



HiTAC June 2019

Hi Folks, welcome to the latest issue of the HiTAC.

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From the President's Desk

Hi all,

Right, so we've had the chill in the air, filed crampons to needles, now waiting, waiting, waiting, staring at a bony, arid pile of shingle... Where's the white stuff?!

Well, turns out the best way to precipitate winter storms is to meticulously plan a party at the lodge for the birthday celebrations, which according to the forecast, are going to be under the first decent snow dump for the year. Whatever, we're having one anyway. So put on your snowshoes and see you all at the lodge on Sunday night. Wind, snow or shine.

Hey but despite the less than wintry weather, we've made the most of the lingering summer, with a successful club rock trip to KBay, resulting in a bunch of routes climbed and several requests for a repeat visit soon. In that regard watch this space, I'm open to temptation for a winter rock weekend at the same venue, particularly if the snow doesn't behave.

Also the lodge rebuild is now officially complete, on the books anyway. Minor tinkering will continue, but the job is done. Well done to the team who put in so many hours to this project.

Lots more in the coming months too, starting with Greg Sharman's club night next week, covering his trip to K2 base camp. Always good to hear back from members climbing overseas.

Our club Buddy walks start up again once the snow arrives. This is one of Alec Heilbron's better ideas, where an experienced club member, usually Alec, makes themselves available on a given weekend to go on a relatively low difficulty, but nonetheless entertaining cruise about some of the lesser frequented localities and provides a bit of advice, along with a liberal sprinkling of anecdotes. Targeted at those new climbers, those getting back into condition, or those that want to marvel at the durability of climbing clothing produced in the late 1980s, these trips are highly recommended. Contact Angela Hampton // committee4.tac@outlook.com for details and dates.

Here's hoping the snow comes soon, see you out there!

Ivan Bruce

President

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Banff Film Festival

Banff this year is June the 14th, Friday as usual and City West Church again. Tickets the same price, \$20 as last few years. Costs have gone up and other areas are charging more, we kept our price the same this year, expect an increase next year,

Tickets at Macpac again, we will let you know when they go on sale.

Lodge Birthday - Renovations Celebration

Queen's Birthday Weekend Monday 3rd June

This year there is a Combined celebration for the Lodge Birthday, and the completion of the downstairs renovations.

Come and join us on Monday 3rd of June at 1.00pm for the usual cake cutting, Mulled wine, eats and lots of good company.

There are no bookings for the Lodge for the weekend, so there is plenty of space available. Get your TAC mates together and make a weekend of it.

Lodge Movie Night

Very Popular event.



Movie Night at Tahurangi Lodge

Saturday 20th July 2019

Pot Luck Dinner followed by a selection of short movies



Bring pre dinner snacks, drinks and your contribution to the pot luck dinner.

All welcome. The more the merrier.

Organisers - Gail 021 733281 Glen 021843047

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

Trekking to K2 base camp

From the Karakorum Highway to the Throne Room, 5 of the 8000m peaks, the Trango Towers and not a cold beer insight.



July 4th
Michael Brewer

Rescues without Helicopters!

25 years ago I became involved with caving and Cave SAR when moving to Nelson and becoming a father took me off the mountains.

Since then I have been involved in multiple cave rescues and have been both a rescuer and a rescuee.

In 2007 I had the misfortune of being the subject of what turned out to be New Zealand's largest underground rescue when a boulder hit me and broke my pelvis. This resulted in a 3 day round the clock rescue involving over 100 cavers.

Using this rescue and others I hope to outline the shape of cave rescue in NZ today illustrating this with lots of interesting and pretty photos. I may even convince you that this sport has some redeemable features!





Club Trips

Our club trips aim to give you the opportunity to practice your alpine & mountaineering skills, get to know Mt Taranaki (and in some cases other awesome NZ mountains), meet other like-minded people and have some laughs!

they know reasonably well and meet the above trip aims. Each trip participant is expected to be self-sufficient on the mountain, have the skills to undertake the trip, know the gear to bring and, participate under their own risk and responsibility.

Our trips are of course also weather/conditions dependent. Where possible we try to have a reserve date in case weather changes things. We do not charge for our trips although everyone pays for their own gear, equipment, transport, fuel, food, and in some cases accommodation. If we stay anywhere other than Tahurangi Lodge we'll suggest a preferred option as it's always great if everyone stays at the same place.

Special note for winter trips in snow/ice conditions. These trips are for club members who have completed at least Snow Craft 1 (or equivalent). If you need to hire equipment please do so in advance via TAC Gears Officer (contact details at end of this HiTAC and on our website).

If you're interested in coming on any of the below trips, or would like to lead a trip, please contact Trips Coordinator Ange Hampton on committee4.tac@outlook.com for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our facebook page for trip updates too!

Upcoming Club Trips

May – June 2019

No trips are planned for these months. Meanwhile, we will be organising our winter trips programme

Winter Snow craft courses

It's great to see plenty of interest in snow craft 1 and 2 for this season. Dates are still pending instructor availability and completion of our safety plan requirements, but will likely be mid-July to mid-August.

Snow craft 1 will be first in, first served as usual.

If you're interested in a snow craft 2 spot, please get your climbing CV up to date and sell us on your readiness to take the next step; we'll be looking for solid winter days in lots of conditions (specifically not just on Taranaki), technical climbing skills and ropework, at least your own B2 boots, and most if not all of your own general mountaineering gear.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Thanks
Steve

Recent Club Trips

Report on Club Trip to Kawakawa Bay - Ivan Bruce.

The TAC rock weekend at Kawakawa Bay went off as planned and was, by any measure, a great success. Crisp, dry weather; great rock; a mix of routes climbed, including single and multi pitch trad and sport routes.

Perfect weather for camping on the beach made for a pleasant evening and sunset meal.

The scope for pushing your climbing seems endless at K Bay and I'm sure everyone came away with list of future projects. We will certainly run this trip again sometime this year. Let the Club Captain know if you are interested. Don't miss out.





FOR SALE

Women's Asolo 535 tramping boots.
Hardly worn as they are too small for me.
Size 39.5, UK 6 or US 7.5.
\$250.00 or nearest offer. \$450 new at Bivouac.
Phone Dot on 0273082407

New Members

We Welcome the following to the Club, and look forward to seeing them on the Mountain, and at Club events

Subscribe	Past Issues	Translate ▼
Mike	Carter	New plymouth
Rose & Ron	Young	Inglewood
Konrad	Taylor	Inglewood

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 President, or the Lodge Booking Officer. Contact info on Web page. They may be able to help by supplying the current access code.

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2017: FAMILY \$65, ORDINARY (single) \$45, STUDENT (under 18), \$35. The subscription halves for those joining after September 1st For more info contact the Treasurer.

Enquiries to : treasurer.tac@outlook.com

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. We also have (new) 6mm Prussic Cord for sale to club members at \$2 per meter. 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.

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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

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