

Winter Newsletter



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Dear Members,

Well, it's been an interesting season with many of us wondering if we would get to ski; and then early August saw plummeting temperatures and snow-storms affecting an extensive part of the Island and Central Plateau. If you haven't had a chance yet, make sure that you check the lodge bookings on-line and reserve a night or two for yourselves; for that's why we are club members!

Our 2019 Ski Weeks were popular as ever, with waiting lists for both weeks. Although the snow conditions were testing at the time, all the children had a fantastic time thanks to the knowledge, skills and downright 'cool-worthy' Ski and Snowboard Instructors, who always know where to find the best snow and the meanest jumps! The fun vibe at the lodge with new friends and lots of like-minded people goes without saying. Many thanks to our chaperones Martha Hogan and Debby Egan and to their awesome parent helpers, without whom our Ski Weeks simply could not operate.

Finally, we are excited to report that we have finally secured the full \$135,000 funding required for our lodge bathroom upgrade and we expect work to commence later in the year. I have some great ideas from Prue Halstead and Sheila Smith, but if anyone else has a particular penchant for bathroom design, we would love your input as well, so please be in touch. (Bathrooms are not my thing!)

See you on the slopes!

Sarah Kennedy, President

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Ski Week Memoirs from Debby Egan – Week 1

On Sunday afternoon the 7th of July we welcomed 31 very excited children at our lodge for a fun filled week of skiing while catching up with old friends and making loads of new friendships!

And what a week we have had with this bunch of great kids. Well mannered, enthusiastic and so much fun!! Parents, you can be very proud!

The not so favourable and challenging snow conditions were not standing in the kids' way of having a lot of fun together and learning new skills on the mountain with the bonus of no queues at the ski lifts!!

The evenings were filled with playing battle-ship, bingo, watching movies, board games, miming and guessing word games. Everyone joined in. We even had an arm-wrestling competition going on one night. I am sure they heard us laughing in Queenstown!

Our instructor night on Thursday was a huge success with all our 12 instructors turning up for a delicious roast lamb provided by Silver fern farms and cooked to perfection by our head chef Aaron. Instructors enjoyed playing games with the kids and we all participated in our traditional quiz, sharing interesting and funny facts about ourselves.

A special thanks to the team of parents who made this week unforgettable and ran so smoothly; Jo Keary, Prue Halstead, Sean Woodward, Aaron Crossan and William Egan. You were all amazing and such a great team!! A big thank you to the parents for giving us such amazing children to look after and all for your great variety and delicious food including lasagne, nacho sauce, savouries, cheese rolls, sausage rolls, pies, toasties and baking!! Fonterra kindly donated to us blocks of cheese. This enabled us to provide delicious warm lunches up the mountain and made the ski week affordable and less time consuming in the kitchen for the parents, who preferred to join in with the kids playing games. It is all so much appreciated.

Many thanks too to Lynelle and Denis Woods for all the hard work you do behind the scenes as Custodians! Your hard work and enthusiasm is so much appreciated! We look forward to seeing all the kids back next year to do it all over again.

THANK YOU TO BLUE SKY FOR THE DONATION OF ROAST LAMB!!



Every year at Ski Wks, we have a Roast Night and invite the Ski Instructors to join us for a fun night of activities and most importantly, a Roast Lamb. This is a hugely popular night and most of the instructors from overseas love our Southland Lamb, a real treat!

A Thank You to Fonterra & Countdown

Fonterra kindly donated cheese for our Ski Wks and Countdown also issued us a voucher in which we purchased enough ice cream for our skiers & boarders, Cheers Fonterra & Countdown, we really appreciate it!

The Ski Lodge Gossip from Custodians Lynelle & Denis!

We have had a fantastic introduction to our role as Custodians of the Southland Ski Club Lodge. It has been a great pleasure to meet and welcome members and groups and see our lodge being enjoyed and appreciated by those who come to stay. There was great excitement at the beginning of August when Coronet Peak experienced a significant fall of snow! The smiles on the faces of the staff, skiers and boarders were huge!

We have plenty of enthusiastic skiers and boarders booked in for the rest of the season. If you would like to enquire about a booking please contact Lynelle on the club email:

southlandskiclub@gmail.com

It's snowing as I write! A few of us are enjoying the warmth and comfort indoors, however most are making the most of fresh snow on the slopes.

Lodge life is great..... Lynelle and Denis

SNOW CHAINS COMPULSORY

All groups and members coming to stay in the Southland Ski Club Lodge must carry chains in all vehicles.

