STEEL MAKERS ALPINE CLUB

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WELCOME!

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

If you have any suggestions for future editions, or any photos for inclusion, 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



East Jindabyne views (Photo Credit: Ross Meaker)

Hello all.

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe.

I am sure you have heard this sort of sentiment from many directions, our small community of the Steel Makers Alpine Club members and their families are just one group of people we associate with during our lives. I am sure all would agree, that part of the fun of a snowy holiday is enjoying each other's company at ARIMAC.

Club Ethos

This winter season has been a real downer for some members, many, including me, would have loved to have had a stay at ARIMAC.

We are planning a spring, club gathering, combining the AGM with a dinner at Centro Restaurant in Wollongong (social distancing rules to apply) – Hopefully you have received the invitation in a separate email, If not information has be placed on the Website with all the details.

Lodge Closure / Re-opening

The COVID 19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the way we live our lives and to the things we would normal do. Twelve months ago, who would have thought that we would, like many others, have had to make the decision to close our Lodge for the ski season.

Thank you all for your understanding of the most difficult decision your committee has ever had to make.

The committee are actively engaged in reviewing (to the latest advice) our COVID Plan to allow us to open the lodge after the 2020 ski season

Our COVID Plan means changes to the maximum numbers that can stay at ARIMAC at any one time and along with our booking conditions, provide the rules that our Booking Officer will use to manage booking requests etc.

Our COVID Plan provides guidance on the responsibilities that members have when they stay at ARIMAC.

The intent is that every member is aware of the tasks that need to be done during their stay.

As everyone who will stay at ARIMAC must sign and return our COVID Plan Declaration as part of the booking process, we all feel more comfortable everyone is aware of their individual responsibilities, and has agreed to carry them out.

Again, the Lodge Captain has the pivotal role of trying to keep the Lodge safe for all those that stay at the Lodge. Please help him/her as much as you can.

Constitution

The constitution review has been completed and a new version was ready for the membership to view before COVID happened. The committee feels that we need to check it again, considering what new understandings have come out of the pandemic response.

Finances

Our club finances are in a relatively healthy position though we have taken a few hits this year. In our Treasurer's article he spells out the numbers.

Our property insurance has almost doubled this year (due to many bushfire claims)

As we expected with the Lodge closure over winter, we have not generated anywhere near the usual accommodation income.

On the good side - our running costs through winter have been much lower (no wood, less gas, less water, less electricity and less club provided consumables used)

The committee has agreed to continue to provide the children's training subsidy (receipts required for 2020 seasons expenses up to $100 per year per child)

The committee has agreed that the membership present at the AGM, should have the opportunity to decide if the 2021 membership subscription ($60 on-time payment, $80 if late) is payable or deferred (would normally be invoiced to members in Jan/Feb 2021)

It is my view that we should pay our membership subscription as this will help offset the income shortfall experienced this year.

Club History

I have received more information from members to include in the summary of the SMAC History. I am still hoping to have a document on the SMAC Website by the end of the year.

Club Information

Check out the website as more info has been put up recently.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting is set down for 6:00pm on the 24th October 2020 at Centro CBD Restaurant followed by a club subsidised dinner (We are hoping for a great attendance, social distancing measures will be in place). See the flyer included in this newsletter

The AGM pack has been resent by our secretary Kevin recently.

The committee meets at 7:00pm on the first Monday night of every month either via TEAMS or 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 any of the committee members

Barry

A short note from the Treasurer

Many of you are no doubt wondering how we are travelling financially during the Pandemic. Well we have good news and some bad news. The good news is we are still financial, the bad news is that our income so far is restricted to the Annual Subscriptions and a little summer booking income.

Hopefully, the following figures will give you a picture of where we are financially (October) compared to the same time last year.

	2020	**2019**
Annual Subscription	7,560	7,260
Bookings (summer & winter)	1,930	44,145
Other	222	1,542
Total Income	$9,712	$52,947
Expenses	$22,983	$38,230
Net Operating Profit	**-$13,271**	**$14,717**

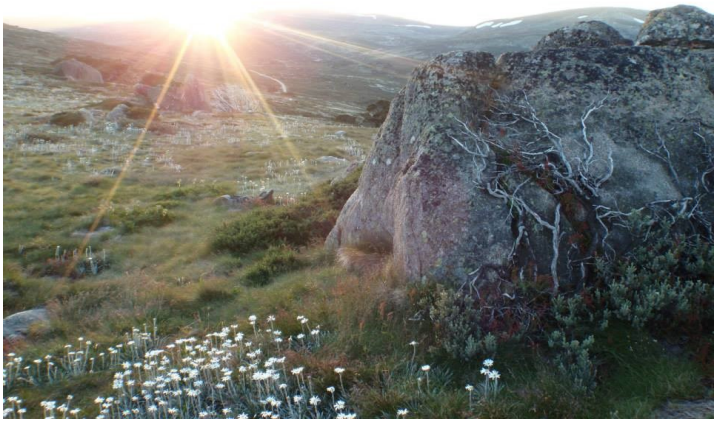
This year our insurance increased by $5,379 which was mainly due to increases due to the bush fires earlier this year, so we have had a double whammy.

The good news is, we still have $83,800 in Term Deposits and Operating cash.

Hope this clarifies our financial situation.

Regards,

Alan



New Years Eve 2010 at Charlottes Pass, Sunset over Main Range (Photo Credit: Ross Meaker)

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

It has been a difficult year, but at last we have been able to organise our AGM and have decided to combine it with a subsidised meal so we can catch up.

Due to COVID restrictions it is very important that we get numbers early, so the venue can set up tables with social distancing in mind.

DATE	Saturday, 24th October 2020
TIME	6pm for the AGM Followed by dinner starting at 7:15pm
VENUE	Centro CBD 28 Stewart Street, Wollongong
COST	3 course meal Subsidised cost of $30 per member and one guest
DRINKS	Available for purchase at the bar (at own cost)
RSVP	To Gary Perkins via email arimac.social@gmail.com or by phone 0409 999 942 Include names and any dietary requirements FINAL NUMBERS DUE BY 10 OCTOBER (but preferably before)
PAYMENT	Steel Makers Alpine Club BSB 818 282 ACCOUNT NO: 42083876 REFERENCE: *Surname* Centro

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:**
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  - Rod Harris
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  - Tony Franjic
  - Barry Wilson
  - Brad Browne

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Sunset over the lake (Photo Credit: Ross Meaker)