

## Club 90th Celebrations This Weekend 1st August



### HiTAC

### August 2020

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

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## From the President's Desk

Hi folks,

And we have winter finally. Some good snow fall and with cooler temperatures the ice is starting to form up and the ridgelines are now presenting a more consolidated snow conditions. Let's hope it lasts a while, August will be a busy month.

The inaugural Ruapehu Snow Craft 2 trip went off as planned, with five students learning the ropes under the tutelage of the TAC team, this year including Don Patterson, Chris Hayes, Angus Morely- Hall, Mark Hall and Steve Ritsen. Apparently the course was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Levin Waiopahu Lodge turned out to be a highly recommended venue. Steve Ritsen may still be in the sauna... So big thanks to those instructors for going the extra couple of hundred miles.

And there's more to come this month, with two more SC1 courses to be held from Tahurangi lodge. Looks like these courses will be bang on time to make the most of the winter snow conditions so fingers crossed the weather hold up. You lucky punters should have a great weekend.

The 90th Anniversary pot luck lunch is this Saturday 1 August, being held at the NEVC Camp House, with members coming from far and wide for what will be a special day for many. Huge thanks go out to Elaine Sinton for putting her hand up to be convenor of this event, and for everyone else who has helped out along the way.

I have been reliably informed that the much anticipated 2020 FMC cards are en route from FMC to our club mail box, so I am hoping that these will be available for members to collect, should they want them, at our next club night. Which will be held on the 6th of August at the Blind Foundation on Vivien St, presented by ex NZAC President John Palmer.

It's about time to start thinking about the photo competition this year, if not actually going out and taking great photos yourselves, but at least stealing Jeremy Becker's Camera. We start calling for the entries in November, but now might be the time to start thinking about that winning shot.

And no presidential tenure can go by without the Lodge requiring some kind of expensive and labour intensive project. And this time round it's going to be the replacement of our power cable. Damaged by the lightning strikes and generally past its use by date, the bugger has to go. It's going to require the technical assistance of the usual suspects, conversations with DOC around our concessions, summer working bees and a five figure sum to sort it all out. However, we are under way with the planning and, all things going according to plan (hahahaha), should start this coming summer.

Finally subs are now overdue. We've put out a final notice email to those who have still not paid their subs, and following the next committee meeting any outstanding memberships will need to reapply should they wish to continue as members. Any non member e-keys will be disconnected. The current membership stands at 215 members and growing.

**Ivan Bruce**

**El Presidente!**

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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**

### Thursday, 6 August John Palmer talks Access

Join us for an evening with John Palmer for a discussion on access and access issues in NZ; something that will become pertinent to the TAC in the near future (with the national park plan review).

As an introduction for the uninitiated; John is a former NZAC president, and the host of NZ's only (and by virtue, top) climbing specific podcast (The Powerband Podcast, [www.powerbandpodcast.com](http://www.powerbandpodcast.com)).

### Friday, 8th August 4th Wall Theatre

**11 Baring Terrace, New Plymouth, New Zealand 4312**

### NZ Mountain Film Festival

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## Taranaki Alpine Club – 90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations

### 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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## FMC MAGAZINE

here is a link to the FMC newsletter.

Reproducing it in this newsletter is problematic, so we hope the link works for you

<https://www.fmc.org.nz/backcountry/>

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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 Taururangi 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)



## Buddy Walk

### Saturday 8th August 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!
- 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!!

- 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 1/2 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](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)) for further details.

## 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

Rachel	Basevi	New Plymouth
Shamini	Mahaderan	New Plymouth
Rupert	Wockner	New Plymouth
Isaac	Hayes	Hamilton
Kaite	Neumann	Hamilton
Finn	Gable	New Plymouth
Amber	McIntosh-Dona	New Plymouth
Maggie	Radich	New Plymouth
Jeff	Rawson	New Plymouth
Susanne	Rawson	New Plymouth
Anastas	Arnaudov	Bayswater
Emily	Hilton	New Plymouth
Emma	O'Rourke	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](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)

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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