



JUNE 2020

Paparoa Great Walk -

The spectacular Pororari Gorge

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RUAPEHU BOOKINGS (By Website only)

Book by selecting the "Online Booking" option on the Club website and follow the instructions Likewise for changing or cancelling a booking, or applying for a refund, follow the website instructions.

To contact Booking Officer email: bookings@alpinesport.org.nz

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Alpine Sports Club Inc
Notice of Annual General Meeting 2020

Tuesday 4th August 2020 commencing at 7.45 pm
at St Marks Church Parish Hall, Remuera Road.

Note: there will be an ordinary meeting of the Club on 7th July 2020, but the AGM has been rescheduled to avoid the school holidays

Please attend with your member friends to give support, ideas and goodwill as we recommence our activities which were disrupted by the covid-19 lockdown.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held 4th June 2019 and matters arising
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Financials for the year ended 31st March 2020
5. Committee Reports - Secretary, Ruapehu, Waitakere, Trips and Tramp
6. Election of Club Officers for forthcoming year:-
President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Ruapehu Coordinator, Trips & Tramps Coordinator, General Committee (4)

Note: The elected committee will have the power to co-opt others if necessary.

7. Appointment of Accounts Reviewer
8. General Business

As there are some vacancies on the committee we do need a few more volunteers to take their place. Please put your name forward if you are willing to stand, by advising the Secretary a week or two before the meeting.

At our 7th July meeting, long time club member Sally Teesdale will give an illustrated talk about her experiences sailing from Australia to New Zealand on board the replica sailing ship 'The Endeavour.'

President's Report

Free at last! And working hard to get everything back on again!

Our 2020 wardens, Joe Smith and Charlee Hutcheson from Jersey in the Channel Islands, are excited to be opening our A Frame Lodge and Ruapehu Hut on Mt Ruapehu on 22 June (RAL opens 1 July); share a drink and get them talking about their unusual ways of conquering and enjoying lock down.

Come over to our Waitakere Hut (off Anawhata Road) to hear the sounds of nature in fresh native bush; stroll along tracks like the one to Karekare starting from the site of a WWII RNZAF Radar Station at the end of Log Race Road, off Piha Road - then back for dinner and a drink followed by roasted marshmallows over the fire.

And keep an eye on our website (www.alpinesports.org.nz) as we reactivate our tramps, small people on big hills, walks, indoor climbing and the many other pre-lock down options.

It has seemed like a very long time since we've been able to enjoy your company. But while our activities were stopped, the bills (some rather chunky) kept chugging in. We'd love your help now by opening the website then the "Cart" to arrange your membership subscription renewal – annual bunk passes are also available here. While you're there, see what has changed on the site – and book some bunk time on Mt Ruapehu so we can catch up and welcome you back.

Are you a confident skier or snowboarder? How would you like to offer an hour or two of advice to some of our youngsters and members when you are next on the mountain? Drop me an email or call if you would like to help.

So good to be returning! Catch up soon! Best wishes.

Robert Oddy





Treasurer's Report - Annual Accounts 2019 - 2020

In spite of several challenges during the year it is pleasing to again report a small operating surplus of income over expenditure for the year. The table below summarises the detailed accounts which follow.

	This Year	Last Year	Prior Year
Income was received from:-			
Subscriptions	27,230	26,353	28,790
Ruapehu Hut Fees – Members & Groups	42,174	52,221	48,628
Ruapehu Hut Fees - Socially Good Group	9,765	9,912	0
Grants & Members Donations	15,819	4,979	3,510
Other Income	<u>4,707</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>7,482</u>
Total Income	103,543	102,015	93,585
Expenditure:-			
Communication & Admin costs	11,089	11,789	10,574
Ruapehu Operating costs	80,054	70,954	70,318
Waitakere Operating costs	4,838	4,125	4,311
Other Expenditure	<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,622</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>97,291</u>	<u>88,568</u>	<u>88,825</u>
Operating Surplus	6,252	13,447	4,760
Less Abnormal expenditure items		(3,935)	
Ruapehu Hut Water Heater replacement		(17,551)	
Plus Grant towards A Frame windows replmt	0	0	10,715
Less Depreciation	<u>(3,693)</u>	<u>(3,513)</u>	<u>(3,441)</u>
Net (Loss) Surplus as per Annual Accounts	<u>2,560</u>	<u>(1,152)</u>	<u>12,034</u>

This year **Income** was bolstered by two significant grants as well as donations. Pub Charity King Country area contributed \$10,000 towards our Ruapehu insurance premiums and The Trusts Community Foundation from West Auckland again supported us with a grant of \$3,779 towards the insurance premium payable on our Waitakere Hut.

To both organisations we are most grateful. Also a big thank you to Chris & Pat Barfoot's \$640 donation from the sale of their book "Show Me A Huiā" which contains many references to ASC activities, to Graham Russell for his \$500 donation and to the many other club members who included a donation with their annual subscription.

Sadly Ruapehu hut fees from members and guests dropped away quite considerably (refer table) but we were again most appreciative of the Got to Get Out organisation making good use of the Ruapehu Hut. Income from Waitakere hut fees again fell short of the normal \$9000 expected due to the kauri die-back issue, which has deterred both members and outside groups from staying at our hut.

