STEEL MAKERS ALPINE CLUB

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Steel Makers Alpine Club quarterly newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the new format.

If you have any suggestions or photos that we can include in future editions, please email them to arimac.bookings@gmail.com.au

Do we have your email address?

To be more environmentally conscious and efficient, your Committee will be moving to electronic communication.

Please make sure we have your correct email address by contacting us at *smac.secretary1@gmail.com*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I mentioned in my first report, I will focus on what your committee are doing for the club and each of the position holders on committee will be providing their own portfolio information in the newsletters.

Club Ethos

We have reviewed the booking conditions and forms to hopefully give guidance to all and help with the running of the booking system. These updated booking conditions provide the rules that our Booking Officer will use to manage booking requests etc.

We have also tried to provide guidance on the responsibilities that members have when they stay at our lodge. The intent is that every member is aware of the tasks that need to be done during their stay.

We are aware that the weekend visitors have very little time available to do major cleaning tasks, so we are asking weekend skiers to clean up after themselves in their bedroom, bathroom and kitchen.

We are therefore asking the mid-week visitors to discuss, with the appointed Lodge Captain, how they can best help with the larger tasks that need to be done.

The Lodge Captain is a committee authorised person that has the responsibility to ensure that the Lodge is kept clean and safe for all those that stay at the ARIMAC.

Constitution

The constitution review committee has met many times over the last 6 months and have produced a revised constitution using the NSW government template. At the time of writing this newsletter article, the revised constitution document has been reviewed by the full Club committee. The review committee has tweaked this revised document for final membership review. We plan to have this document available on the club website for members to review, so we can then endorse this revised constitution at the May 3 AGM and then lodge it with the Department of Fair Trading.

Club History

I have continued reading through past minutes gleaning information and dates to do a summary of the SMAC History. As you can imagine it is slow going but I am getting there. I hope to have a document on the SMAC Website by the end of the year for members to have access to. This information also will help future committee members understand how we got to where we are today and the decisions made along the way.

Club Information

The club now has a secure electronic storage facility. Thanks to Troy and Kevin for getting this achieved. We are now working through what will be stored where and how it will be managed.

Meetings

The committee meets at 7:00pm on the first Monday night of every month at Western Suburbs Leagues Club where we discuss upcoming events, Lodge management, improvement and maintenance requirements, Membership services, Lodge Bookings and review club finances.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the committee, Please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Barry

AGM NOTICE

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Bellambi Surf Club on Saturday, 3rd May 2020 at 2pm

Please come along and listen to an update from your Committee, ask any questions you may have about Club operations, lodge your Member's Priority booking forms and enjoy something to eat and drink with other members.

We also elect our Club Committee at the AGM. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kevin Larkin before the day.

This year's AGM will be an important one as we undertake formal consultation with you about our new Constitution.

Secretary's Vibe

Our Club membership has continued to grow and change over the past year in various ways. We have had transfers of membership from fathers to children because they could no longer ski, and a couple of resignations due to non-use of their membership. Unfortunately there were a couple of members that passed away, and we have given our condolences to their families. Their membership was transferred to one of their children.

In a testament to the great family and friendly atmosphere of the club and the lodge, we have had many children of members join after staying at the lodge with their families.

In an effort to enable all our members the opportunity to enjoy reasonable time at the lodge, the committee have taken a few steps. One of these is the booking rules introduced last year, and another is our decision to put a hold on new members joining except for children of existing members. These decisions will be reviewed and amended as necessary depending on bookings and feedback.

Lastly, our AGM will be held on May 3rd, with time and location to be confirmed. So book it in your diary to come along and hear what's been happening, have your say, and chat with other members over some nibbles and drinks.

Regards,

Kevin

2020 Bushfires

Jindabyne, like many places, came under threat from the horrible bushfires that raged across our state in December / January. Whilst the fires were not in town, there was a concern that flying embers could ignite a fire in Jindabyne town, and also in East Jindabyne.

To assist with the recovery efforts, the Committee determined to make a donation of $500 on behalf of the Club to BlazeAid. BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, their volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed and will be working in and around the snowy mountains over coming months .



