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HiTAC

AUG 2010

President's

What's been happening?

Hi everyone, I thought I'd write a letter letting you all know what the Club & Committee has been up to this year.

As you have probably all noticed, one of the first things we did this year was to replace the carpet in the lounge, stairs and bunkroom. This has really smartened up the Lodge and we have had many positive comments from members and guests. Thanks to Mark Clegg for giving us a great deal and arranging the laying and also to Terry Campbell for driving the carpet and layers up to the Lodge.

Grant Upson and I have recently instructed a snow-craft one course for twelve members. Some were new members and some existing; there was not a lot of snow down low but we managed to find enough for our epic self-arresting lessons. This took place over a Saturday and Sunday with one night at the Lodge. On Sunday we went for a long walk to put all the newly learned skills to use. Thanks to John Jordan who gave some very interesting talks on Sunday about the Club's history and the different Lodges we've had on the Mountain; a great start for the new members. One of those new members on the course was Phillip Garrity, recipient of last years Barry Francis Memorial Scholarship, a great mountaineer in the making.

We've changed the rules regarding the youth rates for overnight stays at the lodge. We have raised the qualifying age from under 12 to under 18, so now **if you are 17 or under you qualify for the youth rate for staying at the Lodge**. That is \$2.50 for members and \$10 for non-members. This will hopefully be more encouraging to families and possibly school groups. We have noticed a drop in the use of the Lodge by these groups and in the past these have been a good source of income for the club. We also think it is good to encourage the younger members of our community to make use of our great facility so that we continue to have a strong membership.

Report...

Since being captain and now president over the last two years I have attended just about all of the functions held by the club, such as the monthly talks at the Blind Foundation, the Birthdays and pot-luck dinners etc. I am very happy that I did! I thoroughly enjoyed every occasion, and I recommend to all members that they join in on these events, as I am sure you will enjoy them too. It's great to be part of this club, and I honestly feel if you are not joining in you are missing out on something special. So, another thanks goes out to those who have been organizing and attending these activities, especially Bryan Krijger for relentlessly arranging our trips and Alec Heilbron for those unforgettable Pot-Luck Dinners.

The TAC has opened up our website fully to the public. Karen Longstaff has been doing an excellent job upgrading the site, but as always, if you have any worthy photos to add email them to KARENORMIKE@xtra.co.nz

Check out the website at <http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz>

If you have any questions or suggestions about the running of the club please don't hesitate to call me, my contacts are in the back of this HiTAC and I welcome your input.

Finally, a tip: a weather forecasting website that a few of us have found pretty reliable. It's specific to 1679 metres (just above the Lodge height) and it's a good one to add to your other weather sites for comparison before heading out.

<http://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/Manganui/6day/top>

That's it for now...enjoy the winter!

Jonathan Crane

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THE TRIP FILES

Monthly Review

Danny Roguski may be too occupied for trips, but he is certainly on a journey. As he works toward his 1000 summits in a calendar year, he will first have to bring up his 100th. This is likely to be early to mid August, and if you want to be there to celebrate the milestone with him, then send him a text on (027) 2407044 and he will keep you posted of the exact timing. Go Danny!



If you haven't yet put your name down for **Winter Walks**, then call me now to avoid disappointment as numbers will be limited for safety. The first walk is set for Saturday 31 July.

The great club tradition of **Snowcaving** is back on 21-22 August. Mike Johns has generously offered his architectural services, and in return you get to do the digging. Give me call, and sign up for a bit of slave labour.

The **Tongariro Crossing** will be taking place on 27-29 August (see the trip notice for more details). Once again, Greg Banks will be leading this very popular trip. Last year he threw in a tai chi demonstration – who knows what he'll get up to this time. Numbers are limited and on a first to pay basis, so give Greg a call now to secure your spot.

The **Tararuas** is set for 23-27 September. It is a 4-5 day trip taking in Mitre Peak (the highest point in the Tararuas), Kings Ridge, and part of the classic Jumbo-Powell circuit. There is a small possibility of good weather, but a good probability of snow/ice/high winds/poor vis/rain, so this could be an arduous and slow trip demanding a high degree of fitness and resolve. Numbers will be limited. Start training now.

Stay safe on the slopes.

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Snow Craft 1

What a weekend!

The enthusiastic comments of the participants said it all. Many thanks to Grant and Jon for all their efforts to make the weekend so worth while. Despite the lack of snow we all enjoyed our skills day on Saturday. On Sunday we were blessed with a beautiful weather for our three hour walk about. As part of the walk John Jordan took us for a tour of the old Taharangi hut sites making the trip informative as well as a great chance to embed our newly learned skills.



On behalf of the group I would like to thank our instructors for giving us such an informative and enjoyable weekend. We are all looking forward to Snowcraft 2. Let it snow! Snow! Snow!

Kit Turnbull



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EVENTS PROGRAMME

CLUB INSTRUCTION: Snow caving

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 August 2010

Fancy sleeping outdoors? No, well dig your own digs and sleep indoors. This is a popular club trip and always proves to be a fun social event. Don't know how to build a snow cave? No problem - we provide the architect. This great mansion will be built just a short walk from the lodge. Prerequisites – Minimum of Snow craft one or similar level of experience, and a willingness to dig for hours.

