



## HiTAC May 2019

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

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## From the President's Desk

Hi all,

Feeling a chill in the air? Maybe you've noticed the first dustings on the summit? So it's sending season for the unfinished summer rock projects and time to run the file over the crampons you dumped in the bottom of the wardrobe after slush summit!

The instruction team will be gearing up for the snow craft 1 and 2 courses this month and will release details on the club face book page when finalised. For snow craft 1 it will be a case of first in first served. So keep an eye out for confirmation of dates and contact the Club Captain if you start getting nervous. Spaces usually fill up rapidly.

We will be running a slightly different system for snow craft 2 this year, where we'll be taking expressions of interest and asking for applicants to demonstrate that you have progressed since snow craft 1. We're not trying to be elitist but after a minor injury last year to a participant that probably could have done with a bit more experience in the white stuff before taking the course, we need to be sure that people can manage. Nothing too heavy, but we will expect applicants to have progressed on the slopes in your own time since snow craft 1; to have all your basic rope work learnt from the past climbing season; good confidence on moderately steep snow and ice; and your own (properly fitted) crampons, boots and axe. So work up a resume and talk to the instruction team about the course ASAP.

This should get out to the members in time to put out a final notice that the rock instruction/social climbing weekend at Kawakawa Bay, near Kinloch is **all go**. One of NZs best rock climbing venues with plenty of range for any level of climber. Not to mention a pretty lush bush walk or mountain bike ride in as well. Again, contact Club Captain for further details and car pooling options.

Sophie Tucker has stepped down as trips organizer this year and has handed that role over to Ange Hampton. Ange is working up trip dates for the coming season, including the Tongariro/Ruapehu trip now so please contact Ange at [committee4@outlook.com](mailto:committee4@outlook.com) for any Club trip related queries.

This month's club night will be the annual catch up with DOC to discuss happenings in the park. So here's your opportunity to ask questions and give feedback to our partners on the mountain. This will be held at our usual venue, the Blind Foundation on Vivian St.

Don't forget that the Lodge birthday is Monday 3 June Queens Birthday Weekend. The lodge will be booked for members on the night of the 2nd June. Cake cutting is at noon Monday.

Subscriptions renewal forms should now be in your mailbox, thanks to everyone for paying promptly.

## Ivan Bruce

President

[president.tac@outlook.com](mailto:president.tac@outlook.com)

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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.

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## Beginners Learn to Climb Course

This course is designed for beginners and people who have tried climbing a few times and wish to learn more. It is a great starting place for learning some basic techniques for climbing and indoor top rope belaying.

This course covers top rope climbing, belaying with gri gris and ATCs, rope management skills, understanding of good communication and buddy checks, the differences between climbing on slabs, vertical and overhanging walls, understanding of all hand holds and ways to use them and the development of good foot work to improve balance.

- When: 17th and 24th May 6:30-8:30pm.
- Cost: \$60 (10% discount for Alpine Club Members)

limited to first participants please register at <https://forms.gle/5xZd5JoxRdEZKyCH9> to reserve your spot

### Adult Learn to Climb Registration

Event Date: Fridays 17th and 24th of May, 2019 6:30-8:30pm (arrive from 6:00pm onwards)

Event Address: 83 Liardet St Contact us at (06) 758-3666 or [mail@ymccatranaki.org.nz](mailto:mail@ymccatranaki.org.nz)  
[forms.gle](https://forms.gle)

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## Black Diamond Climbing Shoe Demo

Try before you buy and get advice on size, fit and performance.

• When: Thursday 9th May 5:30-8:30pm

• Cost: from \$8.50 for bouldering, (10% off for alpine club members)

Event Address: YMCA 83 Liardet St Contact us at (06) 758-3666 or [mail@ymccatranaki.org.nz](mailto:mail@ymccatranaki.org.nz)

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## Social Events

### Lodge Birthday - Renovations Celebration

### Queen's Birthday Weekend Monday 3rd June

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## 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

### **May 2nd Annual catch up with DOC**

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## 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!

