weather on Friday was perfect for hut maintenance (see page 6).

I know our online meetings are not as personal as face-to-face meeting but while COVID remains we will continue with online meetings. I encourage you to attend our next Committee Meeting on 28 April, please contact the Club Secretary, Duncan Sutherland for the meeting link.

Fingers crossed for early snow. I hope to see you soon.

Take care,

Rod Peile 0448 670 586



Vale Joan Gardner - see page 4

Snippets

Vale Joan Gardner



Joan was an amazing, capable lady who made time for everyone.

Joan joined Southern Alps Ski Club in 1957 after returning from a few years overseas. At the first Club meeting Joan attended she was elected the Club's Secretary, a position Joan held for 8 years. This was at a time when Southern Alps applied for 2 weeks accommodation in winter for its members at the Kosciuszko Chalet.

Joan was one of the legendary 5 who in October 1963 decided Southern Alps should build its own Lodge at Charlotte Pass after a run in with the Chalet management during the Club's winter stay. Joan was a founding Director and remained on the Board until 2019 – 56 years dedicated to the Lodge Cooperative. During Joan's time Southern Alps grew from a relatively small ski club into the Club and Lodge Cooperative we have today.

As well as being a Lodge Coop Director, Joan continued roles in the Ski Club too, she was the Club's first female President 1965-6 and is still the only female to lead the Club. Joan was awarded life membership in 1975.

Joan loved ski racing and was a strong supporter of Charlotte Pass Race Week, helping with race organisation, purchasing trophies & prizes, then supervising at the presentations.

Joan sought race sponsors and carefully purchased prizes for children's races too. Each winter several large Globite suitcases full of books, trophies and other prizes were transported to Charlotte Pass. Each prize had a card with yellow and blue ribbon tied in the corner and carefully inscribed with the winner's name.

When the race week was moved to Thredbo Joan still looked after the prizes. As Joan's eyesight and health declined

members stepped in to help until she was not well enough to travel.

Joan was a staunch supporter of the Juniors, attending every Junior Committee meeting. After retiring from Sutherland Hospital, Joan was a helper for a few Juniors Bus trips and she had the perfect remedy when tired kids needed a cuddle to get them up and going. Joan was strict but fair and her nursing background was an asset if any children were unwell.

Joan enjoyed cross country skiing, XC & BW group activities and social functions with Southern Alps friends, she loved summer in the mountains and regularly took friends to stay at Charlotte Pass to see the summer flowers. Joan was very proud and supportive of Southern Alps elite skiers and kept newspaper and magazine cuttings on their progress. She loved reading and hearing about their competitions.

Joan's love of skiing never wavered. As a resident in St Basil's care facility people would ask Joan about her life and Joan would respond saying she was a skier and looking forward to the next trip to the Pass.

That determination is what made Joan such a valuable member of our Club.

Vale Richard Mason

(1942-2020)



Richard joined the club in February 1973, he was an active member and assisted Dennis Turnbull in running the famous bus trips to the Pass during the 70's, for many years, he was the Safety Officer for the XC & BW group. Apart from skiing Richard was actively involved in the Scouting movement, the Vespa Motor Scooter Club of Sydney, the Ashfield RSL, the Sydney Tramway Museum and a volunteer for Bushwalking Search & Rescue.

Richard passed away on 20 December aged 78. On behalf of all Southern Alps members, we extend our sympathies to Jayne, his wife of 52 years, and her family.

Vale Barbara Reinstadler

26/2/1941 – 10/2/2021



Barbara was born in Brisbane Queensland and grew up the middle of three children. She excelled at both school and sports, playing representative softball for Queensland.

After leaving school Barbara worked in both Australia and New Zealand, before starting work at the Chalet at Charlotte's Pass in 1968. It is there that she met her husband Alois Reinstadler, who was Head of Ski School at that time. They married in 1971 and had two children. They moved to Canberra in 1975 where they remained.

Barbara became a member of the Southern Alps Ski Club in the early 1970's and was a regular each year at the snow. She loved the mountains and skiing, and made many wonderful friends through the Club. The annual Reinstadler family ski holiday to Thredbo will just not be the same without her. Barbara was gentle, kind and patient, with a wicked sense of humour and infectious laugh. She passed away in the early hours of 10 February with her family by her side following complications from a series of strokes. She will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace Barbara.

Barbara bravely fought and overcame ovarian cancer in 2013. To honour her memory her family asks that donations please be made to Ovarian Cancer Australia at www.ovariancancer.net.au/donations to help the important work they do supporting women diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- for the July 2021 issue, is Thursday, 20 May, 2021.

Contributions to Editor: sasc.newseditor@gmail.com

or ring Helen on 0424291953

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS

Thank you to the 300 members who added their Newsletter preference in Clubman.

We would like a response from many more members.

Please login to Clubman, click on the USER SETTINGS icon > Click to edit membership information > at the bottom of the page there is a field "Newsletter option" please enter "EMAIL", "POST" or "EMAIL and POST" only.

