

Kiama Alpine Club Newsletter



Summer in Thredbo

It's hot and humid on the coast so why not enjoy the pleasant alpine atmosphere in Thredbo. There are plenty of reasons to visit the mountains this year.

Upcoming events

Members winter preferential booking period ends

31st March

28 Mar – 1 Apr

Easter weekend –
FULLY Booked

7 - 10 June

Thredbo opening weekend

3 – 5 May

Thredbo Jazz Festival

Northern Interschools

3rd-6th July Perisher

NSW Interschools

22-25 Aug Perisher

AUST interschools

4-8 Sept Mt Buller

University Games

25-30 Aug Thredbo

"Thredbo is a wonderful place in summer – great walks and fun times."

Club Update March 2013

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and wish you a healthy, happy and joyous 2013. Enjoy Summer and get out there.

Preferential Winter Bookings Close

31 March 2013

2013 Winter rates will be released soon. Members have until 31 March 2013 to request their winter booking preferences.

Our Lodge Managers Michelle and John have already received numerous requests so we suggest you request your booking details now.

Visit www.kiamasalpineclub.org.au

Are you using your Thredbo 365 Passes to the full?

Will you be taking full advantage of the Thredbo 365 pass this Summer?

- Full access this summer including: Summer tourist chairlift rides, chairlift access for mountain biking, 9 hole AGU rated golf course, bobsled, tennis
- Year round access to the Thredbo Leisure Centre, 50m Olympic sized heated swimming pool, waterslide, climbing wall, gym* squash courts

Plus in winter

- Unlimited access to skiing and boarding for the entire 2013 winter season



Alpine flowers on the range



The DVD team launching Part 2 in November at Kiama Pavilion.
From Left Producer Alan Fredericks, Barry Booth, Narrator Charles McCammon, Editor, Michael Alting with Mayor of Kiama Brian Petschler

Presidents Update

Now that the summer holidays are over it's time for an update.

By now you should have received a copy of the latest installment of the Club history on DVD.

Part 2 covers our history from 1984 to 2008 – that being the Club's 50th Anniversary. Produced by Past President's Barry Booth and Alan Fredericks, the feedback from members has been overwhelmingly positive. It looks great.

Congratulations to Barry and Alan. Writing the scripts, creating the storyline, sourcing the videos and photos, editing and narrating and re-editing the content was a huge commitment for both. It was a commitment they thoroughly enjoyed but I know they were overjoyed to have finished documenting our Club's journey over the past 25 years. Both had no previous knowledge of film production which makes it even more extraordinary. I'm sure Barry will be working on the next movie block-buster soon! Maybe not. In producing the DVD, there are a number of people to thank:

- Barry and Alan for their endless efforts with this project
- Wives Sandra and Kate for their patience in supporting them to finish it!
- Our numerous Life Members and members who contributed photos, stories, videos and interviews
- Our DVD team – Editor, Michael Alting, Narrator Charles McCammon and photo editor Ashley Oates for the many technical hours required to help bring this together
- Margaret Piggott for packaging and distributing the DVD to all the members
- Final thank you goes to Brian Petschler, Mayor of Kiama, along with wife Sue, for officially launching the DVD at our Special General Meeting held in Kiama in November 2012.

We have sent one DVD to each family. We do have some extra

copies so please contact us if we have missed you. Copies have been provided to Kiama council, Kiama Historical Society and Thredbo Historical Society. Email Barry and Alan your comments. I'm sure they would appreciate your positive vibes.

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Special General Meeting

The Special General Meeting was held in Kiama to review and adopt our revised Club Rules as well as congratulate our new Life Members and launch the 2nd chapter of the history DVD.

Julie Christensen and members of the Rules Working Group updated members attending the SGM on the rule changes which were a result of model rule changes to the Cooperative Act. The proposed rules were unanimously adopted by the attending members and have now been submitted to NSW Fair Trading for approval. We hope to have these finalised by the May AGM.

New Life members Rob Walker and Sandy Rendel were both presented with certificates for their life membership. Both were unable to attend the 2012 AGM in May and both were extremely honoured to be presented with this recognition for the enormous contribution to Kiama Alpine Club.

Summer is really a great time to visit Thredbo and with the special rates at the lodge, discounts for park entry, the Thredbo 365 bonuses and the activities happening in Thredbo you are sure to have a wonderful time.

Cheers
Liz Wynn

3 for 2 SUMMER SPECIAL

In Summer we offer a great Stay 3 nights Pay for 2 (with minimum 10 adults) and if you combine this with the new discount on National Park entry this is great value.

Contact Lodge Managers
Michelle and John to book
lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au

Are your children turning 18 this year?

Children of members (where both parents are members) are eligible for membership so please ensure we have their details.

Contact Liz Wynn on
Liz.wynn@kiamaalpineclub.org.au

From the Lodge



LOST and Found

Is this your Mambo ski jacket? It was left at the Lodge last winter. If so please contact Michelle or Liz

Hello from Thredbo,
What an amazing summer we are having this year. It underlines why so many Thredbo residents, who were originally lured by the winter thrills, end up staying for the warmer seasons.

