

Kiama Alpine Club Newsletter



*It's still
winter in
Thredbo*

Club Update August 2013

It's been a very late season this year and with the snow still falling and lots happening through to September in Thredbo there are still great reasons to enjoy the snow this winter.

Excellent results for InterClub Races

Congratulations to our Interclub Race team on an excellent result.

Kiama finished a very credible 6th for the fastest minimum team and 6th fastest on handicap – out of 13 competing clubs. This compared to 9th in 2012 / 11th on handicap.

Sven Lindell finished 5th fastest male (behind a number of Olympic hopefuls) which was fantastic (compared to 11th in 2012) and his pennant is hanging in the Lodge.

Kiama's team consisted of:

Anton Lindell (Club Captain), Sven Lindell, Rob Molino, Ben Starkey, James Garner, Dion Hubner, Jaime Hubner, Kim Hubner, Paul John, Len Lindell, Elaine Lindell, Peter Hyde, Gayle Pugh.

Club Captain Anton Lindell did a wonderful job of organising the team and everyone had a super weekend.

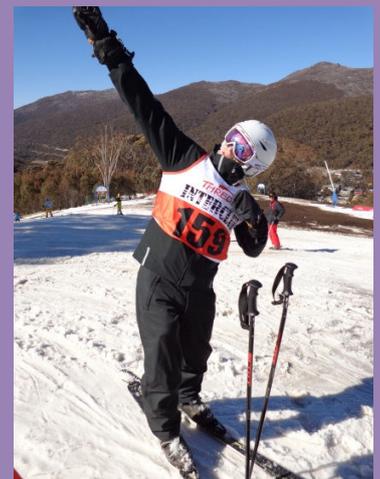
2013 Annual Subscriptions

The 2013 annual Subscriptions are being sent this week

Upcoming events

- 23 – 25 August
Club Weekend
- 25 – 29 August
Australian University
Championships
- 31 August
Thredbo Freestyle Event –
Big Air
- 2 – 6 September
Australian Paralympic World
Cup
- 10 – 14 September
Efterski Festival – fully
booked
- 25 – 27 October
Spring Working Bee

“The snow season is finally kicking in and Thredbo is rocking – woo hoo!”



Having a ball at the Interclub Races August 2013 - is this Usain Bolt?



Presidents Update

I can't believe it is almost the end of August so my apologies for the delay in sending a winter newsletter. Unfortunately some heavy work commitments have gotten in the way.

Better late than never so here is an update on what is happening with the club, the lodge and Thredbo.

The snow season this year has been completely different to last year. 2012 was one of the best seasons in last years and up until last week, 2013 was looking like one of the worst seasons. I'm pleased to say we received solid snow falls over the past 10 days and there is more expected to come this week so hopefully we are in for a strong late season. So, if you are up for some skiing and boarding, be sure to contact our Lodge Managers Michelle and John as we do have some availability in late August and throughout September.

In August Kiama competed in the Thredbo Senior InterClub races with solid results. Thirteen members competed in the races on the Rossignol race track out of a total 154 racers, with our team finishing a very credible 6th fastest and Sven Lindell finishing 5th fastest male skier. Well done to the whole team and to our Club Captain Anton Lindell for all his work in organising the team.

The Club Weekend is this weekend. With good snow expected it should be a great hit. We have a trivia night planned and some fun games for the children. The theme this year is Superheroes, Villains & Movie Stars so I expect to see Superman, Batman, Marilyn and others to be gracing the communal dinner on Saturday night. I can't wait.

So what has been happening since the last newsletter?

Our 2013 Annual General Meeting was held in May at the Kiama Pavilion with our two new Life Members, Sandy Rendel and Rob Walker along with around 40 members attending.

Vice-President Trevor Wilson retired from the Board following 9 years' service with Tony Lloyd taking over the role of Vice-President. Karyn Bartholomew, James Garner and I re-nominated for the Board. Thank you to members for accepting my nomination to continue as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 3 years and look forward to continue to contributing in improving our Club. The minutes for the AGM and the presentation can be found on the website if you would like to learn more.

