

Club 90th Celebrations Postponed to 1 August



HiTAC

June 2020

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

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From the President's Desk

Hi folks,

It's been nice to catch up with the climbing community again and stretch out dusty limbs on the Mouna again. Everyone is itching to get back into things as soon as possible and the coming month should start to see a return to normal transmission of club activities.

However, there will be no club night for June as our usual venue remains out of bounds. We are working on a back up venue and a guest speaker to kick start the club nights back up again in July, keep an eye on the face book page for details.

Also, the 90th anniversary celebrations have been postponed until the 1st of August. Again, social distancing, food prep issues and tracing under Covid Level 2, mean that the camp house venue wasn't going to work out, so we look forward to holding the same event in August.

Sorry but I've got to run through some admin with you all this month. Subs are now due! This year we have sent the subs out via email (thanks to Chris Hayes for working out how to do this) and we've had a very positive response so far from the membership, so thanks to those who have promptly paid theirs. If you haven't received an email with your subs statement, please first check your spam folder before contacting either myself or the treasurer, you may have to update your email contact.

We will be doing a thorough audit of our membership this year. This may sound draconian, but we pay a FMC sub of \$15 per member and the HiTAC mail out generates fees once the membership surpasses a set limit. Unpaid memberships can start to cost the club. So, if subs aren't paid by the 1st July you are no longer considered a club member. Unpaid membership fobs will be deactivated so if you are not renewing your membership please return your fob so we can pass it on to new members. Also, if you do not need a locker this year, please let us know, there is a waiting list for lockers.

We are getting geared up for the snow craft courses this winter, so get in touch with Steve ASAP to book your places, if you haven't already. You can phone him any time after 9pm.

Ange is, as always, keen for new club trip ideas, and given that none of us are going to be jetting off to Bali any time soon maybe now's the time to make some of those local adventures you've been planning for a while happen.

Winter's here and the snow's on the way - there's certainly worse places to be stuck than Taranaki.

See you all out there.

El Pres.

Ivan Bruce
El Presidente!

Taranaki Alpine Club – 90th Jubilee Celebrations

Postponed to Saturday 1 August

Pot-Luck lunch at the Camp House, North Egmont, 12 noon – 3 pm

It has been 90 years since the Taranaki Alpine Club came into being. Come and help us celebrate this remarkable occasion with a pot-luck lunch on Queens Birthday weekend.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your memories and reconnect with long lost climbing friends. If you have some old photos to show, make sure to bring them along as well. Long-time club member Glen Hodges will put together a slide show from the club's historic photos, similar to what we did at the hut 50th birthday celebrations two years ago. We will have all club photo albums available for you to reminisce.

What to bring: some food to share for the pot-luck lunch. This is a BYO event (but be mindful of a few kilometres of windy road to negotiate on your way home 😊).

There are a couple of stoves and a microwave at the Camp House if you need anything reheated. The Camp House kitchen is fully fitted out with all dishes, cutlery, kitchenware etc.

The committee will bring the birthday cake to be cut by the oldest and youngest members present on the day. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there.

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Social Events 😊

Providing we are done with Covid19

LODGE BIRTHDAY

Despite the changes made in this afternoon's Covid announcements, the Club 95th celebrations are to be POSTPONED until 1 August this year and the Level 2 Covid restrictions are lifted completely.

As the next HiTAC may not be out before this weekend - and not everyone is on facebook, please pass this message on to anyone you know who may have been considering attending.

Sorry for any inconvenience this notice may have caused. We left it as long as we could in hope of better outcome, but I hope this notice gives you all time to plan some other adventure instead.

Cheers
El pres.

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Tahurangi Lodge MID WINTER CHRISTMAS and Alpine FILM EVENING Saturday July 11th

This year we are going one step further – our annual mid-winter dinner and film evening will take on a Christmas theme!

Come prepared with your best Christmas dish, and Christmas dress/suit! (& drink!).

This special event will include a snow creation competition i.e. build your best snowman. A selection of the best short climbing films will follow dinner. Don't miss this!!!!

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Fine Print

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- We are hoping for LOTS and LOTS of snow!!
- For more information please Contact

Gail Geange Phone 021 733281 or

Glen Hodges 021 843 047

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.

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.

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! If you would like to lead a trip, please get in contact with our Trips Coordinator, Ange Hampton.



Lucky Dip on the Naki

Saturday 27th June 2020 (with the possibility of an overnight stay)

This trip is for those of you who would like to get back out on our mountain after a hiatus these past months. The location and further details will be confirmed once we see the conditions we get in June. If you are free on this weekend then let our Trips Coordinator know and when the final location and details are confirmed, Ange will let those interested know.

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Ange (committee4.tac@outlook.com) for further details. You need to have completed Snowcraft 1 to attend.

Buddy Walk

Saturday 11th July 2020

Our very popular Buddy Walks are back in 2020! Our first one happens to fall on the same day as our Film Night so will go via the lodge first for those needing to drop off their overnight stay gear. Read below for what our buddy walks are all about.

- Are you new to winter mountaineering and don't quite know how to gain some winter experience? Our buddy walks can help you!
- Our buddy walks help fill two key gaps for those who are pretty new to winter mountaineering, namely acquiring skills and being able to safely climb / walk on Taranaki's winter white stuff and, getting to know others to be out there with.
- The buddy walks are informal, friendly and typically aimed at those wishing to improve their beginner/basic snow travel skills (ice axe, crampons, weather/snow conditions assessment, different terrain/slopes, maybe simple pitching) with a more experienced person.
- Each buddy walk will be a few hours walk within ½ an hours walk of the lodge, very much tailored to what the group want to practice and their current skill level. You will also start to get to know others that you can meet up the mountain with.
- The emphasis is on 'Buddy', i.e. the Buddy does not take complete responsibility for participant's safety. The Buddy is there to help participants make mutually agreed reasoned risk judgements.
- Let Ange know at least a week before that you will be there so that we can organize enough experienced buddies to help.

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Ange (committee4.tac@outlook.com) for further details. You need to have completed Snowcraft 1 to attend.

If you would like to be a buddy who can help a less experienced club member, please let Ange know. A massive thank you to all of those who have been a buddy in the past! 😊

Ngauruhoe Winter Weekend Away

Fri/Sat/Sun 28th - 30th August 2020 **Waiting List**

It was some crazy weather that kept us off Ngauruhoe last year, and of course we need to get up there, so 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 provide avalanche transceivers,

snow probes & shovels. You will organise all your other required gear as well as accommodation & transport.
 Please contact the Trip Coordinator Ange (committees4.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.

Other winter trips September - November 2019

Plans are also underway for these winter trips. Watch this space for dates & further details.

New Members

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

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

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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

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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