



August 2016

Hi Folks

Welcome to the HiTAC.

Comments / opinion can be forwarded to

Hitac.tac@outlook.com

From the President's desk



If you haven't seen them already, do take a look at the photos on the club's Facebook page of the huge avalanche that swept down through Hongis last Saturday night; certainly generating a lot of comment!

The only Level Two Snowcraft Course has now been held and Chris tells me both Level One courses are fully booked. The Caving trip has also proved popular and is also now fully booked, thanks Alec, Greg and Sophie. Don't forget to contact Sophie if you are interested in heading over to Central Plateau during the weekend of 16-18 September, also filling up fast. Sophie is organising a variety of options for all skill levels, should be a fantastic weekend!

I hope you've all called into Macpac and purchased your tickets for the NZ Mountain Film Festival night at Event Cinemas on Wednesday 3 August (replacing our usual Thursday club night). Joelle has selected some brilliant movies for us. The inaugural Great Scone Bake-off held at the Lodge proved popular, and after all voting was counted, Irene Krutz and Greg Banks were the joint winners of the trophy. See Joelle's report elsewhere in this newsletter. Unfortunately the Scone Bake-off had a few unexpected side effects on the Lodge power and webcams! You can read the full story on our facebook page. Do make sure you get up the hill and enjoy the snow. It's been a while coming and who knows how long it will stay.

Elaine Sinton

President

General Notices

Going Bush with Steve

Our new gear officer Steve Ritson is updating his Outdoor Qualifications obtained overseas, to the NZ equivalent. To that end Steve would like to know if there are there any club members who would like to go bush for a few hours and talk about trees and birds etc!!... If you are keen, do get in touch with Steve on 0226573089 or geordie1974@hotmail.com. He would love to hear from you!

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.

CLUB WINTER TRIPS

Our club winter trips are really starting to take shape! Thanks to all who have assisted with ideas as well as offering to be trip leaders - it really makes a huge difference to receive your input. Please read on to discover more and get yer crampons, ice axe & helmets at the ready!

Our 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 our Trips Officer, Sophie Tucker committee2.tac@outlook.com or 021 597709.

Info is also kept as up-to-date as possible 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! Only four spaces remain available for this trip so please confirm your booking soon if you're keen!

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

Where: Tongariro National Park

Trip Leaders: Scott Chamberlain & Grant Upson

Level of Difficulty: Beginner / Intermediate (for Advanced - see below 'Options')

Proposed Accommodation: Pipers Lodge (and others as per availabilities), National Park

Basic itinerary:

- o Fri - drive to National Park
- o Sat - full day beginner-intermediate hike to Tongariro Summit from Mangetopopo 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, committee2.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! This trip is now fully booked and a waiting list is in preparation.

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:

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

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, committee2.tac@outlook.com, 021 597709 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. Apologies that July day hikes didn't happen folks - I'm hoping to ramp it up a bit for August. 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, committee2.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

*August sees the return of TAC' s annual
movie night.*

***August 3rdth : PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY 3rd August
At Event Cinema 5 at 6-30pm***

We will be presenting a selection from this year's NZ Mountain
Film Festival.

[New Plymouth Events Cinema 5](#)

\$10/person // Tickets available from [New Plymouth Macpac](#) store,
28 Devon Street West.

