

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



southland ski club inc.

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Dear Members,

With this amazing weather we've been having, it's hard to look forward to winter, but your ski club committee have been busy planning ahead. We have our Annual General Meeting coming up at the end of March (details below), which we encourage you to attend. We have an absolutely fantastic batch of souls on the committee, who obviously find the role rewarding enough to stay with us, which is wonderful for the stability of the club; but new members are very welcome for the diversity of ideas and contribution that each and every one brings to the club. You won't be forced to take on an office-bearing role (unless you want to) - so don't be shy, come and join in the fun!

I am excited to report that a new 'supporters' membership will be introduced at the AGM, where previous or current members can help to fund the NZSki component of a ski week for a disadvantaged or disabled child by way of a donation; the club providing supervision, meals and lodging. If you would like to be involved with this fantastic initiative, please email your details to the club with "supporter" in the subject line.

If you're not into planning and policies, and committees and meetings aren't your thing, then you can also give back to the club by attending our annual working bee from 14-16 May. We're planning to repaint the main living-dining-kitchen area and will be giving the place a bit of a spruce-up before the new season starts. Accommodation is free over the weekend, main meals are pot-luck and it's also a great way of getting to know other like-minded club members before that magic snowfall blankets the slopes. Please don't leave all of this to the committee, who already do so much for YOUR club. Come alone or bring the whole family...the more the merrier!

*Looking forward to seeing you.
Sarah Kennedy, president*

Upcoming AGM Date

Our AGM is coming up on Wednesday, 31st March, 7pm sharp at Sport Southland in the Stadium (downstairs in the velodrome wing).

All members from the Southland Ski Club are welcome to attend and get a sense of how our committee run the year for what we all have in common – snow-sports.

At the AGM, we will be setting the Membership Fees. Please hold off completing the online Membership Application and paying online until these fees have been finalised.

Membership Criteria

The Southland Ski Club exists primarily for the benefit of Southlanders, hence the committee will revise the membership criteria at the AGM: "new memberships will only be accepted from Southlanders, or those with a strong affiliation to Southland." As the lodge becomes an increasingly popular place to stay, it is hoped that this new criteria will relieve some of the booking congestion; particularly during weekends and in view of possible restrictions related to the Covid environment that we now live with.

Expression of Interest for upcoming – 2021 SKI WEEKS

Please email Expressions of Interest to southlandskiclub@gmail.com with the following;

- Please enter 'EOI Ski Week' in the subject line of email
- Child/Children's names
- Ages
- Week preference (week 1 or week 2)
- If they are prepared to change weeks should their week preference be full
- If they want to go on a wait list should spaces be full
- Ski or Snowboard preference, or To Be Advised (TBA)
- Name and contact details for parent/care-giver
- Name and contact of parent/caregiver if they would be available as a parent help.

As soon as we have NZSki 2021 prices for ski weeks, the committee can set the fees for 2021; and this will then be communicated to all submitters of an EOI so that they can then complete and submit the on-line application form. Places will be filled on a first-in with the on-line application form, first-served basis.

2021 Members Weekends

We have 6 x Members Weekends this season. It is important to note that we have not had six members weekends for many years. These need to be booked by Ski Club Members only. If we do not utilise them, we will lose them and they will be offered to school or other groups. We encourage our members to book these fun-filled like-minded whanau skiing weekends!

2nd & 3rd July 2021

23rd & 24th July 2021

6th & 7th August 2021

20th & 21st August 2021 – Ski Club Retro Weekend

3rd & 4th September 2021

1st & 2nd October 2021

Members Retro Weekend – 20th & 21st August 2021!!

You may have noticed at the Ski Club, there is a DVD called 'The Leading Edge.'

We felt inspired by this 1980s DVD starring kiwi skiing legends showing us how it was done back in the day with mullets (lol) and brightly tie-died bomber jackets whizzing down the mountain in quite a unique style. Billy T James even makes an appearance in this Kiwi Classic!

Ideas have been thrown around of very brightly coloured one piece, gathered in the waist ski suits that you still see around or you see in the odd Op Shop. This is an occasion to bring those beauties out.

You also might have a pair of old ski boots with a pair of very old skis like our Dennis Woods, we encourage you to join us for this fun-filled weekend. The more 1980s you are, the better.....



Winter Festival

Please keep an eye on the Queenstown Winter Festival for a date coming soon, usually towards the end of June.

Visit: www.winterfestival.co.nz for more details.

**Nga mihi,
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Editor Southland Ski Club newsletter**