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News from SLOPES

[XC Perisher Valley Update](#)

Perisher Valley Cross Country Ski Week— August 2014:

XC ski week will be run from the 2nd—10th of August. Further details on how to participate and event schedules are available at the Perisher XC website — <http://www.perisherxcountry.org/pages.php?XC-SKI-WEEK-2013-26>

Cross country for youth:

Young People Skiing Faster & Interschools is a new area on the Perisher X-Country website for kids (and their support crews) who want information about how to get started and how to go further faster. Parents and schools organising Interschools XC teams will find useful information here in a new booklet (prepared by NSWXC) - <http://www.perisherxcountry.org/pages.php?YOUNG-PEOPLE-68>

Nordic Shelter - requests for donations:

Children's skis (the tiny plastic patterned skis that strap on to snow boots). There are lots of toddler skiers starting their XC careers in the Nordic Shelter. Some of you, like us, have our kids/grandkids first skis sitting unused in storage. We would like to collect a few to have at the Shelter for the little kids to play on. No poles please.

Lodge Winter Bookings 2014

2014 Winter Accommodation List:

List compiled on 17th June 2014 — changes will occur

CAPT denotes Captain for the week

28th June — School Holidays Week 1

Emily Champion, Sarah Champion, Chloe Champion, Anne Hemmings, Marilyn Hutchison, Lachlan Hutchison, Mark Hutchison (**CAPT**), Robyn Luhrs, Nerida Holdaway, Samuel Colvin, Michael Colvin, Maggie Colvin, Jodie Colvin, Philip Colvin, Cameron Champion

5th July — School Holidays Week 2

Sarah Culey, Christopher Culey, Derek Culey (**CAPT**), Joel Werman, Erica Werman, Ella Werman, Tara Werman, Thomas Hemmings, Paul Hemmings, Katelyn Hemmings, Harrison Hemmings, Justine Hemmings, Sharon Kelly, Anita Kelly, Andrew Kelly, Nicola Culey, Alexandra Smart, Ava Loiterton, Jake Loiterton, Marley Loiterton, Ben Loiterton

12th July

Liz Reakes, Rob Reakes, Matthew Reakes, Tahlia Reakes, Janet Moffat, Jane Hermolin, Max Hermolin, David Hermolin, Emma Darrough, Vikki Darrough

19th July

Jane Rothman, Max Humphreys (**CAPT**), Neil Humphreys, Jim Simpson, Janelle Simpson, Jess Zinga, Carly Zinga, Steve Zinga, Lyndall Zinga, Brett Scott, Bettina Schreiber, Liz Reakes, Rob Reakes, Matthew Reakes, Tahlia Reakes, Janet Moffat

26th July

Danielle Hogan, Matthew Hogan, Ava Hogan, Billy Hogan, Ray De Marco (**CAPT**), Margaret De Marco, Kingsford Dodd, Jane Dodd, James Dodd, Molly Dodd, Tom Keogh, Bruno Schicht, Curly Humphreys_N, Margaret Cairnes, Shan Cairnes, Lorraine Cairnes, Peter Moffitt, Ben Pearson, Peter Cairnes

2nd August

Rodney De Beer, Jennifer De Beer, Anna Harrison, Luke Harrison, Julian Harrison, India Harrison, Mark Harrison (**CAPT**), Kerry Williams, Bruce Cooper, David Walker, Christina Cappelen-Smith, Christian Cappelen-Smith, Naomi Brandon, Richie Brandon, Kayln Brandon, Jaydon Brandon, Peter Vickers, Jessica Shelton, Nathan Shelton

9th August

Tim Bowring, Karen Bowring, Xavier Bowring, Roger Smith, Peter Rigg, Louise Rigg, Christina McGhee, Alexander McGhee, Natasha Remfry, Jacqueline McGhee, Til Szittner, Judy Szittner, James Hawthorne, Andrew Szittner, Katie Szittner, Allison Nowland, Peter Nowland (**CAPT**), Eileen Leather, Daniel Leather, Jacqui Leather, Philip Wallis, Sandra Gray

16th August

Rodney De Beer, Jennifer De Beer, Jane Parker (**CAPT**), Stephen Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Alfred Parker, Sean Talty, Harry Standish, Michelle Standish, Olivia Standish, Jon Deadman, Jane Standish, Ben Parker, Lia Moshkanbaryans, Leonie Buteux, Stephen Topham, Stuart Harman, Charlotte Harman, Annabelle Harman, Caroline Harman, Grant Hodgson, Gillian Hodgson, Robert Hodgson, Christopher Grul

Lodge Bookings Continued

23rd August

Simon Chalk, Naomi Kate Brissett, Sean Talty, Harry Standish, Michelle Standish, Olivia Standish, Jon Deadman, Jane Standish, Elizabeth Parker, Alfred Parker, Jane Parker, Stephen Parker, Ben Parker, Lia Moshkanbaryans, Leonie Buteux, Stephen Topham, Cameron Champion, Emily Champion, Sarah Champion, Chloe Champion, Anne Hemmings, Nerida Holdaway, Samuel Colvin, Michael Colvin, Maggie Colvin, Jodie Colvin, Philip Colvin (CAPT)

