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GENERAL NEWS UPDATE

The Valley is Still Open!

Members were booking in last minute after the dumping we had late September just in time for Whakapapa Club Sports. The club was absolutely buzzing full of people of all ages and stages. Flick through the newsletter to get all of last month's news and some important end of season coms.

Check out this picture taken from Waikato Ski Lodge, absolutely incredible evening on the mountain.

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2024 Subscriptions

A handful of subs are still outstanding, thank you to everyone who has submitted theirs already we really appreciate it. Please be aware **your membership may be cancelled** if your subscription fees remain outstanding.

Contact Angus at whakapapamountainclub@gmail.com regarding subscriptions.

End of Season Work Party

What dates work for you, let us know!

Unfortunately we're nearing the end of the season but it's a great time to come together for one last hoorah. Work party dates have not yet been set so please reach out to the committee to propose a date that works for you, get involved, we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Please remember all members are required to complete a work party to solidify their membership.



Tama Brooking (7) doing his bit for our club!



Fynn Campbell kicking it down the Rock Garden

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The Aussies Come to Whakapapa

Feature piece - Nathan Brooking

Just thought we'd share our recent trip to the Hut with my sons, Toa (9) and Tama (7). Living on the Gold Coast, this was their first ski trip, which they'd been excited about for months, so dad and Koro took the boys to the Mountain while my wife, Terina visited friends and family in Whakatane. Though the season had been light on snow, we got lucky with snowfall on the forecast. The sight of snow got the boys jumping out of their seats, so we made a quick stop at Scoria Flat to play before heading to the hut.

Our first couple of days were spent indoors due to strong winds, but we enjoyed the games room, sledding, and riding the gondola. A highlight was discovering butter chicken at the café. Cousin Don arrived and dove into some epic arm wrestling with Tama while we all enjoyed the new snow. On Saturday, we woke to blue skies and no wind. We hit Happy Valley with a group of kids and parents. Toa, Tama, and Don skied like pros on their first day, and we even ran into some rugby mates from Australia. The day wrapped up with races in Happy Valley, won by Don and Toa.

Saturday night was packed with games like Heads and Tails and a Potato Spoon Relay. After an epic dinner (thanks chefs) the kids (and a few adults) hit the basin for sledding chaos. After piles of goodies and a million jugs of raro the kids eventually got to bed.

Sunday was cloudy with some snow showers, but we returned to Happy Valley. The boys confidently did laps on their own, occasionally stopping for lollies from Koro. We had a bit of excitement late in the day when a storm came through with lightning closing the chairlift; something I've never seen before.

Before heading home, Toa found butter chicken pizza at the café. Koro took us for a hot swim in Reporoa, wrapping up a wonderful trip. It was great to see everyone up the hut and spend some time together, it was a special time for us. My favourite part was all the kids hanging out and getting up to all the fun things we did as kids. Hopefully we will have a bit more certainty with Whakapapa and skiing into the future, it's such a wonderful place. I know two boys who can't wait to get back and do it all again.

See you all again next time - flick through the next pages for some incredible photos of the trip.

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Cousin Don hanging out with Tama and Toa



Tama and Toa's first Hut summit



Toa Brooking at Scoria Flat



Koro, ackln, Tama, Toa and Don in the gondola after lunch

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Tama, Frankie, Don and Toa



Rugby on Dan's Duvet



Whakapapa Potato and Spoon Relay



Heads and Tails



Dad, Toa and Tama after a great hot swim



Midnight Sledging



10:00am



2:00pm

Serious Snow

For those who had a feeling Ruapehu skiing was done for good, this season showed there's still more to be had!

Check out these two photos taken on the same day, you could argue there was some Whakapapa pow to be found hiding in under the Pinnacle's and some of us were lucky enough to find it.

The Valley T is still running this weekend for the last day of the season if you want to get out there and have a laugh, the little rock drops and bowls are super playful at the moment.

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This Week's Report
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Lift's Open:

Sky Waka Gondala
Valley T-Bar - until 27 October

Facilities Open:


Whakapapa Shop
Pataka Cafe
Coffee Corner

Today 22nd October

 **10.8** High
3.5 Low


Partlycloudy

Wed 23rd October

 **9.5** High
2.5 Low


Fair

Thu 24th October

 **7.7** High
1.7 Low

Cloudy

Fri 25th October

 **5.5** High
3.1 Low

Heavyrain

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2024 Club Calendar & Shared Meal Plan

Events	Saturday	Hut Themes	Saturday Night Shared Meal Plan
School Holidays	Saturday, 13 July		Sausages Mash Vegetables
School Holidays	Saturday, 20 July		Lasagne Salad
	Saturday, 27 July		Chops Wedges Salad
	Saturday, 3 August		Beef Stew Mash Vegetables
	Saturday, 10 August	Card Games Night	Beef Nachos
	Saturday, 17 August		Curry Rice
Intermediate NIPS Championships - cancelled	Saturday, 24 August	Pool Championships	Steak Chips Eggs
Primary NIPS Championships - cancelled	Saturday, 31 August		Soup Garlic Bread
Rangatira Alpine Trophy Race - cancelled	Saturday, 7 September		Chicken Pasta Bake
Fairfield College Group Booking 11 - 13 Sept 22-24 people			
Tongariro Jnr's Club Race	Saturday, 14 September	Quiz Night	Roast Chicken Veggies Apple Crumble
Ngaruruhoe Club Race Whakapapa Club Sports	Saturday, 21 September		Burgers Wedges
School Holidays Skiwi's/Jnr's Club Race Turoa, Retro Day	Saturday, 28 September	Table Tennis Tournament	Chicken Tacos
School Holidays Turoa, Peak to Powderkeg Race	Saturday, 5 October	Snowman Competition	Schnitzel Coleslaw Chips
Kindy Week 07 Oct - 11 Oct			
School Holidays Whakapapa Club Sports Backup	Saturday, 12 October		Pizza Wedges
School Holidays	Saturday, 19 October	Pyjama Party	Spaghetti Bolognese
	Saturday, 26 October		Shepherds Pie Salad

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Overnight Parking - Club Member Parking

Day Parking Only - Locked 5pm-7am for De-icing

Authorised Parking Only - Next to the Medical Centre

Platinum membership parking only - Next to the Iwikau Shelter

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Whakapapa Mountain Club Committee 2024

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Subscriptions:	<i>Angus Ferguson</i>	027-224-1771	
Hut Maintenance:	<i>Paul Burton</i>	027-571-0050	
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Cups & Trophies:	<i>Kim Needham</i>	027-338-7272	
Club Captain Publicity:	<i>Sophia Campbell</i>	021-163-1563	
Ski Racks & Lockers:	<i>Angus Ferguson</i>	027-224-1771	
Hut Stores Supplies:	<i>Rick Donaldson</i>	021-227-5969	
Support Legal:	<i>Gene Tomlinson</i>		

2024 Night Rates

Members

Adult	\$30
Youth (13 - 17)	\$20
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$15

Guests

Adult	\$50
Youth (13 - 17)	\$40
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$30

Please add your family name
and initial into the reference

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