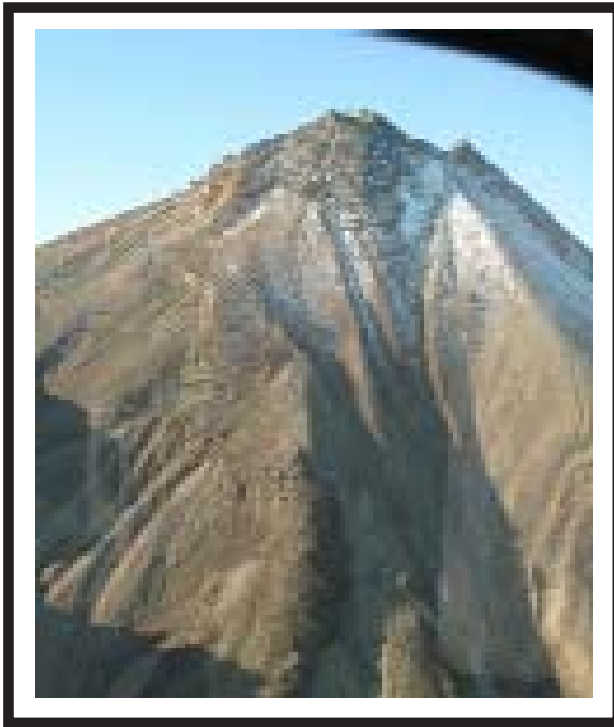




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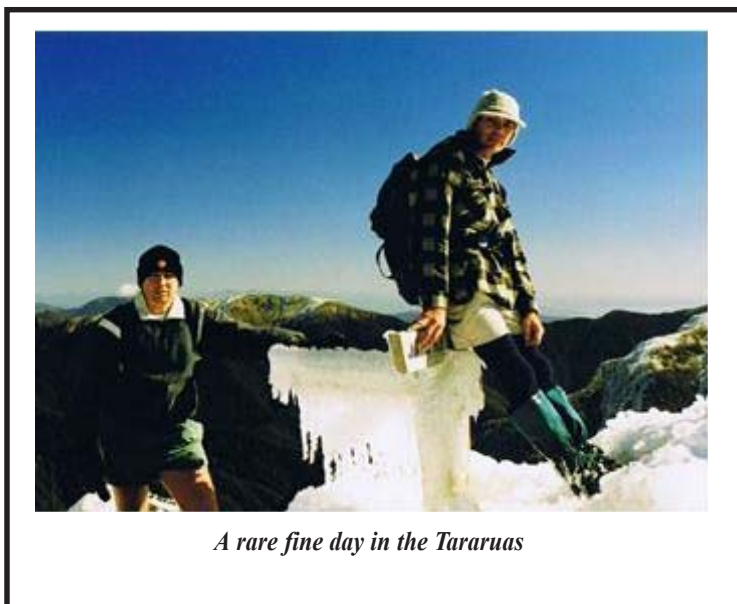
When going on trips, a means of communication with the outside world in case of emergency is very desirable, and most people rely on a cell phone. But that can let you down with coverage, and even flat batteries. The club has its own **Personal Locator Beacon** for club trips, and it is also available for hire to members. Contact equipment officer, Jonathan Crane.

Danny Roguski is closing in fast on his '100 summits in a year'. As this goes to print, his tally should be close to 90. Almost time for a celebration on the summit. Keep checking the TAC website noticeboard for an up to date total, and when to be there. The more the merrier.

There are just two more **Winter Walks** – 11 September and 25 September (**Fanths Peak/Syme Hut**) - before the **Slush Summit** on 9 October. Give me a call to say you'll be there.

The great club tradition of **Snow caving** was thwarted by a serious lack of snow. Better luck next year Mike.

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A rare fine day in the Tararuas

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NOTICES



Slush Summit - Saturday 9 October

□ You've done snowcraft 1, snowcraft 2 and been logging time in the white stuff, all the while looking longingly at the summit. Well wait no longer, join a group of experienced club members and head for the beauty of a white summit.

Minimum Requirements – Snowcraft 1 & 2 (or similar level of experience), and be confident in the use of ice axe and crampons.

Phone Bryan on 7511449 or (027) 2070880)

by Tuesday 5th October to register.

George Mason will be speaking about the Smile High team and their efforts towards dental health care in Nepal.

We will then be screening a documentary about the most deadly of mountains – K2.

8 pm Thursday 2 September 2010

Blind Foundation

Gold coin donation

Tea and biscuits provided

New Members

Christian □ Hanson
Andrew □ Marie □ Callander

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.

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

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

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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 in 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 bikkies afterwards

CLUB NIGHT: THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2010

South Island Climbing & Trekking in the early 60's

Speaker: Peter Barker

Peter Barker is going to show us their last trip into the Hunter in the late 1960- early 1961. This time their trip into the Hunter, they traversed all the peaks along the Hunter Glacier and other exciting happenings, which you will want to see. Don't miss this opportunity to see how climbing was done in that era!!! Come along to Foundation of the Blind, Vivian Street – 8pm. Gold coin donation for tea and bikkies afterwards.

CLUB NIGHT: THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2010

Presidents Shout

What better way to end this year than a shout from the President. This is a great evening for all. View a few pictures, chat amongst fellow club members (plan some great Summer trips) with a beverage and snacks.

Come along to Foundation of the Blind, 131 Vivian Street
8pm start

Good company guaranteed!!!!

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