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New Year / New Goings On.

Welcome to another New Year at Arlberg Ski Club, while the sun has been shining and the summer and lack of rain have been great for holidaying & most outdoor activities, we also look forward to a busy year ahead with planning for the upcoming ski season & preparations that go hand in hand with running our lodge.



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While most have been enjoying the stunning weather, there have been a handful of dedicated people working away with maintenance tasks at the lodge, including lifting the floor in the twin rocks bunkroom and associated work replacing the hot water cylinder anode to keep our internal cylinder in peak condition, & free of corrosion with the assistance of our Plumbers - Taumarānui Plumbing Ltd.

(We had a few people previously staying at the lodge over summer and unfortunately, unrelated the water pump developed an internal electrical fault, that may have put a slight damper on their stay; loan pump later installed & the water is now operating again)

Photo is of the freshly re oiled Bathrooms and Mezzanine Feb. 13

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Work that has also been completed are; end of season cleanup, inside & out, new bulkhead lights in the bunkrooms where not previously fitted (replacing the flimsy bed lights that seem to need frequently repairing every season). Painting of window sills, roof touch ups, internal front entrance block wall, re oiling some of the cedar exterior cladding, sweeping the chimney, deck joist repairs, these are just a few of the completed jobs.

A big thanks to Greg Owen, (VP) Sasha Nadarasz (Bookings) Glen McBean (Maintenance) Stefan & Clodagh Knight, in November 2012, along with Naomi & Phillip Hall, Andrea Alston, Peter & Frazer Nicholas (New) & Glen McBean again in February.

A really Big Thank You all for your efforts, these are very much appreciatively noted. 😊

New Door Code!

We now have a new door code for lodge access and security, when making your booking this will be on your Booking Confirmation email, automatically sent to you when your booking is confirmed (only paid up members).

So make sure when you book, if you have this number stored in your phone or elsewhere you make note of the new code and delete the old code that is no longer in operation.

Summer Bookings

Looking for a place to stage that group event like Birthdays, Reunions, Guys or Gals getaways, Car / Bike Rally's, adventures or just a chill space to relax & rewind, remember Arlberg is a great destination with loads to do in the local area. \$15.00 per night (organize own food) Additionally the Committee is offering to block out up to three summer nights Exclusively in the lodge for \$500 (excl on-line booking fee) in total, this is a great deal for larger groups and remember 32 comfy bunks- you do the math. Summer Season & this offer ends 31st May 2013. Book Now.

Some suggestions if your looking for different adventure or slower leisure activities might be: 42nd Traverse, Tongiriro Crossing, Investigate the Rock Slopes, Cycle Trails, Crater lake,/ local lakes, waterfalls, streams and hikes, Waitomo Caves, hot pools, canoeing, Bridge to Nowhere, climbing wall, Horopito Car Wreckers (Smash Palace). Ohakune, Bungy Jumps, Huka shrimp farm, Power Stations, Army tunnel waterway, Waiuru, Taupo, Forgotten Highway just to name a few. Combined with cafes, bars, movies, shopping, etc this is a great place to base yourself or use for one night with friends and make the most of the great outdoors and take the long way round.

As the saying goes:

“Don't leave home, till you've seen the country.”



Photo of the Arlberg's comfy lower lounge

5 Yr Work Party Requirement / \$250

In addition to the new membership joining W/P (work party) requirements, the club rules state that all senior members must complete one W/P every five years. Or instead pay \$250 to the club.

This first 5 Year block ends this **December 2013** and we have a list of up to 45 senior members who fall into this category, if you are a senior member & haven't done a W/P within this period you will be adding to our club bank account, this is great as we have new ways to spend your money very wisely. There are only two more W/P dates left this year, prior to the cut off, to avoid paying, these dates are March **15-17** this is being led by David Boersen, and this will be a very important one as it's the annual firewood load where we need a chain gang, this is always a fun job, and we have a load of other jobs for everyone else.

The **Last Opportunity** for this, is after this years ski season, in **November 16-18** as per our website, Booking via website anytime under: Maintenance & Work Party Page, you can follow the link

“ Want to book now for a work party”

or Click on the following, to send your email this instant to maintenance@arlberg.co.nz

Up to you to please check / sort out and get in contact. The Best Excuse could be published.