Subscription income surprisingly remained on a par with previous years.

On the **expenditure** side the Club's outgoings remained reasonably consistent with previous years.

The operating accounts for both the Ruapehu lodges and the Waitakere Hut as detailed in *Table B* do not include the grants towards this year's insurance premiums, as referred to in the income paragraph above. Instead these grants have been included in the main income section under Donations and Grants which is consistent with the way we have treated charitable grants in the past. This ensures that the reporting of Lodge returns are comparable year on year.

Due to the Covid-19 shut down it is doubtful that income will be available from these sources this year.

Normal operating expenses at Ruapehu continue to escalate as will be seen from *Table B* in the Accounts.

Expenditure for the Waitakere Hut is quite modest (*Table B*) and varies very little from year to year. Last year, as a result of our submission, based on the fact that the Rahui placed on the surrounding tracks had reduced our hut usage and resulting income, Auckland Council refunded the rates which we had paid. Unfortunately this policy was not continued by Council this year so we have had to meet the full cost of rates.

Club communication, club evenings and administrative costs (*Table A*) are consistent with previous years, including Alpinesport costs where only five issues were published compared to the eleven issues published annually for most of the preceding 90 years.

The challenges of the year ahead remain unchanged to those listed in my last year's report which were:-

- 1) to **increase membership**, which is best done by existing members introducing their friends and acquaintances;
- 2) to work with Auckland Council to ensure that **tracks in the vicinity of our Waitakere Hut are reopened** so that outside groups can make use of our hut for overnight stays. John McKay is working with Regional Parks on this.
- 3) to **increase occupancy** of our Ruapehu A Frame Lodge and Ruapehu Hut.



At last year's AGM members agreed by a 75% majority that the Ruapehu Hut should be disposed of and that until that occurred the hut should only be insured for the demolition cover and site clearance of \$250,000 as required under the terms of the lease. Unfortunately our insurers withdrew their demolition-only cover offer two days before roll over and we had no option but to reinsure for full value for a further year. The new committee then decided that the Ruapehu hut should be retained as they were determined that membership numbers could be increased so that the operational loss would gradually reduce. So far this anticipated increase has not eventuated.

On a more serious note the Club has a contingent liability under the terms of our lease to either insure for, or have cash resources in reserve, of \$250,000 per building to cover the cost of hut removal in the event of the buildings being destroyed or the club abandoning them. It is for this reason that the Club has retained a significant cash reserve to help fund this liability. When I took over as treasurer, cash at the bank was \$99,800. It currently stands at \$134,700. During this period the A frame has been re-clad, the aluminium windows replaced, the roof repainted and extensive renovations undertaken to both Ruapehu lodges all at some considerable cost. The main outstanding issues to attend to are the repair of the A Frame balconies, attach the battens to the A Frame plywood cladding and paint or stain the exteriors of both buildings.

The purpose of holding \$100,000 in the bank is to increase the insurance excess on both Ruapehu buildings in

return for a significant reduction in our insurance premiums, and therefore in our fixed costs.

The Covid-19 pandemic will certainly have a significant financial impact on Ruapehu usage this coming ski season – to what degree, who knows but it will be a challenge. *It will require prudent budgeting and management* to ensure that both the fixed costs and the variable costs, which were \$80,000 last year, are covered.

Finally this year completes my eleventh year of this, my second term as treasurer. My first term commenced back in 1967, during the building of the A Frame, and included several years of assisting with fund-raising to repay both the bank loans and Club debentures which were used to fund the lodge. In those days there were no computers, subscriptions were paid either in cash or by cheque and recorded manually for 500 plus members as part of the treasurer's role. How times have changed.

For the past ten years I have represented the Club on the **Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Assn** where I have also been the Association's treasurer. This year I plan to step down and make room for someone else to contribute to this organisation. The RMCA plays a very important role on behalf of all clubs on the mountain so I do hope that Alpine Sports Club will nominate another candidate to stand for election in my place.

