

Summer 2010/2011



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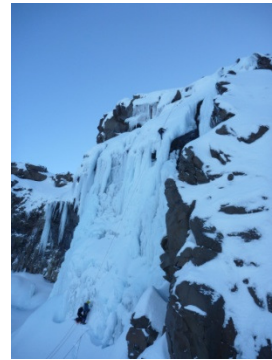
New lodge beginning to find its legs.

Welcome to the **first** newsletter of the Tukino Alpine Sport club. **Wow**, has it only been **7 months** since the club was formed and acquired the old Christiana Lodge from OPC!

Being our first newsletter, there is quite a focus on the “to do list” but also some great pictures of the lodge already being used by new groups.

So what’s been achieved in the first 7 months?

- Club formed and registered
- Committee commenced, membership forms and subs developed.
- Joined Ruapehu mountain club associations and insurance scheme
- Building fire certification renewed
- Uncounted vehicle loads of rubbish removed
- Ski field winter ticket office and café installed into lodge (yesreal coffee!)
- Generator room cleanup and new backup generator installed (in configuration to support a smaller and cheaper to run “summer lodge”).
- NZAC endorsement obtained, and first donator installment from NZAC members of \$5000 received.
- DOC concession transfer lodged.
- Black water design approval from DOC.
- Initial club web site up and running



NZAC Auckland ice climbing weekend. July 2010

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Upcoming Events:

- **Learn how to operate the lodge!** Lodge Manager Training Weekend: **12-13th February**
- **Working Bee:** Black water tank and water tanks install. **5-6th March**

Memberships:

Do you want to join the lodge and access member rates for you, your family or friends?

- Membership forms can be downloaded from the website
- **Annual membership:** Individual \$100 Family \$300
- **5yr Memberships** Individual \$500 Family/Group \$2000
- **Life Memberships** \$5000

Go to the [web](#) for further details and benefits.

Winter 2010 Summary

Although a poor snow season, and only 7 months of operations, the number of people using the lodge in our first year was significantly up on previous season. The increase was significantly helped by the additional number of non ski users **this year** (e.g. climbers). This highlights the need for the lodge strategy to support a broad range of alpine sports as this is key to its ongoing success and all year round use.

- 189 bunk nights (65 to guests, the rest to members and affiliates)
- Of this, 97 were climber bookings, 29 were Ski and Stay packages, and 2 were birthday and corp. events.

Family friendly lodge Oct 2010.



Who to contact

Below is the list of club contacts by name and email address.

Norman	president@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz
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Mark	website@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz



There is also a member only “password” area, which allows us to keep a handle on maintenance work, and may be expanded to cover club meetings etc. This is be a great help with administering the club. There is also a link to Tukino Ski field.

A number of web developments are being considered to make the site even better, including an events calendar, Facebook page, and if we are really lucky, an online booking engine.

[extract from web below]



Lodge Manager Training

One of the challenges of a full service high alpine lodge is the various procedures and precautions needed to operate the lodge power and safety systems.

To ensure there is a good pool of “certified” lodge operators, we have commenced “lodge manager training weekends”, the first being the weekend of **12-13 February**.



People that successfully complete the workshop to the satisfaction of Dave, our authority on these matters, will be allowed to operate the lodge when making their own bookings, and not require the club to provide a lodge manager for their stay. [Note: The lodge has a full time lodge manager in place during the ski season to make life a bit easier for guests during that time].

This workshop is open to Club members, NZAC members, OPC instructors, fellow Tukino ski field clubs, and people from other groups (such as tramping clubs) that wish to be regular users.

Workshop to cover opening procedures, lock down, power, water, heating, fire, and other emergency procedures.

New Website

www.tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz/

ing the new website running. It’s already a great source of news and information (such workshop dates, bookings, membership, location of lodge directions, activity photo’s etc).

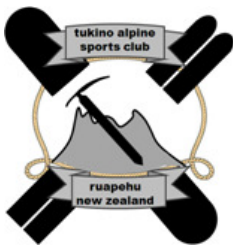
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Upcoming Working Bees

Tank Install: Provisional Date 4-5th March Involving diggers and big holes, the aim of this working bee is to get the new black water and drinking water tanks into the ground, with associated holes and ditches to be dug, tanks lifted in, start of plumbing them in. The black water tank is required as part of the DOC concession, and the water tanks to replace the internal leaking concrete block tanks (and damage they cause), and free up lodge space.

Builder/plumber type persons welcome!

Contact: Dave maintenance@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz

Fireplace Install: TBA Install of either upper lounge or lower lounge fireplace in preparation for winter to reduce running costs and cleaning issues with old diesel central heating. Contact: Norman president@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz

NZAC Partnership



The club is currently working with NZAC to provide all NZAC members access to the hut at member rates via a Group Foundation Membership agreement. This includes NZAC promoting the lodge as part of the larger NZAC hut/lodge network. Whilst this is progressing the lodge had already made itself available to NZAC members at member rates. Progress to date on this partnership is below:

- NZAC Hut Committee and Central Club Committee (governing body of NZAC) approval granted.
- NZAC have completed a reference for TAS re DoC concession.
- Process of collecting individual NZAC donor contributions to fund the affiliation costs has commenced.
- An initial \$5000 donation installment from NZAC members received and advanced to Lodge to assist summer program.
- Drafting of legal agreement WIP
- Article for NZAC Section newsletters announcing this new initiative to NZAC members available for release.
- A number of NZAC trip and instruction booking dates for new year confirmed.

Work not started yet includes:

- Collateral for including into NZAC lodge/hut network publications
- Feature Climber magazine article

Volunteers Wanted:

•Plumber

Our grey and black water design has been prepared by a professional firm, the tanks go in March with a digger booked. However, we need a certified plumber to review install and sign off. Can you help. Contact Dave if you can.

•Marketing/Promotions

We are looking for someone with marketing/promotion experience to help us get the word out about our new facility. If this is you, contact marketing@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz



NZAC Wellington putting up new rock routes- November 2010