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Tukino News

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Tukino Opening!

We are opening as scheduled this weekend July the 4th, and we will be open every weekend in July. Additionally Tukino WILL BE OPEN during the second week of the school holidays—so avoid the crowds and come ski the Wild Side.

School Holiday open dates are Saturday 11th July—Sunday 26th July.

The field will then be open 7 days a week from Saturday 1st August.



OPC—Lease

TMCA have been fortunate in securing a lease over the OPC Christianiana Lodge for this season—this means we will have heaps of accommodation available—even on Schnapps Cup and Squad weekends! Bookings are kindly being coordinated by Andrea Spicer from Desert Alpine Club and the plan is to fill both Desert Alpine and

Aorangi Lodges to capacity before using OPC for overflow. Club members will pay their usual member rate if using OPC, and will be catered for at OPC Lodge.

Andrea's email address: bookings@desertalpine.org, or Aorangi's booking officer for Tukino is Sandy Taylor, ian@inhb.co.nz

MARKETING UPDATE:

BROCHURES:

Our new brochures are being distributed throughout the North Island, they look great—thanks to Terry & Cindy for organising those.

RADIO & PAPER:

We will be getting some radio coverage on local networks in Kapiti, Palmerston North and Waikato, as well as the Central Plateau—listen out for our snow reports and see our article in the latest Ruapehu Snow Bulletin.

Café!

During the Season we hope to have a café up and running from OPC Christianiana. Accessible from the deck, the café will have coffee and hot food available. The Café will be open mainly on weekends but if crowds appear mid-week we will cater for them also.

EFT-POS is unavailable, so please remember to bring some cash; or cheque and Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Snacks and hot drinks will still be available from the Ticket Office.

PHOTOS

If anyone has any great photos of Tukino and its facilities—action shots in particular, we would really appreciate the material for marketing the website and for our brochures. So become world-famous in New Zealand and email your pics to awarua@ihug.co.nz

Maintenance:

The New Tow Motor (ex Moro T-Bar) is now happily installed in the tow shed and is ready for the season. Many thanks to Brad for making the modifications necessary to get this up and running on the Mountain and to David and Tim for overhauling the motor and David and the rest of the team who have spent hours in the shed putting it together.

Ropes Out —the ropes for both tows were put out last weekend (27/28 June) - many hands made light work and it was great to have so many helpers—thanks everybody. The weather was very obliging, holding off on a big snow dump until leaving time on Sunday—which made exiting somewhat slow for some that weren't quick enough to get away!

OPC Renovations
Thanks to Peter Ellison, Greg, Murray and Ian there is now an accessible toilet for the Café customers, without intruding on the privacy of the lodge guests. This will be downstairs from the Café.

Training
Weekend—

Ski Patrol training weekend

TMCA had a very successful Training weekend for volunteer ski patrollers over the Ropes Out weekend 27/28 June.

ment., plus some other character building exercises such as taking the fuel up to the top tow shed., and helping put out the ropes!

Manager and we are still looking for a Full time Ski Patroller—any volunteers?

This will be augmented by our enthusiastic base of volunteer ski patrollers—thank you guys.

There were 15 Volunteers attending and they covered a variety of topics such as avalanche transceiver searches, simulated rescues and patient care. They also had training on specialized medical equip-

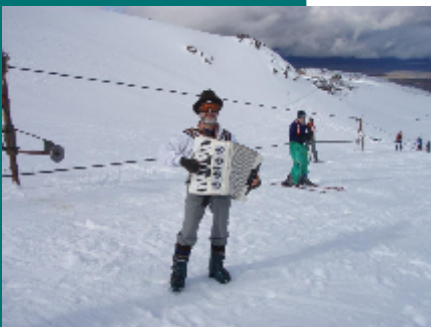
STAFFING:

TMCA Staffing for 2009 will comprise Terry Dunn as Mountain Manager, Bruce McGregor as Snow Safety officer, Mike Leach will be Skifield Operations and Road

Cindy Dunn will also be on the mountain crew as our main mountain coordinator (roughly translated—our Mountain Mum!)

Ski Squad & Dates to remember!

Gary Henderson plays it!



Ski & Board Squad dates are:

- 24/25 July**
- 7/8 August**
- 21/22 August**
- 4/5 September**

Squad enquiries to Steph Reilly 09 411 7095

School Holidays are:

- July 4—19th,
- September 26th—October 10th.

Aorangi holds the Schnapps Cup over the weekend of 29/30 August at Tukino