



July 2016

Hi Folks

Welcome to the July issue of the HITAC.

Comments / opinion can be forwarded to
Hitac.tac@outlook.com

From the President's desk



If you've visited Tahurangi Lodge recently you will have noticed the new bench top oven that Greg has installed.

Just a bit more capacity than the old one, this one can turn out scones, pizza and even a roast!

We've also replaced the old sandwich press with a much more capable model.

FMC Membership cards will be mailed out to all financial members early next week. FMC no longer prints the handout listing all of the Discount providers, however you can access this from FMC website:

www.fmc.org.nz/discount-card/

If you stay in the back country huts frequently it is worth purchasing an Annual Hut Pass as your FMC card will get you 30% discount on this. Not well known is that it will also get you a 10% discount on any Great Walks bookings. There are some pretty good discount offers, so do check it out.

Chris has been busy organising dates for the club Snowcraft Instruction courses. Currently two Snowcraft One courses are planned and one Snowcraft Two course. Keep an eye on the website and facebook page for further details or you can contact Chris directly for further information.

Congratulations to Jeremy Beckers who once again achieved success in the FMC Photo Competition! You can see Jeremy's award winning photo along with the other winners in this month's FMC Bulletin, so make sure you collect yours at the July club night.

Elaine Sinton

President

Obituary – Russell Braddock

The Kiwi mountaineering community was hit this week of the sad news Russell Braddock, a well known and respected mountain guide, was killed in an avalanche in France.

Russell came from Taranaki, and learnt his mountain skills as a member of the TAC in the late '70's and early 80's. Originally trained as an accountant, he decided to "Live the Dream" and pursue a career in mountain guiding, to the envy of many of us who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those he left behind.

General Notices

A plea to members with Guiding / Instruction Qualifications

We would like to keep a database of club members with guiding or instruction qualifications. This information will assist us in planning future courses and trips and/ or making decisions to sponsor members through courses.

The exec would appreciate an email from any members who hold NZOIA (bush, alpine or rock etc), or similar qualifications.

Please forward all responses to:

vicepresident.tac@outlook.com

FMC Bulletins

There has been some feedback regarding the FMC Bulletins no longer being mailed out. If you'd like a Bulletin and you can't get to club nights, just email the Treasurer, treasurer.tac@outlook.com and we'll pop one in the post to you, no problem. There will also be some copies up at Tahurangi Lodge, so grab one if you're up there.

Coming to the 4TH WALL THEATRE, Baring Tce, 8th-10th July:

EVEREST UNTOLD

Starring Stephen Lovatt & Edwin Wright

Reinforcement that the successful summiting of Everest in 1953 was a team effort where everybody played their part is the theme that underpins **Everest Untold**.

There's a reminder too, that the expedition included a second New Zealander, alongside Ed Hillary. The play is part climbing experience, part history lesson, and part personal revelation. It features expedition leader, Sir John Hunt and the expedition's "other Kiwi" George Lowe. After becoming firm friends and climbing companions on Mount Cook, it was George, a native of the Hawkes Bay, who first suggested to Ed that they might have a crack at climbing in the Himalayas. On the 1953 Everest Expedition George and Ed climbed together in the early stages but then Ed teamed up with Tenzing and the rest is history.

Or so we thought! **Everest Untold** aims to transform our "modern understanding" of those events of sixty years ago.

You can find more details and purchase tickets through the theatre website on [4th Wall Theatre New Plymouth](http://www.4thwalltheatre.co.nz)

Lodge Lockers – Still need yours?

If there are any locker holder who are willing to relinquish their locker, please let Phillip Andrews know HiTAC.TAC@outlook.com or the Treasurer.

There are a limited number available, and we need to make best use of them.

CLUB WINTER TRIPS

Thanks to all those who turned out for our June club night and helped agree the basic structure for re-introducing some winter trips. Please read on to discover more and get yer crampons, ice axe & helmets at the ready!

The winter trips are for club members who have completed at least Snow Craft 1 (or equivalent) and are keen to practice their skills with others. These trips are not instructional yet will be led by an experienced Trip Leader(s). The trips are 'free' - except of course for your own costs of equipment, transport, fuel, food and accommodation. Car sharing is highly encouraged and the club will suggest accommodation where necessary for overnight trips - the Trip Leader or Trips Officer will help facilitate this yet please be ready to organise your transport & accommodation once trip attendees are confirmed.

Your input is key to the success of our trips! So please forward any suggestions or improvements to trips to our Trips Officer, Sophie Tucker committe2.tac@outlook.com or 021 597709.

Info will also be provided on www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz and our facebook page.

Tongariro Summit Weekend



Following on from the success of our Mt Ngauruhoe winter summit last year, this time we will be aiming to summit Mt Tongariro!

