

At the AGM John Boon suggested introducing a series of 'intermediate alpine weekends' for members who have done the Snow Craft Course – or those with Alpine skills - and are looking to take their climbing up a notch. Ideally, through this continuing climbing opportunity, participants will increase their pool of climbing buddies

There was also brief discussion on Air Access to Bevan Col in the South Island. Mark sought feedback from attendees as to their views on the proposition, "Should flights into Bevan Col be banned", this was acknowledged to be a proposition tested for negotiation purposes only rather than an attempt to obtain a considered view from members. 8 in favour of a ban, 4 against and 8 do not know".

...and finally. The Auckland Section committee would like to express its thanks to Dave Crofts who has retired from the committee after serving for a number of years. Dave has made an invaluable contribution to the section particularly in the role as Chief Alpine Instructor.

Climber Content

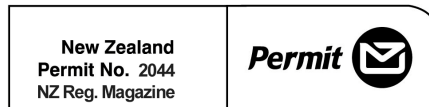
Deadline for each issue is the 20th of the month preceding. Send any content for the climber to the Editor, Suzanne, at suzstick@hotmail.com. Send any photos for inclusion as a jpeg or tiff image, 300dpi at print size (up to 200mmx150mm/8"x6").

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The Auckland Climber - NZ Alpine Club Auckland Section Newsletter



Auckland Climber

Greetings folks and welcome to the New Zealand Alpine Club Auckland Section newsletter.

Join us for alpine or rock climbing trips and social or armchair climbing. Meetings are usually held at St Luke's Community Centre, 130 Remuera Rd, Newmarket on the first Monday of each month – exceptions will be published. Meetings begin at 7:30pm with announcements and usually a slide show, then tea & coffee to follow. A gold coin donation for food and refreshments is appreciated. Real gold, preferably.

This month's meeting: Monday May 2nd
Auckland Section Photo Comp

Dust off your photos and try them out in the local photo competition. There will be prizes for the winning photos which will be selected by popular vote. Winners will be invited to enter the national photo competition later in the year. You may enter in any of the six categories (the same used for the national competition):

A = alpine Activity **G** = alpine General **N** = alpine Nature
R = Rock climbing **H** = Humour **P** = Photojournalism

Full descriptions of these categories can be viewed on the NZAC website: <http://www.nzalpine.org.nz> under Activities. Please write your name and the category on your entries and mark slides with a dot on the bottom left of the mount to view it in the correct orientation. Bring along your entries before the meeting (between 7:00 and 7:15) so we can sort them. Entry is available only to NZAC members, and any picture that has not been entered before is eligible. Please limit entries to a maximum of 3 per category. We can only accept entries on slide format.

If time, we will also be showing "Southern Faces" tonight.

Next month's meeting: Monday June 13th
Talk by Kevin Jose

It's the Queen's Birthday long weekend at the start of June, hence the late meeting.

Kevin Jose aka the Cave Man will talk on Harwood's Hole caving adventures.

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For Sale

John Salisbury 09-834-6699 is selling:

- Ladies Asolo 3 Season Boots. UK Size 6.5, EU 40. Offers

Nick Monteith 021-140-4845 is selling:

- Black Diamond Camalots - \$90 - sizes 0.1 - 3 inclusive
- Beal 86mm x 50m rope - new condition - RRP \$279 only \$130
- 5.10 UFO climbing shoes - un used - 9.5US - \$150
- Arc'teryx Gore-Tex Alpha SV Jck, Lge - RRP \$899, only \$550
- Marmot Precip Jacket and pants - Med - \$150 and \$100
- Ortovox X1 Transciever \$500

Notices

Avalanche Transceivers available to rent

\$3 per day for members, \$5 per day for non members. Contact Suresh (Hut Officer).

June 18/19 Mid Winter Christmas dinner at Ruapehu – Mulled Wine, Christmas pudding, turkey with all the trimmings, and of course Christmas cracker jokes. A weekend of Christmas festivities and snow based activities.

Matt Robinson matthewjrobertson@hotmail.com

July 2 Lactic Turkey – Cascades Rogaine

See www.lacticturkey.co.nz for further details. If you want some team mates to compete with then get in touch.

Kathleen Lee 09 630 6265 Kwt_lee@yahoo.co.nz

July 9/10

Snowcraft course - Instructor's weekend

An ideal opportunity for those interested in instructing on the snowcraft course to refresh/enhance their current intermediate/advanced skills.

Please get in touch asap.

Sarah Owen 021 429 718 sarah.owen@acnielsen.co.nz

July 16/17

Intermediate Snowcraft Weekend (1 of 3)

You have already done the snowcraft course and want to develop those skills and start putting them into practice. Note, this is not a formal course, but an active participatory forum (*whatever that is!*)

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Tue July 19 Theory night for snowcraft course weekend # 1. Sarah Owen

Wed July 20. Bulk gear buy night at Bivouac for snowcrafters. S. Owen.