Warren Whyte Treasurer



ALPINE SPORTS CLUB (INC) - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

	Note	Net 2020 \$	Net 2019 \$	Net 2018 \$
Income was received from the following sources:-				
Alpine Courses & Activity weekend		276	730	1,235
Bank Interest less bank charges		3,505	4,455	4,356
Club History & 90th DVD's		183	0	0
Club Equipment Hire		143	322	409
Charitable Grants - Pub Charity Ruapehu		10,000	0	10,716
Charitable Grants - Trusts Community Waitakere		3,779	3,651	3,510
Members Donations		2,040	1,328	762
Members Subscriptions		27,230	26,353	28,790
Summer Camp Surplus & Other Income		600	856	718
Waitakere Hut (refer to Hut Operating a/c)		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>864</u>
		47,756	37,695	51,360
Our operating costs were:-				
Alpinesport & Club Directory (incl postage)		7,675	7,959	7,025
Advertising in FMC Bulletin		0	255	0
Affiliation Fees - FMC RMCA AAMC WRPS		356	1,700	3,622
Club Evenings & Socials		1,232	1,284	1,441
Computer Expenses		904	0	0
General Expenses		77	113	696
Insurance - Combined (Public & Assoc.) Liability		887	887	886
Printing, Postage & Stationery		356	180	242
Ruapehu Huts (refer to Hut Operating a/c)	B	28,115	30,307	21,690
Waitakere Hut (refer to Hut Operating a/c)	B	990	1,938	0
Website		<u>911</u>	<u>1,111</u>	<u>284</u>
		41,504	45,735	35,886
We depreciated our assets as follows:-				
Club Gear & Computer Equipment		1,892	1,892	1,892
Ruapehu lodges - Furnishings & Fittings		2,764	1,621	1,549
Ruapehu/Waitakere Buildings Deprn adjmt		<u>-963</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		3,693	3,513	3,441
Our net surplus (loss) for year was:-		<u>\$2,560</u>	<u>-\$11,552</u>	<u>\$12,034</u>

B. HUT OPERATING ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$
Ruapehu Huts			
Income from Hut Fees (incl Lockers)	<u>51,939</u>	<u>62,133</u>	<u>48,628</u>
Expenditure -			
Bulk Food	7,974	9,669	8,764
Food Loss due to Freezer Failure	0	3,935	0
Computerised Booking System upgrade	500	0	0
Electricity - A Frame	12,630	10,212	12,776
Electricity - R Hut	5,439	5,235	4,651
Fire Alarm Service	2,205	3,053	1,845
Insurance	20,659	17,700	16,178
Rates & Park Board Levies	16,779	15,694	17,767
Repairs & Maintenance - routine	9,275	4,969	4,651
Repairs & Maintenance - Water Heater Replacement	0	17,551	0
Telephone incl WiFi	972	718	696
Warden Expenses	939	400	500
Work Party Expenses	1,333	2,765	2,279
Other sundry expenses	1,350	539	211
Total Expenditure	<u>80,054</u>	<u>92,440</u>	<u>70,318</u>
Leaving a Net Loss of	<u>-28,115</u>	<u>-30,307</u>	<u>-21,690</u>
Waitakere Hut			
Income from Hut Fees	<u>3,848</u>	<u>2,187</u>	<u>5,175</u>
Expenditure -			
Electricity	711	678	737
Insurance	3,483	3,264	2,756
Rates	490	160	627
Repairs & Maintenance	103	23	191
Sundry Expenses	<u>51</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	4,838	4,125	4,311
Leaving a Net (Loss) Surplus of	<u>-990</u>	<u>-1,938</u>	<u>864</u>

Note B1. RUAPEHU HUTS ANALYSIS for year end 31 MARCH 2020

Ruapehu Huts Income & Expenditure	Total #	A Frame #	R Hut #	Allocation Basis
Bunk Nights Sold 2019 Season - Members & Guests	1177	1125	52	Actual
Bunk Nights Sold 2019 Season - Outside Grps	486	486	0	Actual
Bunk Nights Sold 2019 Season - Socially Good Grp	280	0	280	Actual
Bunk Nights Sold Total	1943	1611	332	
Bunk Nights Sold %	100.0%	83.0%	17.0%	
Income	\$	\$	\$	
Hut Fees - Members & Guests	36,696	35,459	1,237	Actual
Hut Fees - Outside Groups	5,478	5,478		Actual
Hut Fees - Socially Good Group	9,765	0	9,765	Actual
Hut Fees - Total	51,939	40,937	11,002	
	100.0%	79.0%	21.0%	
Fixed Costs				
Ruapehu - Electricity (Line Costs)	11,351	7,891	3,460	Actual
Ruapehu - Telephone	972	972	-	Actual
Ruapehu - Insurances	20,659	14,046	6,613	Actual
Ruapehu - Fire Alarm Service	2,205	1,170	1,035	Actual & 50/50
Ruapehu - Park Board Charges	16,779	10,143	6,636	Actual
Total Fixed Costs	51,966	34,222	17,744	
Variable Costs				
Ruapehu - Electricity (Power)	6,717	4,738	1,979	Actual
Ruapehu - Food	7,974	7,974	-	A Frame only
Ruapehu - R & M	9,275	8,783	492	Actual
Ruapehu - Warden Exp's	939	939		A Frame only
Ruapehu - Work Party Exps	1,333	1,333		Estimate
Ruapehu - Booking System Upgrade	500	500		Actual
Ruapehu - Miscellaneous	1,350	1,350		Actual
Total Variable Costs	28,088	25,617	2,471	
Total Costs	80,054	59,839	20,215	
Net (Loss) Surplus	(28,115)	(18,902)	(9,213)	

C. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st MARCH 2020

(This is a summary of the Clubs Assets less its Liabilities at 31st March 2020)