It is important to note that our club trips are not instruction courses or formal guided events. Our Trip Leads are experienced club members who kindly volunteer their time to share a route 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](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com) for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our facebook page for trip updates too!

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## Upcoming Club Trips

### Winter Trips Programme

We are currently organising our winter trips programme so keep an eye out for more information on these

## Kawakawa Bay

### This Weekend !!

So this weekend is still a go for climbing at Kawakawa Bay!!... Great opportunity for instruction on great routes either top roped, learning trad or sport by great experienced instructors.

We'll be meeting up at 8am at Kinloch Saturday morning and boat over for the gear with us walking!!... Most of us will travel Friday night and crash at Kinloch.

Great climbing and sociable weekend. Don't forget your tent and beer!!

Get in touch with me, club captain (Steve Ritson) if you need gear or any other details ASAP!

See ya there!!

[captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com)

## Fri – Sun 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – Weekend Trip

### Mt Ngauruhoe Winter Summit – limited places available

Following on from our last 4 years of hugely successful winter trips to National Park, this year will see us attempting a summit of Mt Ngauruhoe with the possibility of a crater rim traverse. This trip is beginner level and suitable if you have recently completed Snowcraft 1. TAC will



Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Ange ([committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)) for further details. There is no reserve weekend; we will have a wet weather / gear test plan in case of poor weather.

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## Recent Club Trips

### Carrington Ridge Summit – Saturday 30th March

## 2019

The Carrington Ridge Trip was an unexpected success after a series of false starts and numerous threats to turn back. We left North Egmont in rain, which lifted gradually above the tussock by the time we got to Holly Hut. Finally found the overgrown track before heading into the clouds. These lifted again just above the Sawtooth and finally cleared by the time we topped out below the summit rocks.

Might retire this club trip unless the lower Carrington track gets a bit of work; leatherwood and astelia regrowth made for heavy work.







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## New Members

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

Mora Family (Neil, Rachel, Ben & Emily)	Wellington
Ulrike (Ulli) Prante	New Plymouth
Helen Rose	Inglewood
Sunil Penumarthy	New Plymouth
Benjamin Stables	New Plymouth
Kate & Nathaniel Beetham	new plymouth
Emma Kate Glucina	New Plymouth
Callum Buchanan-Brown	New Plymouth
Sean Husband	new plymouth
Anne Ryan	new plymouth
Beau Phillips	new plymouth
HancockFamily (Moana, Ross, Ava & Arna)	Stratford

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Hi Trampers

A message from Jared Coombes, DOC Taranaki:

I need the eyes and ears of everyone to help us get on top of what goats are left on the Mountain. We are now at the point where hunters are really struggling to find them. We're confident in saying there's less than 100 goats left, with those being predominately on the Pouakais. If anyone sees, hears or smells a goat within or near the National Park, or know of someone that has, Droughty or myself would like to know immediately so we can respond. This includes weekends and public holidays. This is especially important for VC staff, hut wardens, and the ranger on standby.

If a goat or sign of a goat has been observed, ideally we would get the following information:

a GPS location (or a really good location description)

type of observation i.e. goats seen/heard/smelt, goat prints seen.

If the reported observation is of goat poo seen, a photo would be handy. Quite common to mistake hare poo for goat poo, especially in the tussock or low scrub.

number of goats

colour of the goat/s.

If the information is second hand, a contact number for the original observer would be really helpful too.

We will use muzzled dogs to respond to any sightings of goats from that point until roughly February 2020 when we will start the final push to eradication.

Jared Coombes 0272159199

Please forward this email around to anyone you think relevant. The wider its circulated the better.

Any questions let me know.

Cheers,

Jared

Jared Coombes

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## 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>

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](mailto: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.

## HiTAC— Newsletter

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)

## 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)

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