



## What to bring skiing when you stay at Ski Racers Club

### Getting to the Club – Walk or Ride

There are three ways to get to the Club:

1. Walking up, which takes about 20 mins
2. Taking the chairlift up, then walking down to the Club
3. Paying for a Shuttle ride. The cost is \$15/adult, \$10/child or \$30/family.

Ski Racers Club is located about two-thirds up the first chairlifts, you can see on the map at the end of this doc, it's number 28 and it's marked it with a **blue** arrow. If you walk, best you arrive in daylight, phone the Custodians on **07 892 3838** and they can meet you (or send someone down to meet you). If you arrive by about 3.15pm, park and get to the chairlift by about 3.45pm before last ride at 4pm, you can catch the chairlift to the top of Hut Flat, and then it's just a short walk down to the Club.

If you want to take the Shuttle you need to book via email, at least 24 hours ahead with your estimated time of arrival. First ride up is at 5.30pm. You would need to be there by about 5.00pm to park, unload and get to the Shuttle base for 5.30pm to save a panic. If you're late, just text or wait until the Shuttle returns from taking it's previous passengers (details at the end of this doc).

### Getting to the Club – Shoes

Regardless of which way you get to the Club, you need waterproof boots or at least shoes with grip/tread sole - plus woollen socks. Shoes must NOT have plastic soles, they need to be rubber otherwise they slip; it's like walking on ice. Helps if they have a hard toe area to kick into the snow to help grip too. Gumboots are a last resort. If you don't have anything suitable, then hire from Roy Turner Ski Shop in National Park. The shoes are excellent; I think about \$5-10 to hire and well worth it. 0800 SNOWZONE or [www.snowzone.co.nz](http://www.snowzone.co.nz). You will need to wear them to go home.

### Getting to the Club – Pack

Ideally you need a pack rather than carry a bag in your hands. It's too hard to walk, balance and not slide! If your pack isn't waterproof or you don't have a waterproof cover, it pays to put everything inside a plastic rubbish bag and then put it inside your pack, just in case the weather is bad coming to or going from the club. Kids can just put their stuff in their school bag.

### Getting to the Club – Clothing

You should have a jacket, hat, gloves and scarf. Keep your goggles or glasses handy in case it's windy or the snowmakers are going. Plus wear a warm jumper/fleece underneath. It can pay to have your ski pants near the top of your pack in case the weather is REALLY bad.

### At the Club – Clothing

What you wear down on Friday, wear back on Sunday. So just take a different top for Saturday night. It's normally cosy in the club so you don't need to rug up too much. Jeans, t-shirt and a sweatshirt should suffice. Slippers, sneakers or whatever you feel like – it's very casual.

### **At the Club – Accommodation**

There are six bunkrooms sleeping between 5-8 people. The mattresses, pillows and blankets are all good. You just need to remember to bring:

- a) Sleeping bag or single sheets
- b) Pillowcase

There is a hair dryer in the ladies bathroom and a drying room so your gear will dry in a few hours if need be. All meals are provided so no need to bring any food, just something to drink if you wish (ie: beer, gin, etc). People sometimes bring pre-dinner nibbles, ie: cheese & crackers, chips, dips, etc. You can also donate \$15 to the Club and we will thank you with a bottle of red or white wine.

### **Specific items to take:**

- ☐ Ski gear, ie: pants, jacket, thermal underwear, jumper, gloves, hat, goggles or sunglasses with a strap
- ☐ Hanky for your ski jacket plus a lip moisturiser
- ☐ Sun tan lotion
- ☐ Snacks (ie: chocolate, nuts) for your jacket pocket. You don't really need to take a daypack as the Club is easy to get back to. If you're desperate visit the café!
- ☐ PJs
- ☐ Undies and socks for your ski boots
- ☐ Change of clothes for Saturday
- ☐ Usual toiletries – if you have a ball deodorant put it inside a zip-lock bag as the ball can sometimes pop out with the higher altitude
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Pillowcase
- ☐ Sleeping bag or single sheets

### **Driving to Whakapapa**

Most clubbies coming from Auckland drive down what's known as the back way – turning off SH 1 at Glen Murray and going around the back of Huntly to Ngaruwhahia, then continuing down the side of Hamilton, coming out at Otorohanga. It's more windy, but less traffic.

There's a great café opp the public toilets in Pirongia (which are very clean) and a fantastic coffee stop in Mapiu, which is between Otorohanga and Taumaranui. If you leave early afternoon, you can have dinner at the club when you arrive (it's served at 7pm).

### **Arriving at the mountain**

When you arrive at the mountain, you drive up as far as you possibly can:

- ☐ Walking – then drop off all your gear and passengers at the Day Shelter (the **yellow** arrow on the map below) which is alongside the medical centre, then go and park the car. Get all your gear on and start to walk up.
- ☐ Shuttle – stop at the Day Shelter also, put on your ski gear, jump back in the car and then drive up as far as you can go. In front of you will be Lorenzo's café; just to the right is where you get the shuttle, so unload there and go back and park your car. You know you're in the right place as there are lots of groomer tracks in the snow. It's marked with a **green** arrow on the map below.



### **Parking**

The overnight parking is clearly marked. Don't park in a Day Park, as you will be towed. Usually Club members get a park in the top car park (red arrow), just below the medical centre and day shelter. Alternatively on the Club access road or in a park are marked some other spots in pink. If the weather is a bit bad, pull out your wipers and don't leave your handbrake on. Make sure you have anti-freeze and if the weather does look bad, take a spade from home and leave it in the car to dig yourselves a track out on the Sunday afternoon. If you don't have a 4WD, you can rent chains in National Park.

### **Arriving at the Club**

Your bunk room would've been pre-allocated so when you arrive, unload and unpeel the layers and then get yourselves sorted in your room and come down for a drink.