Host: Joëlle

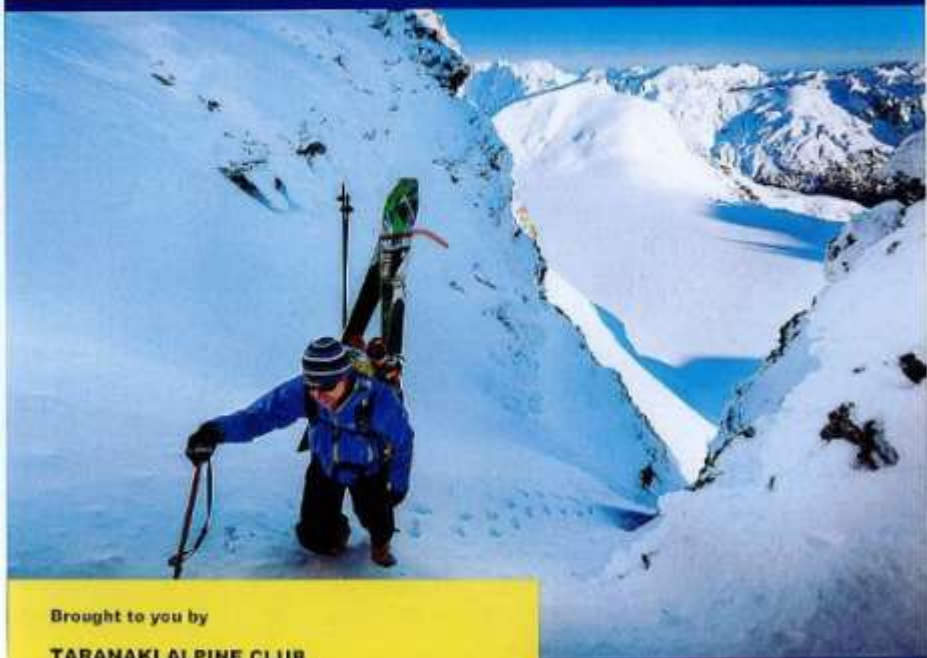
September 1st : TAC Gear night

***October 6th :Clarissa Batchelor – in Nepal with
Children***

November 3rd : Open Climb Induction

December 1st : President's shout and photo comp

BEST OF NZ MOUNTAIN FILM AND BOOK FESTIVAL



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TARANAKI ALPINE CLUB

WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST - 6.30PM

NEW PLYMOUTH EVENTS CINEMA 5

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MACPAC

(28 Devon Street West) TICKETS \$10/PERSON

PRESENTING PARTNER

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**NZ Mountain
Film & Book Festival**

www.mountainfilm.net.nz

The Big Scone Bake Off, Tahurangi Lodge, 16th July 2016

The prospect of a blustery cold trip up didn't deter a large group of club members to head to Tahurangi Lodge one July weekend to demonstrate their culinary abilities.

The very social Big Scone Bake-Off on Saturday **9th** turned into the carbo-loading affair of the century with pot-luck dinner following straight after to celebrate Glenys and Jeremy's birthdays. And yes, people kept on eating with the left-overs reappearing at breakfast. Following the feast, a very replete member enthusiastically suggested a moonlight stroll to walk off the starch but quickly ended up firmly wedged in an armchair to play cards.

All in all, a wonderful and friendly occasion.

Thank you Greg for organising. What's cooking next?



OTNZ Outdoor Training New Zealand



Love the outdoors? Do you want to make sure you have the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to enjoy the outdoors safely?

Then Outdoor Training New Zealand (OTNZ) may be able to help. OTNZ has a branch in Taranaki that is able to offer one on one or small group instruction to build your bushcraft skills. These practical sessions include navigation, map and compass are held out in the field.

All our volunteer instructors are locals, with a vast knowledge of our mountain and surrounding areas. They are fully qualified instructors with industry standards qualifications.

For more information about our courses go to our website

<http://www.outdoortraining.nz> or contact Gail at otnz.taranaki@gmail.com

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New Members

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

Esther Berg, Michael Smith, Alex & Cassidy Laurie , New Plymouth

Andrew Griffiths & Lucy Hinton, Oakura

Edward Radcliffe, New Plymouth

Steven & Jayne Bright, Inglewood

Nathan Long, New Plymouth

Alexandra Vernal, New Plymouth

Dan Valapert, New Plymouth

Sven Sahin, Stratford

Andrew Darney, New Plymouth

Nicholas O'Neill & Charlotte Ralphs, New Plymouth

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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