STEEL MAKERS ALPINE CLUB

SPRING 2019

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

President's Report	Page 1
Secretary's Vibe	Page 2
Maintenance Update	Page 2
Treasurer's Report	Page 3
Club Captain's Report	Page 4
Booking Officer Report	Page 5
Social Events	Page 6
Christmas Party Details	Page 6
Your Committee	Page 6
Club Contact Details:	Page 6

WELCOME!

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

If you have any suggestions for 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



A snowy view of Jindabyne from ARIMAC (Photo credit: Judy McCracken)

Hello all, my name is Barry Neill and I have taken on the role as the 2nd ever Steel Makers Alpine Club president. I follow in the footsteps of Frank Parovel who was the original president. I am learning that I really do have some huge ski boots to fill.

We have a lot to thank the original members for as they are the ones with the vision of our Ski Club and put in the effort to make it happen and be the success it is today.

My reports will generally 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

Steel Makers Alpine Club is a friendly, family orientated membership. We have a terrific Lodge in East Jindabyne - ARIMAC set up for communal living and is kept in fantastic condition by our twice yearly working bees and the ongoing commitment of our members who look after the daily chores, keeping the lodge clean and tidy during their stay.

Constitution

The committee has embarked on a review of our club constitution and a subcommittee has been looking at our existing and comparing it to the latest templates for sporting groups provided by the NSW government. The sub-committee plans to have this review completed and a revised constitution ready by Christmas 2019, Hopefully agreed to by the Club committee by March 2020, and ready to put to the members for acceptance at the May AGM.

Club History

As part of my learning for the role, I have decided to put together a historic time line of club milestones and interesting information as well as compiling a list of who has held what positions within the committee over the 30 odd years that the club has been in existence.

First meetings were held in 1985.

Club Information

The committee has agreed that we need a secure information storage system where members can get to information they need and the club committee can electronically store documents. The old filing cabinet at the Secretaries house will still exist but we are planning on having copies of club documents open and visible with access from the website. We are still setting this up but watch this space.

Meetings

The committee meets once a month at Western Suburbs Leagues Club where we discuss upcoming events, ARIMAC 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 us.

Barry



Night time craft during Junior Development Week

Secretary's Vibe

Hi everyone, for those that don't know I have taken on the role of Secretary from Ross Meaker who stepped down after many years of toil and dedication to the club.

I was previously the Club Captain for a few years so the parents among you may have seen me during Junior Development week, at the Jamberoo Christmas party, or one of the other events like Club Races or Functions, not to mention at the Lodge skiing as much as I could.

Ross has given me lots of help and provided plenty of information to make the transition smooth, and I hope I can do as good a job as he has done.

Kevin Larkin

Maintenance Update



The renovated downstairs bathroom

Just a quick update on the lodge maintenance. The 2019 ski season saw the lodge occupied right through to the closing weekend and considering the number of people that visited there were relatively few maintenance issues.

The new bathroom stood the test and we have received a lot of positive feedback, however there was a blockage of our sewerage system which we thought may been caused by the bathroom modifications. A plumber attended and cleared the blockage and suggested a thorough inspection of the system. This was carried out at the October working bee by the plumber using a camera to view all of the sewerage pipes. Thankfully there were no problems found and the system was given the all clear with just one minor adjustment needed on the breather pipe. The blockage was attributed to unsuitable material being flushed into the system. Could all members please be careful of what you put into the system.

Also at the October working bee the back veranda was replaced and has really improved the appearance of the lodge. A more detailed report from the working bee will soon be available on our Facebook page and website.

Cheers, Gerry.



John, Barry and Tony working on the veranda reconstruction



Some of our Juniors enjoying the scavenger hunt during Junior Development Week

Treasurer's Report

The finances of the club are still in excellent condition considering the capital works that have been carried out over the last 2 working bees. This year saw the completion of the downstairs bathroom renovation and the replacement of the back veranda. These were quite cash intensive, but from the account balances below, it has not affected our cash position. This of course has been helped along by income from a good snow season.

