

Otaihape Alpine Club

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June 2013

After a warm summer it looks like winter is well and truly here. The last week in May saw a southerly blast that brought snow down to National Park. They say 'snow in May melts away' but let's hope it has set the scene for a long and snowy winter.



The National Park kiwi wearing a snowy coat.

2013 WORK PARTY AND AGM

Thanks to those who attended the annual work party and AGM on 20/21 April. A Herculean effort was put in to install the four new double-glazed windows purchased with a grant from Pub Charity.



Installing the new window in the end bunk room.

The minutes of the AGM are attached with this newsletter along with the latest financials.

2012/13 office holders

Jude Hamblyn has stepped down as President. Yvonne Halcombe was voted in as new President.

President: Yvonne Holcombe
Vice and Immediate Past President: Jude Hamblyn
Treasurer: Jenny Mower
Club Captain: Hamish Bell
Vice Club Captain: E Dobson
Secretary: Jon Torgersen
Booking Officers: Alison and Kim Duncan
Maintenance Officer: Neil Ranford
Patron: Johan Bonnevie
Committee: Don Stratton, Garry Hawkins, Blair Muter, Barry Evans, Philip Oliver, Geoff Sawyer, Iain Dobson

Hut fees and subscriptions

There has been a modest increase to annual subscriptions, maintenance levy and hut fees to cover annual inflation. Subs have gone up \$7 for a single, \$15 a family, associate \$5; hut fees by \$1 for adult members and \$0.50 per night for under 18s; no change for non-members or midweek. Maintenance levy has gone up by \$5 per year. To attract new members we will continue to offer a "no joining fee special". For more information see our website www.otaihape.org.nz

Everyone should have received subs invoices by now. Thank you to those who have paid promptly.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS – 2013

Celebrations for our 75th anniversary have been deferred until after winter. If you are interested in helping with this milestone event please email president@otaihape.org.nz

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WELCOME

Welcome to the following new members: van Asch family - Robert and Sherrilyn with Kyran, Mya and Latoya and the Game family - Roger and Nancye with Sam, Olo, Lys and Evie. Your first overnight stay will be a learning experience and members will look after you. Please call Yvonne anytime if you have any questions.

CUSTODIAN MEMBERS/ Non member stays

2013 season sees Judith repeating another season as custodian at Pinnacles Ski Club and Yvonne and Paul Holcombe working as custodians at Iwikau Ski Club, just below Otaihape. The committee agreed that since Yvonne and Paul are living next door, we will allow non-members to stay without a member. Y & P will oversee their stay and look after their needs. Members, your bookings still have priority. This move creates the opportunity to increase income and make more use of empty bunks. NOTE – school holidays – PLEASE BOOK EARLY. If bunks are available 1 week prior, the bookings will be given to non-members.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES

Please stay aware that Lines charges in to the club are increasing all the time. The committee are continuing with every effort to minimize these, but we need your co-operation with keeping power use to a minimum – ESPECIALLY during peak use periods.

RAL Friday transport to Lodges

A groomer works till very late on Fridays, after lifts close, to deliver you & or your family in the comfort of a purpose built heated carriage. Last year the rate was \$30 for a family of 4. For current rate & to book, phone RAL on 078924000. You need to provide them with an approximate arrival time and then it is first come first on.

PHONE

Currently we have no operating phone at the lodge. Committee are working on this – BUT if you have a contact for a car type phone that can be set up to receive incoming calls only, please get hold of Neil Ranford.

BIG THANKS

Thanks to Don Stratton who has donated a new TV; Blair Muter, a vacuum cleaner; Colin and Lynette Muter, a new frying pan.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Otaihape has joined the social networking age with its own Facebook page.

To join, control + click link above, or search Otaihape Alpine Club on Facebook and become our friend which means you will be automatically notified of updates. While you are there, click the LIKE button at the top of the page.

EVENTS

Otaihape club races will be on again this year – TBA but probably September. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page.

Christie Derby

The famous Christie Derby race and after-party will be on Sat 3rd August. For more information check out www.skichristie.co.nz