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HiiTAC

April 2012

The Trip Files April 2012

The recent ***Mt Damper*** trip kept a keen new member entertained for his first multiday trip – he even learnt a few things. Check out Patrick's trip report. Thanks to an always keen Danny for leading this trip.

As I write this, the forecasts aren't looking great for the ***East Ridge*** trip. However, I'm sure Grant will entertain as he gets his charges to harden up. Hopefully summer will arrive for ***West Side***, as it really is a fantastic, scenic and panoramic day when the weather plays its part.

Grading of trips. I have been asked about grading of trips, and that members maybe aren't sure whether they are up to a particular trip. Grading is a tricky and subjective thing, but what I have done is broken trips into three categories as follows:-

'Social' – Shorter, easier walks 3-6hrs. Average fitness, family friendly, as fast as the slowest. Eg you find walks like the Kokowai or Jacobs Ladder Circuit enjoyable and easy.

'Medium & Challenging' – Long, full day trips, but not especially hard. Good level of fitness. Eg able to summit and return in under 5hr30 (summer conditions) is a good benchmark; although stamina for a full day is the overriding thing here ie you can finish the day with a spring in your step.

'Big & Hard' – Multi day or particular experience required (such as good winter climbing skills). High level of fitness and strength. Eg able to carry a heavy pack (15kg+) for 6hrs or more and feel good the next day to do it all again.

These are fairly broad grades, and every trip is a bit different, so if in doubt call me to discuss.

Trips in the next few months:

Till November. Interesting features and places on the mountain. Most will be easier 3-5 hour 'social' walks to places and features a little off the beaten track. Call me to be kept in the loop about what's happening and when. Grade - 'Social'

14 April. West Side. Heading up to the Pyramids and exploring the changing west side of the mountain. Grade – 'Medium'

14/15 July. Syme Hut Overnight. Come stay at the ice box with some wonderful food and wine. Good winter experience and kit is required for this one. Grade – 'Big & Hard'

For a complete 'at a glance' trips year planner, check out the ***'Trips at a Glance'*** then print it, stick it to your fridge, mark off what interests you, and give me a call.

All trips require prior registration for planning. However, if you would like to do a trip but are not sure about your availability, you should still let me know you're interested.
-For day trips, registration is required by the Tuesday prior.

-For multi-day you should express your interest as early as possible, and confirm at least one week ahead.

If you have an idea for a trip or a favourite trip you'd like to share (lead), then don't be shy and give me a call, text or email. So to all the senior/experienced club members, call me before I call you!

TRIPS AT A GLANCE 2012.....

	Big & Hard	Medium & Chal- lenging	Social
	High level fitness. Multi day or Experienced	Good fitness, full days.	Average fitness. Social, family friendly, 'as fast as the slowest'
April		West Side	Interesting' Walks. Run on fine weekends subject to demand.
May			Interesting' Walks.
June			Interesting' Walks.
July	Syme Hut Overnight		Interesting' Walks.
August	Tongariro Crossing		Interesting' Walks.
September			Interesting' Walks.
October		Slush Summit	Interesting' Walks.
November	Tararuas (3 Day)		Interesting' Walks.
December		Central Plateau	
January			
February	Surf to Summit to Surf	Sunrise Summit	Interesting' Walks.
March		South - North Traverse	Interesting' Walks.

For more information or to register, phone or email the trip coordinator.

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Be in Quick Rock Climbing Trip 7th April

Phil Davies is organising a Rock Climbing trip—Possibly to Wharepapa South.
Phone him now—Phil Davies (759 4657)

Trip Reports

This was my first experience of a multi day tramp and while confident I was a bit worried about going in with someone such as Danny, I needn't have worried as he catered to my speed and lack of experience very well.

From the start, nature was against us as a rather large windfall across the road added an extra hour and a half walk up the road to the track entrance and left many more windfalls along the track. Apart from a few markers needing replacing the track wasn't in too bad nick. Luckily the weather held out.

Over the first day the track was reasonably clear and apart from one small navigational error and sitting in an ants nest it went well. I was glad Danny had been there before, as he knew the small things to look for, such as two small arrows indicating where to drop off a ridge when what looks like the track continued on. Without his expertise we would have spent hours longer searching. I was extremely glad when we reached the campsite under the impressive 60m Te Rerepahunu Falls.

The next morning I was again glad for Danny's prior knowledge finding a small green pole in the thick undergrowth indicating the point to start climbing. The terrain was rolling all day and Mt Damper itself was just another hill. The hut was a welcome sight after this long day even with the rats in the ceiling.