This is not an option but compulsory for all, including 4-wheel vehicles drive bringing guests to the Southland Ski Club Lodge!

The weather conditions on Coronet Peak can change dramatically in a very short time. The road crew on the mountain work very hard to make the conditions safe and 'user friendly' for all vehicles however they cannot guarantee this all the time!

The recent heavy snow fall in early August caught a number of people by surprise and their failure to have 'fitting' snow chains to get down the mountain caused the Coronet Peak road crew a number of headaches! This has resulted in NZski contacting all custodians of Lodges on the mountain stressing the requirement for all guests staying at these lodges to have snow chains for all vehicles. (These snow chains must fit the vehicle in which they are intended!) No sympathy will be given for failure to comply should anyone be 'caught out'.

As custodians of the Lodge, we would greatly appreciate all our guests adhering to this policy.

Many thanks, Denis & Lynelle Woods

Members Weekends

It was great to welcome members to the lodge for our two dedicated weekends this season. The evening drinks and nibbles provided a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and make connections. Members weekends will be scheduled in our calendar again next year, so watch out for the dates.

Acrostics from one of our 9 year old members;

CORONET

Collaborating
Outstanding snow
Riding the bumps
Over the park
Not falling over
Eat for energy
Til your lungs give in

PEAK

Personal experience
Even though the track is icy
Act like a black runner
Keep up with instructors

REMARKABLES

Risky roads
Eat, ride, repeat
Make the most of your day
Always obey the snowcode
Respectful
Keep within the barrier
Awesome fun
Be cheerful
Live it up
Enthusiastic
Super skiing

HOODIES

We are doing one last order of Southland Ski Club Hoodies before the end of the ski season.



Prices for these hoodies have increased from the beginning of the season to cover printing costs.

You can try hoodies on at the UniformNZ Shop next to the Invercargill Airport, 82 Airport Avenue. If you are unable to get to UniformNZ, ordering a size bigger would be the safest option however, we will not be accountable for an incorrect sized hoodie.

Hoodie sizes:

Children's Hoodies are from Size 8 - 14 :

Adults Hoodies are from Size XS – 5XL

Name on the back is optional

Costs:

Children's Hoodies - \$45.00 inc GST (add an extra \$10.00 for a name on the back)

Adult's Hoodies - \$50.00 inc GST (add an extra \$10.00 for a name on the back)

To order:

Email Nikki Crossan at 'nikandac@xtra.co.nz' with names, sizes of hoodies, name on back (or not). Money to be deposited to the Southland Ski Club Bank Account: Westpac 03-0931-0256645-00 with Reference: Surname and Hoodie. Last day for orders for orders will be Wednesday, 4th September. Any further questions, please email Nikki.

2020 Ski Passes

It seems crazy talking about 2020 ski season passes BUT, in November there is an option to pay off 2020 passes with 6 installments instead of paying all at once. The 6 payments start in November then 5 payments after that leading up to the last payment in June 2020. This is a great option instead of paying a lump sum especially if you are paying for multiple seasons passes or a family. Keep an eye on the NZSki website for details closer to the time.

Mulled Wine is the 'IT' drink this winter!

Recipe (serves 4)

750ml dry red wine (merlot or Shiraz)

2 mandarins

100g brown sugar

6 cinnamon sticks

6 whole cloves

4 star anise

1. Cut the unpeeled mandarin crosswise into four slices, discarding "ends".
2. Combine 250 mL red wine and sugar in a pan and bring to the boil. Add one sliced mandarin, cinnamon, cloves and star anise, bring to the boil, and simmer for 10 minutes until syrupy and reduced by almost half, skimming off any froth as necessary.
3. Add the remaining wine and simmer gently, without boiling, for 10 minutes. Strain into heatproof glasses or mugs, add remaining fresh mandarin slices, and serve with the cinnamon sticks.

"Skiing Around the World" Book

The first edition of this coffee table-book sold 10,000 copies within 3 years. This has been produced by a European ski journalist of more than 30 years who has skied in 75 countries. Many of his adventures would be a delight to members and an inspiration for any planning a big skiing trip.

A second volume of the book is underway, which together will offer over 1,000 pages and 2000 colour photos, making perfect gifts for Christmas or to dream about the next powder day!

The book will be arriving later in November 2019. The club may put through a bulk order if enough interest. To preview visit <http://www.skiingaroundtheworldbook.com/>