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Hi TAC

July 2013

# The Trip Files May 2013

## The Trip Files – July 2013

For those with good snow skills, head up to **Syme Hut** and show how hardy you really are as you sit in an icebox. Of course to make it more comfortable, be sure to bring some fine food to distract you from the cold. This will be either as an overnight or day trip depending what everyone wants to do. Traditionally this trip has proved adventurous as the weather and/or conditions have never played their part - from whiteouts to near gales to blizzards.....good character building (and gear testing) stuff. Accordingly grade will be 'hard'. From the interest so far, dates will be either 13/14 or 27/28 July. Give me a call or email to register your interest.

The traditional **Slush Summit** will be late October. Time to get booked on the snowcraft courses and then practice, practice, practice. The trip is graded 'hard' due to the skills requirements ie snowcraft and sufficient subsequent experience and being confident using those snowcraft skills.

The monthly picture challenge. Each month I will publish one photo in this column, and if you think you can identify what it is/where it was taken then email me your answer.

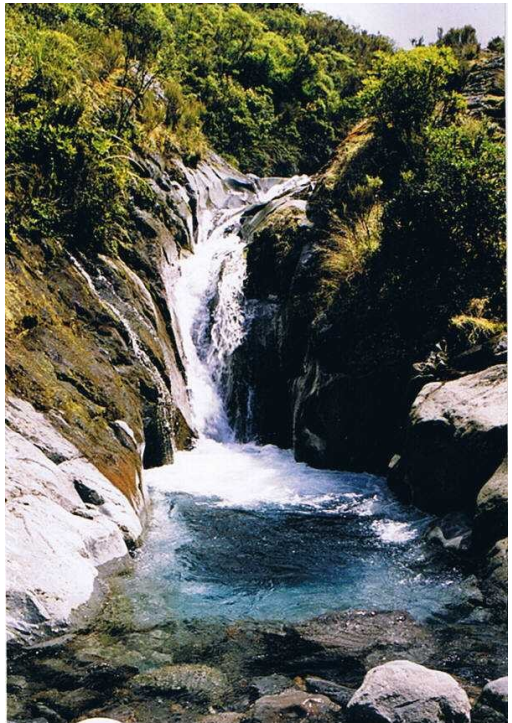
Your prize is your name here, showing how clever you are.

When I run out of photos, the winner will be the one who got the most right. No prizes, just the glory.

The only clue is that all the photos are taken in Egmont National Park.

No takers for last months photo of Graylings Clearing – perhaps too well disguised under a good dump of snow.

Now how about this picturesque spot?



*Bryan Krijger*

Trip Coordinator

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## Syme Hut – Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July or 27/28 July

Overnight or day trip depending on demand.

So it could be fine dining in the ice box, or just a good workout. Either way, bring along some good grub to make up for the cold.

All this is assuming we can find the hut (gps is wonderful), and then being able to dig our way in!

Grade: 'Big & Hard'. You'll need to have logged plenty of time in the white stuff, and must be comfortable on harder icier surfaces. Sub-zero rated sleeping bags and down jackets are a must.

Departs and returns to Dawson Falls.

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## *TRIPS AT A GLANCE 2013.....*

Date	Trip	Grade
<b>July</b>	Syme Hut	Big & Hard'
<b>October</b>	Slush Summit	Medium

**Grading of trips.** I have been asked about grading of trips, and that members maybe aren't sure whether they are up to a particular trip. Grading is a tricky and subjective thing, but what I have done is broken trips into three categories as follows:-

**'Social'** – Shorter, easier walks 3-6hrs. Average fitness, family friendly, as fast as the slowest. Eg you find walks like the Kokowai or Jacobs Ladder Circuit enjoyable and easy.

**'Medium & Challenging'** – Long, full day trips, but not especially hard. Good level of fitness. Eg able to summit and return in under 5hr30 (summer conditions) is a good benchmark; although stamina for a full day is the overriding thing here ie you can finish the day with a spring in your step.

**'Big & Hard'** – Multi day or particular experience required (such as good winter climbing skills). High level of fitness and strength. Eg able to carry a heavy pack (15kg+) for 6hrs or more and feel good the next day to do it all again.

These are fairly broad grades, and every trip is a bit different, so if in doubt call me to discuss.

