

Auckland Tramping Club & SnowSports Lodge

The Epic of Everest – Auckland Film Festival

The official film of the ill-fated Mallory / Irvine 1924 attempt at Everest has been spectacularly restored by the British Film Institute. It's the most majestic age-of-conquest documentaries, reverberant with the intimations of nature's indifference that the filmmakers could scarcely ignore when reviewing their remarkable footage.

The club has made a block booking at a concession price of \$15 per ticket for the viewing at the Academy cinema on Saturday August 2nd at 7 pm - we still have a few tickets left, so please contact us now!. More information here.

Snow on the Desert Road — people complaining of the cold. Damp Southerlies. All good news.

The Lodge is ready for business - check out the Ruapehu Website to whet your appetite for a visit.

The Lodge has been given a new combination front door lock to relieve everybody (especially John Dalley) of the chore of getting and returning keys. You do though have to check that the door is locked when you leave which is slightly different from turning a key in the lock.

Seasons Activities.

Whakapapa — Turoa trip — This trip is planned for August the 15th or 16th — This is weather dependent so we may have to postpone it to the following weekend if the weather looks unfavourable. Confirmation will be by Wednesday the 12th of August.

This is a really interesting trip with fabulous views along the way. On this trip we will take the Far West T bar before walking up the Whakapapa Glacier in the valley between Dome Shelter and Paretetaitonga, where we go to the west of the crater before descending on skis to the Turoa ski field.

You will need to have an Intermediate ski ability and a degree of fitness to have an enjoyable time. We have not so far arranged a lift back to Whakapapa but it is hoped that some of our Lodge mates may like to ski at Turoa that day. If you have not already done so, let me know if you are interested. **Email**; burnett@eo.net.nz

Crater - Summit Plateau — this is joining the club trip to the mountain on September 12th to 14th . See <u>our website</u> or Wanderlust for details. To join this trip you need to book in the usual way for a club trip.

Orienteering event — At this stage we will hold this in October. Two courses. One more demanding than the other. The courses would use the lifts on the ski field but also cover a fair bit of off piste territory.

If anyone knows anything about Orienteering I would like some advice and to get hold of some of the gear associated.

Any feedback is greatly appreciated.

Happy Winter Season. We hope to see you with friends and family at the Lodge.

We hope everyone has a great season in the snow!

Regards,

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