

Autumn Newsletter

The snow is coming!



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Dear Members,

With a wee nip in the air it's time to look forward to all the wonderful things about winter in the mountains; such as snow steadily falling, snow sports and relaxing evenings around a roaring fire.

In anticipation of your stay at the ski club lodge, a wonderful band of members fronted up for our annual working bee during the weekend of 21 & 22-April to give the building a thorough clean and spruce-up. We've started replacing the mattresses and pillows on rotation to help ensure a comfortable sleep.

During the evening what better reward than a prolonged 'Hilton in Hawaii'- style fireworks display from the Coronet Peak base building, just above our lodge thanks to an (unrelated) Amway conference, while we sat spell-bound in the comfort of our lounge with something good to drink...just magic!

I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Wayne and Heather Hopcroft, Nikki and Aaron Crossings, John Kennedy, Duane and Sarah Ashman and their willing lads Maximus, Josiah, Zach and Danyon for generously giving up their weekend to get so much done to such a high standard. For their efforts, these worthy members receive a voucher for a night's free accommodation at the lodge.

The committee is looking into upgrading the bathrooms over next summer, so if you have an interest in bathrooms or a flair for design, please get in touch and be part of our project group.

Sarah Kennedy, president



2018 Committee Members

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Ski season only 027-442-5198

THANK YOU! – Once again to Blue Sky for the donation of Lamb for our Ski Weeks last year, this was very much appreciated!

Lodge Bookings

Winter check in 2 – 8pm, check out 10am.

Bookings are starting to fill up.

To check availability refer to <http://www.southlandskiclub.org.nz/ski-lodge/availability-calendar/> then email your booking enquiry to southlandskiclub@gmail.com to confirm if there's space. Put lodge booking as the subject.

We now have a dedicated members' bunkroom free during most weekends.

Membership fees are now due by 31st May 2018

Fees will remain the same: Family - \$65, Couple - \$50, Seniors - \$30, Under 18 - \$20

Invoices are not sent out. For payment details & application form, please refer to website; www.southlandskiclub.org.nz.



New Life Membership

The Club congratulates Alan and Jan Burrow on their new life membership status. Alan and Jan have done a wonderful job as our winter custodians since 2005. Together they welcome and brief guests and ensure that the lodge is well maintained, clean, warm and inviting.

Sadly, Alan and Jan have indicated that this may be their last winter as our custodians. In this case the position will be advertised, but if you know of anyone suitable please email the club.

Other Life Members We would also like to acknowledge our other life members, being Janine and Guido Rauber, Una Cardino, Barbara Lee and Nicky Fitzpatrick. These worthy recipients are recognised as life members for their long-time service and commitment to the club.

Winterfest and Members-only Weekends 22nd – 24th June & 20 - 22nd July 2018

We have two Members Only weekends this year. The first weekend is Winterfest weekend and another in July. This is a great opportunity for members to take advantage of staying at our lodge. Drinks and nibbles will be provided on the Saturday nights. You must book in at least 2 weeks prior.

Check out this link for details of the Winterfest: www.winterfestival.co.nz

New (Hopcroft) Steps

New snow-shedding steps have been erected linking the access road to the driveway in front of the lodge. These will offer a safer, less slippery pathway and reduce the snow clearing workload.

Thank you to Wayne Hopcroft for organising and helping to install these.



Ski Weeks

Ski Weeks or ski camp for children aged between 10 – 18 (and still attending school) are coming up in the July School Holidays. The Ski Week package includes meals, accommodation at the lodge, lift passes and full morning and afternoon lessons each day in a special deal arranged with NZSki. Both weeks run for 5 days, but week 1 includes an extra night (Friday); and the option to go night skiing.

The Otago Ski Club and Vincent Ski Club offer the same Ski Weeks so it is a great opportunity to meet other children / teenagers from all over Southland and Otago. By the end of the ski camp, your children will have gained a great deal of experience on the ski field under the guidance of the same instructor. Otago Ski Weeks are filling up, so get in quick to Southland. Visit our website for details and application forms.



ANNUAL SKI SALE – 2018 Wakatipu Annual Ski Club Sale

This is held at the Queenstown Event Centre **Sunday, 27th May 2018 at 1.30 - 3.30pm**. If you would like to sell ski gear at this event, they will need to be dropped off between 9 – 10.45am. For further details refer to the Wakatipu Ski Club website: www.wsc.co.nz.