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### THE ARLBERG EDGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARLBERG
SKI CLUB INC

### Raín raín go away... turn to lovely snow I say!!!

I'm sitting in my office, looking out the window at the marble size raindrops pelting down on the window, and imagining how preferable it would be to be sitting in the lodge looking out at the white stuff beckoning...

Then I think of my little sponsored boy in Niger, where they have a food crisis and he cannot return to school as he is too old and must help his Dad in the millet fields instead... Siraji is just 11... and will never know the joys of speeding along on two technologically advanced planks on clean pure snow, and enjoying as much as you can eat meat and veges in a beautiful lodge on top of a mountain.

Makes you feel lucky, huh...

### Calendar

28 August **Haensli Cup** - Interclub Race Event.

23 – 27 Aug Uni students Week - A tertiary student member can bring a friend who can stay at the

members' rate. \* Note date change due to coinciding with the Primary Schools' Champs \*

30 Aug – 3 Sept. **North Island Primary School Champs** 

4 Sept. Ngaruahoe Trophy Race - Interclub Race Event This is the one with a great after ski do. 17-18 Sept. Arlberg Race Weekend- Show us how fast you can go. Great social racing followed by a

catered dinner and a night of partying!

4- 8 Oct. **Kids Week II** if you have children under the age of 4

Please feel free to book this week for your family.

#### **CLUB NEWS**

# Early Season Snow has been surprisingly skiable.

With 63cm of snow the upper slopes have been reasonable for skiing and the lower acceptable but with 93 cm the secret is out. It's been fantastic and so few people using the lodge!!

### Club Computer

We have a desk top computer of a certain age installed in the pantry and a new broadband connection. Instructions for operating this are posted on the wall behind the monitor. It isn't fast but acceptable (Offers of modern replacements keenly awaited). A couple of times the broadband has needed to be reset. Just remove its power plug and reinsert.

#### MOUNTAIN UPDATE

Terrain Park With the recent snowfall the Whakapapa Park Crew are currently working in the Valley (Skiers left of T-bar), on the upper Highway constructing a Terrain Park. They are prepping the snow now, utilizing natural features, and planning on adding boxes and rails to create a fantastic space for all you park rats. As soon as the conditions allow the rails/boxes will go in. Keep an eye out for more updates!

#### **TUROA TEMPTING!**

#### 5 tempting features of the South side

- 1. The 6 seater High Noon express chair.
- 2. Out west has magic snow, and lots of solitude.
- 3. Inspiring Sun Sets over Taranaki.
- 4. The bar at the bottom café Could the food and coffee be better than Lorenz's?
- 5. When the weather's bad, try a little Ohakune retail therapy or the cinema.



#### **MEMBERS ARTICLES**

What do you want from the website and the newsletter? Do you have some great ideas for content? Do you have any interesting news about a club member? Share your news or suggestions with us: newsletter@arlberg.co.nz

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## Welcome to our new members:

Esther Menzi, Brian Smith, Luca Menzi, Simon Bucherer, Sarah Bucherer, Zech Rutledge

See you out there!!!