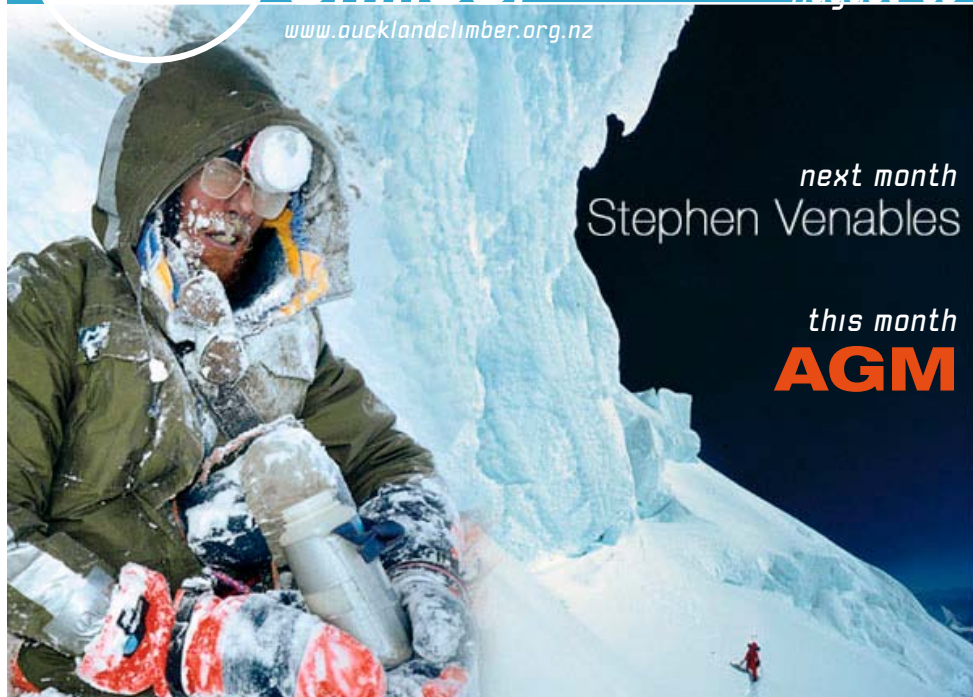




The Auckland Climber

August '09

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Stephen Venables

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AGM



Welcome to the August edition of the NZAC Auckland Section's newsletter. The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome. The club generally meets on the first Monday of every month at St Luke's Community Centre, Remuera Rd, Newmarket at 7.15 pm, but check the newsletter for exceptions.

Climber Content

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to hear from you. Alternatively, we love getting submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for Sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 15th of the month

preceding. Call Suzanne Stickney on 486 2024 or email suzstick@hotmail.com

Change of Address

For any change of address, or to request to receive your newsletter by email (better for us and the environment!) contact: subscriptions@alpineclub.org.nz
NZAC Auckland Section, PO Box 3036, Auckland

This month's meeting:

AGM

Monday 3rd August 2009

Come to the club's AGM to cast your vote for a new president. Deryn Williams is stepping down and a newbie will take the reigns of power. The committee is looking for new members to take on the many different jobs that keep the club running, so if you're keen to put your hand up for something come along and join the committee. Like to know more?

Contact deryn@slingshot.co.nz

After the AGM, sit back and relax as we'll have a selection of climbing movies for you.

Next month's meeting:

The Auckland section is thrilled to present:

An evening with Stephen Venables – one of the world's great mountaineers.

at **Auckland University Tamaki Campus**, cnr Morrin Road & Merton Road Glen Innes On **Monday 31 August 2009, 7.30pm**

Stephen Venables – mountaineer, writer and broadcaster was the first Brit to climb Everest without supplementary oxygen. He reached the summit alone, after climbing with a small American-Canadian team, by a new route up the gigantic Kangshung Face. His adventures have also taken him to the Rockies, the Andes, the Antarctic island South Georgia, East Africa, South Africa and the European Alps, where he has climbed and skied for over 40 years.

Tickets : \$12 for members and \$15 for non members – tickets are limited.

Available from Saturday August 1st from Bivouac stores at Sylvia Park, Queen Street and Newmarket, and Outdoor Action Barry's Point Rd, Takapuna and Sylvia Park. Online sales available at www.aucklandclimber.org.nz

Auckland News

Club gear

If you hire the alpine club's gear you are responsible for arranging to return it to Cormac early the following week. By holding onto club gear, you are letting others down. We don't charge a late return fee but we do trust that you will think of others and return your gear on time.

STEPHEN VENABLES

HIMALAYAN CLIMBING LEGEND

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEW ZEALAND
NATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4 2009



NEW ZEALAND
ALPINE CLUB

AUCKLAND UNI, TAMAKI CAMPUS, 7.30PM 31 AUGUST 2009

Tickets from Bivouac and Outdoor Action stores
and online at www.aucklandclimber.org.nz



Ski Mountaineering New Zealand



Gasherbrum II Ski Raffle

**\$15 raffle ticket to go in the draw for
a pair of 172cm Gasherbrum II skis
All proceeds go to the 2010 SkiMoNZ
race team.**

Details at www.skimonz.blogspot.com

For sale

Set of snow chains for sale: Offers. Phone John S on 834 6699.