Thredbo has seen a surge of eager visitors over the past eight weeks. Christmas and New Year saw the lodge busy with Members and Guests making the most of the mountain's pursuits and the free entertainment around the Village.

Mountain Biking, especially, has really taken off this season with a huge influx of competitors to the area, both practicing and competing. I have heard frequent whispers from reliable sources that many bikers rank Thredbo as the current premier downhill track in Australia. This is not hard to believe, judging by the eager riders and Thredbo streets busier over the school holidays than I have ever seen it in my years in the area.

Then, there was the Blues Festival in late January, which really rocked Thredbo. What a fun time was had by all. I thoroughly enjoyed working and participating at many of the venues and bopping along to such talented performers, surrounded by great company. Thredbo knows how to put on a Festival!

There is still a great deal of fun to be had before winter rolls around again.

Chris Isaak is doing a gig in Thredbo on Sunday 31st March as part of his "Beyond the Sun Tour". Jon Stevens will join him as support act. We also have the Jazz Festival on the weekend of the 3-5th May, and we have room at Kiama Lodge .

Liam has been out enjoying a few abseiling and rock climbing expeditions this season. The word he used was "epic!" If anyone wants to book a rock climbing experience please let me know as I can assist with booking activities whilst you are here.

On a finishing note, you will be glad to hear that all **Kiama Members** and Guests who take advantage of the "**third night free accommodation**", for groups of more than **ten adults**, can now have this matched by **National Parks for their car entry fees!** So, as long as you have a Kiama Lodge voucher stating you are staying on this special, you get three days entry for the price of two. Even more reason to visit beautiful Thredbo in summer. Looking forward to seeing you soon at Kiama Lodge.

Michelle.

WHAT SOME MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UP TO!

The **Kaleski** Family...



The **Kaleskis** went to Aspen Snowmass in January and had a sensational time. Blue sky skiing for the first four days and unseasonably warm at just below zero. Then we had a couple of inches overnight, which made for a fun couple of hours searching out pristine powder, and also resulted in a big temperature drop. The girls kept sloping off indoors for more hot chocolate between runs. Even when weather was quite overcast, visibility was always good. Best skiing in the morning was around Elk Camp chair, then we followed the sun to spend afternoons at Sheer Bliss and Big Burn. Long Shot was our favorite run... did involve a short but strenuous hike to start, but the views made it all worthwhile.



Brett Burridge....

Had 6 great days over new year in sunny Beaver Creek Colorado. It was minus 16 degrees on the slopes but beautiful "bluebird" days.

That's me on the left plus partner Viv (a regular guest at Kiama AC!) 2nd from right, with some of our US friends.

Highly recommended while Aussie dollars remain above parity !

Lois Woollams...

*Just come back from a wonderful ski in Utah - all the 8 resorts out of **Park City**
- **Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude, Snow Basin, Deer Valley, Park City and The Canyons.***

Snow was great and lots of varied territory.



Went with 7 others and we had (can you believe) three instructors with us every day. Because they are from Canada, the local ski schools watched them closely as they weren't allowed to give us instruction - (they weren't known to the locals). So they waited till no locals seemed to be around and then gave some instruction.



After one week I had an instructor to myself all day as the other 3 in my group went home. He picked out something no one else ever has. Seems I've been skiing for 35 years with my ski boots done up the wrong way! Tight top and the rest were quite loose and the foot floated around in the boot.

It made a huge difference to my technique as you can see, but didn't cure the vertigo.

James Garner in Gulmarg, Kashmir



Wynns in Niseko



Liz Wynn, Madi Morris and Susan Wynn.



Paul John and Liz Wynn.

Lindells Have been to Austria & Switzerland.



Lindell crew have been to Switzerland & Austria hitting the slopes of Ybrig in Switzerland and Serfaus-Fiss and Gerlos in Austria. Serfaus-Fiss is huge hidden gem for family skiing. For those that love great beer, skiing, and a really friendly atmosphere, you just can't beat the family run ski resorts of Austria.

Sonia & Marcus Lindell in Ybrig, Switzerland



Anton, Elaine, Emma & Len Lindell in Serfaus-Fiss resort, Austria

McKnights in Niseko Japan



Sam, Josh & Cameron



What is not to like about...having the chair lift seat swept of snow before you sit down, cheap lift tickets (about \$40), compressed air blowers to blow the powdery snow off your parka and boots, next to no queues, steaming bowls of noodles for lunch at BoyoSo, meals for 5 for about \$120 including a couple of rounds of drinks, finishing the day with a steaming onsen at the bottom of the run for \$10. Even when it is snowing it is not like a blizzard, just soft large powdery flakes. The only criticism from the boys is that the runs were not steep enough. The single chair ride to the top without a safety chain was exciting....can't wait to go back next Xmas.