



The
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December '06



The New Zealand Alpine Club Auckland Section

Christmas Dinner

Romfords' Restaurant,
Tamaki Yacht Club,
Tamaki Drive
Friday Dec 1st, 7pm

Etch this one into your diary and get your tickets quick! Everyone's welcome to join us to meet some new friends and share stories over a sundowner on the deck and a full two-course carvery/buffet overlooking sunset over Rangitoto and the harbour. The after dinner speaker is Hugh Logan, long-time head of DOC, and decorated writer and mountaineer.

We're anticipating a really enjoyable night. Friends and family welcome.

Tickets cost \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members.

If you would like to reserve tickets, or to find out more please contact:

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Phone: Suzanne on 09 845 1433

Alternatively please send an SAE to:

NZAC PO Box 3036, Auckland.

Cheques to be made payable to:
NZAC Auckland



Festive Greetings from the NZAC!

Welcome to our special Christmas mini-edition, designed to keep you up to date on things happening over the holiday period!

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

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

Next year's first meeting:

Wednesday 7th February, 2007 at 7.15pm

(this is a change to the usual meeting date of the first Monday of every month and is because of Waitangi Day)

St Luke's Community Centre, Remuera Rd, Newmarket

"What I did in my Summer Holidays"

Bring your holiday slides and pix along to this traditional 'show n' tell' evening. Let's hope we don't have so many photos of hut-bound alpinists this year! Everyone welcome. Contact Matt on **523 4419** or matthewjvroberson@yahoo.co.nz for more info.



Harness Alert!

Climbers are being reminded to check their harnesses for wear and tear after the tragic death of U.S free climbing pioneer, Todd Skinner, who died while abseiling in Yosemite after his harness loop came apart on the weave (ie not the stitching). Manufacturers recommend replacing your harness every 3-5 years.

Guide Books

The NZAC is releasing new guide books at an astonishing rate. In order to be fully informed, here's an up to date list of all the mountain guides (and member's prices). The NZAC also publishes overseas guides/ general mountaineering & technical guides. For further info and to order contact the NZAC at the Home of Mountaineering in Christchurch. Tel 03 377 7595 or publications@alpineclub.org.nz

Arthur's Pass National Park	\$ 20.00
Barron Saddle- Mt Brewster	\$ 25.00
The Darran Mountains	\$ 30.00
Dunedin Rock – with CD	\$ 16.00
Golden Bays Climb	\$ 20.00
Kaikoura – Kahurangi (new guidebook due 30 th Nov 2006)	\$ 25.00
Moirs Guide North	\$ 25.00
Moirs Guide South (out of print/stock – reprint date not available)	\$ 25.00
Mount Aspiring Region	\$ 25.00
Mount Cook Guide	\$ 30.00
Nelson Lakes 2003	\$ 4.00
New Ignimbrite Climbs (2005 reprint)	\$ 30.00

New Zealand Back Country Skiing	\$ 25.00
Northern Rock (out of print – new guide due Autumn 2007)	tba
Port Hills Climbing	\$ 20.00
Rock Deluxe	\$ 40.00
RockThe Wakatipu Way	\$ 25.00
South Island Rock	\$ 40.00
Spittle Hill Guide	\$ 15.00
Taranaki Guide	\$ 25.00
Tongariro Guide	\$ 25.00
Wanaka Rock	\$ 25.00
Wellington Rock	\$ 25.00
Whanganui Rock	\$ 22.00
Wharepapa South Rock	\$ 30.00

Members receive 10% discount on maps and park maps at Mapworld, Queen St, Auckland and Glacier Helicopters and the Helicopter Line – 10% off scenic flights



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 whom you want! You don't need to be the most proficient person on the trip, you are not a guide, its about car-pooling etc. Make your dream trip happen this winter, contact Grant (Trips Officer) grants22@clear.net.nz or Tel: 638-3346

November

Rockclimbing Course Weekend 1 – 'Intro & Leading on Bolts'

November 25-26

All welcome to join Roger's first of two weekend courses at either Frogatt/ Castle Rock or Wharepapa South. Cost \$50, payable in advance.

Roger Mayhill roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz

December

Ruckland Christmas Dinner: Tamaki Yacht Club, Auckland

December 1, 7pm

The sight of majestic Rangitoto at sunset, a slap up meal, a speaker of some standing! Get your tickets quick! (see front of newsletter for details)

Rob Frost robfrost_nz@yahoo.co.nz 027 244 6709

Goat Island/Ti Point Trip

December 2-3

Plan is to snorkel at Goat Island on Saturday, camp nearby and climb at Ti Point on Sun. All welcome.

Kathleen Lee kwt_lee@yahoo.co.nz 845 4487

West Coast Wobble

December 3, 10.30 am

Bring your togs and a packed lunch for a west coast discovery tramp courtesy of John Salisbury. Find out things you never knew about the west coast- and about the people you're tramping with! Could involve coasteering, swimming etc All welcome! Meet at 5a Porter Ave, Te Atatu Sth, 10.30am. For more info contact John

John Salisbury salisj@xtra.co.nz 834 6699

Rockclimbing Course Weekend 2 – 'Leading on Natural Pro & Climbing Technique'

December 9-10

Second of Roger's courses and this time at either the Mt Eden quarry or Waipapa. Cost \$50, payable in advance.

Roger Mayhill roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz

The Pre-Xmas Coastal Challenge Run

December 16

For the off road runners and coasteers.....

This one will be held at a very low tide (so not so much swimming this time round!)

- o 30km – Long Bay to Devonport
- o 11km – Milford Beach to Devonport
- o 22km – Long Bay to Devonport
- o 6km – Takapuna Beach to Devonport
- o 16km – Browns Bay to Devonport

For more information, and to enter online, go to:

http://www.totalsport.co.nz/events/coastal/index_2006.php

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January 2007

NZAC National Climbing Camp 2007

30 December – 6 January

This annual instalment of climbing action and great social times is all set to happen from 30 December – 6 January, based at the Black Hut river flats, adjacent to Mesopotamia Station. So mark this one on your calendar, and start planning your summer. If you've never climbed in this area, this is an opportunity you should not miss—D'Archiac, Cloudy Peak, Two Thumb Range, Armoury Range and the Gardens of Eden and Allah are just a few of the adventures on offer for the intrepid! Children are also welcome at camp and activities are planned for families. Registration forms, info pack and maps are on the website – www.alpineclub.org.nz.

 **Contact Chris North for more information**  chris@alpineclub.org.nz

Taranaki Lodge, Taranaki, Auckland Anniversary Weekend

Friday 27th-Mon 30th Jan 2007

This weekend offers some great rock climbing with heaps of crags close to the hut and for alpine trampers a variety of routes to the summit, round-the-mountain etc. If the WX does not cooperate there is a well stocked library and games shelf.

We have traditionally had a theme to this trip, usually a "Burns Dinner" in honour of the Scottish poet and all-round-bad-boy Robert Burns, and featuring Ceilidh (traditional Scottish country dancing), haggis, and a drop of single malt. Kathleen Lee is a great resource for all things Scottish.

We are looking for an organiser for this trip, but to find out more, put your name down, or volunteer to organise, please contact:

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