Cash balances at 31 Oct 2019:

Working account - $29,874.16

Term Deposit 1 - $27,892.61

Term Deposit 2 - $34,162.81

Total cash on hand - $91,929.58

I would like to try something different this year in the issuing of invoices - emailing them to members, instead of the current method of snail mail which is becoming more expensive with the continuous increase in cost of postage.

To be able to achieve this, I need to have the current email address for **all members**. If you have not provided an email address to date, please do so now. I will be doing a test email run later this month, so please respond and let me know if this is the email address you want your Invoice sent to.

I should remind members, that it is the member's responsibility to inform the Club of any change in circumstances such as home address or email address, and not for the treasurer or secretary to chase them up. If you don't have an email address, please contact the secretary ASAP. The invoices will be sent to the latest details we have on file. At this time, I still have 3 people who have not paid their 2019 annual subscriptions even after an invoice and a follow up statement has been sent out.

Regards,

Alan Ritchie

Child Subsidy Reminder!

A reminder to those members who have yet to claim a child subsidy, please submit your claim by the **closing date of 30th November**. Claims after this date will not be considered.

Subsidy eligibility:

Junior Dev Week 50% refund on lift tickets .

50% refund on lessons (outside lessons provided by the Club)

Other periods: 50% refund on tickets or lessons or a combination of both (max $100 refund)

To make claim:

To make a claim, forward receipts / proof of purchase to Kevin (*smac.secretary1@gmail.com*) with cover letter detailing subsidy being claimed

Club Captain's Report

Hello all, my name is Troy Flinn and I have taken on the club captain role this year. My primary responsibility in this role is our on snow events and junior development.

Well, what a great year to start this duty – we had a bumper snow season, record participation in Junior Development Week, and two fabulous race weekends where both the weather and the snow conditions came together for us.

Junior Development Week

I want to thank all the kids who participated in junior development week this season, making it such a memorable and enjoyable event. If you are a member with kids and have never been to one of these, I highly recommend booking in early for next year.

We had almost 20 kids in attendance this year, ranging in ages from 4 to 14. During the week the club runs ski or board lessons for the kids, games, craft, social activities, and parties. It truly is a week of making memories that will last both you and your kids a lifetime.

If you would like to know more, get in touch with myself or any one of the committee members for details. I also welcome feedback and suggestions to make next year's event even better!

Club Races

Our club race weekend is usually held in August each year and is another club highlight for the season. As for Junior Development Week, we book overflow accommodation to cater for as many members as possible who would like to participate.

The race is held on Upper Rollercoaster at Mt Blue Cow – a relatively gentle course that allows for all ability levels to give it a go. The race is a friendly, fun, social event and no one takes it too seriously. It is open to all members and immediate family, and we encourage both boarders and skiers of ALL abilities to participate. We had a number of first time racers this season and the overwhelming feedback was that is was awesome fun and they can't wait to do it again!

Skier Results for the Year

Junior Girls (u13)

Place	Name	Time
1	Lilly Flinn	65.85
2	Isabella Armstrong	66.09
3	Abigail Armstrong	87.01

Junior Boys (u13)

Place	Name	Time
1	Brandon Flinn	72.61

Women

Place	Name	Time
1	Emma Burnard	69.5

Men

Place	Name	Time
1	Connor Larkin	56.11
2	Phil Burnard	58.78
3	Luke Burnard	68.17

Senior Women

Place	Name	Time
1	Amanda Moran	61.15
2	Merry Duxburry	65.87

Senior Men

Place	Name	Time
1	Troy Flinn	53.74
2	John McCloskey	57.54
3	Renato Compagnin	67.45

Snow Board Results:

Junior Boys (u13)

Place	Name	Time
1	Lenix Kriss	72.92

Women

Place	Name	Time
1	Ariane Compagnin	72.21
2	Lillian Kriss	81.69

Men

Place	Name	Time
1	Lucas Kriss	75.89

Special mention must also go to Abigail Armstrong as our youngest competitor and John Burnard as our most senior!



