



AORANGI AWARD 2026

The AORANGI is Ramapo's highest award and is given for outstanding service to the Club.

YOU are encouraged to nominate a member who has provided outstanding service to the Club. The criteria are as follows...

1. The Aorangi trophy shall be awarded each year to a current member for outstanding contributions to the Club; there shall be one winner per year.
2. The service shall be assessed by:
 - magnitude of the effect on the Club;
 - the number of programs beneficially affected by the service;
 - the permanence or importance of the services rendered.
3. Certain criteria shall be considered:
 - no current or outgoing President of Ramapo may receive the award;
 - no person may receive the Aorangi Award twice;
 - office-holding per se is not a good basis for the award. (Office-holding merely makes the Aorangi that much more potentially remote; for the demands and expectations of office holders are higher than those of the rank and file.)

Nominations for the Aorangi Award can be submitted by any regular member of the Club. Please submit your nomination in writing, in a sealed envelope marked "Aorangi", to the Club Secretary (Rose Barnabic). Nominations can be submitted by hand or by the mail, but must be received not later than April 2. Nominations received thereafter will be considered if available at the April 7 meeting.

The Aorangi Committee Meeting (all previous Aorangi recipients) will be held on Tuesday April 7 at Karen Lynch's house at 7pm. Please let Karen and Pete MacTaggart if you plan to attend.

At the April 7 Aorangi Committee meeting, the committee will discuss the Nominees and select this years honoree. The Aorangi Award will be announced at the Banquet on April 25.

The history of the Aorangi Award dates to 1965 when an international trophy exchange was devised by member J. Carruthers. The trophy is a gift of the Aorangi Ski Club in Wellington, New Zealand, and takes the form of a Maori merei (war club). The delicate scrollwork on the merei is of native origin. Mt. Cook at 12,349 feet is New Zealand's highest mountain, which the Maoris call Aorangi – "The Cloud Piercer".