



PRESS RELEASE

Laughs Aplenty at Iconic Tūroa Spring Events

MT RUAPEHU, 8 OCTOBER 2019: Two of Tūroa's iconic annual spring events at the weekend attracted fun and frivolity with a dose of the usual competitiveness in the mix as well.

35 men and women dressed in bikinis and took to the slopes for the 100m slalom Tūroa Bikini Downhill race to raise money for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. Held in the Wintergarden skiers and staff were all encouraged to wear pink, the entry fee was a gold coin and the event raised \$355.

The four-stage Peak to Powderkeg adventure race on Sunday attracted 82 competitors in the skiing/snowboarding, running (4.8km downhill on Ohakune Mountain Road) and biking (11.5km downhill on a sealed road) race, which concluded with a beer/lemonade scull.

The race started at the top of Tūroa ski area and ended at the Powderkeg Bar at the foot of Mt Ruapehu. It's open to individuals or teams of three.

This fun spring event officially started 29 years ago and has evolved over time to the format it is today. Both these events are firm favourites on Tūroa's spring event calendar.

Next weekend Tūroa visitors are invited to head up to the slopes dressed up as their favourite animal to enjoy face painting, a Q&A session and sit-ski rides. All donations will go towards new adaptive skiing equipment for disabled skiers.

Ruapehu's Adaptive Ski Centre assists anyone with physical, sensory or cognitive impairments wanting to enjoy the slopes of Mt Ruapehu. It offers specialised lessons and a wide range rental equipment for all different needs.

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