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## Special online clubnight event this THURSDAY



# HiTAC

## April 2020

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

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## From the President's Desk

Glum times for the outdoors types this month, hope you're all managing to keep sane.

Needless to say there won't be much happening for the TAC this month, all outside club activities are effectively on hold until we get the all clear to head out again. The lodge is, and this should be pretty clear to all by now, closed for all but emergency services .

We will however be trying out an online club night this Thursday night. See the trips section for details.

Anyone interested in getting involved in club trips, please get in touch with Ange. When we get the all clear to head back out into the hills again there'll no doubt be a surge of enthusiasm so we can spend this downtime in preparation. If there is somewhere you've wanted to go, or a trip you think you might like to lead, let Ange know and we'll get it going.

Likewise, our club captain needs to be kept busy, so those interested in doing Snow Craft 1 and 2 this year, need to email or phone Steve and get you place on the courses booked. These fill up fast.

For what it is worth, my advice for surviving the lock down is to lay off the stay at home training challenges. After initially thinking I was going to spend the lock down in an intense monk like training regime and emerge even stronger than ever, I tweaked my finger pulley (again) on the first day of door frame pull ups and have rapidly given over to trying to rest up for the winter season instead.

So I'm taking the advice of Andy Kilpatrick who when asked how he keeps up is endurance between projects he stated,

*"I don't. I have a very schizo life, and often let my body go fallow for long periods, get fat, etc. The upside of this is that at 46 I've no injuries that are dogging me while my peers are pretty much wrecked."*

Stay home folks, stock take your climbing gear, sharpen your tools, spend hours online to find the perfect article of subtly branded apparel, take it easy, see you in month.

**Ivan Bruce**

**El Presidente!**

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## April Club Night Online Speaker Event

**Dr Sara Gordon: Himalayan Expeditions**

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Dr Sara Gordon will be speaking online via Zoom to members about her Himalayan Expeditions. She was the Expedition Doctor for Adventure Consultants Everest Expedition in 2019. Her talk will cover the climbing, base camp set up, altitude and more.

If you would like to hear Dr Sara Gordon talk please contact Ange Hampton on [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com) prior to Thursday so she can have you set up for this online event.

Never used Zoom and no clue how to be able to listen to this talk? Let Ange know as she will be making a video that shows you how and is happy to help those new to it.

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## Social Events 😊

### Providing we are done with Covid19

#### LODGE BIRTHDAY

#### Queens Birthday Weekend. 30-31 May & 1 June 2020

The lodge will be available to club members to enjoy a celebration of the Lodge with events organised for Saturday and Sunday. Monday we will have the cake cutting

#### MID WINTER CHRISTMAS and FILM EVENING Saturday July 11th

A mid winter Christmas function will be happening at the Lodge on the 11-12 July 2020. The special event will include a Snow creation competition i.e. build your best snowman. Come dressed up in your Santa suit and bring some Christmas food and drinks.

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## Upcoming Club Trips

A massive thanks again to those of our experienced club members who have so far offered to lead & assist some of our trips. Our trips would not be possible without you!



### Club trips are on hold

Due to the Covid-19 Alert Level 4, our club trips are currently on hold. Those who have put their names down for upcoming trips will be contacted regarding these if any changes need to be made.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Trips Coordinator Ange Hampton on [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)

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## New Members

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Janet	Hardie-Boys	New Plymouth
Apurva	Kasture	New Plymouth
Joshua	Lilly	New Plymouth
Nina	Verhaegen	Opunake
Matthias	Verleije	Opunake
Lucas	Watson	Stratford
Craig	Peters	Whanganui

## 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](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

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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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