The third day was by far the easiest, the track from the hut to the falls is in good shape, and apart from a few slippery banks - no problems. The sign marking the turn off from the easy walk to the falls was a funny sight (less of a turn off, more of a "go straight up this steep bank"). After taking in the Mt Damper Falls we headed out. By this



point I was pretty much exhausted and glad to be out.

A great memorable trip and an excellent introduction to multi day tramps. I think next time I'll be making some adjustments to the gear I take. Thanks again Danny, and bring on the next one!

Patrick Coombe



These pages are just waiting for you to send the editor a trip report on one of your memorable excursions.

Trip reports don't need to be a literary masterpiece, or the length of a novel. A few notes on what made your trip special, where you went and the company you shared it with. Photo's are a bonus.

- Ed.

Trip Reports

Saturday 10th March 7:30 AM.

A brilliant day with clear skies, sunshine and not a breath of wind. Perfect for some rock climbing.

Phill, Ivan, William, Liam, Matthew and myself set out from North Egmont up the razor-back en-route to Humphries Castle. Ivan 'Longshanks' and Liam and William set off at their usual pace, which I tried in vain to keep up with and after a short time I dropped back to a more leisurely strolling pace! Ivan and the guys pressed on to Humphries and started to set up, by the time we arrived at Humphries Ivan and the lads had already covered the basics of tying in, rapelling and started their traverse of Humphries.

Matthew, Phil and I harnessed up, went over a few safety matters, had a practice rapell, practiced tying in and started off on our traverse. We started out unroped to get onto Humphries, but once we all got up onto a small ledge on the north side, we roped up, Phil lead off and Matthew and I simulclimbed the remainder of the traverse till we reached a couple of rusty bolts and an old chain - our rapell point. Good times! Practiced a few fancy moves on the traverse round and was pretty pleased not to fall (obviously!). Phill set up some safety anchors at the rapell point and started out getting us down. Matthew went off first without a hitch. I was little nervous, not having done this for a few years. That first step back is always something pretty terrifying, trusting your rope and kit. So anyway, no point in hanging around so off I went and despite clanging my knee on the way down, an uneventful and adrenealine filled asbseil followed. Reached the bottom and patted myself on the back.

Phill followed down quickly and we moved onto one of the top rope routes that Ivan had set up earlier. I found it pretty tough going trying to get started on the climb with some pretty slick rock, moss and some complex (to me) moves required to get going. Still, I know the other boys were happy to have someone happy to belay them, which I was more than happy to do. Phill showed us how it was done.

Liam and Matthew (also referred to as the monkeys) showed no such problems and impressed us all with their skills and speed, well done fellas.

We then moved down to hidden rocks and Phill set up another route there which we all had a crack at and while we were doing this, Ivan set up a rope on the sunny side which I think he finally managed to stump the younger guys with.

I took off shortly after as I had to get down by 4 o'clock, the others hung around a bit more and I'm not sure if Ivan's route was mastered or not!

All in all, a real learning curve for me and I was thrilled to complete the traverse of Humphries, practice some rapelling and some rope work and watch some great climbers and young talent show me how far I have to go. Thanks all involved for a real fun day and I look forward to some more of this in the future if you're willing to take me.

Scott Chamberlain

Instruction

Just like to thank Phil and Ivan for running the rock climbing event mentioned in the trip reports.

They are keen as, so contact them if you want to get involved.

Do keep an eye out for up and coming snow instruction who knows what the weather is going to next

Cheers

Grant Upson



Stuff for Sale

Lyn White has the following for Sale ..

Meindl leather climbing boots, women's, Nubuck and Gortex with a rigid shank.

I cannot see a size on these. I have persevered but they are just too small, especially across the front and gave me blisters. Cost \$500 new. Kiwi Outdoor does not stock Meindls any more because the price has gone up in the \$700s

The shoe size that I wear varies:

Jandals size 5

Multiple fitting 7.5

Shoe size 38-39

Sports shoes to be worn with socks 40

So is there a small footed woman out there who wants an awesome pair of boots?

Contact me. Price negotiable Phone 7588 080 or 027 444 9800

'Snogrip' tyre chains. Have been carried a lot and rarely used. Easy to fit as they are colour coded. I have never had any problems fitting them which makes for great entertainment as guys watch waiting for me to fail! I used them on a Camry but now no longer own this car. If you have a tyre size not listed here and want to try them out, give me a call.

