



September 2016

Welcome to the HiTAC.

FMC newsletter attached at end of the HiTAC

Comments / opinion can be forwarded to

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From the President's desk

First up some important dates to note in your diary: The induction briefing for the Open Climb will be held at the November club night, so that is Thursday 3 November, 7.30 pm at the Blind

Foundation Rooms. If you would like to help out with the Open Climb, you must attend this induction briefing, as part of our Safety Management Plan. The Open Climb will be held on Saturday 18 February 2017 (reserve date of Sunday 19 Feb). The Safety Management Plan is available on the Club Website on the Open Climb page if you would like to do some reading prior to the Induction briefing.

I am pleased to tell you that we now have a full Exec Committee to run the TAC, with Stephen Miller and Ben Hill coming on board, Ben taking on the role of Treasurer.

Things are ticking along nicely for the planned upgrade of the downstairs area of Taurangi Lodge. The Lodge Committee have

been meeting regularly and are currently working on the pricing of all aspects of the job. It is anticipated that the work will take place late this summer with the end result being much better use made of the downstairs space.

If you're going over to Central Plateau with Sophie mid-month, have a great weekend! And if you're snow caving with Alec and Greg I hope you've got plenty of bods to keep your cave cosy!

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

Here's the winter trips update. Please keep a keen eye on our facebook page for updates too. Please contact Sophie Tucker, committee2.tac@outlook.com or 021 597709 if your interested in any of the below or have ideas for future trips - we're keen to hear from you! Summer trips planning is soon to start....

Our winter trips are for club members who have completed at least Snow Craft 1 (or equivalent), are keen to practice their beginner/intermediate winter skills, meet other like minded people and have some laughs! Our 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 we will suggest accommodation where necessary for overnight trips, so please be ready to organise your transport & accommodation.

Taranaki Weekend Day Hikes September & October

Please contact Sophie if you're keen on the following full day hikes:

- Saturday 15th October (reserve date Sun 16th October) - Fanthams Peak / Syme Hut
- Saturday 29th October (reserve date Sun 30th Oct) - Taranaki 'slush summit'

In addition, adhoc Saturday or Sunday day hikes will be announced on facebook during September & early October. These trips are pending weather and trip leader availability. A bit like 'pot luck' - keep your backpack ready to go!

Tongariro Summit Weekend

We've had a fantastic response to our Tongariro Summit weekend and are now fully booked with a growing waiting list. Briefing information has been issued so if you have any queries, or would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Sophie (details above). Scott Chamberlain & Grant Upson have

kindly taken on the trip leader roles for this weekend - thanks guys. We'll let you know how it went in the next HiTAC!



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

September 1st : TAC Gear night

Need some sweet new winter hardware? Maybe some new soft goods? Or perhaps you've got some old-but-good gear you want to sell to another club member?

Come along to the TAC gear night this September for a gander at some new gear, or to sell your old gear.

There are more outfits to be confirmed, but so far we have:

- Singing Rock (Steve Ritson)

Know another local who distributes gear? Get them to email Chris at <mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com> about being included in the night.



October 6th :Clarissa Batchelor – in Nepal with Children

November 3rd : Open Climb Induction

December 1st : President's shout and photo comp

January 5th :

February 2nd : Dave Clough – Crozier in Antarctica

Dave's talk will cover a number of Husky trips in the

Ross Island area culminating in an attempted sled trip around Mt Terror to Cape Crozier on Ross Island, Retracing the sledging trip undertaken by Scott's men in the winter of 1911, as documented in Cherry-Garrard's Antarctic classic book "The Worst Journey in the World".

Outlining Captain Francis Crozier's place in Polar history and his part in the disastrous "Franklin Expedition".



New Members

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

Sam Batchelor, New Plymouth

Kent Hutchins, Hastings

Isaac Owen, New Plymouth

Elijah Hill, Urenui

Emma Thompson, Oakura

Lost on the Mountain

From: matthieu.vignes@gmail.com

Date: Mon, 22 Aug 2016 21:41:26 +1200

Subject: Taranaki climb and material lost

Hi there,

Just to let you know about an ascent I made last Saturday on the East Ridge.
Excellent conditions.