Future Newsletters will be sent according to your request.

Newsletters (with some contact details deleted) are still available from www.sasc-aus.com

If you have any concerns please call or email Rod Peile or assistant secretary, Leanne Price, contact details on page 2.

2021 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still members who have not paid 2021 subscriptions. If you do not wish to continue your membership please contact the assistant secretary, Leanne Price.

Under the Lodge Cooperative rules Lodge shareholders MUST remain members of the Ski Club.

You can confirm your member status in Clubman by logging in and clicking on the USER SETTINGS icon > Click to edit membership information > scroll down to you see "Charges" there you will see a link to your subscription invoice – if there is UNPAID in red text you need to take action.

Payments should be made using the payment link on the invoice, EFT and cheques should only be used as the absolute last resort. If you need help please contact the Treasurers or Secretaries on page 2.

STORES and MAINTENANCE-

Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) stores weekend is on 17-18 April.

Volunteers required! 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 work list of small jobs to complete over the weekend. Please contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615.

2021 PEAK FESTIVAL

Stay tuned for Festival updates at <http://peakfestival.com.au>

At this stage organisers are working to find ways to present a festival to celebrate the opening of the ski season that complies with the changing COVID rules.

BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE.

Ben Ricketts has several small cottages that are available for weekend/holiday rental. They are located 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. As Southern Alps is a shareholder our members are able to take advantage of reduced shareholder rates. Please contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586 for our shareholder password before you book. There is always work to be done on the preserve, volunteers are welcomed at the working bees planned for May 1-2, July 17-18, Nov 23-24. See www.benricketts.org.au for more information or call 0491 718 963.

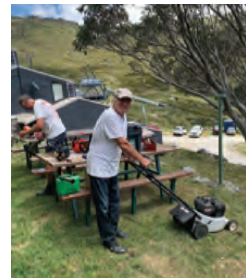
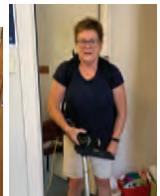
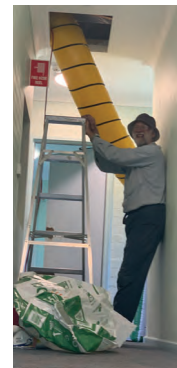


February Working bee

Weather was perfect for the annual combined Kahane/Charlotte Pass lodge working bee – warm and sunny days – perfect for painting! 40 helpers came along to assist and have fun.

Kahane projects included grass cutting, stacking the firewood room, balcony repairs and stonework re-pointing. Charlotte Pass projects included grass cutting, preparation of guest room doors for painting by Dukes, insulation of back wing ceilings, electrical repairs, deep cleaning of all areas, curtain repairs, drainage improvements in cellar, handrail and balcony table re-oiling.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work and camaraderie over the weekend. Thanks to Kim Easdale for the delicious food and Christine Edwards for coordinating dinner on Saturday evening. Tim Moore



Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

After abandoning most of our activities in 2020 due to Covid it was great to be able to run two in a row!!

November – Christmas Picnic/Walk at the Kur-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens

After a short walk in the gardens guided by Bob Failes, we settled into the Dampier's Clearing picnic area for lunch and a social afternoon. It was great to catch-up after a disruptive year of abandoned walks. We also managed a belated celebration of Bob Faile's 90th birthday.

February – Avalon to Barrenjoey Lighthouse

Our first walk for the year and unaffected by Covid restrictions. We had thirteen walkers join us for one of Sydney's classic walks. It has some steep sections (up to Bangalley Headland, up out of Whale Beach and up to Barrenjoey Lighthouse) but the views are magnificent (up and down the coast and inland to Pittwater). We finished the day with refreshments on Rosemary MacDonald's front verandah. A great walk to kick off the year.

Our 2021 walk schedule can be found in the SASC Newsletter and on the SASC web site. Our walk details are sent via email one week prior to the event, please contact me if you would like to receive a copy.

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

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



Palm Beach from the Lighthouse



Xmas Picnic Walk - the Kur-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens



On Bangalley headland

Cootapatamba Hut

Cootapatamba Hut is a survival shelter originally built as a hydrographer's hut during the planning for the Snowy Mountains Scheme. It sits in a valley below Lake Cootapatamba. The hut is an important survival shelter in an area with easy access from Thredbo and Dead Horse gap. In February 2019 the NPWS rebuilt it as a replica of the original hut.

SASC is the official hut caretaker, originally taken on by Rex Cox (40 years ago), then Charlie Griffith and then Bob Sims with the help of many members of the XC & BW group. We were to return in February 2020 and repaint it on site for the first time after the rebuild, however Covid-19 caused the cancellation of all hut working parties.

On Friday 19 February a working party of 6 SASC members visited the hut - Tim Moore (Trip Coordinator), Karsten Pederson, Sharon and Harm Drenth, Sally and Bob Sims - to repaint it.

