



## INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to invite you to become a member of Berghutte Ski Club. Membership has not been open for several years but we have recently re-opened it as we need The Club to grow stronger, introduce new members, their ideas and energy to build for the future.

Set out below is a brief description of the Club, the terms of new membership and our future plans.

We do hope you will decide to join this fantastic and very special club.

## ABOUT OUR CLUB

Berghutte Ski Club is a non-profit private sports club founded in 1958 by a group of passionate skier friends. Membership is diverse with a strong family-based orientation.

Today the Club has accommodation for up to [36] people in [12] rooms, all with en-suites. The Club also has extensive living space with upper and lower living rooms in an open plan and a separate room for billiards/table tennis etc. The Club also has superb views across the mountain and parking at the rear of the Club.

The Club enables members to pursue an array of mountain sports activities and provides friendly, affordable, quality accommodation in our well-located purposeful lodge. The Club is supported by good governance and our incredible lodge managers Toby and Susan.

The Club has a rich history of fine skiers over all ages, many who have represented Australia in International competition. Each year the Club fields strong Junior and Senior Thredbo Inter-club teams. Commonly referred to as "Berg", it has earned the respect and admiration of being one of the best clubs in Thredbo for its members and guests both on and off the slopes.

The Club members are enthusiastic people sharing a love of alpine sports and activities across a variety of mountain disciplines. Many members give freely of their time and resources to maintain and develop all aspects of the Club. The Club has about 350 members covering all ages, with historically a strong weighting of junior members to carry on the true Berg tradition of enthusiastic alpine sports participation long into the future, whilst making life-long friendships along the way.

## VALUE EXTENDS TO THE SUMMER SEASON

The Club recently seized the opportunity to open its doors and deliver a great holiday experience for all members and guests through the summer and autumn months thereby extending the value of being a Berg member. Many will say the village is at its best during these warmer months with a raft of outdoor & indoor activities and entertainment on offer. Of course, the exploding mountain biking scene is now a huge growing attraction at Thredbo. The Club has recently installed new equipment to assist the needs of biking members and guests. Bookings for yourselves, family and friends during the new summer season provide a truly unique opportunity to enjoy the Club's facilities as well as being fortunate enough to enjoy the hospitality of our chef Toby and lodge manager Susan, with food provided like no other club lodge in the mountains

## JOINING FEE

- **Full Membership (FM)** - \$25,000 with \$5,000 credited to our Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund (MIF)
  - \$20,000 joining fee being refundable on resignation once new FM member added
- **Spouse Membership** - \$7,500 with \$2,500 credited to our MIF
  - \$5,000 joining fee being refundable on resignation once new Spouse member is added
- **Junior Member 17 and under** - \$2,500 (25% of FM\* and paid 50% on joining and balance of turning 18 - thus \$5,000 in total)
  - Junior memberships are not refundable
  - \* Value of Full Membership less MIF contribution

The fact that on resignation you can recover your initial joining fee, (once a new member of same class or better is added) really sets Berghutte membership apart from most club lodges.

Adults annual subscriptions are currently \$395 for adults and \$285 for juniors and will be billed once your membership has been confirmed by the Board.

Please refer to our website [www.berghutteskiclub.com](http://www.berghutteskiclub.com) for accommodation rates and other club information.

## FUTURE PLANS

The Board has an ever-evolving plan for The Club whilst still maintaining our original objective to promote and encourage the development of the sport of skiing and other athletic sports games and pastimes of all kinds in Thredbo.

Berghutte has always been a comfortable club lodge which has been upgraded numerous times in over 60 years. Our members requirements have changed. For example, there is now a greater need for more flexible room configuration and more couples' rooms which will allow us to increase occupancy / access for members and guests. We are at the point now that our club needs some TLC and this is exactly what the Board is trying to do over the next 5 to 10 years to make it a better environment for all our members and guests.

It is expected that a combination of new members and a series of MIF levies on existing members will fund the next stages of maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. The Board has a vision to make the club even more comfortable to our members and guests. Today's challenging environment means we will need to be flexible and financially responsible in making this vision a reality.