



THE GUNDAROO NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB

MAY 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at **7.30pm** on **Thursday, 26 May 2016**, in the “Mahogany Room” at the St George Leagues Club. Official notification is attached. **Prior to the AGM, commencing at 6:30pm, the Directors cordially invite members and their partner to join them for dinner in the bistro (pay for your own meal) and then drinks will be provided from the bar from 6.30pm onwards.**

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominations of financial lodge members for the election of President, Secretary, Treasurer and five other Directors are invited to be submitted to the address on the bottom of the nomination form. A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter.

All 2015/16 Directors have indicated that they are willing to continue to hold Board positions for the next financial year, except for the Secretary, Robert Wakeling, who will retire from his position at the AGM. The Board wishes to thank Robert for his contribution to the Club.

Nominations can be made using the “**Nomination for Election of Directors Form**” and will need to be returned to the Secretary, Robert Wakeling, before 11 May 2016.

PROXIES

If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting and would like someone else to vote on your behalf, please fill in the “**Proxy Form**” and return it to the Secretary, Bob Wakeling, by 25 May 2016.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

It is with a sad heart that I have to announce the recent passing of our first (inaugural) president, Ivan Mauro. The Board wishes to express sincere condolences to Ivan’s family at this sad time.

BOOKINGS

A reminder to please read all the booking rules. Also, remember that telephone enquiries will not be regarded as a booking (rule 6), but a commitment given by telephone will be held for **three working days only**. If you have not sent the money and a completed Booking Form (ie, either the on-line Booking Form or the paper booking form) to the Booking Officer within the three working days, **you may miss out on your booking**. Please also ensure that a **properly completed booking application form** (*please print your details clearly*) is forwarded to the Booking Officer. If you have any questions, please contact the **Booking Officer, Mrs Eunice Philp on (02) 6585 5535**.

Please note that bookings made under a member’s name cannot be transferred to another person. The member must be present at the Lodge if they have booked accommodation.

Just a reminder to put the member's **unique ID** in the appropriate field when making payments for accommodation via the on-line system, and send a copy of both the booking and the payment to the Booking Officer so that a receipt can be issued. As you may have realised, a new on-line payment method has been introduced and appears to be working well.

Also, if you have a large group booking, and you are sending it in via normal post, could you please copy the booking form as many times as you need to only fill in one name per line, ensuring that the form is neatly and clearly filled in.

INTERNET SITE

Don't forget to regularly check our website for information. On the Home page there is a section on the bottom right called "**Recent Posts**" and you will find any reports or news items of interest to you, including memberships for sale. On-line mailings will also continue to members who have provided a valid email address.

SKI SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder: Junior ski-scholarships are again available for this coming season. Up to 5 will be awarded. St George Alpine Club, in its efforts to promote Skiing as a sport, offers a scholarship to the school and preschool age children of financial lodge members for them to further their pursuit of the sport. The scholarship takes the form of a money donation for the child to use in furthering their skills in the sport of skiing. This donation can be used to cover the cost of lessons, training, inter schools competition etc.

Please note this scholarship applies to skiing (down hill and cross-country) as well as snowboarding. To apply for the scholarship the child or parent must apply in writing outlining what the scholarship is going to be used for. After the scholarship has been completed, a letter from the child or the parent must be received outlining the results achieved. Applications must be received by the date of the AGM, which this year is **Thursday 26 May**. So please get writing, as we will award up to **five** scholarships per year. Please address your request to:-

The Secretary
Mr Robert Wakeling
St. George Alpine Club Limited
330 The Parkway
BRADBURY NSW 2560.

Please note that the rules regarding the awarding of Junior Ski Scholarships allow a junior, under the age of 18 (eighteen), and after 5 (five) years skiing since their last scholarship, to apply for a second scholarship. In the event of more than 7 (seven) applications, those for first time scholarships will prevail. If you have any questions please contact any of the directors.

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS

If any members have not yet paid their 2016 subscriptions, can you please pay your dues immediately using either the new website payment procedures, or make your cheques/money orders payable to "St George Alpine Club Ltd" and send to:

Mr R Philp, Membership Director
St George Alpine Club Ltd
23 Bain Place
BONNY HILLS NSW 2445

ARREARS OF ACCOMMODATION FEES

All arrears of accommodation fees will be subject to a \$30/month handling fee if they are not paid within four (4) weeks of the first day of their stay, to such a time as decided by the Board. This situation could

arise if, for example, a person decided at the last minute to stay with others who had already booked and paid for a room. If in any doubt, speak to the lodge captain for guidance. (All reasonable steps should also be taken to advise the booking officer beforehand, if possible).

CLARIFICATION RE ROOM OCCUPATION

In order to avoid any perception of discrimination on marital grounds, a member may invite their non-member friend(s) to occupy a room **with them** at ***members' rates***. This means for example, if a member has two friends in the room, all three people sharing that room would be required to pay the member rate. If in doubt, please check with the booking officer at the time of booking.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED AT LODGES

Don't forget that the Lodge Captain will require each person staying in the lodge to produce acceptable photo ID (such as Driver's Licence) at the beginning of their stay, and also the receipt issued for the booking. We trust that this procedure does not inconvenience guests of either of the lodges.

Also, we have **attendance registers** at each lodge, and each person is required to fill in their details and sign the register on the first and last days of their stay. Your cooperation in this regard would be appreciated, as there were many instances last year where people who stayed did not fill in the register.

COMMENTS ON LODGE CLEANLINESS ETC

If on arrival at the lodges, you find that your rooms are not left in a clean and tidy condition, could you please take photos and email them to the Secretary at: "**secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au**".

PROCEDURAL CHANGES AT THE LODGES

Please leave the power and water "ON" when leaving the lodges even if there is nobody due to stay in the lodges for some time.

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are currently five (5) lodge memberships for sale, including 2 "A" shares (Jindabyne) and 3 "C" share (Mt Hotham). Any members who are interested in selling their memberships (or splitting and selling), please contact the Membership Director, Bob Philp, on (02) 6585 5535. **It is important to note that if you are wanting to sell your membership, please provide contact details that you will answer regularly, as some members have found it difficult to contact the people who are trying to sell their shares.**

MEMBER LISTING

There will be a member listing attached to this Newsletter, with the name and member number attached.

Inclusions: A B & C Members: Official notification of AGM, Nomination for Director and Proxy forms, Minutes of the 2015 AGM, member's List.

The President's Report, Membership Director's Report, the Financial Accounts and other reports will be provided at the AGM.

O Members: Nil inclusions