Note	2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$
Accumulated Funds			
General Funds	814,617	826,169	814,135
Net Surplus (Loss) for Year	A 2,560	-11,552	12,034
Total Club Funds	\$817,177	\$814,617	\$826,169
Represented by:-			
Our Current Assets			
ASB Bank - Cheque, Subscription & Hut bookings acconts.	25,506	29,232	23,472
ASB Bank Term Deposits	109,197	105,734	133,073
GST Refund due	2,766	1,853	6,473
Food Stock at Ruapehu	3,880	5,100	4,651
Prepayments (Expenses paid relating to 2020/21year)	12,141	12,197	11,354
	153,490	154,116	179,023
Our Fixed Assets	2		
Land & Improvements	354,585	354,585	354,585
Buildings	303,000	302,037	302,037
Fixtures, Fittings, Carpets	5,383	4,863	6,484
Climbing, Tramping Gear & Computer Equipmnt	1,897	3,789	5,681
	664,865	665,274	668,787
Our Total Assets	818,355	819,390	847,810
less Liabilities			
Our Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors (Expenses which we have yet to pay)	1,108	1,248	18,066
Subscriptions & Season Passes rec'd in Advance (Members subs & season passes rec'd in Mar'18)	70	3,525	3,575
	1,178	4,773	21,641
Our Term Liabilities			
Liabilities extending beyond 2020	0	0	0
Our Total Liabilities	1,178	4,773	21,641
Our Net Assets at Book Value	\$817,177	\$814,617	\$826,169

D. STATEMENT OF NET INCOME RECONCILED TO NET CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

(This is a reconciling statement showing the movement of funds between the opening and closing bank balances)

	2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$
Excess Income / (Expenditure) for the Year	2,560	-11,552	12,034
<i>Movement in Working Capital for the Year</i>			
GST Refunds & Prepayments (Increase)	-856	3,777	-6,363
Food Stock - Ruapehu (Decrease)	1,220	-449	3,297
Current Liabilities (Decrease)	-3,595	-16,868	-1,674
<i>Adjustment for non cash Items</i>			
Depreciation	3,693	3,513	3,441
Cash Flow from Club Operating Activities	<u>3,022</u>	<u>-21,579</u>	<u>10,735</u>
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Purchase of Fixed Assets	3,285	0	30,548
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Net Increase - (Decrease) in Cash Held	<u>-263</u>	<u>-21,579</u>	<u>-19,813</u>
Add back Bank Balance 1st April 2019	134,966	156,545	176,358
Bank Balance 31st March 2020	<u><u>\$134,703</u></u>	<u><u>\$134,966</u></u>	<u><u>\$156,545</u></u>

E. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting Policies:

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is an incorporated society.

(b) Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and recording of the financial performance, cash flows and financial position on a historic cost basis are followed in the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Specific Accounting Policies

1) Subscriptions are recognised as income in the year to which the subscription applies.

2) The cost of Fixed Assets have been traditionally written off over their economic lives as follows:

Club Huts	- 40 years
Fixtures, Fittings, Carpets	- 10 years
Whiteware & Electrical Items	- 5 years
Computer Hardware	- 5 years
Outdoor Equipment for Hire	- 5 years

In 2012 we stopped deducting depreciation on the Club huts as the book value no longer reflected a realistic valuation of the huts and there was no purpose to be served in continuing to write down their value against operating income. If it was decided to dispose of these assets at some stage in the future then the book value shown in the accounts will be written off against Members General Funds.

3) The value of voluntary services and club hut use by work parties is not assessed and brought to account as a cost in the Accounts.

4) The G.S.T. exclusive basis of accounting is used.

2 Fixed Assets

5) The Club Buildings are revalued every two or three years for insurance purposes. The following is a comparison of cost, valuation & insurance cover. These figures exclude GST.

Name of valuer & date of valuation	Cost	Valuation at Mar'18	2019/20 Replacement Insurance cover
A Frame - <i>Crispin Kay Architects</i> Mar'18	288,339	1,541,514	1,651,198
Ruapehu Hut - <i>Crispin Kay Architects</i> Mar'18	77,402	728,678	785,498
Waitakere Hut - <i>Opteon NZ Ltd</i> Mar'18	86,953	325,000	375,000
	<u>452,694</u>	<u>2,595,192</u>	<u>2,811,696</u>

Depreciation Schedule

	Current Year				Prior Years		
	Cost or Valuation	Additions this year	Depreciation this year	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value 31 Mar '20	Book Value 31 Mar '19	Book Value 31 Mar '18
Land, Waitakere (At Valuation)	350,000		nil	0	350,000	350,000	350,000
Carpark	4,585			0	4,585	4,585	4,585
Waitakere Hut - Building	87,000		nil	24,000	63,000	63,040	63,040
Waitakere Hut - Fixtures, Fittings etc	2,092		nil	2,092	0	0	0
Ruapehu A Frame	288,350		nil	88,350	200,000	199,871	199,871
Ruapehu A Frame Fixtures, Fittings, Carpets	79,102	2,677	2,156	76,396	5,383	4,863	6,484
Ruapehu Hut	77,400		nil	37,400	40,000	39,126	39,126
Ruapehu Hut - Fixtures, Fittings etc	42,569	608	608	43,177	0	0	0
Ruapehu/Waitakere Bldgs prior years adjmt			-963				
Computer Hardware	2,100		225	1,875	225	450	675
Epirbs, Camping & Climbing equipmt					0		
Crampons, Avalanche Transceivers & Ropes	22,896		1,667	21,224	1,672	3,339	5,006
	<u>956,094</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>3,693</u>	<u>294,514</u>	<u>664,865</u>	<u>665,274</u>	<u>668,787</u>

	2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$
3 Contingent Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil
4 Capital Commitments	Nil	Nil	Nil

Warren Whyte CA, FCIS (Retired)
Honorary Treasurer

REVIEW REPORT TO MEMBERS OF ALPINE SPORTS CLUB (INC)

I have reviewed the above Financial Statements for the members of Alpine Sports Club for the year ended 31st March 2020.

