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KIAMA ALPINE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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2011 Dates to Remember:

**JUNE- Annual subscriptions
were due 30th June**

AUGUST- Senior Interclub Races 6th August

SEPTEMBER- Club Weekend 2- 4th September

OCTOBER- Working Bee 29-30th October

President's Update

There is no doubt winter is here with early snow falls throughout May resulting in Thredbo opening some lifts earlier than the traditional June long weekend. I've already heard numerous conflicting theories that early snow indicates a great season or a poor season, which is rather confusing. As it really is impossible to predict the season I think it is best we just get in and make the most of a winter holiday so I hope to see you at the Lodge in mid-August when my husband and I will be heading down for some socialising and hopefully good ski conditions.

The 2010 annual reports and financial statements were discussed. We explained the decision of the Board to postpone the bathrooms upgrades until the summer of 2012/13 to allow for more of our debt to be repaid before embarking on further significant upgrades.

Annual Subscriptions 2011

Annual subscriptions for 2011 were approved at \$205 with \$125 working bee credit for members attending a working bee in 2010, turned 65 years and over in 2011 or living overseas. Invoices have subsequently been posted to all members.

In 2011 the Board have also elected to implement a new late payment charge as a disincentive for the minority of members who substantially delay making payment of their annual subscriptions. The vast majority of members pay their annual subscriptions on time, however, it takes a considerable amount of effort to track down the final payments each year and the Board feels this creates an unfair situation for those members who have paid on time. The attending members whole-heartedly agreed with the decision of the Board to implement a late payment fee although preferably later than the 31 August deadline recommended by the Board. Members also agreed the Board should continue to provide alternative payment methods for those members requesting assistance. The Board will determine the timing at the next Board meeting and communicate to all members as soon as possible.



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Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or questions.

Exciting new website coming soon

The new website content and design presented by James Garner was well received by members. www.kiamaalpineclub.org.au will have more information and more images and will be an exciting change for all members. Tatiana has included a screen copy in the newsletter.



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President's Update –AGM 2011



2011 Annual General Meeting Kiama Leagues Club

The 2011 AGM was well attended with around forty five members braving wintry conditions in Kiama on Saturday 14 May.

We farewelled retiring Directors, Club Captain Rob Molino and Lodge Operations Director Gayle Pugh and again thanked them both for their contribution to the successful running of the Club.

This year we welcome two long-standing members as new directors. Anton Lindell will take over the role of Club Captain and I'm certain his extensive racing experience and infectious personality will build a great environment for us to encourage greater participation in racing activities from our members. Andrew Heggie takes over as Lodge Operations Director and is responsible for all the purchases within the Lodge. His procurement experience will definitely be an advantage in this role particularly in implementing the 10 year capital expense plan.



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Club Champions 2010

Club Captain Rob Molino presented the Club Champions for 2010. Anton Lindell, who was the only champion in attendance was awarded the Men's 2010 Club Champion award. Unfortunately the club weekend races were cancelled due to floods so hopefully this year will be more successful for us. Results for 2010 Club Champions are mentioned in the Racing news.

Progress on proposed changes to Club Rules

Club Secretary, Julie Christensen reviewed the proposed changes to the Club Rules. The Rule change review was established by Alan Fredericks to update our rules with the latest changes to the Cooperative Act and reflect the changes in our club operations and member demographics. The key changes are a number of administration updates including allowing the electronic transmission of information such as Annual Notices, adding the provision to expand the Directors from 10 to 12 if required and streamlining the rules around the fees and charges. Once the proposed rule changes are approved by the NSW Department of Fair Trading, a full proposal will be sent to all members and presented for adoption at a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

Ten year capital expense plan

A draft 10 year capital expense plan was well received by the attending members. A detailed list of potential major expenses has been created to provide for future planning. The bathrooms upgrades and other major expenses have been included with the plan being to establish a working group this year to determine how these expenses should be best funded considering all the funding options available.

The AGM was followed by a scrumptious buffet at Kiama Leagues Club. The Club is undergoing a re-vamp with a new chef who seems outstanding. The minutes of the AGM will be added to the website as soon as possible to allow all members to review the discussion.

