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HiTAC August 2019

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

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From the President's Desk

Hi everyone,

Well this month has been productive, despite generally inclement weather, congratulations to the Snow Craft 1 and 2 candidates who stuck it out last weekend despite the wet conditions and a big thanks to the instruction team for biting the bullet and getting it done. This weekends course looks like it will be more pleasant conditions however. Such is mountaineering.

Kevin Conaglen is working up a proposal for a club trip into the Hopkins Valley in early January 2020. His plan at the moment is to set up a base camp at Elcho Hut, from where parties can head off and have a crack at various peaks and projects. The intention is for the trip to be suitable for all levels of mountaineering. TAC may provide funds to subsidize travel or chopper gear in to base camp if there is enough interest. At this stage Kevin is looking for expressions of interest, so please let him know if you are keen. The trip really needs 10 - 12 people to go ahead.

So I'm sure you've all noticed that our webcams are back up and running and this is due to the efforts of Greg Banks and Carey Clow, who sourced and installed the shiny new cameras. Thanks guys, much appreciated.

Ivan Bruce

El Presidente!

president.tac@outlook.com

A Big Thank you

The Web Cams are working again

A big thank you to Greg Banks, Carey, Andy and Phil for getting the cameras back up and running, in focus and up the right way images.

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

August 8th

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Thursday 2019-08-08 at the
4th Wall Theatre on Baring Terrace.

NZ Mountain Film Festival; 2019 National Tour
Screening 1930 (7.30pm)

All tickets \$10 via the 4th Wall Theatre website

Films:

Perspectives

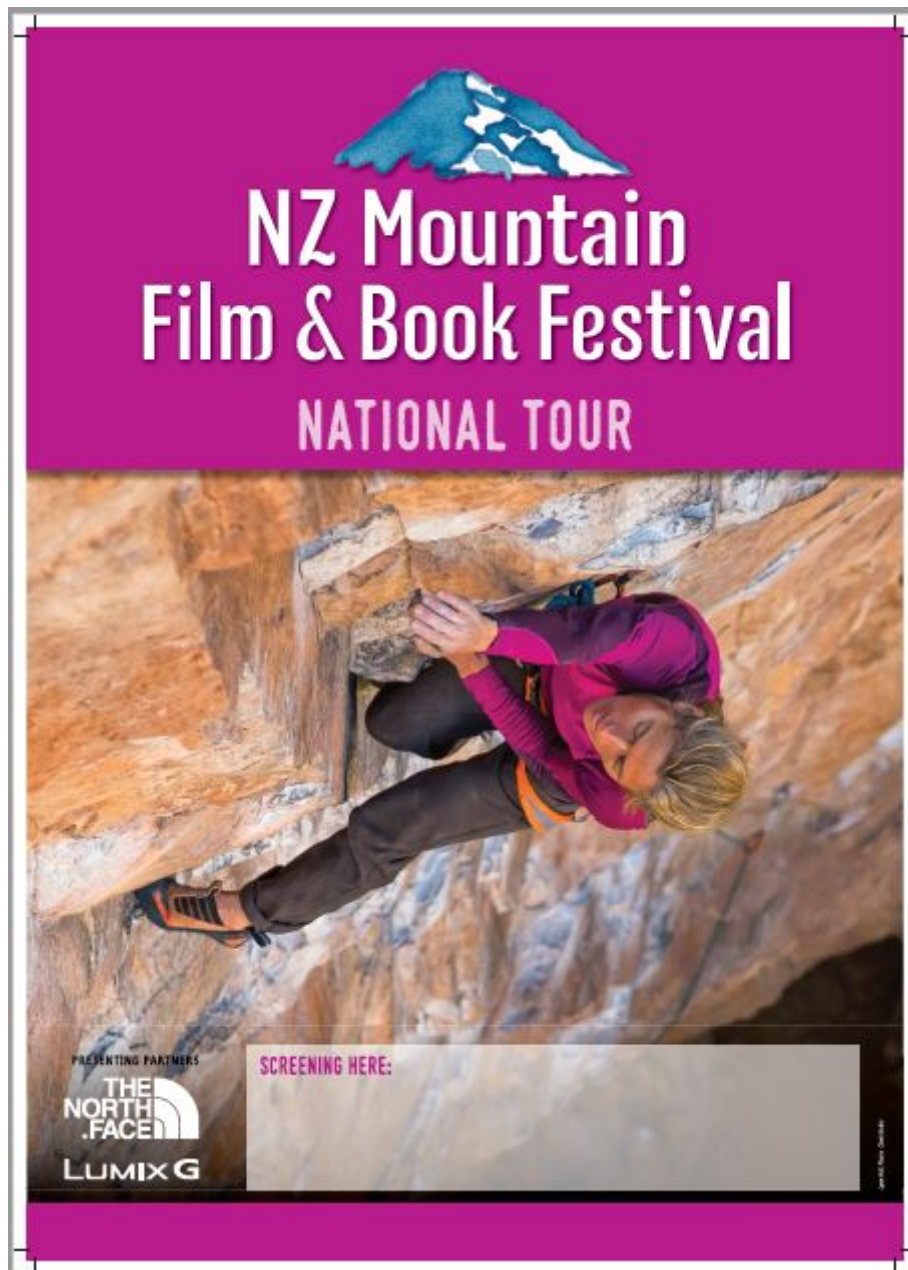
Cerro Kishtwar – An Ice Cold Story

Between the lines - Entre les lignes

Spectre Expedition - To the End of the Earth

ICEolation

<https://www.facebook.com/events/348463209205121/>



September 5th 6 Epic Climbs in 12 Months

Glen Hodges

It wasn't meant to happen like this, but mountaineering is often unpredictable. Three trips over a 12-month period last year took me climbing in some of the most AMAZING mountain regions



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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 for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.

Upcoming Club Trips

Our winter/spring trips programme. Thanks again to those of our experienced club members who have so far offered to lead & assist some of our trips 😊

Saturday half day 'buddy walks'

Mt Taranaki buddy walks on slopes near Tahurangi Lodge

- 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.

Dates for 2019 Buddy walks are:

- Saturday 17th August 2019
- Saturday 14th September 2019
- October date tbc

On the day:

Meet at the North Egmont Camp House 8am ready to enjoy the day. That means with your gear (includes helmet), food, water bottle filled, etc. ready to go straight out onto the white stuff. We probably won't visit the lodge until on the way home.

Fri – Sun 9th-11th August 2019 – Weekend Trip

Mt Ngauruhoe Winter Summit – **full, waiting list 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 provide avalanche transceivers, snow probes & shovels. You will organise all your other required gear as well as accommodation & transport.

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Ange (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.

Taranaki Snow Cave Weekend

September – date tbc

What do you need to make a snow cave? Snow! We want the right conditions so while we wait for more of the white stuff, a confirmed date will wait for this trip too. This will be an overnight trip – after all, if you build a snow cave, you are going to want to sleep in it! The trip is suitable for those who have completed Snowcraft 1 and have known experience.

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Ange (committee4.tac@outlook.com) if interested or for further details.

Other winter trips September - November 2019

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

October: Kapuni Hut – overnight trip
 Surrey Road Summit – day trip
 Fanthams Spring Summit - day trip

Mid Oct/Nov: Taranaki Slush Summit – day trip

...and maybe some other trips! Let me know if you would like to lead a trip 😊

Winter Snow craft courses

So weve got some dates now for the snow craft courses so get them booked into your calendars!!

Snow craft 1, an introduction to winter mountaineering covering all basics such as crampon techniques, ice axe arrest and generally looking after yourself in winter conditions. This will be run over a Saturday and Sunday. All crampons and axes will be provided by the club and a good social evening on the Saturday in the lodge. There will also be a pre field meeting to discuss clothing and equipment, fitting of crampons and issue of equipment. Great learning and meeting like minded potential winter mountaineers!!

3rd and 4th August (pre field night 23rd July)
 & 24th and 25th August (pre field 13th August)

Please dont hesitate to contact me for further information and advice.

See you on the mountain!!

Steve

Club Captain

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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

Mario &Anna

Padrutt

Inglewood.

Callum , Ra , Felix, Coen, Zoe & Sanna

Mackenzie

New Plymouth

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

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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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