The committee is responsible for the presentation of the Financial Statements and the information they contain.

It is my responsibility as Reviewer to conduct a review in accordance with standard accounting procedures currently in use in New Zealand. Those standards require me to perform sufficient procedures in order to provide limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. A review provides less assurance than an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, I report to Members that I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the above statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in New Zealand.

My review was completed on 20th May 2020

Peter Hutton ACA (Retired)
Honorary Reviewer



Alpine Sports Club Inc.

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Tax Invoice
GST Number 49-294-670

1st April 2020

**Subscription Schedule & Invoice for year ending
31st March 2021**

Annual Subscriptions for period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021			
	\$NZ	\$ Extn	Code
Membership category			
<i>Individual</i>			
Member, under 65	120		A
Member, 65 and over	70		B
<i>Couples</i>			
Couples, both under 65	230		C
Couples, one under 65 & one 65 or over	180		D
Couples, both 65 or over	125		E
<i>Family</i>			
Family membership, 2 adults & children (under 22) <i>Entitles children to membership rates at Ruapehu</i>	260		F
Family membership, 1 adult & children (under 22) <i>Entitles children to membership rates at Ruapehu</i>	145		G
Junior member (under 22)	65		H
<i>Other</i>			
Life member	No fee		I
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Donation towards upkeep of our club's Ruapehu & Waitakere lodges			K
TOTAL PAYABLE by 30 th June 2020 please		\$	



Payment methods

Pay through Club website www.alpinesports.org.nz. Log into website and enter your password. If you have not created a password before follow the prompts on the screen by starting by entering your current email address. Once you have created a password you can then login.

Click on "Shop" tab, then click "Memberships & Donations" tab then select your membership category and "add to cart". Click "FMC" tab and then "Donations" tab and "add to cart" if you wish. Click "check out" when finished and then pay with credit card if you have one available. If you require assistance please contact Bruce via email (vp2@alpinesport.org.nz) and he will help solve any problem.

Or pay by Internet banking to our subscription account **12 3237 0007167 61**
Enter details to appear on the club bank statement as follows:

Particulars	Reference Code	Reference
Your initial & surname	A to K (from chart above)	Subscription

Or you can make payment at any ASB branch using the same details as in (2) above.

Annual Pass & Bunk Night Rates 2020

Buy an Annual Pass then pay a reduced bunk night rate.	Annual Pass Fee Non-Refundable	Bunk night rate (pp)	
		A Frame Food provided	Ruapehu Hut Bring Own food
Adult (21 years and over) Attended a two day work party this year (excludes the food drop)	\$150.00	\$21.00	\$12.00
Adult (21 years and over) Not attended a work party	\$200.00	\$21.00	\$12.00
Junior (5 and under)	Free	Free	Free
Member (6 to 16yrs)	\$30.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Member (17 to 21)	\$30.00	\$12.00	\$12.00

Annual Pass Conditions

Available to financial Members of Alpine Sports Club to purchase on line at any time.

Standard Bunk Night Rates without Annual Pass (per person)

Season =>	Winter season 01 June to 31 October.		Summer Season 01 November to 31 May		Anytime
Hut =>	A Frame	Ruapehu Hut	A Frame	Ruapehu Hut	Waitakere Hut
Catering =>	Food provided	Bring own Food	Food provided	Own food	Own food
Adult	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$32.00	\$22.00	\$15.00
Junior (5 and under)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Junior/Family Member (6-16)	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Junior/Family Member (17-21)	\$28.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Adult Guest	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$38.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
Junior Guest (6-21)	\$42.00	\$30.00	\$26.00	\$16.00	\$15.00
Day Visits	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$5.00

DISCOUNT: Stay 4 nights between Sunday night to Thursday night and get a 10% discount on the Standard Bunk Rate.

All A Frame and Ruapehu Hut bookings must be paid immediately once booked.

Bookings may be moved no later than three nights before the first night of your stay (e.g. Friday night must be moved by end of Tuesday) Refunds are at the discretion of the Committee.

To make a booking

Go to Club website www.alpinesports.org.nz, click on "Mt Ruapehu Ski Lodge Bookings" and follow the prompts. You will need either your Credit Card or Bank Account number beside you.