Liz Wynn, President

VALE IAIN DAVID “PEDRO THE SWIFT” CHALMERS
1941 – 29 May 2011

Iain was born in Nowra on 30th May 1941 as was his brothers Bill & Hugh and sister Janet.

After attending primary school in Nowra his senior education was completed at Scots College Sydney. It was here he was nicknamed “Pedro the Swift” although no explanation has been forthcoming as to how he “earned” this title. He loved sport, so maybe there was some connection there.

On completion of his senior education he attended St Andrews College at Sydney University where he studied dentistry. The early days of his dental career were spent on the dental train travelling around New South Wales. After this he travelled to England to continue his dental work. It was in London that he met his wife Sue.

After leaving England Iain & Sue spent some time doing voluntary work in Jamaica. Later they returned to Australia and settled in Nowra where Iain ran a very successful dentistry practice.

Iain was a very keen Rotarian coming in contact with many people both local and beyond, building great friendships and the respect of many, as was evidenced by the large number of mourners at his funeral.

Although family was always a very important part of his life, Iain had many other interests including golf, fishing, snow skiing, woodwork, Men’s Shed and playing the bagpipes. His interest in the Bagpipes no doubt came from his Scottish ancestry.

He and Sue joined Kiama Alpine Club in 1971 and always enjoyed their alpine adventures. KAC members from Nowra are a very valued part of the history of this Club and Iain was very much a part of that.

During his illness he was able to enjoy the marriage of his daughter Sally (who has contributed on the Kiama Alpine Club Board as Promotions Director) and the arrival of two grandsons, Lachlan and Liam to son David and daughter-in-law Lisa. These two young fellows gave Iain much pleasure.

Iain is survived by wife Sue, sons James, David and daughter-in-law Lisa, daughter Sally, son-in-law Christopher and grandsons Lachlan and Liam and we send the whole family condolences from the members of the Kiama Alpine Club.

2011 Directors

President Liz Wynn	Vice President Trevor Wilson
Treasurer Steven Walker	Secretary Julie Christensen
Club Captain Anton Lindell	Booking Director Tony Lloyd
Communications Director Tatiana Maxwell	Lodge Operations Director Andrew Heggie
Property Maintenance Director James Garner	Promotions Director Karyn Bartholomew

Directors contact details are also available on www.kiamaalpineclub.org.au

Thredbo Historical Society News

We continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of alpine skiing in Australia with a number of events. Our second ever Sydney Cocktail function was held at RAHS History House, in Macquarie Street Sydney on Tuesday 24 May.

Apart from being a wonderful social occasion it also had its historic significance with 4 authors of alpine books in a panel discussion, which was MC'd by Kiama Alpine Clubs Chas Keys. Chas did a marvelous job as some of the questions sought to clarify various historical parts of Australia's surprisingly early involvement in the development of alpine recreational skiing. There were about 67 people in attendance (a full house), which included Kiama members, Liz Wynn, Lois Woollams, Anna Fredericks, Kate Fredericks, Geoff and Viv Boxsell, Sonia Henry, Bruce and Margaret Piggot. It was good to see Mark Shuhevych there as well – a keen historian.

By the time this goes to press we will have conducted the Thredbo Snowfall cocktail evening on 17th June at our Museum in Thredbo. Kurt Lance AM will be officially opening the Museums major exhibition for 2011 – “The Kiandra Story” which seeks to display and tell this little known fact that Australia was a leader in organising alpine recreational activities – at Kiandra in 1861. The society have been fortunate in being able to add to our existing Kiandra material – with additional historical memorabilia being obtained, particularly from the Tumut area where many of the descendants of those early Kiandra families now reside. Kiama members Steven and Bernadette Walker (of Tumut) have been most helpful with “introductions” and support in this exercise.

So this special exhibition is now open and we invite all members and their friends to visit the museum – should they be visiting Thredbo Village from now to Anzac Day 2012.

The Museum is kept open by volunteers and our 8 member clubs play a big role in that – none more so than Kiama Club. The society endeavour to have each of our member clubs, take responsibility for covering just 2 afternoons each (1pm to 5pm) in the months of July and August. So if any members will be in Thredbo over those two months and think they may be able to assist for an afternoon or need to know more, then please contact me for a chat.

Well that's all for now, as with early snowfalls on the ground – we all have much to do!