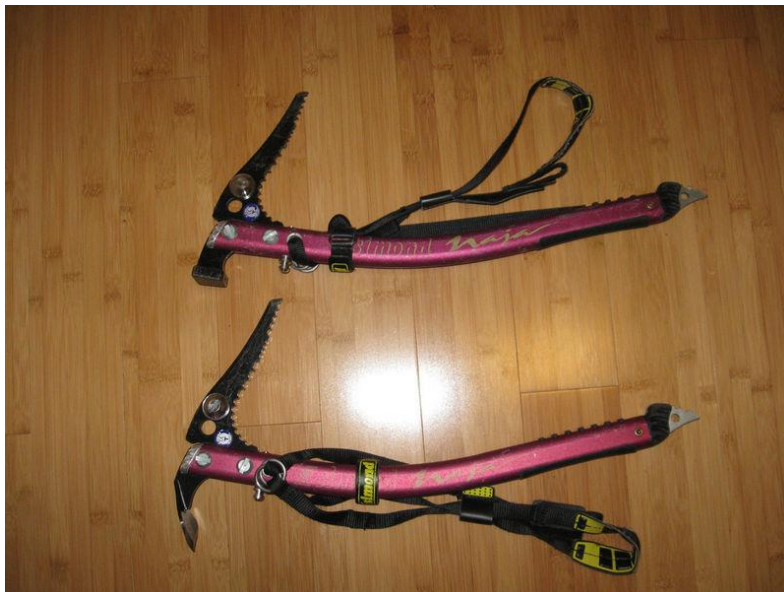
Big mistake by me on the way down, wanted to ski it and the reco on the way up let me think I could make my way staggering in the face starting from the North East to avoid icy bits. Worked well until I was trapped in the clouds well below 2,100m (last check on my altimeter) and couldn't see a thing. Too steep to get the crampons on so tried to go slowly and carefully but had a big slip down, I stopped ~1,750m with nothing too serious. I know I have been VERY lucky. In the fall, I broke a ski (not even sure I can get it fixed, know of anyone I could bring the ski to for I know whether it is good for a man's cave exhibition or if there is still some hope). And lost my 2 faithful ice tools (bag lashes were just destroyed) !! Also a red, blue and white beanie hat of Norway too which had sentimental value.

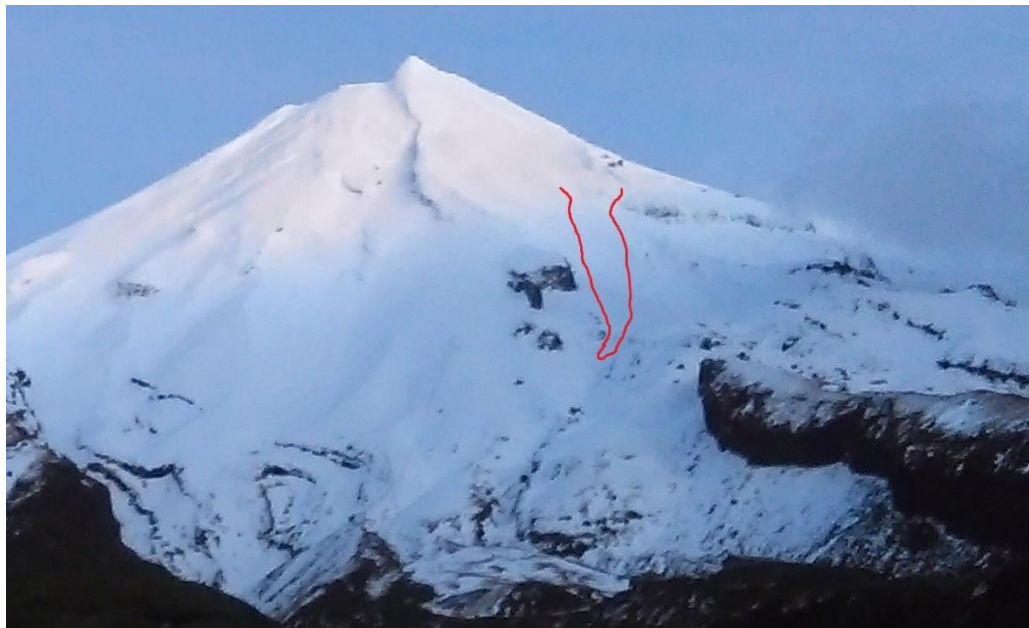
I attach a photo of the model and the area where they might be (could not have gone past me), in case a climber finds them:

- most importantly tell them not to be looking for the corresponding climber, he was back to Palmy,
- if he is happy to put them anywhere, I would come and get them asap and offer at least a bottle of champagne per axe!!

Thank you for your time. Will make sure I get noticed in a much more clever way next time :-/ ! Best wishes,

Matthieu





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

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Club Contacts

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