AGM -Snowcentre 10th April

We have set the date for this year's AGM, this being **Wednesday the 10th of April** at the Snow Centre in Newmarket. All details will be emailed with invites and more in-depth information shortly, if you have changed your email address, or haven't paid last years subs, you probably won't be reading this, but we will find you, otherwise if you know anyone who should be updating their details with us please ask them to drop the appropriate Committee member a line, from the contacts page on our website.

Log this date into your smart phone/ personal reminders now and come along, to vote and have your say, or possibly offer your services on the committee, refreshments and a light snack will be provided. There will be loads of new info about Arlberg and shop specials on servicing and gear

All current committee positions are available; but if unchallenged, some existing, in current positions have expressed a willingness to continue on.

Committee Vacancies

We are looking for a **New Food Officer**, our current food officer, Esther Menzi is resigning after her well run position in this role. Ester has run a neat galley operation, implemented economies in purchasing without sacrificing the quality of the food, made some worthwhile changes to menus and implemented crock pots & made some very meaningful cost savings for the club, we will be thanking Esther for her contributions at the AGM.

We're looking for someone, male or female who, can use a computer based system, is passionate & creative with food /supplies ordering and can keep the engine room well stoked, if you think you would like to enquire about this role please make contact with the committee. Previous Master chef experience beneficial, but not altogether necessary, members do the cooking & ordering is mostly done remotely.

We are looking for a **New Maintenance Officer**, our current "McIver", Glen McBean has made a real mark on the updating and maintenance of the clubs workings, Glen has been involved in many aspects of the lodge from tip to toe and in-between, often his tweaks go unnoticed but because of Glen, Arlberg's building is now in better shape, more comfortable for all of us and upgrades are Done Right First Time, We have a building that's is coming up 50 Years old and will require some extensive reclading, and ongoing refurbishment, Glen has some impressive trade skills across many facets and can be available for support.

We are looking for someone with building maintenance/ upgrades / project leadership skills to continue in this role. The committee will be presenting a Maintenance Plan at the AGM along with findings of a recent seismic survey carried out on the building. If you're a current Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) that would be great, but if not other skills would also be appreciated.

We are also looking for a **New Club Captain**, a Pied Piper of sorts, to encourage and foster Skiing and similar group activities on and off the mountain, There are a few Club Race events at Whakapapa yearly during the ski season and we have our own race weekend set in the calendar each year, followed by a dinner party and prize giving. There are a growing number of children who are coming through the club & wanting to improve their skills and who enroll each season in the varying classes run on and off the mountain each season, by RAL and the snow planet. Can you help, we would appreciate hearing from you?

Arlberg Ski Club 50th Celebrations

Arlberg is nearing its 50th year anniversary, of the construction of the club building at Whakapapa, a very significant milestone & a load of history & important people have made what Arlberg is today and therefore we would like some involvement from members, past members & friends who can assist or have past knowledge to help plan these celebrations.

We would like to form a Sub Committee to carry out the planning & implementations, of this event. Our very own Leonie Deane, who is our committee Social Activities officer needs assistance to start the ball rolling and would like to hear from you.

Please contact Leonie leonie@arlberg.co.nz

Mt Ruapehu

What's going on, Summer & Winter



There is always loads going on, both Summer & Winter at Mt Ruapehu, follow the link below and keep yourself up to date with all the information you may not know. Status of Lifts, Weather, and everything else in between. Easy and interactive, Oh hasn't smart technology come a long way, you can now have this and loads more on your smart phone: Stay Informed

<http://www.mtruapehu.com/>

School Group Bookings for 2013

Last season we had a few members with & without school aged children want accommodation for specific dates, and school groups, we were able to accommodate most with ease. However as the word gets out of how good and reasonable Arlberg is we expect to see this increase.

Therefore if you're thinking of this, please make contact with the booking officer early so we can fill everyone's needs as early as possible.



See you all at the AGM

Regards

Reid Mossman

Note from Editor:

I need material - stories of interest, lets have some photos.

Please contact me at editor@arlberg.co.nz or Ph 021 6 888 38 to help out.