

Otaihape Alpine Club

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The ski season kicked off well with decent snowfalls in late June/early July. The good early season snow cover got a hammering from rain in mid-July but things are looking good again with recent snowfalls. The eruption of Mt Tongariro recently hasn't had any effect on ski field operations. Let's hope it's just a one off 'burp'.



RAL are now offering a shuttle/taxi service to lodges with over the snow access in a snow groomer kitted out with a passenger cabin. The service operates on Friday, Saturday and nights between 5pm and midnight with 1 ½ hours notice required; Monday to Thursday on request between 5pm and midnight with 24 hours notice required. It costs \$15 per adult one way or \$30 for a family. Phone RAL on 07 892 4000 for more information.

Volunteers are wanted for the OAC 75th anniversary celebrations sub-committee. If you are interested in helping with this milestone event please email president@otaihape.org.nz

Jude Hamblyn - President

Annual club races

Mark your diary and make your hut booking for the annual club races on Saturday 1 September (contingency day 15 September). The focus of the races is fun and participation and everyone is welcome to take part. Race day will be capped off by

prize-giving and a pot-luck dinner at the hut. For more information contact Club Captain Hamish Bell on hamy.vs.ishy@hotmail.com.



Maintenance

Great news! We were successful in getting a grant from Pub Charity for around \$3,000 to install a new gas oven/hob to replace the old electric stove, which is past its best before date. Thank you Pub Charity, and thank you Yvonne, Jude, Jenny and Kim and Alison who did some pretty fast work to help me get the whole application filled out, accompanying documentation, signatures and delivered down to Wellington in one day to meet the application deadline. Not an easy job with us all spread out from Raurimu, Taihape, Palmerston North to Wellington, but it all came together on the day. The gas has now been installed.

Also a big thank you to Don Stratton who has donated two gas bottles for the stove and a bale of batts to further insulate the ceiling above the bunk rooms. If anyone else would like to donate some batts then please give me a call on 027 5271100. The more the better.

More water has been leaking around the upstairs lounge window so we will be seeking funding to replace it with a double glazed unit next summer. In the meantime the window has been screwed shut and we will be putting some tape around it to try and minimise any water getting into the hut.

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Phone

With the cessation of Telecom's CDMA network the car phone in the hut is no longer operational. We are looking at replacing it with a normal cell phone. Please contact me if you have a cell phone you would like to donate (must be able to be used on the current networks).

Neil Ranford - Maintenance Officer

Celebrating 75 years – 2013

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No joining fee

To attract new members we will continue to offer a "no joining fee special". For more information see our website www.otaihape.org.nz

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Found...

Alison Hart has scored (from last season) a nice pair of women's black Scott ski pants. Problem is they aren't hers. They look shiny like hers but they are far nicer than her old unbranded ones. She is happy to give them back to their rightful owner. If they are yours txt Ali on 027 2799440.

Contributions welcome

Please contact president@otaihape.org.nz if you'd like to contribute to this newsletter.



