



## HiTAC April 2024

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

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## From the President's desk

Kia ora fellow members,

Writing articles isn't my forte, I'm more a verbal face to face communicator! But I'll give it a nudge.

Firstly, I wish to express my thanks for the vote in confidence from the membership in the new Committee. We are working through getting emails assigned, sorting passwords, bank account signatory updated etc, so several hoops to jump through and complete.

The new line up looks like this:

President – Sheryl Hamilton  
Vice President – Ivan Bruce (standing in for a term of one year)  
Secretary – Ange Robinson  
Treasurer – John Coplestone  
Club Captain – Glen Hodges  
Committee 1 – Don Paterson  
Committee 2 – Clarissa Benton (Equipment Officer)  
Committee 3 – Andrea Jupp  
Committee 4 – Glenys Grant (Trips Co-ordinator)  
Committee 5 – Phil (Charlie) Andrews (Lodge Maintenance)

I hope you caught up with the change of dates for Rope & Rock, now the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April through to the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Best to stay at the lodge on the Friday night. (Don't forget to sign the overnight book and put TAC by your name).

We had a joint venture with NZAC – Taranaki Section on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Guest speaker was Alex Buisse, a pro climber & mountaineer photographer.

If you have any ideas for club nights, trips to be taken on the maunga, or notice something requiring attention at the lodge, please get in touch. This is "our" club, and everyone has a voice, so drop me a email or give me a call – I am open to exploring suggestions to grow TAC in a fresh directions.

See you on the slopes.....

***Sheryl Hamilton***

President

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## Notices

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## Rate increase

The cost to stay overnight at Tahurangi Lodge for non-TAC members has increased from \$45 to \$55 per person per night.

## Reminder to all lodge users

- When you visit the lodge, please record your visit in the "Day Book" downstairs.
  - If you stay overnight, please record this in the "Overnight Book" by the fridge upstairs.
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## Articles

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*Please get in touch with Kathy if you wish to submit any articles for future newsletters, at [hitac.tac@outlook.com](mailto:hitac.tac@outlook.com)*

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## Instruction Courses

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Keep your eyes peeled for more amazing instruction courses for members in future newsletters!

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## Club Trips

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### Hike, Rock Climb or both!

#### Whakepapa/Ruapehu

5-7<sup>th</sup> April

**What a great opportunity for like minded people of the alpine club to meet in an area where some can go rock climbing whilst others hike or maybe run and then hang out in the evenings in one of the great lodges on the mountain. A great way to meet fellow members.**

#### Rock Climbing

Fancy a change and going someone differenthikes galore and more climbing areas than you probably knew about too. Take your pick for the weekend! Plenty on offer in this area.

Have a cheeky climb at Meads Wall with around 28 climbs to choose from ranging from 15 into the 20's enough to suit all levels. Only 100m up from the Happy Valley Ski Field. There are other crags in this area too check out [www.thecrag.com/en/climbing/new-zealand/tongariro-national-park/area/585779421](http://www.thecrag.com/en/climbing/new-zealand/tongariro-national-park/area/585779421).

This will be a self lead climbing trip, therefore outdoor rock climbing is essential along with the necessary gear. Gear can be hired from the Equipment Officer. [captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com)



## Hiking

Plenty of hiking options nearby too. Round the mountain tracks and the Tongariro Crossing, Ruephu Summit. Accommodation will be at a lodge in Whakapapa.

For further information and to register please contact [trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)

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## Social Events

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### Dress up evening & pot luck dinner

Tahurangi Lodge, Saturday 18th May

**Come dressed in a costume of your own choosing.**  
**Who have you always secretly desired to be?**

**What to bring:**

- Pot luck dinner contribution
- Nibbles and drinks

**Time:** Starting with nibbles from late afternoon

**Organisers:** Glenys Grant 027 3670612; Sheryl Hamilton 027 2431718

Give us a call if you have any queries or need more information.

**PS:** please pass this invite onto other TAC members who may be interested in joining us for another great evening at the lodge. Open to TAC members only

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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### Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening

Tahurangi Lodge, 4pm, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Come along and join us for our annual Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening at the lodge. Bring along your favourite Christmas dish to share (and please don't forget about dessert!)

There will be a snowman/person building competition and, as usual, we have an impressive line-up of mountain films; they are not to be missed!!

This event is open to existing club members. Do come prepared for winter conditions! Ice axe, crampons, and of course a healthy appetite are all a must.

For more details contact:  
Glen Hodges 021 843 047

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## Club Nights

Club nights are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Fitzroy Golf Club, 3 Record Street, Fitzroy 7:30pm start. Tea/coffee and hot water provided. No BYO alcohol, as this is a licensed premises.

**Date: Thursday 4th April 2024**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Fitzroy Golf Club**

## Gear Talk - Steve Ritson

Steve's generously donating his time and expertise for his infamous annual gear talk. He discusses things to consider for winter and alpine conditions. A great evening for newbies, and also for more experienced members to refresh their knowledge.

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## FMC

### Printed FMC Quarterly Bulletins & 2023/24 FMC Membership Cards

Available on club nights or by contacting Club President to arrange pickup.

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## Club Information

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### TAHURANGI LODGE

TAC's lodge sleeps 24, has electric heating and cooking, cutlery, pots and pans, etc. Just like home. Members can request an eKey by completing the application available from the Club's website.

Overnight fee is \$55 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 and can be contacted for help, feedback or suggestions. If you have trouble accessing the Lodge (e.g. due to eKey failure), phone either the Club President, or the Lodge Booking Officer. Contact info on Web page: <http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/contacts.html>

## CURRENT SUBSCRIPTIONS

FAMILY \$80, ORDINARY (single) \$60, STUDENT (under 18), \$50.  
Lodge access card \$20

*Members with unpaid subs at end of April are sent an account overdue notice. If still unpaid by 1st June, a penalty of 20% will be incurred. 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 the club treasurer: [treasurer.tac@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.tac@outlook.com)

## GEAR HIRE

- Winter and summer equipment is available for hire by TAC Club Members. This includes: Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harnesses, quick draws, carabiners, etc.
- Each item costs \$5/day or a maximum of \$10/day for 2 or more items per person.
- To only pay for the days gear was used, return items promptly. Late returns will be charged for the entire hire period.
- Contact the Equipment Officer AT LEAST 2 days in advance to ensure availability: [captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com)

## EVENTS PROGRAMME

Club nights, trips, instruction and social events are 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. If you would like to volunteer to lead a trip, contact the Trips co-ordinator: [trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)

## HiTAC— Newsletter

Sent monthly by email and also available on the Club's website at [www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz](http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz)  
Any trip reports, events, or gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at [hitac.tac@outlook.com](mailto:hitac.tac@outlook.com)

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please login to your Hello Club account to make any updates.

## Contacting the Club

Correspondence can be sent to:

The Secretary

Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth,  
or email [secretary.tac@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.tac@outlook.com)

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## Photograph Corner



## Pouakai overnighter with trusty Nemo the tent

Photo credit: Glenys Grant

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