National News

FREE Rock Climbing PDF Downloads

Now available on the NZAC website here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=59> . Access via the online shopping site under 'Downloads'. While downloads are free, we are asking people to consider making a donation to assist in covering any associated costs. Currently available: Mangaraho, Tokatoka and Ti Point – Northland; Sawyers Crag – Mt Cook and Mt Maunganui – Tauranga. The old Northern Rock guidebook is being revised and uploaded in sections first and will be followed by Auckland (Mt Eden) Quarry.

Vote to get the Alpine Journals online.

Many of you will be aware of the plans to digitise the entire NZAJ collection. These plans hit a roadblock last year when the NZ Electronic Text Centre was unable to secure funding for the project. Digital NZ is currently conducting a poll to highlight materials worth digitising – by clicking on the link below you can vote for this project – obviously the more votes we collect, the stronger our case for future funding!

<http://makeit.digitalnz.org/voting/ideas/32>

Support the Endangered Hutton's Shearwater

Have you ever dreamed of owning a mountain landscape by the renowned alpine painter, Austen Deans? Austen's paintings usually sell for many thousands of dollars.

Recently Austen completed a painting of the snow covered Seaward Kaikoura Range with the endangered Hutton's Shearwaters in the foreground, commissioned by Geoff Harrow founder/settler of The Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust.

Austen has signed fifty numbered prints which are for sale at \$250.00 each and all proceeds go to this trust for predator fencing, research and monitoring. If you would like one of these prints, you can contact Geoff Harrow at 9 Alderson Ave, Christchurch 8022 Ph: 03 332 4534 or Lindsay Rowe at lindsay.jan.rowe@xtra.co.nz

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Trips

Do you have a new trip idea? Perhaps you missed one before and want a repeat? We can only run as many trips as there are organisers. Volunteer to lead just one trip this year and get to do it where, when and with who you want. You don't need to be the most proficient person on the trip, you are not a guide: it's about car-pooling, collating emergency details and forwarding information to the trip participants. Make your dream trip happen this winter, contact Richard (reveritt@ihug.co.nz) or Magnus (hammarsal@hotmail.com). Also email us to obtain updates to this list. Trips marked with "organiser tba" means that we don't have a trips organised allocated and that trip can't go ahead until we find a volunteer to do so.... All suggestions for trips welcome!

Alpine climbing is dangerous! You need to have the appropriate skill for any trip that you wish to attend.

Grading Levels:

Beginner means someone who is at least a current SnowCraft student, and is competent with the skills covered on the course to that date.

Intermediate would be proficient in all the basic alpine skills taught on the course.

Advanced would have already gained further alpine experience and is comfortable on alpine grade 2+ climbs.

You may need to assure the organiser that you have the appropriate skill level before they let you attend. The best way to do this is to attend the monthly Monday night meeting, introduce yourself to the organiser and tell them what skills and experience you have. This is not just for your safety but for the safety of others on the trip.

August

Tree planting

Aug 2

Last TOSSI planting day of the year at Tawharanui. Work off recession frustration by planting native plants for 3 hours in this great pest-free haven. All welcome. For more info go to www.tossi.org.nz

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Tukino Ice Climbing – TRIP NOW FULL

Aug 8-9

Staying at the Whangaehu Hut we'll try to find some of the steeper stuff. With good conditions there should be opportunities for leading as well as top-roping. Whangaehu only has six bunks so places will be limited on this trip, unless people are prepared to camp out.

Level Intermediate/Advanced

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Ngauruhoe trip

Aug 22-23

Staying at Mangatepopo Hut the plan is to climb Ngauruhoe and maybe throw in Tongariro and/or parts of the crossing as well.

Level Beginner/Intermediate


 Anthony Stead  antstead@gmail.com  021 215 9632

September

Girdlestone

Sept 5-6


Climbing on one of Ruapehu's classic peaks. Details coming soon.

 Gerald Lanning

Whakapapa-Tukino traverse

Sept 12-13

Have bunks booked at the NZAC Hut. Suggestion has been made of a Whakapapa-Tukino traverse, climbing peaks and/or ice along the way. Could be done as two parties, one starting at Whakapapa, spending Friday night there and Saturday at Whangaehu Hut, one party doing the same trip in reverse. Otherwise suggest your own objectives, based from the NZAC Hut!

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Barium Enema and high winds

11 – 12 July

Jane & Andrew De Ville

Winds of 110km on Saturday meant that one of the party had to come out of the hut on belay until she got somewhere a little more sheltered (ie another 3 pitches!).



Andrew De Ville has spotted his next mission

Fantastic Ice on Barium Enema provided a great days climbing on Saturday

SWEET WINTER TASTER MADE FOR BIG SMILES

25-26 July

Participants: Scott, Ian, Simon, Stu, Astrid, Julian, Beata, Doru, Brian, Paul, Colin, Suz, Eoghan and John S

Much excitement on Friday night as the weather forecast for the weekend was perfect. Cloudless skies on both days meant our 10 alpine taster-ers saw the mountain at its windless, white capped and blue sky best. Sunday's Tongariro Crossing was a long day, as we tagged on Tongariro and dropped off down the plateau at the back, but no one wants to cut corners on a perfect weather day! *Pics: Stu Young*