Waitakere Hut ONLY: Contact Joe Scott-Woods, for ALL bookings and payments. Email: pjscottwoods@icloud.com



Trips and Tramps

Small People on Big Hills, Rangitoto - Sunday 28 June 2020



All ages welcome! Meet at the downtown ferry terminal at 10.15am to catch the 10.30am ferry. Join Lukas (3) and Clara (6) in climbing Rangitoto. Bring lunch, drinks, torch for the caves, waterproof and warm clothing.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll explore the beautiful bush at Dingle Dell instead, followed by coffee and playground at St Heliers.

Leader: Contact Miranda Hutton 022 6488 733 to register or for more info mirandajhutton@gmail.com

Devonport Heritage Walk Thursday 9 July 2020

Meet at 10.30am outside Devonport Wharf for a ramble about the historic areas and maunga including a visit to the Devonport Museum by Mt Cambria.

Leader: Owen Sprosen osprosen@hotmail.com ph 444 9309 or 0210310430

Onehunga Bay to Lynfield Sunday 12 July 2020

An urban coastal walk to stretch our legs after the long lockdown. This enjoyable 4 – 5 hour walk offers a little bit of up and down, a bit of a turn here and there, harbour beaches, bush tracks, walkways and urban streets. It commences at the Taumanu Reserve in Onehunga Bay and follows the Manukau Coastal Track through to Lynfield.

Come prepared to enjoy a day of interesting vistas and enjoyable company.

Leaders: Warren & Jocelyn Whyte ph 528 4824 or 027 675 2147

Whiritoa weekend during school holidays between Fri 10 July – Tues 14 July 2020

Stay at family bach in shared bedrooms (3 - 4 per room - parents, grandparents, children welcome) on the Coromandel east coast, near Whangamata. Cliff top walks, biking, scooters, estuary kayaking, and surf beaches to explore. Stay all or some of the time. Limit of numbers to 10 (maybe 12) people.

Leader: Lesley Hawke 021670981 or hawke.lesley@gmail.com

Fernhill Escarpment Walk - Sunday Walk 19 July 2020

Meet at 1.30pm in Jack Hinton Drive. From Rosedale Road (near Albany) turn into Jack Hinton Drive (the entrance to the Sewage Station), drive 200 metres to ample parking next to the toilet block/public shelter on the right.

This escarpment is completely hidden by native forest so that the only way to see its cliffs is to follow the bush trails that traverse the area. Of course there are some steep bits but enthusiastic locals have provided some fixed ropes which enable the area to be safely traversed by the young and old. A round trip is envisaged, of 2 to 3 hours.

Please register with me if you are coming.

Leader: Garth Barfoot 0274 985 221, 09-483 5474, gbarfoot@xtra.co.nz

Small People on Big Hills, Omana & Maraetai Sunday 26 July 2020

All ages welcome! Meet at the Omana Regional Park playground at 10.00am (just before the locked gate to the campground). Join Lukas (3) and Clara (6) for a walk around the regional park, spot farm animals, explore the boardwalk and native bush and enjoy the beautiful Maraetai coast. Bring lunch and warm/waterproof clothing. Optional coffee at Maraetai afterwards.



Leader: Contact Miranda Hutton to register or for more information mirandajhutton@gmail.com 022 6488 733

Pukekohe Five Summits Trail Sunday 26 July 2020

Pukekohe's Five Summits Trail is a 20.5 km walk (1 km short of a half marathon). To acknowledge its 50th birthday, the trail is a gift of Pukekohe Tramping Club assisted by NZ Walking Access (Ara Hikoī Aotearoa). Starting from the Pukekohe Railway Station we will walk around Pukekohe in a clockwise direction. The trail meanders through parks and reserves, into new and old areas. This walk is expected to take 6 hours. The summits we will visit are Pukekohe Hill, Belmont Rise, Cape Hill, Raven's Rock, and Doctor's Hill, Roosevelt Park.

Leaders: Sue and Brian FitzPatrick Ph:5761069 or suzette@knockbane.co.nz

Stonefields Heritage Trail Sunday Stroll 2 August 2020

Meet at 1.30pm outside 74 Magma Crescent, Stonefields. This walk winds along the south western cliff edge of what was previously the old Mt Wellington Quarry. There are fantastic views of not only the Maungarei Springs Wetlands directly below but also the multitude and variety of the modern style of housing. All of this is under the slopes of the nearby Mt

Wellington which towers over the area. When we have completed the cliff edge walk we will cross the valley or ex crater for a close up look at and a walk through the wetlands, then back to where we started.

Leader: Scott White Ph. 0274-979-017 or info@taxsmart.co.nz

Piha to Mercer Bay Thursday 13 August 2020

Meet 10.30am at the south end of Marine Parade South (not in front of Surf club). Walk to Gap and Mercer Bay.

Leader: Tony Sullivan tonybeatnz@gmail.com 021 0545 726

Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge Sunday Stroll 23 August 2020

Meet at 1.00pm in the car park at the corner of Coronation Road and the Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge. We walk along the Manukau Harbour foreshore to Ambury Farm Park and return. It is a comfortable, flat walk ideal for the kids and their bikes. Following part of Te Araroa, the national walkway, with scenic and volcanic beauty, harbour views, rare birdlife, evidence of early Maori occupation and tragic maritime history - all in an easy two hour walk there and back. This walk offers fascinating history, scenery and wildlife that few suburban walks can match.