### **Life at Ski Racers Club**

Every person is given a duty over the weekend, ie: dishes, vacuuming, clearing snow, etc. Dave and Samantha (Sam), the Custodians will introduce themselves, tell you about the Club rules and show you the roster.

Breakfast is normally around 7.00am as the mountain opens between 8.30am-9.00am. You'll hear the noise of people moving around. There's cereal, fruit and a big cooked breakfast. Lunch is normally soup and muffin/scone, plus leftovers. Dinner is at 7pm and is usually always a big meal followed by dessert.

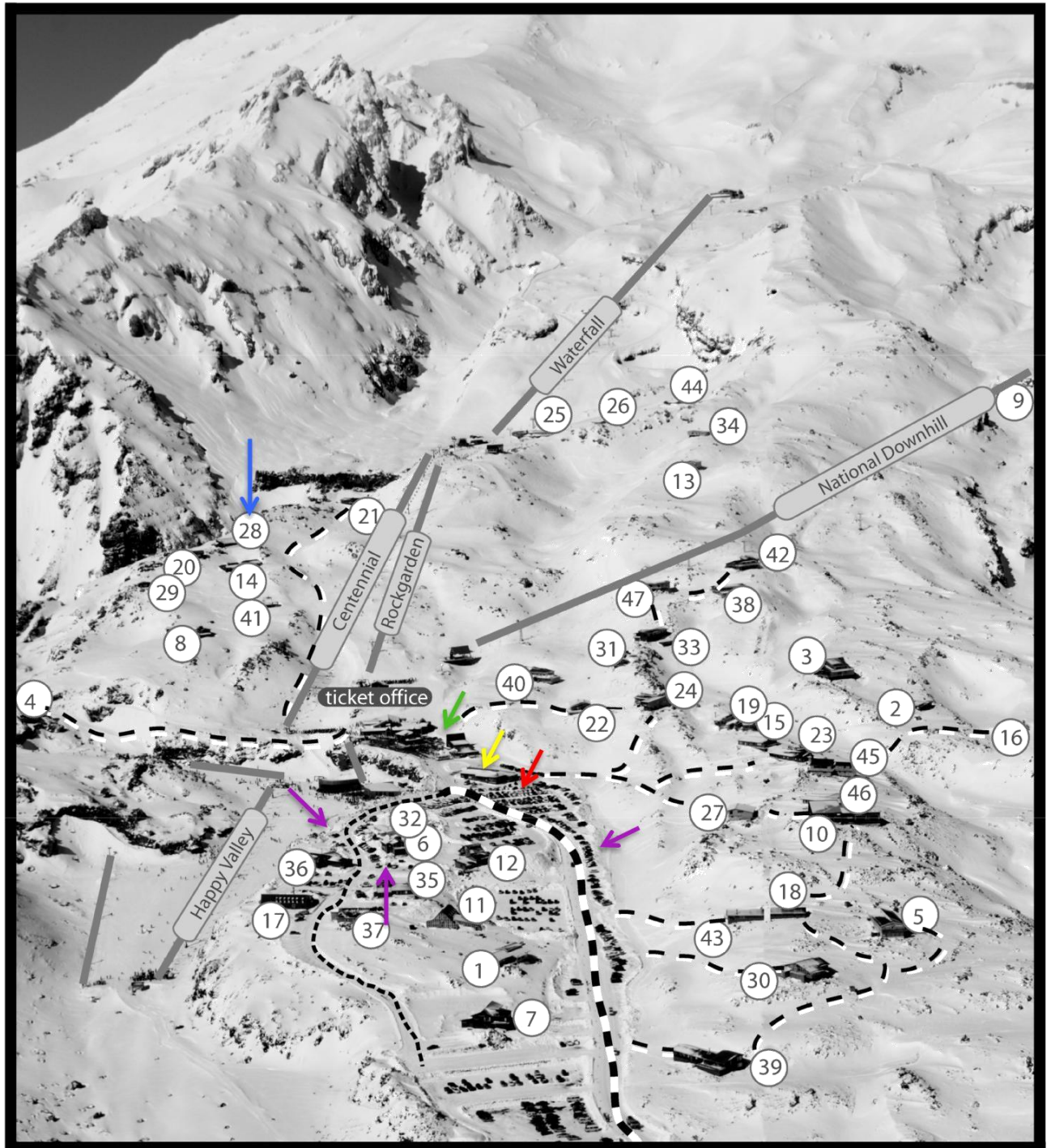
Sunday morning most Club members pack up before going out to ski, but leave everything in the room. They then come back in the afternoon and tidy-up and pack-up. Then it's down the hill, back to the car and home.

If you have any questions at all call: **Ski Racers Ski Club on 07 892 3838**  
**Ski Racers website:** [www.skiracers.co.nz](http://www.skiracers.co.nz)

Key to the map overleaf:

**Ski Racers Club**  
**Shuttle location**  
**Day Shelter**  
**Top car park**  
**Other good parking**

# WHAKAPAPA LODGES



🗺 See reverse for key and contact phone numbers

- Trails to lodges
- Lifts
- Bruce Rd (main access rd)
- ... Lodge traffic only



# Directions to Ski Racers Ski Club Lodge

**SKI RACERS CLUB**

Ruapehu Ski Club

Wanganui Ski Club

Top of the  
mountain

Hut Flat Rope Tow

Rangitira Express

Pinnacles Club

**Ski Racers Club**

Otaihape Ski Club

Iwikau Ski Club

Victoria Ski Club

-  = Route via chairlift (0900 – 1600)
-  = Walking Route (After 1600)
-  = Snow Cannon

Bottom of the  
mountain

Top of the Bruce – Ticket office,  
Lorenz's Café & Ski Rental