The day involved driving to Rawson's Pass (with NPWS permission under strict guidelines), walking down (1 hour), 4 hours painting, and walking out (2 hours). After many years watching it deteriorate in its severe alpine environment it was a pleasure to see it rebuilt and in such wonderful condition.

Cootapatamba Hut is unique in that it is painted fire engine red and it has a distinctive 'chimney' entrance which can be used if the snow level is higher than the door, although climbing up and down the 'chimney' in snow boots is not for the faint hearted. It was interesting to note that the door now opens inward so the need for the 'chimney' entrance may not be so critical in the future.

Many thanks to the working party members and Marion Plumb (KHA Huts Maintenance Officer) for all the hard work.

Bob Sims



News from the Junior Committee

The Junior committee met in late January to decide the location and start the process of organising the juniors bus trip for 2021. The trip will be run to Perisher this year and scheduled for June 23 – 26. Participants can be aged 8-13 and expressions of interest may be registered at www.trybooking.com/BOMSA

The bus trip orientation day is scheduled for Sunday May 30 at Lane Cove Sailing Club. More information will be provided about the Juniors bus trip in due course.

We are open to expressions of interest from parents to potentially assist with the bus trip and/or the race training week (2 – 7 July at Perisher). Working with children requirements will need to be in place.

There is still a spot on our Juniors committee for a secretary, This position involves managing the minutes at 3 or 4 meetings per year and a few other associated tasks, Please get in touch with me if you can join our team.

Applications for Junior sponsorship for the Southern winter are open and we'd be happy to hear from those participating in racing and formal training activities who would like to be considered for some assistance.

Our next meeting will be on May 4 2021 (Zoom). Contact me if you would like to be included.

Cheers
Darren Gore
Juniors Committee Chair



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

After a very promising World Cup start in Austria, SASC supported ski-cross competitor Sami Kennedy-Sim crashed during training in France. Sami is now back in Sydney focussed upon her rehabilitation and conditioning targeting a return to competition as soon as possible. We wish Sami as speedy recovery!

There has been huge club interest in Race Week this year and we will be welcoming many new participants to enjoy the friendly competition at Thredbo in August. The resort is progressing preparations for Covid safe racing and we will later advise specific details for these events.

Race Week is a great opportunity to try something new on the snow and your most cost effective opportunity to ski gates with some coaching thrown in! If you haven't been able to obtain Christiana accomodation you are still most welcome to participate - please let me know on 0408336504!

Let's all look forward to a snowy 2021!
Daniel & Scott

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LODGE REPORT

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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 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.

Booking details for each lodge at www.australialpineclub.com/book.html
Any further information at
www.australialpineclub.com

It is very sad that Joan Gardner has passed away. She was a Director of the Lodge Co-operative for 56 years and her contributions were exceptional. Her great love was for Charlotte Pass and she was competing in our Race Week events into her 80's. She was liked by all who met her. Her legacy of selfless devotion to the Lodge is an inspiration to everyone involved with the lodge.

The Lodge Co-operative has come through 2020 in a relatively strong financial position considering the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic restricting our bed numbers.

The catered period from after Christmas until the end of January 2021 at Christiania Thredbo was a success and profitable.

We have deferred major summer expenditure for the three lodges because of the reduced income over the 2020 winter season but work has been carried out to ensure that we are able to operate over the coming winter season. Thankfully we have had a summer season with no fires.

Work has continued at Charlotte Pass and thanks to Tim Moore, Will Sidwell and Kim Easdale for their input. Thanks also to the working bee volunteers.

Our Clubman online booking system is in full operation and I thank the booking officers for their major effort to oversee the implementation of the online booking system with the assistance of Rod Peile. The new system is very transparent as to the available beds. Many of the peak winter periods booked out quickly and it is definitely an advantage to be a lodge shareholder to have priority for bookings.

Our Secretary, Christine Marriott, has been bringing the register of shareholders up to date and as a result of her work we have had many transfers of shareholdings and a few surrenders of shares which the Lodge Co-operative has repurchased. These repurchased shareholdings have enabled some of the people on the waiting list to purchase those shares. We still have a waiting list of persons who wish to become Lodge members.

The Lodge Co-operative has joined the Co-operative Federation Ltd and we shall be looking into updating our rules in line with legislative changes. We hope to be able to re-issue more shareholdings in the near future to those on the waiting list.

Bookings for the 2021 ski season have been at record levels for this time of the year and I thank the Covid Action Team, Alastair Sloan, Kim Easdale and Rod Peile, for their ongoing work. Hopefully the Covid -19 restrictions will not affect our operations as greatly in 2021.

There are many people who work continuously and tirelessly behind the scenes and contribute to the success of the Lodge. Thanks again to our Treasurers and CFO. The monthly financial reporting to the Directors continues to be very comprehensive. All the Directors have worked as a team and made significant contributions.

All Managers of the lodges from 2020 should be returning for 2021.

If here are any queries about arranging a booking please contact the relevant Booking Officer.

Hoping for a long and snowy winter

Regards,
Phillip Friedlander

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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