Alan Fredericks – President Thredbo Historical Society



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CLUB PROMOTIONS

Our spur-of-the-moment idea to mark the opening of ski weekend with a bushwalk was unfortunately washed out. We'd like to organise some club activities outside Thredbo eg. a bushwalk in the Royal National Park which maybe Sydney and Kiama/Illawarra members could attend, or a bike ride for ACT members. If anyone has any ideas for activities they'd like to see happen then please let me know barthwaters@internode.on.net

K7 Adventures are able to offer Club rates on group bookings for Ski Touring, Snow Shoeing or Cross-Country Skiing. We won't be organising any particular winter activities, however please contact them direct if you have a group and would like to try something a bit different. Please call Acacia or Peter on 6457 7404 or 0402 298 821 or 0421 862 354.

Hopefully I'll have a bit more to report in our next newsletter, but in the meantime let's just enjoy the winter and hope for some big dumps for the lucky folk at the Lodge.

Karyn Bartholomew



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Lodge Managers confirmed until January 2013

Good news! Rob and Sally Walker have now been extended for a further 12 months and will be in place as Lodge Managers until Jan 2013. Rob and Sally have been fantastic at confirming our booking requests, keeping the lodge spotless and running efficiently and welcoming our guests so we are excited to have them stay a little longer.

If becoming a Lodge Manager from 2013 interests you, then please contact President Liz Wynn or Booking Director Tony Lloyd and we will be happy to take you through the details.

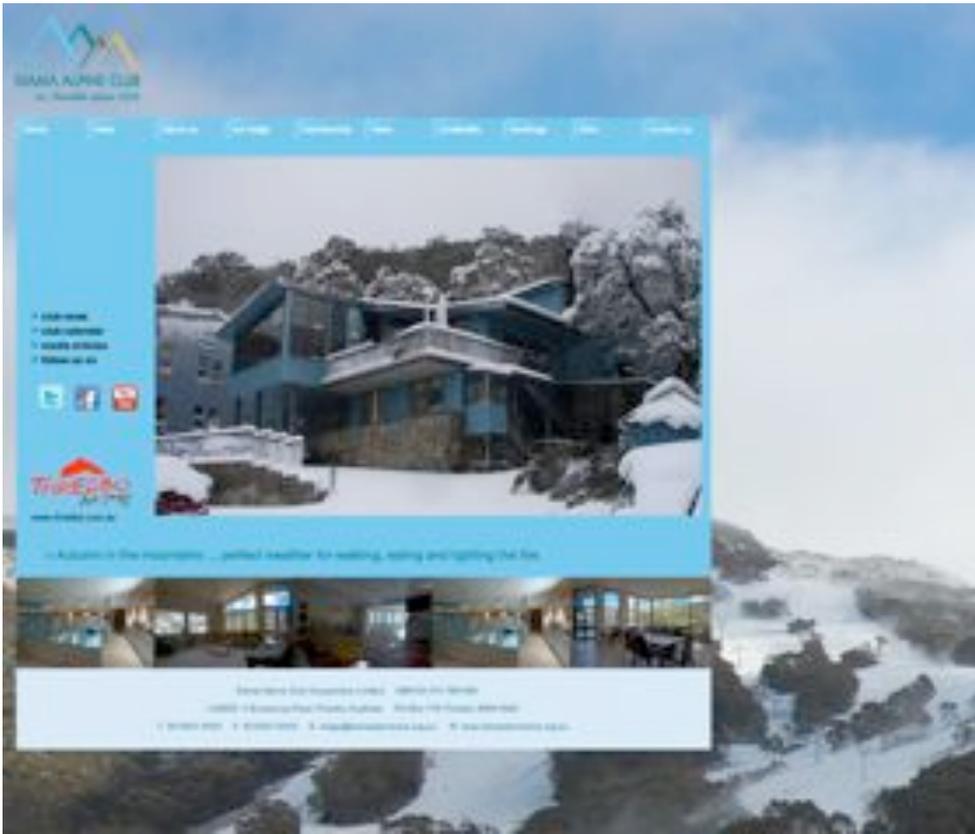
Farewell to the table tennis table

The table tennis table finally bit the dust and had to be sent to the tip. But don't despair that the kids will be bored. Members Craig Morris and Barbra Wynn have donated a foosball table, which will allow us to test what members and their children would like to use in the games room. Our Lodge Managers or Lodge Operations Director Andrew Heggie would appreciate your feedback on what games would make your winter holiday even more enjoyable.