30th August

Marian Kobler, Laurie Kobler, Katie Kobler, Kingsley Kobler, David Kobler, Nerida Holdaway, Samuel Colvin, Michael Colvin, Maggie Colvin, Jodie Colvin, Philip Colvin

Lodge availability as at 17th June 2014

Availability	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28-June-2014	7	8	8	8	8	8	7
05-July-2014	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12-July-2014	19	19	19	19	17	17	12
19-July-2014	7	11	11	11	11	11	11
26-July-2014	7	3	3	3	3	3	7
02-August-2014	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
09-August-2014			4	5	5	5	8
16-August-2014	13	12	8	8	7	5	
23-August-2014	3	3	12	12	14	14	16
30-August-2014	16	22	22	19	19	17	17
06-September-2014 (Babies Week)	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
13-September-2014	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
20-September-2014	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
27-September-2014	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
04-October-2014	22	22	22	22	22	22	22

Ray De Marco

A Reveller Trapped in the Ice in Antarctica – Part 1

It was May 2013. Fran and I had recently returned from many months overseas, much of which was spent sailing with Reveller son Nick in his newly purchased yacht, Charm Offensive (www.charmoffensive.com.au). Opening the University of NSW Alumni magazine I saw an enticing advertisement: BrainFood Lecture “In the Footsteps of Mawson: Antarctic Science and Adventure in the 21st Century” to be delivered by Professor Chris Turney, a member of the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences run by Reveller David Cohen. The voyage was named “The Australasian Antarctic Expedition 2013-2014” and combined science, adventure and discovery. I attended the lecture and was hooked.

December 8th found me on the wharf at Bluff New Zealand boarding the MV Akademik Shokalskiy, a Russian (supposedly ex-spy) ship, built to ice strengthened standard, now used as an expedition ship in polar waters. Soon we headed out, our first destination being Macquarie Island, a piece of Australia almost 1000 nautical miles south.

There is a lot of ocean between NZ and Macquarie but there was scientific work to be done, such as launching drift buoys to be tracked by satellite to monitor sea water temperature and currents, and studying, under the microscope, the contents netted in plankton tows. David’s colleagues, our on-board scientists, educated us with lectures on subjects as diverse as oceanography and the mating calls of the leopard seal.

Reaching Macquarie Island we found a large swell breaking heavily on the landing beach which prevented us from getting ashore. Not to worry, we were assured that we would visit again on our return journey – how wrong that turned out to be!

It is almost twice as far again from Macquarie to Commonwealth Bay, our Antarctic destination, the site of Mawson’s Huts. Commonwealth Bay today is very different to what it looked like when Mawson chose its shore as the site for his huts. In February 2010 an iceberg about 120 Km long and 60 Km wide grounded in Commonwealth Bay. Up until that time Commonwealth Bay had been free of ice in summer, but since then the ‘fast’ ice has remained attached to the continent all year and Mawson’s Huts are now about 60 kms from the ice edge. It was our intention to moor alongside the fast ice edge and attempt to send a party in to the huts using over snow vehicles called Argos, supported by quad bikes. Approaching the ice edge on the afternoon of the 17th December we were greeted by ‘rafts’ of Adelie penguins, swimming, leaping and jumping on to the ice. To moor the ship the Captain merely rammed the ice until he had driven the ship in far enough to form a berth.

The Mawson Hut party headed south to try to reach the huts. Included in the party were two members of the Mawson’s Huts Foundation who were to assess the condition of the buildings after almost four years of isolation. There was another clandestine aspect to this visit also – ‘Stay’! ‘Stay’ is a fibre-glass Labrador and is the mascot of the Australian Antarctic Division bases. ‘Stay’ had been inside Mawson’s Hut for the last four years on guard duty and it was time to release him. Little did we know that ‘Stay’ would later be our passport to freedom from the ice!

While the party were away the remaining scientists and passengers explored the surrounding area, visiting seals' breathing holes in the ice to listen for seals and whales on hydrophones and broadcasting those leopard seal mating calls to try and attract a leopard seal. Other scientific work was done such as drilling ice cores to measure ice thickness. The Mawson Hut party returned successful but exhausted having had no sleep for over 24 hours.

Replica Mawson era clothing and equipment was taken on the expedition. The clothing was made using the original gabardine material and the design with the 'funnel' hood is very comfortable and practical (see photo below with 'Stay'). Will this be the new retro ski fashion?



John in Polar Clothing, with 'Stay', Commonwealth Bay

Our next destination was the Hodgeman Islands, to the east. The voyage there was slow, with much pack ice encountered, necessitating a detour to the north first and resulting in a convoluted ship's track. By the 23rd December the ship was moored to the fast ice, and the Argos were launched. Unfortunately the one Argo that had tracked drive was swamped and put out of action. This left two wheeled Argos and the two quad bikes to shuttle everyone across the ice to the islands and back, about 8 km distant. It was going to take longer than planned!

