

Club night This Thursday - No Vaccine passport required



HiTAC June 2022

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora folks,

The first dump of snow that takes longer than a few days to melt away is always a mixed bag. Exciting because it marks the change in seasons required to complete this season's projects but also brings with it an exercise in patience while we wait for both the quantity and quality of snow needed. While we check and maintain our gear ready for what is to come, It's hard not to be thinking that this winter is going to be less impeded in contrast to previous few years by anything other than our own excuses. Some dedicated or just well prepared members have already got in some early season training laps upto the lodge and summit this weekend just gone.

June's club night speaker will be a familiar face to some as not only is she a locally based member but it's her second time sharing her south Island mountain experiences and to get attendees better value after Agnes is finished we are also offering attendees bring down any of your unused gear with plenty of life left for a buy, swap and sell. So don't miss out on another great talk and a haggle this coming Thursday at the blindrooms.

This week's club night may be the last at the blind rooms due to a multitude of factors but the final straw being the sudden exponential rise in cost that outweighs what the club gets in return. We are closing in on some suitable alternative options, hopefully with a bit more room to facilitate our growing club. Therefore keep an eye on the next HiTAC or facebook for a change in location.

Also on the topic of club nights if anyone has connections to out of town alpinists that would make interesting club night speakers feel free to test the waters and if they don't say a flat No!, let someone on the committee know so we can assist or take over in applying gentle pressure until they do say No! or finally cave. We already have a growing list of accomplished alpinists to try and attract a visit to new plymouth by creative means but it never hurts to have more.

Another successful weekend for our follow up to Rock and Ropes Course, The few participants I have managed to catch up with so far were stoked about doing their first lead climbs but also happy about the generous amount of time spent practicing safe and efficient use of the modern toys available to climbers these days. Thanks to our Instructors Dave Bolger and Steve Ritson for volunteering their time to share their knowledge.

Our extra club night last Thursday was a bit of a flop. It's pretty easy to pinpoint why, The late posting to facebook due to delays in confirming a venue was likely the cause. Fortunately the people who did turn up salvaged the evening by catching up for a good yarn at a local watering hole. If there's enough interest which we are guessing there will be, our club captain Finn has indicated he will attempt to reschedule a combined gear talk before kicking off the snowcraft level one series.

Looking forward to seeing a fair few of you on the maunga soon,

Conrad Murray
Club President

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Social events

Queens Birthday - Monday 6th June

A midday pot luck luncheon at Tahurangi 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

Tahurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening

Tahurangi 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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Surplus gear free to a good home

Garmont boots, hardly worn, size Eu45

Crampons Vaude, very old but suitable for someone just starting out.

Old Macpac pack, 40-50 litres, still very useable.

This gear was given to me by a old retired ex-club member to give to a good home and I will bring it to the next club night.

Phil Whitwell

Snowcraft Courses 2022

Kia Ora Climbers,

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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: 29th/30th/31st July
Pre field night 25th 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

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 Foundation for the Blind rooms,
131 Vivian St, New Plymouth

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New Members

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

Frank & Helen Hofmans	New Plymouth
Jacob Hechter & Kathryn Barrett	New Plymouth
Ibrahim Moharam & Aisha Thompson	Auckland
Sophie Skelton	New Plymouth
Sarah Hamlin	New Plymouth
Tate Willetts-Stone	Onaero
Jack Peach & Cassie Stove	Eltham

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 2nd July 2022

Saturday 30th July 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 1/2 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 (trips.tac@outlook.com) for further details

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 Taurangi Lodge we'll suggest a preferred option as it's always great if everyone stays at the same place.



Trip Reports

Curry night at Lodge

A scrumptious meal was enjoyed with a variety of vegetarian, chicken and beef curries that were accompanied by a selection of Indian Snacks. As someone commented "it was nicer than the curry meals in some restaurants" A very wet morning greeted everyone, but after a few lodge jobs were completed and the clean-up done everyone was down to North Egmont by late morning. It was a bit of a wet walk down that included a couple of small river crossings, or larger for those who left earlier!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this another great night at the lodge.

Gail and Greg The Indian Curry Night at Taurangi Lodge on the 14 May saw 10 people arrive at the lodge despite the light rain and the forecast for heavy rain on the mountain overnight.





Rock n Rope Weekend

A few words on the Rock & Ropes 2 Weekend:

As you can see in the photos, the Rock & Ropes 2 weekend in Kinloch was a great success.

We were fortunate with the weather, rain holding off and just a lazy Southerly blowing up the lake all weekend! The best way to stay warm was climbing and climb we did.

It was a great opportunity to skill build with the basics of climbing as well as extend our knowledge into practical anchor placement and clearing, then into an introduction to using trad gear.

Well done to everyone on the trip for making it a successful and fun weekend.

Thanks to Tess for sorting the accommodation. A special thanks to Dave Bolger and Steve Rickson for organizing the weekend, being available and willing to pass on their considerable knowledge, and especially their eternal patience with the climbing wannabes.

Cheers,
Warwick







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,

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