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New Website COMING SOON



Screen shot of the new website

James has been working very hard on the new website. It has come along a fair way and is almost ready. All the pages have been created. They just need the text written so they can be added to the pages for the site to be ready for publishing.

Above is a “screen shot” of the home page and the site map to the side. The same information will be available plus more for members and guests.

We are hoping to launch during the winter season.

Check-in and Check-out Times in 2011

CHECK-IN 3pm CHECK-OUT 11am
June to September

Our arrival and departure times are being adjusted to better suit members.

Check-in is now 1 hour earlier than in 2010 to allow for potentially icy driving conditions and to be prepared for evening meals.

Check-out is also 1 hour earlier to ensure ample time for Rob and Sally to have the lodge prepared for new guests and clear the car parking. On Sundays there is NO use of the kitchen between 11am and 3pm.

Site map

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Record falls mark start to snow season

BY JUDITH IRELAND

14 Jun, 2011 04:00 AM

The long weekend may be over but this year's Queen's Birthday holiday is set to live on in the alpine history books. Both Thredbo and Perisher have reported record-breaking starts to the ski season, which officially kicked off last Friday.

Thredbo communications manager Susie Diver said that about 5000 people visited the resort at the weekend the largest long weekend turnout since 2000.

"It seemed a very happy crowd," she said.

Ms Diver attributed the large numbers to recent large snowfalls and successful snow-making. With beginner, intermediate and advanced runs open, there was "something for everyone" on the Thredbo snowfields.

Ms Diver also reported an increase in visitors who had come simply to ride the chair lifts and catch a glimpse of the snow.

At Perisher, sales and marketing manager Richard Phillips reported the resort had also had its best opening weekend for 10 or 11 years, with beginner and intermediate runs open and plenty of people out making snowmen.

"It's been fantastic," he said, noting that the resort did not have exact figures on weekend visitors.

Along with good snowfall and snow making, Mr Phillips said that the long weekend Snowy Mountains of Music Festival had helped to pull a large crowd. Artists Christine Anu, Ash Grunwald, Afro Mandinko, The Sunny Cowgirls and Eric Bogle were among the lineup at Perisher at the weekend.

"We've developed a really good carnival and party-type atmosphere for the long weekend," he said. "It's all come together."

NSW was not alone in its good ski fortune. Victoria's ski fields also enjoyed a healthy start to the season, with Mt Hotham, Mt Buller and Falls Creek all reporting good snow coverage and large crowds this weekend.

Mr Phillips was optimistic about the rest of the 2011 ski season, particularly after unseasonably cold weather and large snow falls in NSW allowed Perisher to open three weeks early in May.

But he noted that the winter weather was difficult to predict.

"We're just hopeful that the weather patterns we have will keep going," he said.

with AAP

The Canberra Times

14 June, 2011



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Alice Fraser
Melanie Thomas
Graeme Walker
Colette Molino
Daniel Jones
Jonathon Lloyd
Michelle Gifford

Farewell to:

Helen Banks
and
Cassandra Grey



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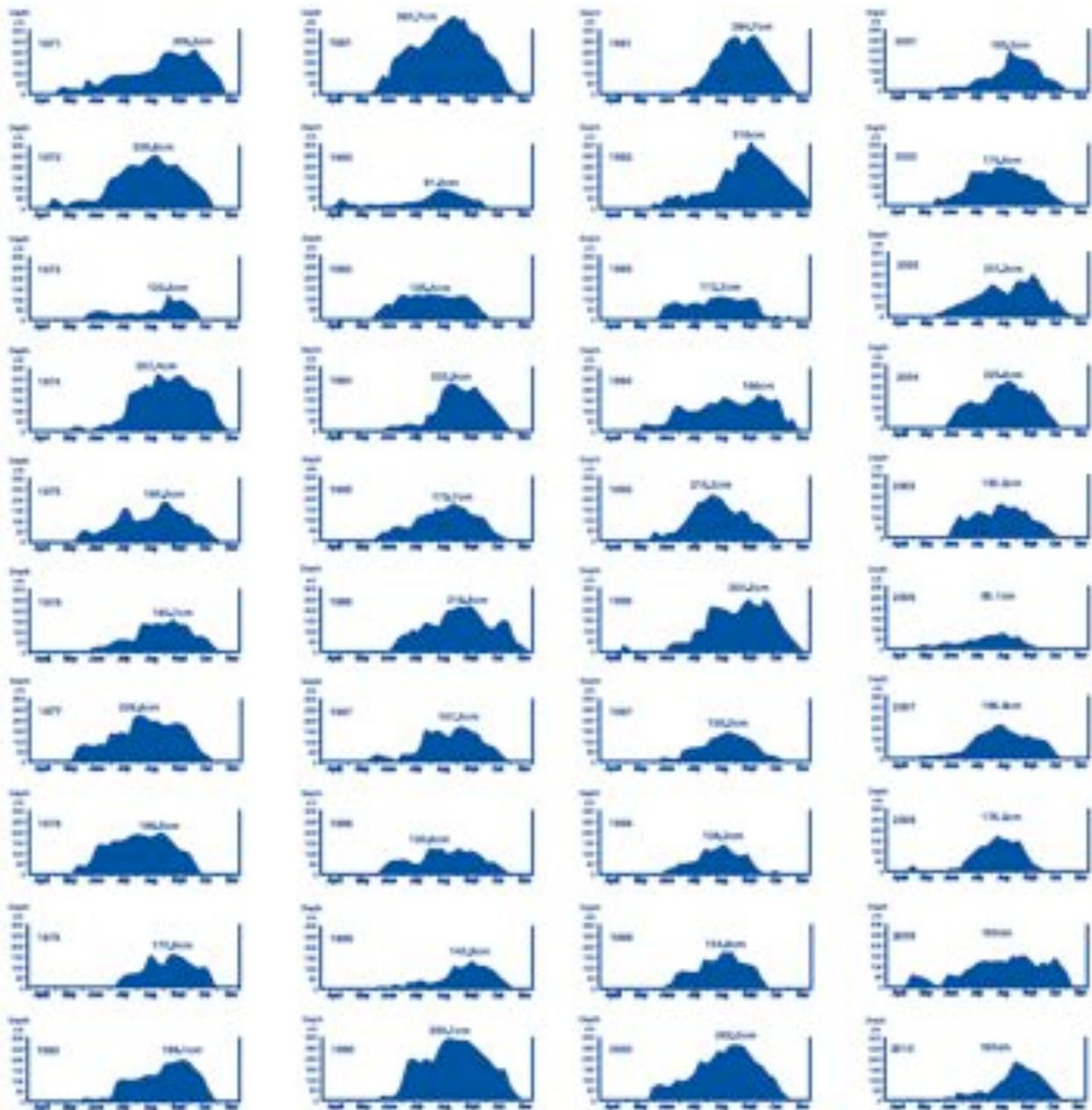
Snowdepth Comparisons to 2010

Although we ended up with great snow falls in Aug last year, overall the snow depth charts indicate a 28% decrease in the total snow depth over the entire season compared to 2009. Therefore if we have received the Aug falls on a good base it would have been an awesome season.

2010 was actually an average year for snowdepths over the last 30 years and there doesn't appear to have been a major difference with the draught over the last 10 years. Oh, the fickle nature of the Australian ski conditions.

The main thing to bear in mind I think is that with improved snow making we now enjoy an average 100 top to bottom snow days whereas before snow making it averaged only 20 days in a season so we overall enjoy a far more consistent experience than our forebears in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Liz Wynn - President



Technical data supplied by Snowy Hydro Limited, Cooma North. Snow Depth readings were carried out at Snowy Hydro Limited sampling route located at Spencers Creek. There are seven sampling points situated at an elevation of 1,800 metres. The records do not relate to any one particular ski resort, but the route is situated between Perisher Valley and Charlotte Pass.
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THREDBO NEWS

Do it all with the one pass - MyThredbo

Skip the ticket queues and arrive ready to ride this season with MyThredbo. With your MyThredbo pass you can buy your lift passes and more online and have it sent to your door so you can head straight for the lifts when you arrive.

