

Otaihape Alpine Club

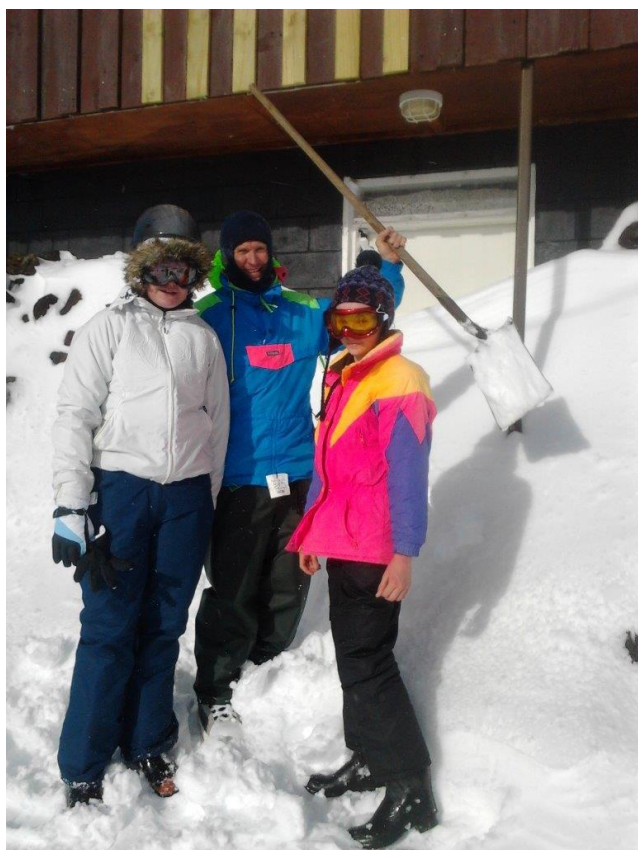
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July 2013

Winter is well and truly here and perfectly timed for the school holidays. There are still some places left in the hut for the holidays but you need to get in quick. Phone Alison/Kim Duncan between 7-9pm on (06) 388 0021 and don't forget to complete and submit the online booking form via www.otaihape.org.nz



The Hughes family digging their way into the club 3 July

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

The club is looking good and ready to go for winter. The new windows fitted at the last work party look great from the outside and add a more modern touch to the building. The old windows are tucked safely against a wall downstairs until we get the opportunity to transport them out on a cat. This could be a weekend while we have members who can help.

Wallpapering has been completed in the lounge and bedroom walls repaired around the new window installations. Due to the dry summer there has been plenty of mouse activity, so be prepared when opening lockers. Don's new TV is looking rather flash, Paul has brought a signal meter up and we will see if we can get it going.

Happy skiing.
Yvonne

WELCOME

We welcome the Scholmann family from Mt Maunganui. James and Maree with Meela 11 and Kylen 7. I'm sure our younger members will be very excited to have some new skiing/boarding and play in the snow buddies.

NEWS FROM RAL WHAKAPAPA

The Friday/Saturday/Sunday evening snow shuttle up to the clubs will be operating again this year, snow conditions permitting. Prices will be the same, \$15 Adults, \$10 Youth, \$30 Family.

BOOKINGS FOR SNOW SHUTTLE: Mon 8am – Thurs 5pm
via email only w-snowshuttle@mtruapehu.com

Or **Friday – Sunday 1pm – 5pm** Phone: (027) 551 1854



Get up to the club in comfort in the RAL snow shuttle.

If it looks like there might be **restrictions on the Bruce Road on a Friday night** RAL will make every effort to add the information to the snow report on www.mtruapehu.com, and their Facebook and Twitter pages by 12pm on the day. On nights where there is a restriction, there will generally be a road clearer on plus someone manning the barrier up until 10pm to 12pm depending on how busy the night is. Club members are urged to check on any road restrictions before they leave home or while they are enroute and ensure they are prepared by driving a 4WD and/or carrying chains (and know how to fit them!).

There's been a **great start with the snow**. In addition to several good storms RAL has pumped about 16 million litres of water through the snowmaking onto the Express, Rock Garden and Happy Valley.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Otaihape is part of the social networking age with its own Facebook page. [To View and LIKE click here](#), or search Otaihape Alpine Club on Facebook and click the LIKE button at the top of the page to become our friend and receive updates.



**CLUB WEEKEND – It's our 75th year so let's celebrate
Book your calendar now – 14, 15 September**

Shared pot luck finger food dinner/party Saturday evening.
Theme black & white, bow ties & tiara's.

Book now. We have overflow accommodation arrangements with Iwikau & Ski Racers, so the more the merrier.

Races for those of us who have the goal of your name on a trophy, (these races are low key & fun, so if you have never had a go on a slalom course – give it a go) fun kids activities (ideas & requests from the kids please). Ideas so far

- Obstacle course in the snow
- Treasure Hunt
- Toboggan races



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS – 2013

Book your calendar now – 15, 16, 17 November

A weekend of family fun and celebration at Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre, in the countryside 25 minutes south of Taihape

This is to be a weekend of celebration and togetherness with a dinner and party on Saturday evening and a program of activities during the day. Including Gumboot throwing, Hay bale surfing, river rafting trip for those who enjoy extra excitement & more

Please invite any past members you may know.

The Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre caters for up to 60 people per night in bunk style accommodation plus ample field area for motorhomes, caravans and tents.

The cost for food and accommodation is to be shared amongst all who attend. At this point full weekend cost estimated at around \$50 per adult & \$35 per child.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Christie Derby

The famous Christie Derby race and after-party will be on Sat 3rd August. Four people per team, three fastest times. For more information check out www.skichristie.co.nz

Ngauruhoe Ski Club Trophy Race

Saturday 31st August. Teams of Five, for fastest times. Each team must have at least one female. Contact Jen at

clubcaptain@ngauruhoeskiclub.org.nz

