

Summer Newsletter



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Dear Members,

It's strange to be thinking about next winter while it's so warm outside, but, as John Steinbeck said "what good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

The Southland Ski Club has been affected by a 'hurricane' since the season finished, figuratively speaking. Alan and Jan Burrow and Vicki Murphy have all been threatening retirement for a few seasons, and I guess we were hoping that they would all reconsider. Alas that was not to be; but we are incredibly fortunate to have such personable replacements in Denis and Lynelle Woods. It has no doubt that they will take on the custodian, booking officer, treasurer and ski week coordinator roles with great enthusiasm and capability.

The committee is also working hard on a big project to upgrade the guest bathrooms and carry out some other improvements to the lodge. We look forward to the time when we can invite you all to enjoy the modifications, hopefully by this winter.

Thank you all so much for being a part of our club, it's for you that the lodge exists and it's for the lodge that the committee exists. See you on the slopes!

Sarah Kennedy, president

Farewell to Alan & Jan Burrow

With a heavy heart, we farewelled Alan & Jan at the end of last year's ski season. A surprise pot luck lunch was held with members as well as lovely gifts given to see them off after **13 years** of holding the Custodian role. In recognition of their dedicated service, Alan & Jan were awarded life membership last year. No doubt they will be hitting the slopes next ski season and we would warmly welcome them to stay in the lodge as members.

Committee Members

President

Sarah Kennedy

Vice-President

Martha Hogan

Treasurer & Ski Wk Coordinator

Denis Woods

Secretary

Leanie Geldenhuys

Lodge bookings

Lynelle Woods

Lodge Maintenance Manager

Wayne Hopcroft

Publicity

Nikki Crossan

Lodge cellphone

Ski season only 027-442-5198



Introducing Our New Custodians

We are delighted to welcome Denis and Lynelle Woods as our new Southland Ski Club Custodians. Denis and Lynelle are Southlanders and have been Southland Ski Club Members in the past as well as attending ski camps with their children, now adults.

You are warmly invited to meet Denis and Lynelle at our AGM and hear about Denis's latest GODZone adventure race.

Farewell to Treasurer Vicki Murphy

Sadly, Vicki Murphy has stood down as Treasurer last November 2018 after holding the Treasurer role for 5 years. Vicki has been incredibly dedicated and has delivered well above the call of duty. Thank you Vicki for all your hard work. In the meantime, Denis Woods has kindly taken over the role of Treasurer.

Working Bee (x2)

We are having two working bees before the ski season starts, one external and one internal.
23rd & 24th February 2019 – We are painting the outside of the Ski Lodge during the warmer months so the paint will dry.

The Department of Conservation and Dulux are generously supplying the paint for the outside of our lodge, for which we are very grateful.

April 2019 – Exact date to be advised. This will be our usual working bee with a general clean inside as well as general maintenance jobs.

We welcome any members to help with the painting of the lodge. Members are welcome to stay overnight at Lodge for free whilst helping at working bees.

Future Meetings

All members are welcome to join the following meetings, remember, it takes a committee to run a ski lodge, and everyone has something to contribute – great or small, your input or help is greatly appreciated;

General Meeting – Tuesday 12 February 2019, 6pm, held at the Sport Southland meeting room at the Stadium, everybody welcome

AGM – Wednesday, 27th March 2019, held in Invercargill, venue to be advised. Please email your attendance or apology.

Bathroom Upgrade

An upgrade of our bathrooms is on the horizon this year, hopefully with completion before the start of winter. If you are able to offer any trade or volunteer time for this to happen, please email the club with [bathroom upgrade](#) as the subject.

Some of our grant applications have been submitted, so hopefully we will be singing the praises of any/all the organisations that can assist with funding for our project in subsequent newsletters.

Booking and Cancellation Policy – clarified

Late cancellations of bookings in the past have disadvantaged others wanting to stay at the lodge. The original club booking and cancellation policy wasn't clear; so this has been updated by the committee as follows:

A minimum of 48-hrs notice is required for the cancellation of a general booking. Cancellations within the 48-hr notice period will incur a 50% accommodation fee for the applicable period. No further bookings will be accepted where cancellation payments are outstanding.

Groups of 15 or more to pay a \$100 bond, which is not refundable in case of cancellation within 14 days of the booked period of stay; subject to committee discretion.

Lodge Bookings

Even though the Availability Calendar is looking full in the weekends of the upcoming ski season, a dedicated members bunkroom is available most weekends.

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

To make a booking, visit - <http://www.southlandskiclub.org.nz/ski-lodge/availability-calendar/> then email your booking enquiry to southlandskiclub@gmail.com to find out if there's space. Put [lodge booking](#) as the subject.

NZSki Seasons Passes

[Early-Bird Passes - \\$749](#) (if purchased before 4th April 2019)

[Pre-Season Passes - \\$899](#) (if purchased before 6th June 2019)

[In-Season Passes - \\$1,199](#) (from 6th June 2019)