

## 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,

We've past the shortest day already but does anyone else feel like it's been a phoney winter so far? After some reasonable snow fall over a month ago there's been nothing but mild temperatures and recent rains have all but washed that all away. Some of us have all but given up hope and headed north to the Waikato crags instead, so here's hoping the forecast snow arrives this week. It better, because the winter season is about to get up and running.

That kicks off with the train the trainers day on the 11th of July, followed by the Snowcraft Course (SC2) on the weekend of July the 17th, which is taking place this year at Ruapehu. Still one place left on what will be a great weekend away, so get onto Jordy ASAP if you are capable and interested. Both August SC1 courses are now booked out and only a few places remain on the September course.

Club night this month is set to be a laid back affair after having to juggle speakers around. So, we will be catching up for a quiet beer and Mikes Bistro at 7pm Thursday 2nd. Come along and tell some lies about all the climbing you've been doing last month, bring along your membership applications, and plan some adventures.

By way of recompense, we will have 2 club nights in August, John Palmer, former NZAC President, will be guest speaker and will hopefully be talking about issues and ideas about access (among other things), which will be relevant to us now that the Park settlement is nearly finalised and the Park Management Plan will be up for review. Also, later the same month we will have our Mountain Film night at the 4th Wall Theatre.

Don't forget the 95th anniversary celebrations will be held at the Camp house on the 1st of August, please contact Elaine Sinton or myself if you have any images or paraphernalia you might want to share on the day.

Thanks very much for everyone who has paid their subs, we've had a great response so far. Remember the last day for payment of subs is the 13th of July.

And yes, the Lodge is back open again and members are welcome to stay overnight.

Should be a busy month.

See you all out there.

**Ivan Bruce**

**El Presidente!**

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## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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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Convenor  
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## Social Events 😊



## 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!

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

Special Christmas dinner with 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](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com) for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.

## Upcoming Club Trips

A HUGE thanks again to those of our 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. [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)



### Fanthams Peak via Bob's Knob

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Our Lucky Dip has been postponed but that gives us the chance to you let you know about this trip that will see you going to Fanthams Peak via Bob's Knob.

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

### Buddy Walk

**Saturday 11th July 2020**

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- Are you new to winter mountaineering and don't quite know how to gain some winter experience? Our buddy walks can help you!
- Snowcraft is not needed. You may have been instructed in the basics of ice axe and crampons and have had a play. Learning this from a friend in a non formal setting is fine. A great chance to get out on our maunga at this time of year!!
- 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.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## 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

Robert	Francis	New Plymouth
Jessica	Leary	New Plymouth
Adhna	Nu Bhraonian	New Plymouth

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Joel and Laura

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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>

### 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

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. [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)

### 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)

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