

Christiania Ski Club
67th Annual General Meeting
25 November 2021

President's Report

I'm pleased to present the annual report for 2021 to members of the CSC in what has been a trying year given the lack of snow and lengthy Covid-19 lockdowns.

The Bad News

In addition to lockdowns, for the third year in a row there was a lack of early-season snow. Like 2019 and 2020, snow didn't arrive in great quantities until early-August, once again cancelling Derby, and just before nationwide lockdowns started, severely reducing our income for the remaining season.

Apart from being a great place to call home meet friends on the mountain, Christie is essentially an accommodation business, and the success of the club relies on the number of bed-nights we have during the season.

In 2019 we had c.1,900 bed-nights. Last year we had 20% fewer bed-nights, and this year was nearly half at 931. As a result, we incurred a deficit of c.\$20,000. Read more about this in the treasurer's report.

The list of disappointments this season also included:

- The entire mountain being closed for three weeks from mid-August to early-September
- RAL cancelling all on-mountain events for the season
- Mens' Few Days being postponed twice before going ahead with reduced numbers
- The Lodge opening late (third week of July) and closing a week early due to the warm weather and ensuing lack of snow.

In addition, we've decided to hold the AGM online for the first time ever, and tomorrow (26 November) a meeting of RAL shareholders will determine the company's ownership structure. We live in interesting times.

The Good News

Club events were remarkably successful for a season hampered by a lack of snow and lockdowns:

- We had a full house for a fun Mid-Winter Christmas celebration—thanks to Ella Buckley for her enthusiastic organisation of this revived annual fixture on the Club calendar
- The Derby Party was a great success—thanks to Rachel Ward for a huge effort!
- Ladies' Few Days squeaked in just before lockdown and was well patronised
- The Club races held 2 October were a roaring success on a perfect Spring day

- The Christiania Snowboard Team placed second in the Haensli Cup
- The Junior's Weekend was an outstanding success despite the weather— thanks again to Ella Buckley.

Improvements to the lodge and its operation were made pre-season:

- The new booking system has worked well and received positive feedback from members
- A new liner was installed in the "Centre" tank to stop the water loss experienced last year
- Two beautiful new commercial ovens were installed making Pedro one happy cook
- Fourteen comfortable new mattresses on the wide beds replaced the last of our old 1970s mattresses

Bookings, Membership and Bunkum

As I wrote last year, a massive thank you must go to the two hardest working unsung heroes of the Christie team, Jenny Muir and Gary Verberne, whose efforts in managing bookings, membership and publishing Bunkum make the most valuable parts of Christie run like clockwork year after year.

Jenny's efforts this year in dealing with postponed and cancelled bookings, and processing refunds, has been nothing short of Herculean. Gary's upbeat, effortless way of presenting members with everything they need to know through Bunkum is an equally demanding job, executed perfectly.

Developing and implementing the new booking system has been another enormous effort behind the scenes by Rik Fisk, Tracey Jones, Jenny and Gary. Thanks, folks, for your work on this exciting improvement.

Committee

Thanks also to your committee for their hard work in what has been another difficult year.

Christie continues to grow its membership and improve the accommodation on offer, but it's not possible without the efforts of a great team of volunteers.

Best wishes,



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