At the AGM, Phill Deer, our Promotions and Thredbo Liaisons Director, provided an update on Thredbo having recently met

with Jordan Rogers, the Managing Director appointed last year for KT Pty Limited who run Thredbo. Jordan was able to provide Phill and I with a detailed and positive face-to-face update which sounded very promising.

KT are focusing on re-building the Thredbo brand with major building works in the pipeline (although yet to be confirmed) to replace the hotel, expand the village square and provide Thredbo-based staff accommodation. Other initiatives include a greater emphasis on advertising and marketing, improved lift pass pricing, the return of winter entertainment with DJs and bands in the village and the introduction of iconic summer events such as the Chris Isaack concert at Easter. Unfortunately there are no new plans to replace the Ramshead Chairlift or create any new ski runs but there is a lot of attention happening for the summer mountain biking. Having been in Thredbo last week the village definitely seems more positive and vibrant and the locals are also sounding more confident. The Thredbo staff are actually more customer focused and much more flexible than they have in the past and there is more music and entertainment in the village. The Thredbo App is very useful and the electronic ticket system makes using the lifts even easier.

The Lodge is looking great thanks to the well-attended May Working Bee and regular maintenance by our Lodge Managers Michelle and John, and Directors Andrew Heggie and Drew Waters.

This year we replaced 5 beds (which I hear are very comfortable), the chimney flue was re-painted and now looks brand new, the window sills have been re-varnished plus all the broken window winders have been replaced. Mitch Coleman kindly adjusted the new low energy lighting in the kitchen making it not quite as bright. Additional heaters have been added to the back rooms as we were finding them a little cold. In the kitchen we have replaced many utensils and added a slow cooker. Just prior to winter we had all the carpets steam cleaned, the chimney flue swept, the Lodge was sprayed externally for bugs to keep the cob webs low, the windows cleaned, plus the boilers were checked and the 6-month fire inspection has been completed. See the update from Andrew below.

In 2014 we plan to upgrade the upstairs bathrooms and re-fresh the adjoining bedrooms so we have quite a bit of preparation work to complete this year to make this happen.



Liz enjoying the fresh snow under the snow Gums lift last week

In the lounge room Andrew Heggie and Karyn Bartholomew are working with upholsterers to upgrade wall mounted lounges and we plan to have this completed for Winter 2014.

Thank you also to those members who have sent through their fabulous alpine photos from across Australia, India, Japan, US and Canada, Iceland, Austria, France and Italy. The photos are being re-produced on large (and very cost effective) canvases to replace the old black and white photos in the bedrooms. We have recently tested two photos in the lounge and dining area and the feedback from members this week has been really positive. Please keep sending any great summer or winter alpine photos to Andrew so that we have the best possible selection to choose from. Chas Keys and Alan Fredericks have been working on the updated chapters for the Kiama in the Mountains from 1997 to today. See the attached update from Chas.

On a sad note, we recently lost long-term member and former Lodge Manager, Sally Walker who passed away in April this year following a brave 12 month battle with bowel cancer. Sally will be missed by so many members and we send our sincere condolences to her husband Robert and sons Adam and Matthew along with the entire extended Walker family. The Lodge just isn't the same without Sally's smiling face but we know she is watching over us.

I look forward to seeing those who are attending the Club Weekend this weekend.

Liz Wynn





GREAT SNOW AWAITS YOU IN THREDBO!

From the Lodge

Merry Winter Members and Guests,
May saw the mountain so niveous that we all rubbed our hands together at the very thought of the great season ahead. Alas the month ended with the white stuff turning clear, as it fell for weeks and the mountain green in its wake.

It was a bare vista for the opening weekend of 2013, but thanks to some forward thinking by Kosciuszko Thredbo, the volume of activities and events saw the Village humming with delighted guests. Thankfully we received just enough of the white stuff to host the Interschool Races in June

We currently have availability throughout late August, and of course September is wide open for that heavenly treat of skiing in t-shirts and cold beers on balcony decks!