Fit: 175-15, 185-14, 185/70-15, 195/70-14, 205/70-13, 195/65-15, 205/65-14, 205/60-15
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Price negotiable. Contact me Phone 7588 080 or 027 444 9800

Calendar Items ..

Monday June 4th 1-00pm (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Join us at the Lodge for the annual Hut Birthday

Cutting of the cake at 1-00 pm, and there's usually a few drinks as well. A great time to catch up with club members.

Movie nights at the Lodge

Following the success of previous nights, Danny Rogurski is organising more.

Pot Luck Dinner at 6-00 pm, followed by a DVD. If you have a DVD you think others would enjoy, bring it along.

Dates for 2012:

Saturday April 2nd

Saturday July 7th

Saturday October 6th

Banff Mountain Film Festival. 2012

Friday 4th May at the City West Church, Poplar Grove, Westown, New Plymouth commencing at 7.30pm.

Tickets available at Kiwi Outdoors, NP and on sale at the door on the night. Cost:
Adult \$20 15yrs and under and NZAC members, \$15 with ID.

A range of outdoor adventure films consisting of different activities.

Club Nights ...

PLEASE NOTE Club nights start at 7-30

First Thursday of each month, @ Foundation for the Blind rooms, 131 Vivian St, NP

April 5th - Bill Denz

Bill Denz was the single most important driving force in the development of New Zealand mountaineering in modern times. The range of his climbing ascents, the time span that he had been climbing at this high standard, and the calibre of the climbs he did, has been unsurpassed by anybody else in New Zealand.

Paul Maxium the author of the "Bill Denz Bio" will be doing a talk, showing a short film all about Bill Denz and having a book sale and sign.



MAY 3rd 7-30 - John Jordan

Will be giving a talk on "Climbing in the 1960s" About major changes during that decade not only in NZ but also internationally. Also changes in clothing and equipment. Followed by a cross section of his climbing activities on Egmont and throughout NZ summer and winter.

June 7th—Alec Heilbron

Ski touring in the South Island Alec Heilbron.

June will be winter and Alec will be delivering us a very timely talk on ski touring in the south island.

Ski touring is one of the best ways to move around the mountains and great fun. So come along and hear Alec's insight.

New Members

The Clubs extends a warm welcome to our new members, and we look forward to seeing you on the slopes.

Graeme, Davina, Jerry & Adam Johnston, New Plymouth

Club Information

NEW MEMBERS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

We welcome you to the TAC. Grant Upson is keen to help you integrate easily into club activities so give him a call if you have any questions. Scott Chamberlain is our new social co-ordinator and is open to any suggestions for a good get together.

TAHURANGI LODGE

This 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 \(ph 753 9900\)](mailto:Colin.Neighbours@tac.org.nz).

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;

1. Their surname and initials.
2. Say TAC or non-member.
3. If under 18 please state.

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

The lodge subcommittee looks after all maintenance. Contact Stephen Miller if you want to help, have ideas for improvements, or have found something wrong.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2012: FAMILY \$60, ORDINARY (single) \$40 , STUDENT (under 18), \$30.

The subscription halves for those joining after 01 September.

For more info contact the Treasurer, Colin Neighbours (ph 753 9900).

GEAR HIRE - TAC Equipment Officer: Jonathan Crane (769 5432)

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.

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 Cattain, or would like to volunteer to lead a trip contact the Trips co-ordinator.

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 andrews.phillip@gmail.com & 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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Must be advised in writing – Send to the Secretary by mail to

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STAYING OVERNIGHT IN THE LODGE?

If you do you must fill in the Overnight Register which is situated upstairs next to the fridge. Please read the instructions on what information is required, particularly if you decide to pay before departure. Record this beside your name and put the money in the envelope provided. If you don't do this then don't be surprised if you get an invoice requiring you to pay - perhaps a second time! Those who deliberately wish not to pay on departure, that is OK, because an invoice will be sent in due course-usually at the end of each quarter.

If you decide to take your immediate family (who normally reside with you) to the Lodge overnight, remember.....you can only claim member costs (\$5 or \$2.50) if you are registered with the Club as a "FAMILY" membership.

If you are an "ORDINARY" then your family pay the full costs (\$20 or \$10). The alternative is to change membership status by contacting the Treasurer going to the Lodge.

Colin Neighbours (Treasurer)



Bernard Aris Sketch of the old Tahurangi Hut

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