The penguin rookery at the Hodgeman's is very healthy and it was fascinating to watch the birds setting up their nests of stones and competing for real estate on the rocky hillside. The weather had been good up to this time but in the afternoon the Captain noticed cloud forming over the nearby hills and he decided to call the parties back to the ship. The return to the ship was delayed and it was not until late in the afternoon that we were heading north again to break back through the pack ice and make for Macquarie Island. By the 24th we were in heavy pack, literally moving at a snail's pace. But what did it matter? It was Christmas Eve and we were in party mode. We had a great night (or day really as the sun hardly set) and we went wearily to bed in the early hours. Little did we know what was in store for us when we awoke that Christmas morning! *To be continued*

John Black June 2014

Winter 2014 Lodge Booking Arrangements

Winter accommodation bookings opened on Saturday 1st March 2014 to financial members only. Members requiring accommodation in the peak season booking period which includes School Holidays and August should have their applications in by the end of June .

The selection committee will make its decision for presentation to the Directors for approval. Remember that a suggestion for an alternative period is important. Members requiring two (2) weeks will only be considered for one (1) week in the first instance.

The best use of available space will be made, and small compact groups will probably have a better chance of finding themselves booked than large groups.

Reasons for wishing to book during the heavy-use period should be included with the booking application, so that the committee is able to give due consideration to the application in the light of the information supplied. There will naturally be some of this weight removed if accommodation had been obtained during the last selection period.



Procedure & Conditions

- Lodge bookings by financial members must be made in writing to Lodge Bookings accompanied by the full tariff.
- A PDF form can be downloaded from our website, <http://www.ksrc.com.au/>
- Bookings CANNOT be made by telephone.
- Full tariff for the period of accommodation requested is to be forwarded with each application for bookings.
- The tariff can be refunded should a booking not be made and confirmed on the requested date/s.
- In the case of a booking cancellation a charge will apply.
- All cancellations must be received in writing by the Booking Officer. Please refer to section below for Conditions for partial refund on cancellation of booking.
- Booking enquiries can only be made to 02 9651 7000. General Club enquiries can also be directed here if required. When not attended, the answering machine will take your message with calls returned as soon as possible.

Lodge Tariffs for 2014 Winter Season (Inclusive of GST)

	Adult	Junior (10 to under 16)	Junior (3 to under 10)	Junior (0 to under 3)
Weekly				
Financial members	\$854	\$651	\$434	\$161
Temporary Members	\$1099	\$812	\$546	\$203
Nightly				
Financial members	\$122	\$93	\$62	\$23
Temporary Members	\$157	\$116	\$78	\$29

An application form has been included in FORMS at the end of this issue. Members requiring more than two (2) weeks at other than peak season should state the period preferred for a two (2) week period as further bookings can only be confirmed two (2) months before the required date

There will be a late season discount of 25% from **14th September 2014**.

Please note that **email** is the preferred method for communication in regards to bookings rather than the phone message system. Booking applications sent via email should include all details on the application form (or a scanned copy of the form) including credit card details. Applications and enquiries should be sent to:

bookings@ksrc.com.au

Paper copies of applications and payments for accommodation should be forwarded to:

**The Booking Officer
Kosciusko Snow Revellers Club Ltd
GPO Box 961
Sydney NSW 2001**

Members wishing to take Temporary Members are reminded that:

- Each member can only take two (2) Temporary Members to the Lodge at one time and must propose those persons in writing as Temporary members.
- The member proposing the Temporary Members must accompany them to the Lodge and is responsible for them at all times.
- The member must acquaint the Temporary Member with all the rules and conventions.

Children at the Lodge

During the ski season, children under three (3) years of age can only be accommodated during the nominated "Babies Week". This year Babies Week will be from 6th-13th September.

Conditions for Partial Refund on Cancellation of Booking

All cancellations must be received in writing by the Booking Officer. Cancellations received at least four (4) weeks before the commencement of the booked week will receive a refund of 90% of the tariff.

Cancellations giving less than four (4) weeks' notice, but received by at least the Tuesday prior to the booked week will receive a 30% refund of tariff paid. Cancellations not complying with the above conditions will not normally receive a refund. In the event of a refund for a credit card payment, the Club may pass on any bank charges incurred.

Casual Meals

Please note that meals are for members and their guests only: Breakfast \$15, Lunch \$15, Dinner \$30. The Lodge Captain must be notified in advance of intended guests for meals.

Telephone Charge (local calls only) is \$0.50 per Unit.

Dietary Requirements

Our Lodge Managers have requested that they be informed of any special dietary requirements of members and temporary members in residence before they arrive at the Lodge. For this reason, please complete this section of the booking form should you have any special requirements.

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