



Newsletter

July 2014

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord Family, from Devonport. Their daughter Anna enjoyed her stay in the school holidays as a guest with Rob Hay and Terrie Gray. We look forward to meeting the rest of your family Anna.

A REALLY BIG THANKYOU to Tony Pietersma from **Taupo Key and Lock** www.thelockguy.co.nz
Two days before opening, the club back door lock needed replacing urgently. Tony attended the next day, all the way from Taupo and completed the job just in time to get back down the hill before a storm. The magic thing is, he has donated the lock and his services to the club and to reciprocate, we have offered him a weekend for his family. Please support his business if you have the opportunity 07 3780036 or 027 2728633

PS The lock is a push button. PLEASE double check it is locked when you leave the building.

SEASON START – With the snow arriving a week late, the season managed to get underway in time for the school holidays. The lodge was full most of the holiday with everyone getting a majority of time out on the snow. A source of great joy for most of us parents is witnessing our younger members reconnecting a year on and as always, seeing how they all join together in activities when the slopes are closed. I hear some brave ones completed ice challenges and one evening the squeals of fun making was heard all the way from next door.



Back left – clockwise - Jackson Keon, Maddi Hay, Grace Muter, Harriet Hitchings, Shea Holcombe, Charlotte Hitchings, Jeremy Hitchings, Haydn Muter.

CLUB RACE & SHARED POT LUCK WEEKEND – SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - Book with booking officers now – with only 20 bunks, we will need to book for overflow in neighbouring clubs – so please book as early as possible so we can organise overflow accommodation. The racing is not so serious, just great fun and a good opportunity if you have never skied a slalom course, to have a go. Come on kids, teenagers & big kids– have a go. We have 2 new snowboarding trophies to award as well as various skier trophies for not only fastest, but most improved and perhaps we should add one for biggest Hollywood.



HOWS THIS for the first snowman of the season – we hear his name is Frosty. Impressive effort from Grace Muter, Harriet Hitchings and Maddi Hay

THANKS to the Keon Family who donated a Play station and games, plus hard drives with Family friendly movies. Plus an edging tool. We will keep this put away to be used by members who know how to put an edge on skis & boards. The tool and edges can be ruined if used without the correct knowledge. Contact Yvonne on 021939003 if you need to use it.

PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE – Just before the start of the season, the club website crashed after the provider did an automatic upgrade. In the re-build, many photos were lost. Please send in photos that would be good to put on the website to showcase the club, its people and the wonderful friendly family environment we have. Also, any historical shots. Please email to paul@liveinthedream.co.nz

SOME HOUSEKEEPING

- **Bookings.** Some bookings are still not coming through correctly using the booking form on the website. As soon as you establish availability, please complete the booking form on the website booking tab, then, on

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that form, click this button THEN WAIT for an email screen to come up. That email, once you send it, will go to the booking officer, treasurer and admin. THEN pay for your stay when booked, not after your stay. If you have difficulty, email admin@otaihape.org.nz. Seems some computers (Mac's) don't like this. If this turns out to be so, we will look at another way.

- **Identify direct credit payments.** When paying online, please reference with your surname.
- **Gas.** Please remember to turn the gas off when you leave. It was found left on recently and the bottle empty
- **Hot Water.** Please let us know if the hot water ran out at any time during your stay. Email admin@otaihape.org.nz with details of how many people in at time & if it was peak shower time.
- **New double glazed windows.** The latch on the opening window has a flange at the handle that flips up when opened & then down when you close the window before engaging the latch. Sometimes the flange drops down too early in between window & exterior frame, preventing the window sealing correctly. Please be sure the flange comes down on the interior of the frame, not between frame and window.



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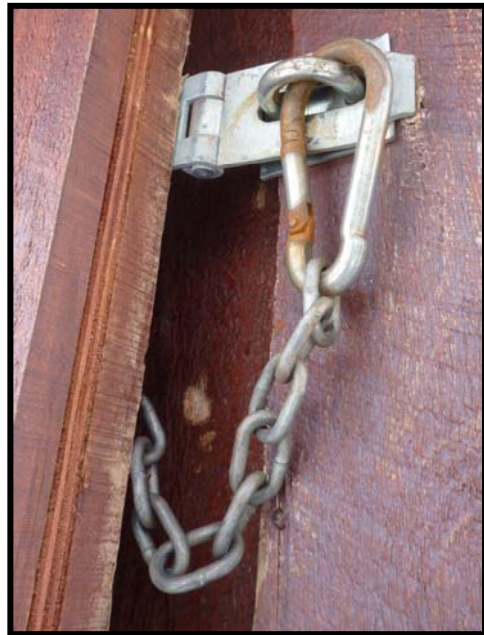


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- **Kitchen window shutters.** Use the clips to bolt the latch back on to the loop. This prevents the shutter swinging in the wind which resulted in one smashed in a storm last season



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- **Committee.** Please consider the Secretary position which is currently unfilled
- **Membership** currently stands at 20 Families, 6 Single members and 4 active Life Members. We can easily accommodate more to help meet outgoings, so please bring guests, but also invite others to join.
- **FOUND** – a pounamu necklace in the middle bunkroom. Call Yvonne 021939003
- **PLEASE ensure all your family see the messages in this newsletter**