This season you may find yourself enjoying some new après fun. Maybe a dip in the newly heated outdoor swimming pool in the Thredbo alpine Hotel courtyard, overlooking the mountain, enjoying a warm Swedish cider might be your cup of tea? Or you might like to bop along to the DJ's beats at the "Snow Dome" which has been newly erected on the tennis courts whilst you sip on Smirnoff Vodka and enjoy the night time light and laser show? Or, you may find that belly laughing all the way down Friday Flat riding a free snow bike or tubing is more your style?

You may also like to know that they have re-routed the end of High Noon so you no longer have to dodge the Newbies on Friday Flat. And here's some fun news, the Thredbo App has finally been released so you can now track your mileage and runs. Download the app at www.thredbo.com.au/mobile.

The Thredbo Alpine Hotel welcomes a New Head Chef for 2013. Chris is introducing an Australiana theme for Segretto and I was lucky enough to enjoy a fabulous tasting event earlier this month so I can highly recommend this intimate venue as a must for your dining pleasure.

In preparation of your visit we have replaced some of the beds, sharpened all of the knives and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Michelle, John and Liam.

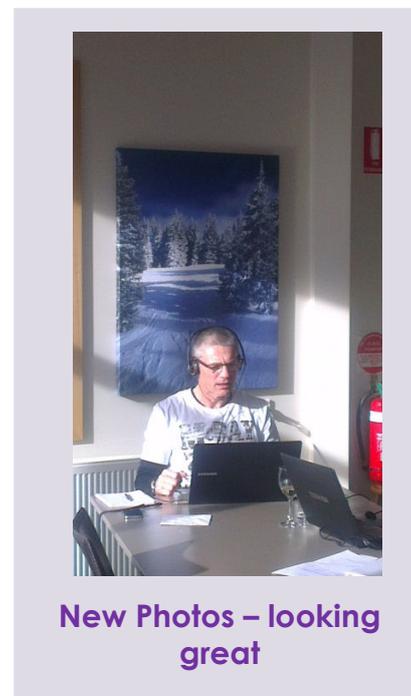
Lodge Operations Update

Phantastic Photos - Still needed. We have had a good response from members and guests for the Phantastic Photo competition. Unfortunately many of them, although beautiful photos, are not of sufficient resolution (size) to make good, enlarged prints. Please have a browse through your Pictures folders and email your best shots to andrew@originindustries.com. The bigger the file size, the more likely we will be able to use your shots to display in the lodge. You can take a look at the photos submitted so far by following this link. <http://www.kiamaalpineclub.org.au/photos> Remember we are looking for landscapes, without people and preference will be given to snowy scenes.

New Beds have arrived in the Lodge. As part of our planned roll-out of beds, lodge managers John and Michelle have taken delivery of 5 new beds early in July. Fortunately the beds arrived the day before some heavy snow falls began. The Board plans to replace some beds every year so that all of the beds in the lodge will be replaced over the next 5 years.

New Kitchen Items. From this month there will be new frypans, a slow cooker and a range of kitchen utensils in the lodge. Plus all the knives have now been sharpened to make your cooking easier and safer.

Andrew Heggie



New Photos – looking great

'Kiama in the Mountains': the story goes on . . .

Long-term members will recall that in 1997 a book about the club was launched, detailing its history since Kiama residents Eugene and Lala Baranowsky first dreamed of an alpine lodge in the Snowy Mountains. Now there is to be a sequel, or extension, to bring the Kiama Alpine Club's story up to date. The extension will be launched at next year's AGM.

The author seeks information from members to help him tell the story of the last 17 years. The extension will cover the development of Thredbo, changes to the club's board, improvements to the lodge and its surrounds, the operations of the club and lodge, club members' skiing both at Thredbo and overseas, members' participation in non-skiing recreations at Thredbo, the celebration of the club's first 50 years and the impact of social change on the club and the lodge.

This appeal is for information that will help to flesh out and complete the story and ensure that the members are involved in the recording of it. In particular the author would like to cover in some detail the skiing endeavours of members, both socially and in racing at Thredbo (including in the Thredbo Interclub) and at overseas ski resorts. He would also like to catalogue the progress of the club's young skiers, for example in InterSchools competition. But he is also interested in other themes and is open to writing about other matters that concern the members. He is open, for example, to dealing with issues that are not mentioned in the previous paragraph. Anything that is interesting, informative or amusing is eligible for inclusion!