Leader: Scott White 0274-979-017 or info@taxsmart.co.nz

Castor Bay & Centennial Park Thursday 27 August 2020

Leader: Elaine Hall mailto:hallbarry@xtra.co.nz 449 1896

Whangaparaoa Peninsula Thursday 10 September 2020

Colleen and Warren will lead a walk through Shakespear Regional Park featuring bush, beach and farm tracks. If coming by car, please be at the Army Bay carpark at the end of Whangaparaoa Road at 10.15 am.

Most people will catch the 9.30 am ferry from Auckland to Gulf Harbour and return back to Auckland on the 1.30 pm Ferry. Gold cards will cover the cost of both the ferry trips and the connecting ferry bus.

Leaders: Colleen and Warren Brewer candwbrewer@hotmail.com 09 424 7301 or 020 41440517

Manukau Harbourside Thursday 24 September 2020

Meet in Papakura at 10.15 am. Starting point and return route to be advised later. Bring AT Hop Card.

Leader: Bruce Dwerryhouse 575-0480, 022 1239507, dwerryh@xtra.co.nz

Te Ara Hura – Te Whau loop, Waiheke Sunday 18 October 2020

Catch the 9:00 am ferry from Pier 2 to Waiheke and then by bus past the Rangihoua Onetangi Sports Ground. The day includes 2 or 3 very steep hill

climbs and rock hopping for short distances along beaches. We will start by looking at the iconic, eclectic houseboats. During the day we walk past vineyards, olive groves and an alpaca farm. Enjoy a coastal and cliff top walk, past beaches then finish with a bush walk. Road walks, panoramic views, walking poles recommended. Bring lunch and drink. Return on the 4:00 pm ferry.

Leaders: For more information and to ensure space on the bus please book in by 14 October 2020 with Sue or Brian FitzPatrick, Ph: 576-1069; or suzette@knockbane.co.nz

For details of other proposed multi day trips see the Club's Bulletin Board under "Tramping and Trips" where members seek others to join them or help in planning in trips.

Intending member/guests please book with the trip leader as early as possible. For weekend trips, no later than one week prior. For Saturday and Sunday day trips, phone by Thursday at the latest. Trips are held rain or sunshine.

Personal Locator Beacons may save lives – yours or someone else's. ASC recommends they be used by anyone venturing into the bush and are available from Murray Davidson - Ph. 528 4504.

Remember to advise your family and friends that in the event of a trip being late, enquiries should be directed to the Tours Officer or other Committee members listed inside the cover of this magazine.

Recommended Levy for guests (non members) \$5 per person for a day or weekend trip.

Transport contribution is 12c/km and Ruapehu transport for return trip is \$50.

RECURRING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Climbing at Extreme Edge

A group of younger members meet on Monday nights at Extreme Edge, Mt Wellington. All ages are very welcome to join them from 7.00 pm on for an evening of fun learning and practicing climbing skills. If interested please contact:

Jackie Ponting - jackie.ponting@gmail.com or phone 021 209 3120

Thursday Walks

Walks are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month (except January and December).

For further information contact Clive Bolt cbolt@xtra.co.nz

SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT

Peter and Margaret Jemmett's trek to Everest Base Camp and the Three Passes

Well that was the plan! In 2018 Margaret and I prepared for our trip to Everest Base Camp and the Three Passes.

We embarked on a fitness program and with the Waitakere's effectively closed we set our sights on Mt Te Aroha, Mt Karangahake, all over Great Barrier Island and in between we walked the streets. We check out the sights of Kathmandu, the food, shops, traffic and the people. We fly to Lukla where our trip really starts and we find out if all our preparations have been enough.



Paparoa Great Walk - March 2020

The brand new Paparoa Great Walk was written about for a long time before its opening date of 1st December 2019. But fate has dealt it a cruel blow. Our group of four had booked the huts many months earlier for March 2020. Sadly it will have been open for only 3 weeks in its first 10 months. We felt very lucky.

We began at the Punakaiki beach and into the Pororari Gorge, with its high limestone cliffs each side of beautiful rainforest and tannin stained pools in the river. After a

half hour the bike trail joined in and we trekked through level bush, passing the track which leads to the Cave Creek tragedy. Prince of Wales ferns along the way showed how wet it can get, and later we began the slow ascent towards the new Pororari Hut. As the track is a shared trail like the Old Ghost Rd we had the company of many cyclists, some fit enough to go through in one day. The trail is of such a high standard, with metal and rock slabs, there were only about 5 metres of mud in the whole 53km track. And that is the

wet West Coast! The hut and track makers have done a tremendous job in often trying conditions.

There were extensive views from the hut towards the Tasman Sea and over the Punakaiki valley. New warm huts are supplied with solar lighting and even USB chargers for phone cameras. Also we slept on the most comfortable mattresses I have ever slept on in the hills. Bikers were no problem as they disappeared in seconds.

