



Auckland Tramping Club & Snowsports Lodge

The School Holidays have been busy at the Lodge. Mostly a full house throughout the period.

Snow and storms descended on the Mountain in July. The first trip I made to the lodge necessitated slithering into the porch over a high bank of snow that had gathered in the lee of the hut.

Unfortunately the wind had also blown a fair bit of the snow east and off the ski field.

Yes we need more snow at Whakapapa. Still it is early in the season.

The Lodge is in good repair and as usual a welcome place to spend time.

Over the last several years the Lodge has not been adequately paying its way.

This is not a sustainable situation. We need more members to use the Lodge. We need more skiing and snow sports members whom are keen and active.

We need more people going down in the summer months also.

There are a couple of changes at the Lodge this year.

Firstly the name. We are now referring to Mem Hut as the ATC Snowsports Lodge.

This is to better reflect the fact that the Lodge is a very well appointed facility with all the modern conveniences for a very comfortable stay at Mt Ruapehu.

Food;

Food is supplied for Breakfast and Dinner in the evening.

Guests have to bring their own food for lunch if they are not buying it on the mountain.

Basic vegetables are supplied some fresh and some frozen but not fresh fruit.

We supply bread for breakfast.

For the most part though things remain the same.

Still comfy, still a very reasonable price, still with awesome views, still something to occupy all levels of interest and commitment from Grand kids to Grand parents.

We are going to organise some activities this year.

In September - weather permitting we will ski and tramp from Whakapapa over the crater to Turoa. This will be in late September or early October.

We hope to also have a Tramping party coming from Turoa to Whakapapa which would help with transport.

Toward the end of the ski season assuming sufficient interest we are going to have a skiing and snow boarding competition. There are five trophies at the lodge they are looking to be awarded to winners of the events.

In November / December I am hoping that Jim Morrow will lead a trip to the Summit, Tahurangi .

More on all these things soon.

Any feedback on these matters would be appreciated.

Regards

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