



THE ARLBERG EDGE

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Welcome to Arlberg Ski Club newsletter

It's that time of the year again with temperatures dropping to start thinking about the Mountain, Arlberg Ski Club, Skiing or Boarding. We're in turbulent times with world events happening, man made and natural, a challenging economy and many influences beyond our control; it just makes us thankful for a refuge away from it all to recharge the soul and unwind. What better place to do that than, at Arlberg Ski Club at Whakapapa on the edge of Mt Ruapehu, our winter home away from home, where it always shines inside the lodge whatever outside influences throw at us.

Now is the time to pull out that ski gear and dust off those boots, boards and skis, check those clothes and, prepare for a great time together at the lodge, rekindling our friendships and building new ones this season. Whakapapa season opens on the 2nd July.

To help in preparation we have put together some helpful tips and have some news for all. By now you would have already received your Subscriptions Invoice.

AGM Results

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held at the Snow Centre in Newmarket on the 12th of April. We had thirty members in attendance and were provided refreshments along with a light supper. We were welcomed by Michael McLean our president and we enjoyed a video presentation of the manufacture of Kneissl Skis by Mike Gardner.

General Discussions were held with Key Points being:

- (1) Some discussion about redemption of debentures and the possibility of "smart" meters to allow better billing & control of electricity usage.
- (2) That the subscriptions for the 2011 year be \$195 for senior members and \$120 for junior members. These reduce to \$175 and \$120 respectively if paid on or before May 31st 2011.
- (3) The requirement for an Auditor was removed from clause 21 of the Club Rules.
- (4) Clause 24 was reworded to: Financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with accepted accounting and reporting practices appropriate for the Club, and a copy shall be posted with each notice calling the Annual General Meeting.
- (5) Clause 50 was deleted as it related to the Auditor.

Full AGM minutes can be read on the website.

Thanks to past Committee Members!

I want to pay tribute to those who have stepped down from the committee: Judy Langley, Anton Lawrence, Barry Brown, Dave Bullick and Susie Stubbs.

They have worked exceptionally hard to serve the club and keep us on track financially. On behalf of our members I thank you.

Michael McLean

The 2011 Committee is:

Michael McLean, (President) Hamish Stevens, (Treasurer) John Priest, (Secretary) Glen McBean, (Maintenance) Jan Wilson, (Membership) John Hutchings, (Club Captain) Leonie Deane, Rob Nicholls, Greg Owen, & Kathleen Stone

Non-committee members who have volunteered to assist with the running of the Club are: Dave Smith, (Bookings); Reid Mossman, (Newsletter)

Vacancy: Food officer

We need someone to order our food?

Receive the Stock take from the Lodge Officer each Saturday or Sunday and email to New World for Tuesday or Friday delivery. All this can be handled from the comfort of your home. If you are a regular lodge visitor it would be even simpler. If interested please advise... President@arlberg.co.nz

Door Code Change



For security and insurance reasons we need to regularly change the door code. The door code has been changed this season. When you make your booking be sure to add the new code into you mobile's contact list to save embarrassment. (Subs must be Paid 1st.)

Promoting to New Members

John Priest has produced these cards to help us promote the club.

Find them: On the Lodge Notice Board or from John. Please take no more than five at a time.

So: When you meet someone interested in the club, give them a card; write your contact details on the back. Encourage them to check out our website and give you a call if they have questions.

Please **do not** leave them anywhere unattended. We don't want to be accused of littering.

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Turning Prospects into Members

It has been suggested that waiting for notice that guests can be accommodated on the Monday is losing us some prospective new members. The committee have therefore reserved 4 bunks per weekend (Outside school holidays and Race weekend) for members to book prospective new members at members' rates with prior approval from the booking officer and without having to wait until the Monday before the booking. We hope you can plan ahead with these prospects to entice them to join. The deal is only open to new prospects and is only available to them once. Bookings will be accepted on a first in basis, multiple bookings by the same member will be at the committee's discretion.

Remember mid-week bookings for guests can be made at anytime.

• Bookings can only be made once subs for 2011 have been paid and the database updated. Best to allow a few weeks from paying sub for this to happen.

Work Party and Maintenance Update

The lodge is in great condition thanks largely to the time and effort put in by Glen McBean and those members who have supported the work parties. Thank you all.

To more easily accommodate our taller members there is one king single bed below a long single in the 4 large bunk rooms. We are looking for 4 new long single mattresses for the top bunks, **got any good contacts...** ?



Bunk room striped and preparing for king single bunk configuration.
"Can see that these will be highly sought after."

Honeymoon suite
*(we have to change
the name!)* The
window has been
professionally
replaced with this
stunning specimen.
We need some
serious proposals
here to revamp
this bunk layout.
Upstairs Drying
Room window has
also been replaced



RAL plans for the ski fields

In 2011, RAL will apply for consent for all lifts proposed for the next 5 years. A four-seater chair (2800 p capacity per hour) from the top of the waterfall up the Knoll Ridge line – A double chair to replace the Waterfall T bar with bull wheel located just below the “Gift” area (stopping short of current offload position).

Another lift from TOB to above the Far West cafe is proposed, Called a “chondala” With 4 – 6 chairs, then a gondola. The Downhill & Far West chairs would be removed.

RAL also proposes re-locating the Far West T bar to start to the West and below the Far West cafe stopping above the top of the “S” bends. These changes will reduce encroachment within the “Gift” area.

For Turoa, the High Noon Express is being relocated in 2012, with the Hi Flier pulled out in 2011.

RAL will be running its "Fliers/Warriors" club group instruction programme's from RAL Ski School at Iwikau, as well as at Turoa.

Terrain park has shifted to Turoa.