If you wish to contribute, please send whatever information and suggestions you have to chas.keys@keypoint.com.au. Alternatively, you can post material to me at PO Box 599, Yandina, QLD 4561. I'm waiting for your input. When the text is close to being finished we will also be looking for photos of club members skiing, enjoying the lodge, participating in working bees or otherwise engaged in mountain activities. These will be added to the photos that Barry Booth has already compiled. At the moment there is no deadline for contributions, but don't feel you should wait. If you have something to contribute, strike now! The club's story will be better for its members providing information on which it can be based.

Chas Keys

Vale for Sally Walker

The Kiama Alpine Club, Thredbo Historical Society and the Thredbo village lost a valuable contributor to its community with the passing of Sally Walker aged 57 on 8 April in the Mater Hospice in Newcastle, after a 12 month battle with cancer. Originally from Berry on the South Coast, Sally and her husband Rob had been regular skiing visitors to Thredbo for nearly 40 years. This culminated in their taking on the Lodge Manager roles at the Kiama Alpine Club Lodge, in 2008.

Whilst in Thredbo Sally quickly settled into life in the alpine village, managing the lodge and its administration, had short stints of work in the Post Office and volunteered in the role as Treasurer and Subscription officer for the Thredbo Historical Society and Subscription Officer for Kiama Alpine Club which she served with great distinction. Living in Thredbo allowed Sally and Rob to pursue their passion for "out the back" skiing adventures and summer bushwalking.

Sally's professional career was that of a High School Maths teacher which equipped her with all of the skills necessary to fulfil these many and varied roles, with great accuracy and attention to detail.

Sally's funeral service was held at Nowra with many Kiama Alpine Club members in attendance and past-President Alan Fredericks providing the Eulogy. She is survived by husband Rob, and sons Adam and Matthew and will be sadly missed by all.



Fresh tracks in Thredbo
August 2013

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



Sally Walker at the Lodge
Opening in 2008

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Vale for Laurie McCarthy

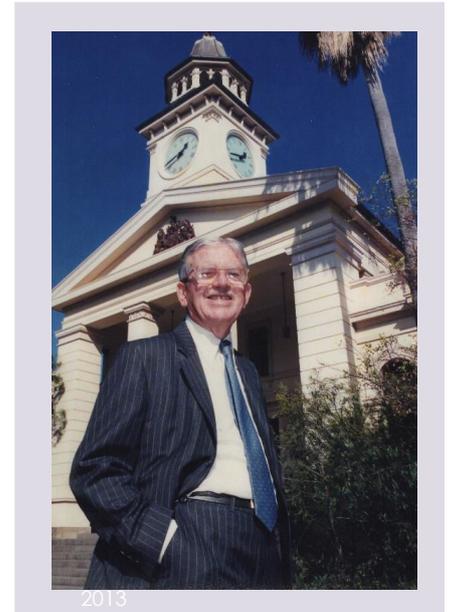
Laurie McCarthy (formerly of Wollongong) died at the age of 96 on June 30 and his funeral was held in Bowral on 9 July.

Mum & Dad were long-term members and were very fond of their friends in the club.

Laurie particularly enjoyed "roastings" from Chas Keys & Geoff Boxsell at get-togethers & Geoff wrote a number of send-ups of dad, one of which he sang while playing the ukulele at dad's funeral. It was a highlight!

It is good to know that Mary & Laurie had such good friends from Kiama Alpine Club and derived so much pleasure from their company.

Laurie will be sadly missed ,but remembered fondly by many club members !!



Heggies Irish Cream

Finally we have extracted the famous "Heggies Irish Cream" recipe from Andrew Heggie!



Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup (or so) of cheap whiskey
- 1 can of sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon of chocolate syrup
- 300ml cream

Blend gently in 1 litre jug and chill in the fridge - if you can wait that long.

I call it "Heggies" others find it reminiscent of Baileys but much cheaper, most find it delicious.