

Hi everyone

The HiTAC is a bit skinny this month

It's not too late to get your photo's in the competition- Contact Greg Sharman

Clubnight is this coming Thursday



HiTAC

November 2020

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

Comments / opinion and content can be forwarded to Hitac.tac@outlook.com

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Tahurangi Lodge Access

DAY AND OVERNIGHT USE

- Scan the NZ COVID Tracer QR code, or enter your details into the hut register provided.
- Do not enter if you're unwell.
- Wash your hands on entry.
- Leave facilities clean and fit for use by others.
- Keep 2 metres' distance from people other than your party.
- Leave the lodge if you can't physically distance.

OVERNIGHT USE

- All overnight stays require prior booking with the bookings officer.
- Overnight stays are limited to 14 people; with no more than 7 per bunkroom.
- Scan the NZ COVID Tracer QR code, or enter your details into the hut register provided, on both days.
- Maintain social distancing between separate groups while using the communal areas (e.g. pack room, lounge, kitchen).

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**

Photo Competition time!!

Snapped something amazing out on your adventures? Then make sure to send it in to our annual photo comp, with some great prizes up for grabs.

Below is all the info you need to know about the different categories, and please email photos to Greg Sharman: committee5.tac@outlook.com . Photos will be viewed and winners announced at the Presidents Shout Club Night on Thursday 3rd December 7.30pm , venue yet to be decided on.

PLEASE GET YOUR PHOTOS IN - THE MORE THE MERRIER!

CRITERIA AND INFO BELOW:

Please ensure you meet the criteria as outlined below.

Please note instructions for file name and file size, and ensure you follow the example given!

Image Format:

Sized between 1MB and 5 MB

Saved as a JPEG or JPG file

All images must be digital

Submitting Images:

Email to committee5.tac@outlook.com (Greg Sharman)

Send one photo per email

Entries can be submitted from now

Submit your images by Friday 29th November

File Name:

Must start with the Category Code, then TAC, followed by the Caption, in that order

e.g. "ABN TAC Frozen Aoraki.jpeg"

This year, FMC are trialing a new category, and introducing the concept of an annual theme. The categories for the 2019 competition (to align with FMC) are:

ABOVE BUSHLINE (With no Human Element), Cat Code: ABN

ABOVE BUSHLINE (With a Human Element), Cat Code: ABW

BELOW BUSHLINE (With no Human Element), Cat Code: BBN

BELOW BUSHLINE (With a Human Element), Cat Code: BBW

HISTORIC Code: HIS

NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA, Cat Code: NFF

LONG EXPOSURE - Cat Code LXP

HUMOUR, Cat Code: HUM

Multiple entries per category are allowed

The winning entries in each category will be submitted to the national FMC Photo Competition (where eligible).

Photo's taken outside of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone (i.e. North Is, South Is, Stewart, Chatham, Kermadec, Sub-Antarctic) are permitted for the TAC competition, but are not permitted for the FMC competition

The humour section is TAC only (not FMC)

New Members

We Welcome the following to the Club, and look forward to seeing them on the Mountain, and at Club events

Jennifer	Hooker	New Plymouth
Katherine	Waterfield	New Plymouth
Jeffery	Delilla	New Plymouth
Luke Miller and	Lauren Addison	New Plymouth
Aidan	Greiner	New Plymouth
Rivka	vanDam	Oakura

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. 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
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

Club Links

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