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Arlberg AGM April 11th 7.00pm 2012- at The Snow Centre

On April the 11th 2012 our 48th AGM will be held at the Snow Centre in Newmarket. (The 50th anniversary will be in 2014 since we became an incorporated society in 1964.) The AGM will start at 7.00pm; Come along for a nibble a drink, to ask questions and convey your ideas to improve the club. 15 members will constitute a quorum and there are 2 open committee positions. The committee meets about 10 times a year, for a couple of hours on the first Monday of a month. Please consider putting your name forward, nomination forms will be sent with the notice of AGM letter.



Don't forget the standard ski club **10% discount** any time in the season. This discount is not extended to second hand, sale items, rental, workshop or SUP

centre. However, between 5pm – 7.30 pm on the evening of the AGM, There will be a **15% discount**. The 15% will include workshop but exclude other items as above.

Booking Officer Required

We need a new Booking Officer to replace David as he is committed elsewhere. Since the on-line booking system has been in place the work is mainly to track and approve non member bookings and to answer any booking specific questions. All this can be performed from the comfort of your home. Attendance at committee meetings is welcomed but not required. If interested please advise President@arlberg.co.nz.

Firewood work party postponed.



The firewood work party has been rescheduled to the 21st /22nd April because of the storm that recently crossed the country lifting roofs, downing trees and causing widespread damage. We have enough storms during the ski season, so the committee decided it was safer to change dates, and give those that missed out more time to check with the other half for a leave pass. Normally clubbies arrive Friday evening to be available Saturday Morning.

Please put your hands up again and volunteer. Let Jan Wilson know you will be attending, so she can arrange numbers, coordinate car pooling if required and sort the food to feed the troops. Jan can be contacted on membership@arlberg.co.nz.

Food update

Esther our food officer has done a great job with the food last year. Despite across the board increases in food costs she has held food at 15% of our expenses, 1% below last year. This equates to \$6.50 per bunk night slightly below the last three year average.

We have been using a company called Bidvest to supply the meat and groceries. They have some advantages over the Ohakune New World supermarket. Namely the ability to order on line, delivery 6 days a week, reduced order handling and delivery costs, lower overall pricing and much better quality. One hassle though is they cannot deliver to the lodge as RAL will not allow them to park their truck on the road and they are unwilling to go into car-park three because it is unsealed. Consequently the delivery is made to the club storage room by the medical centre at the Top of the Bruce. To handle this change we will modify the lodge duty sheet to include collecting the food order as a task. It is simple enough, drive to the storage room load up and return with the order.

Cooking

Several members have inside knowledge of how to cook with a slow cooker and they have taken their own slow cookers to the lodge. Diners have enjoyed the food cooked this way so we hope to provide a couple of slow cookers to the lodge. Do you have one you would be willing to donate? If so please advise Esther at food@arlberg.co.nz

Upcoming Event Dates

2012 Mt Ruapehu April Season Pass Sale starts shortly!



Winter is just around the corner. Yes, It's that time again. The April Season Pass sale! On sale from April 1st - 30th, 2012. Only a couple of months until opening day and we are counting down! Hope you have enjoyed your Summer! Check <http://www.mtruapehu.com/>



The Annual University Ski & Board sale is on Sat 26th and Sun 27th May this year. All Arlberg Ski Club Members have access to an exclusive VIP preview evening on Friday evening 25th May.

Calendar

1 - 30 April	Early bird season pass sale
11 April	AGM 7.00pm @ The Snow Centre, Newmarket
21 April	Firewood work party arrival- Ski Club
25 May	University Ski & Board Sale Preview at the Snow Centre
2 Jul.	Opening Day Whakapapa







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Did You Know

The Dean Family of Auckland, well known members of Arlberg, ventured early this year to Breckenridge, Colorado, USA with their family of five & landed in Denver from LA on 5th January flying Southwest airlines. This airline allows two free bags each (other airlines charge per bag and ski bags are included). They hired a GMC 4 x 4 and drove 2 hours to Breckenridge which is a lovely quaint old mining town & rented a wonderful ski in-ski out, two bedroom condo, with fully equipped kitchen, at Tyra Summit, which is about 5 minutes drive from the township, up the 4'Oclock Road.



In Leonie's Words:

We rented this from a website called VRBO, which has properties that are rented via management agents or directly through owners (similar to 'holiday houses' website here). In the morning we would pop our skis on and ski down to the Snowflake lift, catch the chairlift through the snow covered fir trees, spotting squirrels, to a great days skiing with lovely long runs and blue skies, although temperatures at times were -20 degrees. The snow level wasn't as good as Breckenridge usually gets. A very experienced local pointed out that we were too early and that the best time of year is late February/early March. Chris, Francesca, Charles and Edward had a great two hour trek on snowmobiles, which included a race track set on a frozen lake.





We drove to Vail one hour away one day during some heavy snow falling. We were very pleased to have the 4 x 4. It was essential also for driving up to our condo. Après ski was down to the village for a drink at the oldest saloon in the Breckenridge, bars offering happy hour from 3 – 6 pm. We purchased ski passes through Peak Rewards and they were valid for Vail, Keystone (night skiing), Arapahoe and Beaver Creek too. We had a fabulous time, and left our skis for the week in storage hire place (\$65) in Denver while we travelled on to New York, just 3.5 hours away.

Thanks Leonie, Chris and Family for sharing some of your trip with us, were all very jealous for sure, and will look forward to you sharing more of your story with us at the club.

We have another Arlberg family about to travel to Canada in the next few weeks and we will be bringing their story to you in the next Arlberg Edge.

Please remember the two important dates the
AGM on the 11th April &
The Firewood Work Party on the weekend of the 21st April we would love to see you there

Editor needs material for stories of interest – please contact Reid Mossman at reidmossman@xtra.co.nz to help out.