

Club Night this Thursday
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HiTAC August 2021

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora folks,

Well, the snow arrived...I guess it pays to be careful what you wish for.

A tough month weather wise has resulted in some cancellations and postponements, a bummer for those of us who were looking forward to a weekend at the Levin Waiapehu Lodge on Ruapehu watching the Snow Craft 2 crew being put through the wringer.

But we are nothing if not persistent, and as I write this bleak missive, chained to a laptop nowhere near the snow and shackled into club service, there should be a crew of lucky punters heading central for a second crack. Big thanks to the Levin Waiapehu Lodge for moving our booking.

Likewise, the mid-winter dinner planned for the same weekend was postponed, but the crew should be heading up the weekend of the 31st to kick start those celebrations.

Later this month the snow craft one courses will start, with lotsa keen freshies waiting to give it a go and the usual team of hardworking volunteers on hand to help. If you *are* lucky enough to have scored a place on a snow craft course, please make sure you contact your lead instructor, attend the pre-fields, and actually turn up on the day. If you're not sure you'll make it, or have had the sort of massive, existential, life altering change of situation that means you may no longer wish to be part of possibly the best introductory snow craft courses on offer in NZ, then please let Club Captain know well in advance. There are people on the waiting list that want in.

Also, because the courses are running this month and next, club hire gear might be in use, so don't assume club crampons etc are going to be available. Please call Club Captain after 9pm, well in advance to avoid disappointment. Alternatively, buy some gear off him instead, then you never have to try and decipher what he's saying to you ever again.

There're some big birthdays this month. Mark Hall turns 50, while Sheryl, Greg and Claire are throwing a combined 180th birthday on the 28th of August (Tahurangi is booked out for club members for that event, all welcome but might be worth checking the booking officer for spaces).

Club night is this Thursday, 5th of August, at the Blind Foundation rooms on Vivian Street and should be another goodie. Mike Andrews has cracked open a case of slides and will entertain us with tales from his early years in the club and his many climbing trips in the South Island. Club nights this year have been particularly good (no pressure Mike), and turnout has been awesome and growing. More to come in the coming months as well with the club hosting the NZ mountain film fest in September, while Ben Dare from the NZ Alpine team is being up lined up for October.

All welcome, see you there!

Ivan Bruce

El Presidente!

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Club Gear Hire

The Club's alpine gear for hire will be very limited due to the Snow Craft Courses running so please don't assume you can hire gear on a weekend!!

Check in well ahead of time!!

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 5th August

TAC CLIMBING IN THE 1970'S – MIKE ANDREWS

ABSOLUTELY NOT TO BE MISSED IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF ADVENTURE

Tonight Mike is going to take us on an amazing climbing tour centered on the 1970's. In about 120 images you will get a taste of some of the big TAC trips of the time and some of the leading edge climbing being done by Mike and others here and overseas. A few of the highlights to wet your appetite:

In New Zealand:

- A climb of the Hooker face on Mt Cook.
- An ascent of the East face of Mt Sefton direct (3rd or 4th ascent)
- The 3rd or 4th ascent of Black Tower (with TACers by a new route)

Overseas:

- TAC 1970 expedition to Tierra del Fuego (6 or 7 first ascents)
- Ascents of the Puma's Claw and Salcantay (in Peru).
- The 2nd ascent of the East face of Huascarán (5 days straight up and 2 more down).
- First ascents in the Puca Hircas (northern Cordillera Blanca, Peru)
- 1977 NZAC Mt Everest expedition from the Nepal side (without Sherpa support).

If you are of a nervous disposition or have a poor sphincter crimp bring a spare nappy. This talk should have you hungering for more or will send you into early retirement. Not to be missed.

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 Lindsay Stones on trips.tac@outlook.com for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.



Trips Update

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!



Buddy Walks

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

Saturday 14th August 2021

Saturday 11th September 2021

Our very popular Buddy Walks are back in 2021! 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!!
- 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 wants 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 Lindsay (trips.tac@outlook.com) for further details

Ngauruhoe Winter Weekend Away

Waiting List

Fri/Sat/Sun 16th,17th,18th September 2021



Last year was an epic bluebird day for this popular summit and we will do it again, yipee.

This trip is beginner level and suitable for those that 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.

*Rooms have been reserved at the Adventure Lodge and Motel, it would be great for all participants to be located at the one base, so once again get in quick to register your interest and book your accommodation. Limited spaces.

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones (trips.tac@outlook.com) for further details.

Events

28th August 180 Party at the Lodge

Time: Shared dinner 6.00pm

Why: Greg Banks, Sheryl Hamilton & Claire Jones
are turning 60 years old!

The playlist is under construction, so if you wish to join in
whether you know these crew members or not, just come and play!

Recent Events

**Christmas Dinner & Film Evening
Saturday 31st July Tahurangi Lodge**

Another successful Mid Winter (Is it really winter?) Dinner and film evening

Huge thanks to the organisers & to Glen Hodges for providing the films.

The usual snow person building was passed over, due lack of decent snow outside, although a snow cat did appear on the balcony.

An interesting array of food was presented for all to enjoy, mini turkey (chook) , ham roast Veg, butter chicken curry and not to forget the desserts- Ambrosia, fruit pudding with custard, and more

It all kicked off with the making of mulled wine, and sampling , and more sampling , oh, and more sampling.

Dinner was followed by the construction of the grandstand, and a few more drinks, while the films played. Red Bull, eat your heart out.

Pics tell the rest of the story





New SHUTTLE service Nelson Lakes

Kia Ora,

I am writing to let you know of an exciting new shuttle service, around the Nelson Lakes and Beyond. As a tour guide /driver my work has been affected by CoVid so knowing that St Arnaud had a need for a service I set up Trips & Transfers ~Nelson Lakes and Beyond and started operating in Dec 2020

The benefits;

- Unlike other companies Trips & Transfers is located in St Arnaud.
- We offer bespoke & flexible transport solutions around the Top of the South Island to and from St Arnaud.
- Small (and large groups by prior arrangement) catered for.
- As I personally have a P endorsement and class 2 license its also possible to have your own club minivan/bus relocated and stored at our location to ensure it's safety.
- Members of FMC can make use of our FMC discounts; 10% discount offer on transport or make use of transport & accommodation offer on presentation of their membership card at time of reservation.

See <https://www.fmc.org.nz/discount-card/>

- We aim not to just be a shuttle service. 5 star reviews from the past season are a recognition of this goal.
- In our commitment to sustainability a portion of the fare is donated to the Kea Conservation Trust.

Nga mihi, Jennifer Sloots

Trips & Transfers~Nelson Lakes and Beyond

W.<http://www.tripsandtransfers.co.nz>

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Read our reviews on Google my Business.. <https://g.page/r/CSeW5GVGYMOTEAg/review>

New Members

We welcome the following new members, and look forward to meeting them on the hill.

Francisco	Fuentealla	Auckland
Dhrua	Suresh	Stratford
Cori	Walter-Delves	Inglewood
Greg	Matsunuma.	New Plymouth
Larryn	Rae	Auckland

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 Club Captain, or would like to volunteer to lead a trip contact the Trips co-ordinator. trips.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

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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