MyThredbo is your gateway to Thredbo-it's all about you and it's about making it easy. From buying your lift pass to hitting the slopes, hiring your gear and organizing a lesson, MyThredbo has you covered.

Thredbo has a new direct to lift Radio Frequency (RFID) technology and smart gates that will change the way you buy your pass, products and access the mountain. You may never have to visit the resort ticket office again.

Thredbo's General Manager Kim Clifford is looking forward to the implementation. "The new system will give skiers and boarders more time on the hill and less time waiting around, this is just stage one, it will just keep getting better and more convenient for our customers" he said.

Here's how it works. Once you purchase your pass simply put it in your jacket or pants and when you move up to the gates it is quickly verified via an embedded chip, triggering them to open. Then you are on the lift and up the mountain-it's hands free riding in Thredbo this winter.

The actual lift pass takes on a whole new look-gone are the paper tickets, replaced with reloadable and reusable credit card size media. This means you can then jump online at anytime to the new Thredbo eStore and buy extra days and even add on a lesson.

THREDBO WINTER 2011 EVENTS

Month	Event	Dates
June	SNOW SEASON KICK-OFF	Opening Weekend 11 - 13 June
	Thredbo Freeride Series - Rails	18 June
	NSW Inter-schools Championships Sydney Division	13 - 16 July
	Thredbo Freeride Series Slopestyle	19 July
July	Redlands Cup	12 July
	Thredbo Ski Racing Cup	23 - 24 July
	The Skimg Demo Days	23 - 24 July
	Lawyers Race	30 July
	Winter Corporate Games	30 - 31 July
August	Cloquot in the Snow	1 - 7 August
	Thredbo Freeride Series - 90 dercross	2 August
	Senior Interclub Races	6 August
	Top To Bottom Race	6 August
	F.I.S Race Week	8 - 11 August
	Thredbo Masters	13 August
	Thredbo Freeride Series Rip Curt Australian Freeride Pro	18-19 August
World Bookie Fest	18-20 August	
September	Uni Games	29 August - 2 September
	Thredbo Freeride Series Grand Final	3 September
	One Hit Wonder	6-10 September
Weekly	Thredbo Animal Theatre	Tuesday
	Fibre Optic Flare Run	Thursday
	Twilight Riding	Thursday & Saturday
	Flare Run & Fireworks	Saturday

thredbo.com.au/events 1300 020 580 THREDBO

Last year for Thredbo Club Card

For those who have been long-term members of the Thredbo Club Card, all is not lost. KT have advised a new and improved loyalty scheme will be launched in 2012.

Looking good

Thredbo Sports Equipment Hire has invested around \$400,000 in new clothing, ski and snowboard equipment. This year you will find plenty of shiny new equipment across the kids, recreational and executive ranges including 900 shiny new pairs of skis, 550 pairs of ski boots and 400 pieces of new clothing.

For the boarders there's 200 snowboards and 100 pairs of snowboard boots to choose from. There is also a variety of new helmets, snowshoes and après boots on offer.

AUSTRALIA'S BEST SNOW RESORTS UNITE TO OFFER SUPERSKI

In an unprecedented move for the resorts, Perisher and Thredbo have announced a new lift ticket, that will allow skiers and snowboarders access to both resorts.

The new '**SuperSki Ticket**'; a five day lift ticket; will be available in the peak winter season from 25th June to 4th September and can be used within any six day period.

CEO of Perisher, Peter Brulisauer said, "We're delighted to be announcing the SuperSki Ticket. In addition to offering greater flexibility and value for money, it opens a multitude of opportunities for skiers and snowboarders who now have access to over 1,700 skiable hectares, over 60 lifts, Australia's best terrain parks, not to mention the widest choice of terrain in the Southern Hemisphere, all on the one ticket.

General Manager of Thredbo, Kim Clifford said, "Major resorts in Europe and North America have offered similar successful products in the past providing greater value for their guests. To do the same at Australia's leading resorts is certainly very exciting."

With the new lift ticket, skiers and snowboarders will get to choose to ski or snowboard at Perisher for a minimum of three days and Thredbo for up to two, or vice versa, with the first day being redeemed at their nominated 'home' resort (refer to www.superski.com.au for more details).