## *Trips & Social*

22 June saw a Formal theme Dinner (Pot Luck) & Party at the Lodge. Mulled wine.. Great food... Great company made it a memorable night. Winter made its presence known with a dump of white stuff—just what we like.

After such a success, Joelle is organising another night at the Lodge



*"Now that the French have let you win (I had to say that, didn't I?) what about helping me celebrate the French National Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July with a pot-luck lunch at the lodge, 1pm.*

*French theme including dress code so let's dust off those berets and boys, start growing those handlebars. There may even be a French maid in attendance. I would bring some music and decorations for the lodge. "*

*Joelle*

If someone can help me with a laptop and data projector, I could even find a French movie for a movie night on Saturday 13th.

## *Winter Instruction 2013*

Grant Upson will be heading up the instruction again this year. He may be asking some of you experienced members for some help, so be ready!

Course dates are:

### **Snowcraft 1**

September 14-15

September 21-22

October 19-20

### **Snowcraft 2**

August 24-25

We'll have updated information on our [website](#) and also on our [Facebook](#) page.

We'll also have a new online registration process this year that we'll let people know about through the website and Facebook. It will mean people can register and pay online.

## DOUG BALL—Legend

One of our older members, Doug Ball is not renewing his membership this year. Now about 84 years old he is as active in tramping as he ever was and is currently trying out some lower level tramping in France for a couple of months.

Doug first joined TAC about 50 years ago when a teacher at NPBHS and was instrumental in starting a tramping club at the school. He was also active in leading some early snow-craft courses at TAC.

He has climbed Mt. Cook twice (first with his now late wife in 1956) and his main claim to fame came in 2008 when at the age of 79 he was the oldest person to have climbed Mt. Aspiring. Since then someone 2 months older than Doug has taken that honour.

These days Doug is as fit as he ever was, albeit a bit slower, but has taken to new technology like a duck to water. He carries his Samsung Galaxy everywhere with a free map download called Back Country Navigator which, with its in-built GPS has been able to point out to DOC that the Kapoiaia Track on the "Round the Mountain Track is not where its supposed to be!

Doug has donated some of his climbing gear to the club which he hopes may get some use.

*Colin Neighbours*

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# New Members

The Clubs extends a warm welcome to our new members, and we look forward to seeing you on the slopes.

New members approved as follows:

Krysten Phillips New Plymouth

Peter, Sue, Shaun & Danielle Billing, NP

Sharon, Manuel, Adam, Lauren & Alfie Luque, Oakura .

# *From Presidents Desk*

We've had a very involved start to the committee's term this year. Thank you so much to those members who have been so supportive and helpful while I fill the Presidents role; it's been very much appreciated.

We have a number of projects on at the moment. The Open Climb team has been formed for the 2014 Open Climb. This year's Open Climb was such a great event on many levels. We took 157 people to the summit with us and had a crew of 60 to do it! Plans are underway for a thank you event for all those involved this year, so watch this space!

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ivan Bruce who has done a sterling job on our concession to date. Ivan has worked with DOC, and had great support from a number of members to gather the records we need. Work is progressing well, and we should have more to report soon.

We have formed the 2013 Taurangi Renovation committee which will be chaired by Robyn Drake. The committee has provided a list of repairs that are needed and an extensive list of ideas for Taurangi. The Renovation committee will report back on their recommendations and plan.

We have another great year of Club Night presentations that I'm really looking forward to thanks to our Club Captain Phil Davies. The caliber of presentations and speakers is fantastic as always. Keep an eye on our website, and if you can make it, you won't be disappointed. Plus, and make sure you stay for supper and a chat! June's was a ripper.

Now that we have passed the first official day of winter, our Instruction Team is focused on the 2013 Snowcraft program. We have courses in August, September and October and registrations have already begun. Hopefully we have a great winter season and all our students have a great time.

It's your club, and it was great to see such strong support at the last AGM. We hope to be bringing you the opportunity to feedback on what you want and need from the club in the coming months, so when it arrives do please take the time to let us know.