Jindabyne, 4 January 2020

Lodge Maintenance

We have had a situation recently when some damage was noticed at the lodge, and was temporarily repaired, but was not advised to the Committee.

It is really important that if you notice any damage during your stay at ARIMAC, that you let Gerry, or any other member of the Committee know . This means that we can organise to get the damage repaired as soon as possible.







The highs and lows of skiing—our Secretary Kevin had a season of ups and downs (and by season, I mean 1.5 days!). He'll be back on the slopes in 2020

Treasurer's Report

Our Club remains in a strong financial position, with a current cash balance of $102,000.

Payments for annual subs are now due. If you haven't yet paid yours, please do this asap.

Remember, you cannot make a booking until they are paid!

Important dates for Season 2020

Season Opens	5 June
School Holidays	6—19 July
Junior Development Week	12—17 July
Junior Weekend	17-19 July
Winter Peak Commences	19 July
Club Races	24-26 July
Winter Peak Ends	6 September
School Holidays	1 October
Closing weekend	1-5 October

Booking Update

Summer bookings have been strong this year with very few weekends free. Its great to see our members taking advantage of what the Snowy Mountains have to offer in summer.

Bookings for the 2020 winter season will open at the AGM. Like last year, to make sure everyone gets fair and equitable access to the lodge, we will have a staged booking system for the winter peak period.

Members Priority Period will run from 3—16 May. Members can book a total of 14 days (2 mid week and 2 weekend lots) during this period.

During the Members Only Period from 17-30 May, Members can submit bookings for another 14 days (2 mid week and 2 weekend lots).

Open bookings commence on 31 May. From this date, bookings can include non members, and be for any length of time.

If, during the Members Priority or Members Only periods more requests are received than can be accommodated, I will draw names from a hat to determine who is offered the booking. This is the fairest way to handle these situations.

Please ensure that if you are booking multiple lots, that you complete a separate booking form for each lot. This makes my job much easier.

Look forward to seeing you call at the AGM

Raych

Club Captain's Report

Autumn is here and before we know it winter will be upon us again. There are some changes this year from Perisher to our club race weekend. They are no longer offering Saturdays in August so we have opted to go with a 1pm Saturday race on July 25th. This should make it a more relaxing affair instead` of trying to get over to Blue Cow on the early ski tube to make it in time. The race weekend and Junior Development Week are still the most popular times of the season, so be sure to book early for these ones.



A summer of extremes—Perisher, 2 December 2019

And speaking of Junior Development week, a big thank you to all the kids from last season who organised and worked on the lemonade stand to raise money for a local Snowy Mountains charity. The money went to the Snowy Mountains Wildlife Rescue and I received a thank you letter from them shortly after the last newsletter went out. Attached below is the thank you letter:

Dear Arimac kids,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation to LAOKO, Snowy Mountains Wildlife Rescue. Your donation will go towards our wombat mange treatment program and this is especially welcome as it can be quite expensive to treat the wombats affected by this disease.

You may be confident that your gift will go to where it is most needed, and is very much appreciated.

Regards

Michael, Secretary, LAOKO

I'm looking forward to another great Junior Development Week this year - and more of that super sour lemonade! See you at the AGM.

Troy

Your Committee

- **President:** Barry Neill
- **Vice President** Gary Perkins
- **Secretary:** Kevin Larkin
- **Treasurer:** Alan Ritchie
- **Club Captain:** Troy Flinn
- **Maintenance Officer:** Gerry Campbell
- **Bookings Officer:** Raychel Davis
- **Social Coordinator:** Gary Perkins
- **Web Manager:** Troy Flinn
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  - Barry Wilson
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Don't forget to join the **Steelmakers Alpine Club** group on Facebook to stay up to date on Club happenings!

PRE-SEASON WORKING BEE

Our fist working bee for 2020 will be held on 15-17 May.

These weekends are always great fun, with lots of work being done.

Also, members who attend are not required to pay their annual subs the following year. What more incentive do you need?

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Gerry.