The new SuperSki Ticket is available for purchase online from either the Perisher or Thredbo websites; via the new SuperSki website www.superski.com.au, or through select snow holiday agents. The SuperSki Ticket also comes with a bonus - lift ticket holders will be given an extra half day (from noon) on the day prior to their first full day. The cost of the new five day SuperSki Ticket is \$499 for adults and \$275 for children, which represents a saving of up to \$42 on the purchase of single day tickets across both resorts.

PARK ENTRANCE

The National Parks and Wildlife Service requires all vehicles in the Park to have an entry permit displayed on their vehicle. The daily rate (24hrs) per car for winter 2011 will still be \$27.

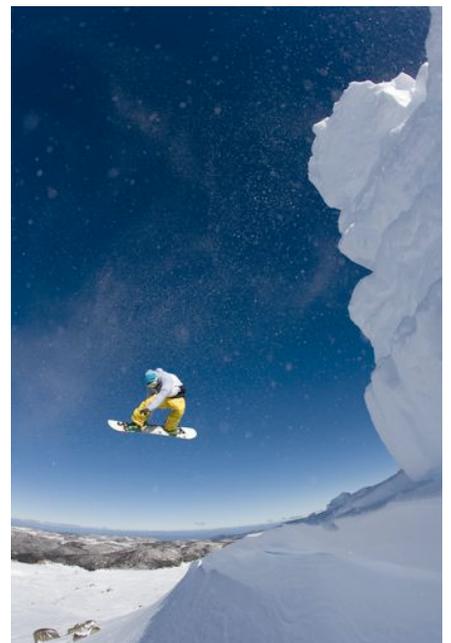
If you are there for a week it is best to get an annual permit for \$190. The annual pass is valid for one year from date of purchase and allows you entry into all NSW National Parks.

You can purchase your pass from:

The National Park Entrance Station 13km before you get to Thredbo

Snowy Region Visitors Centre in Jindabyne

National Parks Visitors Centre in Khancoban



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SENIOR INTERCLUB RACES Saturday 6th August

Are you ready for a crazy weekend of skiing, partying and visiting at least 3 other lodge parties in Thredbo? Even if you're not racing, please join us for a day and night that is fun. After the race (and usually a Dead Horse Gap run) all skiers and supporters will be given free access to the Award Cocktail Party. The day is about having fun and meeting other Thredbo Skiers of all ages.

We have race **training** Friday 5th August with Thredbo's Legendary Tim Robinson. Please call me on 0404 006 759 if your interested.

CLUB WEEKEND 2-4th September 2011

This Club Weekend the theme night is Toga Party! So bring your best sheets and get ready for a fun weekend. This years Club Weekend plans to be bigger and "whiter" than last year!

Special awards will be given to the best dressed on slope and off-slope, best dressed family and especially for any Toga Rider seen on Dead Horse Gap run!

The race starts at 12pm on the Saturday. Weather permitting we will do the Dead Horse Gap run. We will meet at the top of Crackenback 2.30pm. Look out for the email with all the details coming soon.

For more information contact Anton Lindell antonlindell@yahoo.com or to book in contact Rob and Sally at the lodge lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au.

Anton Lindell– Club Captain

Spring Working Bee 2011

Come along and help James Spring clean the lodge on 29-30th October. Please contact James details at jamesgarner.is@gmail.com

DVD Library – make a donation

Don't forget we have a TV and DVD player in the games room so why not donate your spare DVDs to our library for all those wet or windy days when we can't get out and ski. But please remember the DVDs must be suitable for all ages.

Members Updates

Please remember to update us with any changes that occur eg. Change of address, change in email address or birth of a child.

Email us at
lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au

We need you!

After more than 10 years as Club Secretary, two building projects, 10 AGMs and numerous rule changes, Julie Christensen has decided it is time to focus on other things and has advised will not be seeking re-election to the Board in 2012.

If you are interested in taking on the role of Club Secretary from May 2012 please contact President Liz Wynn over winter.

Results for 2010 Club Champions

Junior Female:

- 1st Colette Molino
- 2nd Helena Waters
- 3rd Naomi Waters

Junior Male:

- 1st Matt Hubner
- 2nd Nicholas Lloyd
- 3rd Blake Dewart

Senior Female

- 1st Kim Hubner

Senior Male:

- 1st Anton Lindell
- 2nd Dion Hubner
- 3rd James Garner