*Matthew Penn*

Vice-President

**AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE 2012 –**  
**(FOR SKIERS, SNOWBOARDERS, CLIMBERS, TRAMPERS)**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Evening Lecture – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Field Day**

Taranaki Branch of the NZ Mountain Safety Council is running an Avalanche Awareness Course on the above date. The course provides the first step in gaining an appreciation of the avalanche phenomenon and what is needed to make decisions about personal safety when travelling in avalanche terrain.

The course focuses on avoiding the need for avalanche related rescue, but also dedicates time to learning the technical skills required for rescuing a companion or small party. This course involves both a lecture and a field day. It covers mountain weather, identification of avalanche terrain, basic route finding, decision making, companion rescue and safety equipment (including use of transceivers).

The lecture is held in the evening prior to the field day (Fitzroy Surf Club) and lasts around 2.5 hours. Attendance is prerequisite for the field day. The field day focuses on practical aspects and is a full day (Manganui Ski Area).

At the end of the course a "Certificate of Attendance" is issued to the participants. The cost of the course is \$150 and is limited to 12 people, contact Caroline ASAP if you are interested.

For further information or to register please contact  
Caroline Symmans (Administration Officer) on (06)7575 867 or  
email [taranaki@mountainsafety.org.nz](mailto:taranaki@mountainsafety.org.nz)

***\*\*\*Resoling old boots.\*\*\****

If you have a pair of comfortable boots with good uppers and the soles have been worn and chopped out by the scoria- help is at hand!

I have just had a comfortable pair of Asolo boot resoled. The result is fantastic. I thought that I would share the contact to get this done.

The repair shop address is: Perrett Shoe Repairs  
192 Burnett Street  
Ashburton  
Phone 027 437 5840

Call and discuss your requirements with Alan Perrett. He will advise you, although he cannot necessarily give you a quote without seeing the boots. My Asolo boots cost \$180. He tells me that Asolo boots are a little more expensive than Meindls. This is certainly a better deal than buying new boots. You can get twice the wear out of your boots before having to purchase new ones. It does rely on having uppers that are still in good order. So look after the uppers with plenty of leather food!

*Lyn White*

# Club Nights ..

## **PLEASE NOTE Club nights start at 7-30**

First Thursday of each month, 7-30pm @ Foundation for the Blind rooms, 131 Vivian St, New Plymouth

### **July 4th**

Dave Bolger

### **Deep South adventures**

For July, local climbing legend Dave Bolger will be delivering us a talk on one of his deep South adventures.

Dave has been getting some serious climbing done while living down south and his talk is bound to be an epic.



### **September 5th**

### **Shelley Hersey**

### **One of New Zealand's top female climbers - a must see**

Shelley has been a rock climber and mountaineer for the past 15 years. In that time she has steadily improved her skills and decision-making ability over a broad range of climbing terrain. And in the past five years, Shelley has decided to take her



climbing to the highest level she can achieve. In 2007, she was part of an expedition to the Indian Himalaya, and discovered that she performed particularly well at altitude, especially when compared to her more experienced team mates. Since then, Shelley has made strong inroads towards her goal of becoming one of this country's top female alpine climbers. Since the Himalayan expedition she has led a number of New Zealand alpine grade 5 climbs as well as putting up new routes, both alpine and rock. Shelley has led WI 4, and rock to grade 24 during trips to Moonarie, Arapiles and Thailand. Shelley will be giving up her time, flying up from Dunedin to deliver her talk on women in climbing and show the video of their 'Backyard and Beyond' expedition.



## *Committee Announcements*

Jonathan Crane has stepped down as President for personal family reasons for the next 6 months and possibly longer.

Matthew Penn will be taking on the Presidents role until such time as Jonathan is willing to resume the role of President.

All communications for the President should now be directed to Matthew.

Phil Davies will be looking after the Club's hire equipment.

The Club has new email addresses for committee and service positions.

See page 11 for a list of the new emails.

## *Subs overdue*

By the middle of May there still remained a large number of members who had not paid their subs. I am aware that some members deliberately leave payment to the last minute, and this may be OK, but it is worth knowing that subs become payable **IMMEDIATELY** after the AGM. This is stated in our Constitution, which also goes on to say (rather quaintly I might add) "If any member shall fail to pay his sub on or before the date one month following the AGM, notice shall be sent to him calling his attention thereto." Thus over 100 members would have received a Membership Statement with these words in red "This account is now overdue". **Any subs not paid by 1<sup>st</sup> June shall incur a penalty of 20%**

At the end of June each paid up member will receive in the mail a FMC Membership Card, plus a pamphlet outlining member discount providers. For those members who do a bit of tramping/climbing around NZ the 30% discount off the DOC Annual Back Country Pass is worth the membership on its own. We generally try to get this posted with the FMC Bulletin and latest HiTAC which is due about then.

