

NEW Clubnight Venue this Thursday

*****NEW VENUE FOR CLUB NIGHT*****

We will be at Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street, Fitzroy 7th July 2022 at 7.30pm for our next Club night.



HiTAC July 2022

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora mountains enthusiasts,

Well it's certainly colder and wetter with some icy snow conditions high up on the mountain. Our not so modest club has plenty to offer this winter whether you're into speedy ascents to summits when conditions allow, long gruelling suffer walks with big packs or just a casual stroll up Jacob's Ladder and everything in between. This season's first buddy walk kicks off this weekend and appears to be very popular, followed by plenty of instruction courses amongst some great film nights on and off the mountain.

Motivation is high but don't forget to check that gear, best you do this before you head out otherwise you will look like an amateur like me with a soaked through rain jacket and an anti-balling plate half flapping under a foot. Talking about gear, Snowcraft students will have new Ortovox Direct avalanche transceivers as part of the essential gear dished out for the weekend long courses. This will mean a lot less work for our instructors and equipment officer trying their best to pull together 10 mix matched working transceivers. There is also the added bonus that snowcraft students get to experience what is available on today's market for taking appropriate precautions in the mountains. The units do have some cutting edge new features that will likely be turned off for the purpose of instruction if you are interested check out this [video link](#).

If you attend our next club night at the Fitzroy Golf Club let a committee member know what you think as it is on the cards to be our usual club night venue in future all going well.

Our usual August film night is unavailable at our theatre of choice next month so we are forced to run it a week earlier Thursday 28th July. For those who don't already know, the club usually coincides with our August club night with the NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival which has been a well turned out event both for the club and the public at 4th Wall for the last few years. See below in club night section for ticket details.

That's it from me for this month so you can go back to your optimistic weather window watching if you're that way inclined.

Nga mihi

Conrad Murray
President

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Lodge Cell Phone

The Cell phone in the Lodge has been re-activated
It is available for incoming /emergency calls only.

Life Members dinner

Wednesday 8th June saw a Life Members dinner being held.

It was great to see the turnout. Everyone enjoyed the catch up, a lot of memories were re-lived, and maybe a few stories embellished.



Social events

Queens Birthday - Monday 6th June

A midday pot luck luncheon at Taurangi Lodge. If you're not going far this long weekend come join us for a potluck lunch in celebration of 92 years of awesomeness that is the Taranaki Alpine Club, hopefully there will be a bit of snow around to go for a short walk also, in previous years there has been snow on the translator road leading up to the lodge.

see you up on the maunga

Saturday 16th July Taurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening Taurangi Lodge 4pm

For more details Contact:

Glen Hodges 021 843 047

Gail Geange 021 733 281

Tahurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening Saturday 16th July 2022

- ❖ Join us for our annual Tahurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening.
- ❖ We have an impressive line-up of mountain films; they are not to be missed!!
- ❖ Bring along your favourite Christmas dish to share (and please don't forget about desert!).
- ❖ Snowman/person building competition if we get snow!!
- ❖ This event is for existing club members only.
- ❖ Do come prepared for winter conditions! Ice axe, crampons, and of course a healthy appetite are all a must.

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Snowcraft Courses 2022

Kia Ora Climbers,

There is still plenty of space in the Snowcraft 1 and 2 courses.
email captain.tac@outlook.com.

Bring on more snow!

The courses are only available to members of the Taranaki Alpine Club. If you wish to attend any of the dates below, please contact me at captain.tac@outlook.com with your name, phone number and preferred course/date.

You will not be guaranteed a spot until the correct forms are completed, returned and a proof of payment is obtained (by screenshot/scan), so first in first served.

For those considering to register interest for the Snowcraft 2, it is a pre-requisite to have completed the Snowcraft 1 and made a concerted effort to further your skill with buddy walks, club trips etc. It is up to the discretion of the course leaders and trainers to accept the application. Please do not be offended if it is declined, this is for climbers to take a significant step with their skills and it is pertinent that the attendees are confident with their abilities.

I am also looking for expressions of interest for those who would be able to assist with instructing or helping on these courses. If this sounds like you, please send me an email. There will be a compulsory train the trainer day currently set for 23rd/24th July.

All course dates below have a backup date the following weekend if the course is cancelled due to bad weather.