Lilly and Brandon Flinn flying the Steel Makers flag at the Illawarra Junior Inter Club Races

Illawarra Inter Clubs

Every year clubs of the Illawarra have two combined interclub race events; one for seniors and one for juniors. SMAC hasn't competed in the senior event for a number of years – please let me know of any interest to participate, as the other clubs would be very glad to see SMAC back at the start gates. We have however maintained a presence at the junior event which is usually held on the first weekend in September each year.

The races consist of GS for both skiers and boarders, as well as a cross country race. You can compete in any or all events. Awards are given for both individual and team performance, so it would be great if we could get more competitors involved from SMAC for the team aspect. Please let me know if you are interested – again, all ability levels are encouraged to participate and there is great support for the beginners and first time racers.

This year we had Lilly and Brandon Flinn competing in the ski GS. Lilly achieved an excellent result with 3rd place in her race, and Brandon came in at 6th place despite being at the younger end of his age group. Special mention also to Isabella and Abigail Armstrong who also competed in the event for their other club (Maranatha). Isabella came in 4th and Abigail came 6th. Like Brandon, both girls were up against much older competitors in their age group so I expect some great results from these young skiers in future years as they move up the age bracket in their division.

One other comment regarding junior racing; a number of our members have competed in the NSW Interschools. This is a great program and provides additional opportunity for racing and development if your children are interested. It is easy to become involved in this if your child's school is not already. For more information visit https://ausinterschools.com.au or I would be happy to share my experiences if you would like to find out more.

Troy Flinn

Bookings, Bookings, Bookings!

Well, its certainly been a baptism of fire for me in my first season as booking officer, with an incredibly busy season at ARIMAC.

We introduced a new email booking system which seems to have been well received by all. It is much easier for me to keep track of booking requests, and also respond to them outside of the Tuesday night booking night.

The new booking rules during the member's only priority booking period also seemed to work well, and free up some capacity during the peak season, allowing more of our members to enjoy the lodge.

I also trialled sending out vacancy updates throughout the season so our members can see where we might have capacity. I hope you found this useful.

Our occupancy rate for the full ski season (June to October long weekends) was 65%, with 23 of 35 lots completely booked out! During winter peak period, we were at 100% capacity with every room occupied during the 12 lot period!

Summer bookings are already looking very busy which is great to see.

Thanks for being patient with me during my first season in the role. I look forward to seeing you at the ARIMAC!

Raych

Social Events Update

We had a huge turnout at the Shellharbour Club on June 1st where we had the opportunity to thank Ross, Frank and Rod for their many years of service to the Committee, I think everybody had a good time.

We now have our yearly Christmas get together at Jamberoo Action Park on Sunday 1st December. This is always a well-attended day for the kids and big kids. We've ordered 50 tickets for the day and it's a case of first in best dressed so let me know you're coming. See the info below for more info.

I will be out the front on the day from 9.45am to 10.30am handing out the pre ordered tickets, if you choose to come later just text or call me on 0409 999 942 and I will come outside to give you your tickets.

Thanks, Gary.



Frank, Ross and Rod at their 'retirement' celebration

Steel Makers Christmas Party!

Where: Jamberoo Recreation Park—Bayview Hut 1
(on the left as you enter through the gate)

When: Sunday, 1st December

Cost: Members & Member's Children $25.
Children 3 and under free.
Non members and non member's children $40

Payment: via EFT with 'surname' Jamberoo or cash on the day

Food and drinks provided

RSVP to Gary on 0409 999 942 prior to 17th November

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
- **Committee Members:**
  - Frank Parovel
  - Rod Harris
  - Ross Meaker
  - Tony Franjic
  - Barry Wilson
  - Brad Browne

Club Contact Details:

Lodge Phone: 02 6456 7173

Bookings: arimac.bookings@gmail.com
Phone: 0456 919 442

Maintenance: arimac.maintenance@gmail.com

President: arimac.president@gmail.com

Secretary: smac.secretary1@gmail.com

Treasurer: smac.treasurer1@gmail.com

Club Captain: arimac.captain@gmail.com

www.steelmakersalpineclub.com

Don't forget to join the **Steelmakers Alpine Club** group on Facebook to stay up to date on Club happenings!