*Colin Neighbours*

# Club Information

## NEW MEMBERS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

We welcome you to the TAC. Grant Upson is keen to help you integrate easily into club activities so give him a call if you have any questions. Joelle Xavier is our social co-ordinator and is open to any suggestions for a good get together.

## TAHURANGI LODGE

This is the TAC's premier Lodge on Mt Egmont / Taranaki. It sleeps 24, has electric heating and cooking, all cutlery, pots and pans, etc. Just like home. To get an eKey you need to complete the application form by downloading from our website.

Overnight fees are \$5 for TAC members (under 18 years \$2.50) and \$20 for non-members (under 18 years \$10). Members can buy an annual lodge pass for \$40 (under 18 years \$20) which allows them unlimited sleeps until the next AGM. Anyone who stays at Tahurangi Lodge must write in the overnight book upstairs by the fridge;

1. Their surname and initials.
2. Say TAC or non-member.
3. If under 18 please state.

Bookings by non-members or members taking a group of 5+ people should be made with the Lodge Booking Officer

The lodge subcommittee looks after all maintenance. Contact Robin Drake if you want to help, have ideas for improvements, or have found something wrong.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2013: FAMILY \$60, ORDINARY (single) \$40, STUDENT (under 18), \$30.

The subscription halves for those joining after 01 September.

For more info contact the Treasurer, Colin Neighbours (ph 753 9900).

Members with unpaid subs at end of April are sent an account overdue notice. If still unpaid by 1<sup>st</sup> June incur a penalty of 20%. Any members with unpaid subs at 1<sup>st</sup> July are removed from membership.

## GEAR HIRE - TAC Equipment Officer: Phil Davies (759 4657)

The following equipment is available for hire by TAC Club Members:

Ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harness (incl. karabiners, etc). Each item costs \$5/day or a maximum of \$10/day for 2 or more items per person. Return the gear promptly after use and you only pay for the days you actually used it. Return it late and risk paying for the complete period; Your choice.

A PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) is also available for hire and great for back country tramping or alpine climbing.

Contact the Equipment Officer AT LEAST 2 days in advance to ensure availability

## EVENTS PROGRAMME

Club nights, trips, instruction and social events are all important functions of the Club's activities – they need both support from participants as well as volunteers to lead them.

If you have suggestions for club nights contact the Club Captain, or would like to volunteer to lead a trip contact the Trips co-ordinator.

## HiTAC— Newsletter of the Taranaki Alpine Club

A monthly newsletter emailed out to club members with an email address. Also available via the Clubs website [www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz](http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz)

Any trip reports, events, gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at [hitac.tac@outlook.com](mailto:hitac.tac@outlook.com)

Each quarter the FMC ( Federated Mountain Clubs) Magazine is posted with a paper copy of the HiTAC.

# Club Contacts - OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

## Officers

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Lodge Committee	Robin Drake		

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## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Must be advised in writing – Send to the Secretary by mail to

Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth

or email [secretary.tac@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.tac@outlook.com)

## **STAYING OVERNIGHT IN THE LODGE?**

If you do you must fill in the Overnight Register which is situated upstairs next to the fridge. Please read the instructions on what information is required, particularly if you decide to pay before departure. Record this beside your name and put the money in the envelope provided. If you prefer not to pay on departure, then that is OK, because an invoice will be sent to you in due course – usually after the end of each quarter."

If you decide to take your immediate family (who normally reside with you) to the Lodge overnight, remember.....you can only claim member costs (\$5 or \$2.50) if you are registered with the Club as a "FAMILY" membership.

If you are an "ORDINARY" then your family pay the full costs (\$20 or \$10). The alternative is to change membership status by contacting the Treasurer prior to staying at the Lodge.

Colin Neighbours (Treasurer)



Sender:  
Taranaki Alpine Club  
P.O. Box 356  
New Plymouth

**Please Deliver To:**