A misty morning greeted us as we had a gentle climb on switchbacks - for the cyclists - through beech forest, passing stunning waterfalls to gain the top of the escarpment. Alpine scrub and steep cliffs exposed the limestone and black coal seams. Intriguing to note kilometres below us was the infamous Pike River Mine. A track is being cut off this one to the mine entrance. Our track has been built as a memorial to that disaster which killed 29 miners.



Photo: Jan at lunch stop old gold mining site

We traversed along the escarpment, meeting many people

going the opposite way - which was what most did. Parts went through dracophyllum forests with lots of alpine flowers about including many gentians. The Moonlight Tops hut was gained late afternoon and has stunning views way below to the coastal surf beaches.

Our final day cleared to a blue sky wonder with tussocky alpine scrub along the main Paparoa range with views to the Mt Cook area and Arthurs Pass mountains. Soon after chatting to a passing Kathmandu photo crew we came down to the old Cecil Clark hut at the bushline. This is part of the old Croesus track from Blackball crossing to Barrytown on the coast. Lunch was had amongst the DOC hut renovators then a quick look at the very old Top Hut nearby before a gentle descent in the bush giving encouragement to the cyclists pushing their bikes uphill.

The final hour was spent passing the old gold mining sites from the 1890's. At the large carpark our Paparoa Shuttles driver waited patiently for these slightly late oldies. But everybody finished with big smiles on their faces. With earlier cyclones and slips and covid lockdowns starting soon after we finished, we felt lucky to have made our booking when we did. The track reopens again on 1st October.

Happy trampers - Owen (scribe) and Jan Sprosen, Mike and Margaret Bradbury



Teenagers' Weekend at Waitakere Hut

In late May, the teenagers from three ASC families got together to go spend the night and hang out over at the Waitakere hut. As we had just gotten out of isolation and the nights are long at the moment, one of the parents had suggested that if we stayed up at the Waitakere Hut we could catch up and hang out as late as we wanted to into the evening, without having to worry about everyone getting home afterwards.

Those present had all got to know each other on various Great Walks, summer camps and ski weekends with Alpine Sports Club over the last eight years or so, but have only recently reconnected as everyone went to different schools.

The trip started as all trips to the Waitakere Hut start, with my little brother trying not to be car sick on the winding roads through the Waitakeres. On arrival at the hut, we immediately got the fire going and the hut soon warmed up. After spending over a month cooped up inside, the freedom to run around was a pleasant contrast. We spent the first few hours bringing in firewood, chatting and toasting marshmallows before we got to playing a tabletop game we had brought with us. We played pretty late into the night, laughing and talking, and then conveniently rolled into our nearby bunks.

The next morning we had a pretty wet walk at Anawhata Beach, where while sheltering in a cave, the idea of camping at Whatipu was suggested -

something for warmer weather possibly...



Present: Sean Hollier (that's me), Sam Hollier, Jonathon and Harry Greensill, Julian Schoonees, Ari (guest) and the mothers, Bridget Romanes and Fiona Heenan

Photo: ASC teenagers shelter from the weather in a cave at Anawhata Beach

Secretary's Report

As a member who has enjoyed what the club has to offer over the last ten years or so, this is my first year being involved in the committee.

One of our major challenges is to grow our membership and improve how we tell the story of what we have to offer.

My own efforts in that regard have been to start the Women's 24hr Overnight Trips, which I can say I have thoroughly enjoyed. After a slow start it's great to see the memberships starting to trickle in now via that source.

For the coming year, I will continue to organise these trips every month and have a few other new ideas for promoting family memberships as we as a country focus on domestic travel and exploration in this post lockdown period.

Fiona Heenan Secretary - Alpine Sports Club

OBITUARY - REMEMBERING NEIL PALMER

We were all shocked and saddened when Neil Palmer died suddenly and accidentally while tramping on 2nd February 2020. Neil had been introduced to tramping while at Mt Roskill Grammar by teacher Ivan Pickens. He became an enthusiastic member of the University Tramping Club (AUTC) in 1965 and took part in all of their regular trips as well as a number of extended South Island tramps. He was often seen standing at the AUTC notice board planning and discussing trips with other trampers. For the AUTC reunion in 2012 his viola skills were put to good use in providing music for the social activities.

Neil joined ASC in the early 1970s and involved his family in Family Camps and other tramping activities as they grew up. He had a wonderful manner with children and we have lovely memories of his gentle, friendly leadership as he played his guitar for the evening singalongs.

His other passion was playing the viola. He started learning the violin in Form 1 and switched to playing the viola at the age of 17. From then on he enjoyed playing with his twin, Alan, on violin and his friend Jim Brown on piano. He played in the Auckland Secondary Schools Orchestra, then progressed to the Junior Symphony Orchestra, the Auckland Symphony Orchestra, St Matthews Orchestra, Mozart Orchestra, chamber groups and always informally with Sharyn and the family.

At the time of his death Neil was a valued member of the Philharmonic Society Orchestra and was a keen member of the U3A music group, bringing to it his extensive musical knowledge.

Cathy Frith



Pororari Hut, Paparōa - photo by Owen Sprosen

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