Phone Bryan Krijger on 7511449 by Saturday 14th August to register.

CLUB INSTRUCTION: Snow Craft 2

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 August 2010

You've done Snow Craft 1 so now get those crampons and harnesses on and give Snow Craft 2 a go! This course covers the use of ropes and anchors and always proves to be another great weekend.

You must have completed Snow Craft 1 to be eligible for Snow Craft 2.

Phone Grant Upson on 7535 970 by Sunday 15th August to register.

CLUB NIGHT:

THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2010

To be advised

CLUB NIGHT: THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2010

Annual Photographic Competition

Get clicking now so that you enter this great club event. Details of what sections etc are is this issue of HiTAC and previous HiTAC. The more photos you take the better your chances are of winning. Lots of categories to choose from...from humour, mountaineering, nature etc. Alternatively come along to see what our budding Club photographers have been up to. Come along to the Foundation of the Blind, 131 Vivian Street – 8pm start. Gold coin donation for tea and bickies afterwards

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CLUB INSTRUCTION:

SATURDAY 21st/SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2010

Snow Caving

Instructor: Mike Johns

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Snow Craft 2

Instructor: Grant Upson

CLUB TRIP:

Weekend: 27, 28 & 29 August 2010

No reserve date is set

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

Trip Leader: Greg Hall

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CLUB NIGHT:

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2010

South Island Climbing & Trekking in the early 60's

Speaker: Peter Barker

CLUB NIGHT

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2010

Presidents Shout

TAC Fact File

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.
For current rates or more information contact the Treasurer,
Colin Neighbours (ph 753 9900)

GEAR HIRE

TAC Climbing Equipment Officer:

Jonathan Crane

(See back page of HiTAC for contact details)

Club members can hire ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harness (incl. karabiners, etc). Each item costs \$5/day, maximum \$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.

*Phone Jonathan at least a couple of days beforehand
to arrange a suitable pick up time.*

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Trips and social events are an important part of the club's activities – they need both support and leaders. If you would like to suggest or lead a trip contact: *Bryan Krijger* ☎ 7511 449

It's your club - We want to include those trips you want

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome you to the TAC. **Mike Longstaff (7566 233)** is keen to help you integrate easily into club activities so give him a call if you have any questions or suggestions.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Advise the secretary by mail to
Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth.

DEADLINE FOR HITAC

The deadline for all copy for the next HiTAC is

Thursday 26th August 2010...

Thanks for your contribution no matter how big or small!

Everything you ever wanted to know

TAHURANGI LODGE

Is the TAC's premier Lodge on Mt Egmont / Taranaki. It sleeps 26, has electric heating and cooking, all cutlery, pots and pans, etc. Just like home. To get an eKey you need to *apply in writing to the Executive Committee*. An application form can be obtained by contacting **Colin Neighbours (ph 753 9900)** or any other executive committee member.

Overnight fees are:

\$5 for TAC members (under 18 years \$2.50) and \$20 for non-members (under 18 years \$10). Members can buy an annual lodge pass for \$40 (under 18 years \$20) which allows members unlimited sleeps until the next AGM. Anyone who stays at Tahurangi Lodge must write in the overnight book upstairs by the fridge;

- * Their surname and initials *
- * Say TAC or non-member *
- * If under 18 please state *

The lodge subcommittee looks after all maintenance.

If you want to help, have ideas for improvements, or have found something wrong, contact **Stephen Miller (ph 751 0272)**.

Bookings by people from other clubs or groups of 5+ people should be made with the Lodge Booking Officer

Electronic HiTAC

While it's nice to get a bit of mail in the letterbox that isn't a bill, it's also great to get coloured photos through the email. Some members have asked if they can get the HiTAC via email only.

If this includes you, please email **kwadsworth@actrix.co.nz** & put in the subject line "eHiTAC subscription". Not only will you save trees, postage & the club's money, but you will have the advantage of receiving the HiTAC before everyone else.

If you have a beef, a soapbox, hobby-horse or something interesting to say, why not tell everyone. Just e-mail your copy to the editor and please use polite language.

www.rockclimb.co.nz ☐☐ (Bryce's)

www.climb.co.nz ☐☐ (Being up dated, ☐does☐cover NZ)

www.freeclimb.co.nz ☐☐ (free guides to ☐cliffs☐ in ☐the☐ Waikato)

NOTICES

New Members

Graham Pease
Ivan Bruce
Phillip & Anna Davies

TO ALL FMC CLUBS

The July FMC newsletter is now available on our website. The link to the pdf version is www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/ClubNewsletter1007.pdf

Regards
Phil Glasson
Secretary
Federated Mountain Clubs

Winter Walks

A series of basic walks led by experienced club members for those new to the white stuff and wanting to get out and reinforce the skills learnt on snow craft.

They run every two weeks from 31 July, and will finish with the biggie – a slush summit in October.

For safety reasons, numbers on the walks will be limited to a 1 to 4 ratio. There will usually be two senior club members, so that will be a maximum of 8 newbies.

Prerequisites – Minimum of Snow craft one or similar level of experience.

Phone Bryan Krijger on 7511449 to register your interest today.

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