

Notice of Annual General Meeting

93rd Annual General Meeting of Taranaki Alpine Club
Fitzroy Golf Club

Thursday 2nd March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm



HiTAC March 2023

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

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From the President's Desk

We had an awesome crew of seasoned and first time helpers on this year's Taranaki Alpine Clubs Open Climb, The event having an 80 year old colourful history, this year saw the climb to go ahead under the revised safety plan in which extensive member feedback was collected and incorporated generously by Jonathan Crane and Sophie Tucker. It was a great day all round with generally well prepared participants and even though there was no epic views, the chilly wind seemed to give punters an alternative sense of achievement pushing beyond their prior limits.

All 64 participants descended from the lodge under their own human power and a well earned cold beverage and debrief at the lodge enjoyed by the open climb crew. There appears to still be some room for improvement, specifically how we can increase participation for future events up to the plans 120 limit. Once this work is polished off the open climb committee can enjoy a relaxing three month holiday before they kick in to 2024's planning. Thanks to our open climb committee Mike Johns, Andrew Jordan, Carey Clow, Glen Hodges and Boyd Benton & Myself and to everyone else who assisted behind the scenes including the talents of TAC Secretary Sheryl Hamilton for sorting the initial stages of the tedious crew list.

With Autumn kicking into gear with a sprinkling of snow on the mountain already, planning is well underway for Snow Craft Instruction 2023. Keep an eye on the HiTAC for the next two issues to find out dates as they are set and more details on how to register. Instruction is for members only hence why it is advertised only in internal publications. Here is hoping that the snow season will be more amenable to courses going ahead compared with last year. If you are keen to help as an instructor or extra experienced body please let our club captain Finn know ASAP as he puts a lot of effort into planning a train the trainer day which had minimal attendance last year despite it being a fantastic half day on the mountain chewing the fat.

This coming Thursday is our Annual General Meeting at the Fitzroy golf club at 7:30pm. Along with election of the committee and presenting of club trophies your feedback is requested to assist the incoming committee's decision for the 2023-24 financial year, the most urgent being the tripling of our insurance premium for the lodge. Andrew Darney, our treasurer has already provided a great summary of various options the committee could choose, if you haven't already read this you will find it in your emails from the HiTAC email address. As is tradition after the AGM there will be a short film and some very light refreshments. If you can't make it to the AGM and you please email me if you haven't let me know already that you will be an apology.

One of our sister clubs, the NZAC - Taranaki section, had great weather for their rock meet last weekend, with routes being ticked off by its members, most also TAC members at various elevations of the mountain. If you want to crush the rock as much or more than you do on snow and ice, our rock and ropes courses are a great starting point to cover the basics. There are still limited spaces available, check our trips section for more information.

See you this Thursday!

Conrad Murray

President

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Open Climb Pictures

Seems some of our porter had come quite a distance





Club Nights

Club nights are held first Thursday each month
at the Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street, Fitzroy 7-30pm start

Club Nights with supper.

Now we that we have new venue which invites people to mix and mingle abit more, we would like to request members to bring a small supper plate for sharing on each of our Club nights. We will continue to provide the tea & coffee etc.

CLUB TRIPS TRIPS 2023

Welcome to a new year of alpine hiking and climbing. We already have locked in key dates for the rock and ropes skills courses in March and April, a rock-climbing trip weekend and a maunga summit. We have a few more summit trips planned so keep on eye on facebook for details of these.

No trips planned for February as the Open Climb takes priority due to the amount of mahi this entails.

To register for trips or for further information please email Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones on trips.tac@outlook.com . Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.

If you are keen to lead a trip or have any ideas for a trip that we could find a lead for please contact me and let's see if we can make it happen.

Saturday 4th March East Face Summit Trip (Wait List)

If you are looking for a challenging and different route to summit then this is one definitely for you. Usually starting from Tahurangi Lodge the route will side/climb over several valleys with a few rock scrambles over varying terrain before hitting the shark's tooth. Not a turn your mind off kind of hike.



Kawakawa Bay Rock Climbing Weekend Taranaki Anniversary Weekend Friday 10th to Sunday 13th March

Seems like a long time since I have organised a Kbay trip but here it is and the boats are booked, so let's make the most of this long weekend. A definite must do! Experience great outdoor rock climbing suited for all levels and well over 100 routes to choose from!. Kawakawa Bay is situated amongst native bush with stunning views and when you're not climbing there's great camping and swimming to be had. Kawakawa Bay can only be accessed via boat, bike or walking. Which means you drop off your gear with the boat in Kinloch that TAC has arranged and paid for, then a lovely hike/bike to the bay where your gear can be collected. It is approximately 1.½ hours walk or a 45min bike ride from Kinloch to reach the camping area at KBay. This is a self-lead trip with no instruction, therefore experience in outdoor climbing is a must along with basic climbing equipment. You can hire out climbing equipment from the Club Captain.

Boat times leaving Kinloch Friday 10th 5pm returning Monday 13th 9am.



Rock & Rope on Taranaki

Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April

If you have ever wanted to have an experience on some of Taranaki's classic rock outcrops and gain the experience of using a rope then this activity is for you. We will start with rope skills at the lodge then move to Tegel Wall for abseiling practice. Next will be Warwick's Castle for a traverse to test our nerves and skills before making our way to Humphries Castle for another classic on Taranaki on the Sunday.

This trip is an opportunity for members to experience ropes on the mountain. No previous ropes experience necessary, only a head for heights and a fun attitude. Some gear will be provided by the club. Participants are expected to have basic alpine clothing.

This activity is only available to TAC Members and is not available to persons who have previously undertaken the activity.

Cost for this course is TBC ,which enables the club to maintain equipment.



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.



New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club, and look forward to seeing them on the Mountain

Nadine Ord

Mathew Watt

Anja Niechziol

Bill Young

Liz Evans & Luke Stewart

Elthan Adams

Social Events



TAC Scone Bake Off –

Saturday 22nd April 4.00pm at the lodge.

This event is for TAC Members only.

Sweet or savoury scones, or any variety of scone baked in the lodge's oven on the day will be judged and consumed by all who attend. Come and join in the fun!

Bring a smile and your best efforts.

To be in to win, you will be required to bake at the lodge in the early afternoon ready for presenting your goods for judging at 4.00pm.

Get your best taste buds ready for testing the goods and cast a vote or two towards the winner.

This is an **overnight event** so plan to stay for a shared meal (yes, something else to bring up with you) and make a full weekend of it. Some members have been known to go out for a climb together on the Sunday to wear off the scones from the waistline.

Fine print:-

All baking must be undertaken at the lodge.

Maximum cook time is 20 minutes so keep mixture small.

Each bake will be rated from 1 - 5. 5 being the best score.

Scores are then added up to see who the is winner.

Judge's decision will be final.

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or email secretary.tac@outlook.com

I have got a pair of boots for sale which I had to buy in a haste before my last big tramping holiday last year (because the old ones gave up the ghost a week before...) but they are too wide for my foot. They have been worn for 5 days only then I had to travel to ChCh and buy another pair...

They are a mens Lowa Tibet GTX, EU 42, UK 8, US 9, wide fit.

RRP \$729, like to sell them for \$499 .

I am happy if prospective buyer would like to try them.

Cheers Hanni Schubert 😊

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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

Hello Club is our membership system. See the link below to login & update your details.

<https://taranaki-alpine-club.helloclub.com/login>

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
- Update your email address and other personal details.

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

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

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

Please login to your Hello Club account & make any updates

Contacting the Club

Co0rrespondance can be sent to:

The Secretary

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or email secretary.tac@outlook.com

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