July 30/31 Snowcraft course weekend #1 Sarah Owen

Aug 6/7 Mangetepopo Hut for a winter weekend on Tongariro & Ngauruhoe.
Leader Tba.

Aug 13/14 Intermediate Snowcraft Weekend (2 of 3)

The one for the 'Intermediates'.

John Boon/ Maurits Van den Berg (see above)

Plans for September will follow in the next newsletter .

Report from the Committee

Since the last newsletter the AGM has taken place and a new committee elected. Each member is totally committed to their new role, and some have even given up their day jobs/families in order to concentrate fully on Alpine Club activities.

Banff Film Festival

The event will be held on 19 June at the Waipuna Conference Centre, Mt. Wellington. More info in the next newsletter, but it looks at present as though there will be two shows to choose from (afternoon or evening). There will also be other activities going on at the same time: a climbing demo, mountain photo display and an outdoor expo.

NZAC Auckland Section Snowcraft Course

The Auckland section is running a snowcraft instruction course over the winter for people new to the alpine environment. Learn skills such as how to walk in crampons on snow/ice, self arrest, build snow shelters, and belay & abseil on snow/ice. Numbers are limited and the course is always popular, so get your name on the list quick!

Course dates:

July 9/10 – Instructor's weekend for snowcraft course

Tue, July 19 – Theory night #1

Wed, July 20 – Bulk gear buy at Bivouac Outdoor for participants

July 30/31 – Snowcraft course weekend #1

Tue, Aug 23 – Theory night #2

August 27/28 – Snowcraft course weekend #2

Tue, Sep 20 – Theory night #3

September 24/25 – Snowcraft course weekend #3

Contact Sarah Owen (Co-ordinator) for more details: 021 429 718

sarah.owen@acnielsen.co.nz

We are also now looking for instructors for the course. If you can lend your expertise (intermediate to advanced), please call Sarah.

Karangahake Warning!

Climber recently received the following email :

*"Last week I was climbing with a group at Karangahake gorge and had an >"explosive" experience. They are extending the windows walkway and are >blasting directly underground of the main climbing area. We were spotted >last minute by workers but they decided to blast anyway. There was a >huge explosion and shaking of the ground so we wisely decided it was >time to leave. We were greeted at the carpark by some very angry and >unhappy men who accused us of being **##*# stupid etc. The guts of it is >that warning signs had been stolen and there was no information telling >us not to climb or that the work was going on. The blasting is apparently continuing until June. More information can be gained from DOC in Thames. >>Cheers*

> >Tim Wills

Trips

If you have any questions about any of the trips please contact the trip organiser, or the Trips Officer, Grant Sutton. You can sign up with the trip organiser or at one the monthly meetings.

If you'd like to organise a trip, or have any more ideas of how we can make our trips programme better/more interesting then please get in touch with Grant.

Grant Sutton (Auckland Section NZAC Trips Officer)

Tel. 638 3346 or email grants22@clear.net.nz

May 7/8 – Rock Climbing Instruction Weekend II

Designed specially for those who want to improve their climbing skills. Still a few places.

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May 8 – West Coast Wobble

Yes, another chance to follow an eccentric Brit into a secret part of the Waitakeres and come out starving and soaking wet – but with a whole lot of new local knowledge. All welcome. Bring a change of clothes. Meet at rear house, 5a Porter Ave, Te Atatu South, 11am, or call John for more info.

John Salisbury Tel: 834 6699

May 22 – West Coast Wobble

He's off again! And yes, take a change of clothes. Meet at rear house, 5a Porter Ave, Te Atatu South, 11am.

John Salisbury Tel: 834 6699

June 4/5/6 - Queen's Birthday weekend

Intermediate Snowcraft Refresher Course – Ruapehu.

For everyone who has some winter skills or who has completed the snow craft course and wants to get back up to speed after the long and snow free summer. Accommodation will be at the Alpine Club Hut.

Contact Grant for more info.

Organiser TBA

Thursday June 9 (possibly also Thurs June 16)

Caving Trip under Suburban Auckland

Landscape Road, Mt Eden. This isn't a huge cave system and doesn't have glow worms but it is geologically quite fascinating. There are two parallel lava caves with a narrow passage connecting them. Will run this trip after work: Meeting at 6:00pm. The group will be limited to 12 people but if it fills up we will do a second trip on the 16th of June.

Brett McGill mcbrett@clear.net.nz H 09 817-3800

June 11 Lactic Turkey – Piha Rogaine

See www.lacticturkey.co.nz for further details. If you want some team mates to compete with then get in touch.

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