Snowcraft 1

1: 20th/21st Aug
Pre field night 15th August

2: 3rd/4th September
Pre field night 29th August

3: 17th/18th September
Pre field night 12th September

Snowcraft 2

1: 8 - 10 July
Pre field night 4th July

Now all we need is snow! Fingers crossed for a winter of climbing, beers and good yarns at the lodge.

I look forward to seeing you all up there.

Your Club Captain,

Finn Gable
captain.tac@outlook.com

Snowcraft Instructors

Train the Trainer weekend is set for 23rd/24th July.

This is compulsory for anyone who wishes to help on any of the Snowcraft courses.

Please contact myself for more information.

Cheers,

Finn Gable
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Recent Events

Lodge Birthday, Monday 6th June

Despite the weather, some hardy souls made it to the Lodge for annual Birthday event.

Peter Wilson & Neave were the cake cutters.

There was the usual shared lunch - with some very yummy dishes



Before leaving, please remove all your food from the fridge.

If you are the last to leave the fridge, switch the fridge power off and leave the fridge door slightly open using the wedge attached to the left side of the fridge.

When the power is restored the fridge electricity is switched off. Any food left in the fridge may go off, leaving an unpleasant smell. Be responsible and clean up.



Covid requirements

Following change in government regulations, the requirement to be Covid vaccinated as a membership requirement has been dropped

Club Nights

PLEASE NOTE Club nights start at 7:30pm

First Thursday of each month, at the Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street, Fitzroy, New Plymouth

Snow Chains

Grant Fowler cars are asking if the club would like some vehicle snow chains.

I have collected these chains and will bring them along to the next club night for club members to have free..

I am not sure of the sizing, but free is good.

Greg Banks

Thursday 7th July

*** Fitzroy Golf Club - Record St.***

John Jordan speaking about his 2019 Hiking trip to Patagonia and Argentina that was unexpectedly cut short due to the threat of being stuck there through covid-19 travel restrictions.

Thursday 28th July

*** 4th Wall Theatre .***

NZ Mountain film and book festival - Best of Wanaka

Tickets on sale from 1st July from 4th Wall theatres [website](#).

New Members

The Club welcomes the following new members, and we look forward to seeing them out on the Mountain

CLUB TRIPS TRIPS 2022

To register for trips or further information please contact Lindsay Stones trips.tac@outlook.com

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

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! 😊

Our very popular Buddy Walks are back in 2022!

Saturday 6th August 2022

- Are you new to winter mountaineering and don't quite know how to gain some winter experience? Our buddy walks can help you!
- Snowcraft 1 is required or similar experience. 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 Lindsay 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 Stones (trips.tac@outlook.com) for further details

TAC Tongariro Experience Friday 30 Sept 2022 till Sunday 2 October 2022.

The purpose of the Experience is for members in TAC to further their alpine skills in a different environment from Mt Taranaki, around the Lodge.

The experience would be the following format :

- Start with a walk up Mangatepopo Valley to South Crater,
- Some practice of alpine skills below the track along Red crater,
- Descending to Emerald lake. Lunch
- Traversing towards Mt Tongariro, possibly climbing Mt Tongariro.
- Descending into South Crater and back down Mangatepopo Valley
- Along the experience the trip leaders would be adding to the skills of the persons and keeping an eye on their safety.
- Depending on the snow conditions and the weather the above format may change i.e we may head to the Whakapapa Ski field and catch a lift to a suitable area.

Requirements: Members to have completed a Snow Craft one course and have been out on the white stuff, snow, practicing their skills.

Additional Costs

Transport: to be arranged closer to the date

Accommodation: Approx. \$100 each, accommodation is booked in for Adventure Lodge in National Park

Food: individuals to supply own.

Ski lifts: if required.

Gear hire-age: Individuals to pay for this

For more information and to register please contact Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones (trips.tac@outlook.com)

Trip Information

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.



Trip Reports

No Trip reports this month

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 2022: FAMILY \$65, ORDINARY (single) \$45, STUDENT (under 18), \$35.

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.

MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

Our new member management system, [Hello Club](#), went live on **1st March**.
Through Hello Club, you are able to:

- Renew and pay for your membership or any other outstanding fees
- View past transactions and download invoices and receipts

You will have received an email with instructions on how to setup your account for Hello Club.

If you have changed your email address recently, please send us your up-to-date email address.

For any questions or comments, please contact club treasurer **Andrew Darney** via treasurer.tac@outlook.com

We are aware that membership reminders have already been emailed out automatically and has resulted in a lot of confusion so apologies for that.

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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