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The team at Snowcentre have been busy getting ready for a long cold winter and we have many exciting new developments including an enlarged store and product selection this year. We want to make sure that your members are aware of our special services and offers available to them.

Club members are the keenest of snow sports enthusiasts and as such are always looking for the best deals and the latest gear. The best gear always goes early in any sale or season. Snowcentre extends these offers to your club and its members...

We hope that your club and your members will enjoy these special services and offers and those we can assist them in ensuring that they have a great time on the snow in 2011.

10% Discount for Ski Club members that register with Snowcentre. – Any of your members that provide their name, email and ski club membership details are entitled to a 10% discount on all new, non discounted products and services in any of our three stores right through the season.

The University Sale VIP Evening is an exclusive event giving ski club members access to the sale before anyone else! Wine, cheese and refreshments served from 6pm. A lucky winner will be drawn on the evening for a 2011 Mt Ruapehu Season pass!

**Exclusive to Club Members only
Pre UNIVERSITY SALE VIP EVENING
FRIDAY 20th May – 3pm to 9pm
19 Mahuru St, Newmarket**



The Auckland University Ski and Board Sale is the biggest sale of its kind in New Zealand each year with a large selection of second hand gear and over \$1 Million of the latest gear with prices slashed. This year the sale is on the 21st and 22nd of May.

Ski Club members should get their second hand and used gear into Snowcentre now to ensure its sale. This is their easiest and surest way to convert old gear into cash.

Club Captain's Corner

Enthusiasm is building among some members to enter a team or teams in the Ngaruahoe Trophy on Sept 3rd. If you are interested let John Hutchings know at clubcaptain@arlberg.co.nz.

The Arlberg Race Weekend will be in September, date to be confirmed soon. This year Race Weekend will be open to juniors as well, to encourage more participation.

Events Calendar for 2011

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| 2 July | VIP Ski Gear sale Snowcentre, Newmarket |
| 2 July | Whakapapa opens (snow dance please) |
| 18 – 29 July | School Holidays |
| 18 – 22 July | 1 st of 2 Kids Weeks . Bring out the little ones (including under 4yrs) and get them onto the white stuff. |
| 6 Aug | Christiana Derby – Interclub Race Event, hosted by Christiania Ski Club |
| 8 -12 Aug | Salomon Lindauer Ladies week 1 (the others are 22 – 26 Aug and 5 – 9 September) Ladies this is your chance to show up those men and win great prizes to boot. |
| 22 – 26 Aug | Men's Week ; run by the Ski School especially for you blokes! Fitness and skills improve as the week progresses. Come on down! |
| 22 – 26 Aug | Salomon Lindauer Ladies week 2 . (the others are 8 – 12 Aug and 5 – 9 September) Ladies this is your chance to show up those men and win great prizes to boot |
| 20 August | Haensli Cup - Interclub Race Event, hosted by Ruapehu Ski Club Uni students Week A tertiary student member can bring a friend who can stay at the members' rate. |
| 29 Aug – 2 Sept. 3 Sept. | North Island Primary School Champs Ngaruhoe Trophy Race - Interclub Race Event, hosted by Ngaruhoe Ski Club. This is the one with a great after ski do. |
| TBC | Arlberg Race weekend - Show us how fast you can go. Great social racing followed by a catered dinner and a night of partying! |
| 9 Sept. | RUGBY WORLD CUP starts today (Final 23 Oct.) |
| 5-9 Sept | Salomon Lindauer Ladies week 2 . (the others are 8 – 12 Aug and 22-26 August) Ladies this is your chance to show up those men and win great prizes to boot |
| 10 – 21 Oct | School Holidays |
| 10- 14 Oct. | Kids Week II if you have children under the age of 4 Please feel free to book this week for your family. |

Advertising

The committee has adopted an advertising policy for the Arlberg Edge to encourage snow sports related advertising for the benefit of members. At no cost, members may place short advertisements to sell equipment or endorse services and equipment. We will accept, at no cost, business advertising of specific deals offered to the club for the benefit of members or the club. Generic advertising by businesses is available at competitive rates. The Publicity Officer and the Editor have the right to edit or reject advertisements. Members' advertisements should be sent to newsletter@arlberg.co.nz Please be concise, and include your name and contact details.

Photo Call

Can anyone supply a couple of nice, clear hi-res images of Whakapapa and Arlberg

Any budding writers out there?

We plan to communicate our activities in the Suburban Newspapers (Central Leader etc.) 'What's On' column. We would also like to try to get editorial space once or twice a year with some good skiing and boarding stories, to link with 'What's On', and we are looking for one or two keen writers. Here's an opportunity to release that hidden talent. Please contact secretary@arlberg.co.nz.



Warm up for winter - take a further 30% off ALL 320 weight Sport and SportLTD and ALL Superfine

Winter is approaching and the temperatures are starting to drop, but you can take a weight off your mind – by taking a **further 30% off Outlet prices** on our winter weight Sport320 & SportLtd range.

Icebreaker's Sport range is the cosy mid layer of the world's warmest layering system, so don't miss this chance to get one at a special low price. All Superfine stock is also **reduced by a further 30% off Outlet prices**. Offer available while stocks last. *Offer applies to Sport320, SportLTD and Superfine ranges only.*

From the Team at Icebreaker

Outlet Branches through out Auckland

The Editor needs Story's, Information, Photos & feedback from you...

To keep this newsletter news worthy I am looking for Stories about members and their interests, hobbies and happenings, what some of you have been up to, lets share what we get excited about , chances are some other members will have a similar interest, lets share successes and be proud of what were about.

I know a lot of Arlberg members have a varied array of Interests, so let's share some.

This space is for you, so let me know by return email.

Regards

Reid Mossman

Editor

Email reidmossman@xtra.co.nz your news story now for the next issue.

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