When: 16 - 18 September (reserve weekend 23 - 25 September)

Where: Tongariro National Park

Trip Leader: Scott Chamberlain

Level of Difficulty: Beginner / Intermediate

Proposed Accommodation: tbc, National Park

Basic itinerary:

o Fri - drive to National Park

o Sat - full day beginner-intermediate hike to Tongariro Summit from Mangatepopo car park & return

o Sun - free day to do 'whatever' pending energy levels etc – then drive home

Options: Trip Leader & route for Intermediate/Advanced sought -please contact Sophie if you're keen to lead this option

Interested? Please contact Sophie Tucker, committe2.tac@outlook.com, 021 597709 for further details and confirm your place.



Taranaki Snow Cave Weekend

In response to Alec Heilbron's great slides and many enthusiastic nods at our June club night, a snow cave weekend has been planned to provide some potentially life-saving experiences as well as no doubt much fun!

When: 27 – 28 August (reserve weekend 3 – 4 September)

Where: Taranaki

Trip Leaders: Alec Heilbron & Greg Banks

Level of Difficulty: Beginner / Intermediate

Proposed Accommodation: the snow cave you have built!

Basic itinerary:

o Sat – walk to TAC Lodge for pre-briefing – hike to snow cave location and build snow cave for dinner, bed & breakfast

o Sun – leave snow cave – hike back to TAC Lodge & back to North Egmont car park

Options: Overnighting in the snow cave is part of the experience and very much encouraged, those who wish to overnight at the Lodge to discuss with the Trip Leader in advance.

Interested? Please contact Sophie Tucker, committe2.tac@outlook.com, 021 597709 or

Alec Heilbron 027 653 6911 for further details and confirm your place.

Taranaki Weekend Day Hikes

These Saturday or Sunday day hikes are aimed to provide regular opportunities to improve your snow craft skills and meet other club members. The hikes are adhoc and will be announced approx mid-week via our facebook page and via email to club members, pending weather and Trip Leader availability.

We are seeking experienced club members who would like to volunteer to be a Trip Leader for one or two of these days hikes for the winter season. Once we have a list of keen Trip Leaders, a mid week phone call will determine who, when & where a day hike will take place. A bit like 'pot luck' weekend hikes -watch this space!

When: A couple of Saturdays or Sundays per month

Where: Taranaki

Trip Leaders: various

Level of Difficulty: Beginner / Intermediate

Proposed Accommodation: n/a – these are generally day hikes – although optional hut or lodge stays may occur...

Basic itinerary:

o Weds/Thurs – trip is announced via facebook page and via email to club members – details will be provided separately by email to those who respond – limit on numbers / first come first served may apply

o Sat or Sun - beginner-intermediate hike at a location tbc each week pending weather and Trip Leader

Options: n/a

Interested in being a Trip Leader for these local day hikes? Please contact

Sophie Tucker, committe2.tac@outlook.com, 021 597709

Interested in attending a day hike? Keep an eye on our facebook page and your email and we'll go from there..... !

Sophie Tucker

Club Nights...

PLEASE NOTE Club nights start at 7:30pm

First Thursday of each month, at the Foundation for the Blind rooms,
131 Vivian St, New Plymouth

July 7th : John Jordan

Join us for an evening with long time club stalwart John Jordan, as he regales us with stories of the 1960s climbing scene; big changes in style, (now) unorthodox home-made protection, and sneaky import restriction avoidance strategies.

And for all of you aspiring alpinists and snow craft attendees; John will also be talking about the massive range of climbing available on Taranaki and in the Southern Alps.

August 3rd : PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY 3rd August

At Event Cinema 5 6-30pm

August sees the return of TAC's annual movie night.
We will be presenting a selection from this year's NZ Mountain Film Festival.
-\$10/person for all -Ticket sale venue TBC via Taranaki Alpine Club Facebook page and website

September 1st : TBA

October 6th :Clarissa Batchelor – in Nepal with Children

November 3rd : Open Climb Induction

December 1st : President's shout and photo comp

New Members

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

Mandy Lambert New Plymouth

Ying & Barry Cox , Urenui

Benjamin Hill , New Plymouth

Amy Baggetta, New Plymouth

Samuel Cooper, New Plymouth

Chris, Nikki, Ollie & Thomas Wheatley, New Plymouth

Aaron Doherty, Christchurch

Club Information

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. Members can request an eKey by completing the application available from the Club's website.

Overnight fees are \$45 for non-members. Members free.

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.

Bookings by non-members or members taking a group of 5+ people should be made with the Lodge Booking Officer, or by booking online via the Club's website.

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

If you find you can't get into the Lodge because of an eKey failure or you have locked yourself out etc., phone either the Club Secretary, or the Lodge Booking Officer.

Contact info on Web page. They may be able to help by supplying the current access code.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2016: FAMILY \$60, ORDINARY (single) \$40, STUDENT (under 18), \$30.

The subscription halves for those joining after September 1st

For more info contact the Treasurer.

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

GEAR HIRE - TAC Equipment Officer:

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 A monthly newsletter emailed out to club members with an email address. Also available via the Clubs website www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz

Any trip reports, events, gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at hitac.tac@outlook.com

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

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

Tahurangi Lodge

General info

<http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/lodge.html>

Bookings

<http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/bookings.html>

Club Contacts

<http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/contacts.html>



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