



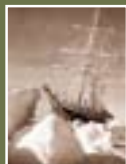
The Auckland Climber

June '06

rock climbing in

ARAPILES

TRIP REPORT by John Salisbury



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and Neil Wood**
A World of Adventure

Welcome to June's edition of the NZAC Auckland Section newsletter. The club runs a variety of alpine, climbing & other trips throughout the year & new members are always welcome. The club generally meets on the 1st Monday of every month at St Luke's Community Centre, 130 Remuera Rd, Newmarket – but look out for a few exceptions for Bank Holidays!

This month's meeting:

Monday 29th May 7.15pm (note date change due to Queen's Birthday weekend)

EXPLORERS, ENDURANCE, ENDEAVOUR

Club member Michael Brook presents a programme of fantastic and rare film footage from the vaults of the New Zealand Film Archive. The little-seen footage spans a century of human endeavour and highlights include: Shackleton and Scott leaving for the Pole in 1908



and 1913; Hillary crossing Antarctica in 1957 and travelling up the Ganges in a jet boat in the 1970s; Kingsford Smith flying the Tasman and Meda McKenzie swimming Foveaux Strait and much more...

This is a unique opportunity to see some of the Archive's best human endeavour footage.

Non members welcome.



also...

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Motion to discuss: That the Section membership authorise the expenditure of up to 50% of the cost of a new kitchen at the New Zealand Alpine Club Inc Ruapehu Hut on the Whakapapa side of Mount Ruapehu.

Discussion: The kitchen at the Ruapehu Hut is in a situation where it needs to be replaced. The estimated cost of this refurbishment is \$16,000. The Huts Committee of the New Zealand Alpine Club Inc has offered to contribute 50% of the cost of the refurbishment, and expects the Auckland Section to contribute the remaining 50%. As at 28th February 2006, the Auckland Section had \$38,148 of term deposits which could be utilised for our contribution. Contributing the estimated \$8,000 represents 21% of these funds. As the other North Island Sections make use of the hut, we have approached them for a contribution towards this cost. Our intention is that if they did decide to contribute, that any such contribution would reduce the Auckland Section's contribution to the total, with National contributing 50%. We have not heard back from the other Sections at the time of writing.

Next month's meeting:

Monday 3rd July 7.15pm

Andrew Deville and Neil Wood ***A World of Adventure***

Two of the Auckland Alpine Club's most prolific young climbers bring their slides and talk about recent climbing trips to the Arapiles in Australia, the South Island, Yosemite and France.

News

Tongariro, a guide for climbers and ski-mountaineers

By Richard Thomson

The great peaks of the central volcanic plateau are a treasure house for climbers and skiers. Their summits are the North Island's premier alpine wilderness; many North Island climbers first learned their craft here, whether on ice, rock or snow. This guide spans the range of climbing opportunities Tongariro National Park provides. Ruapehu, especially, is world-famous as a skier's mountain, and opportunities for ski-mountaineering away from the big fields are described. But it is also the first ever detailed guide to alpine routes and technical ice climbs. The book is illustrated with images from some of New Zealand's top outdoor photographers, and topographical maps and photo-topos show the routes in detail.

\$35.00 Recommended Retail Price (only \$25 to NZAC members)

On sale from outdoor shops and the National Office next month.



NZAC Home of Mountaineering – DESPERATELY SEEKING...

Displayable mountaineering items for the main library displays for NZAC's home in Christchurch.

Whilst we have some great display items, we are still seeking items that will portray the history and activities of the Club. We are looking for:

- Old pitons, snap links, piton hammer;
- Ice axes of all ages including a bamboo Chouard;
- Old pack/equipment/rope/skis/skins;
- Memorabilia – diaries, maps, compass, torches, membership forms;
- Old Antarctic dog sledge?
- Expedition items;
- Mountaineering books;
- Photos, including a few old lantern slides, stereoscopes, photo albums

We wish to create a feel for over 100 years of mountaineering by New Zealanders.

Please contact:

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Auckland News

Winter Rogaines

The Shoe Science Rogaine Series is to be held on the 10th June and 8th July 2006 at Piha and Huia in the Waitakere Ranges. We'll be offering a 6 hour or a 3 hour event, teams of 2-5 people, meal provided, lots of spot prizes.

For those that haven't done one of our rogaines and may be asking "what is a rogaïne?" – Here's how it works:

You turn up to register 1 hour before the start and pick up your race pack (9am for the 6 hour event and 12 noon for the 3 hour) and start planning your route. Included in your race pack is a map to plan where you are going to go. The map is a topo map with a few corrections we have done to mark new tracks (we supply this map). On the map there are lots of checkpoints, each worth a different number of points.

For more info go to lacticturkey.co.nz

New Mountain Bike Park for the North Shore.

The North Shore City Council are in the final stages of planning a new 40ha reserve in the Paremoremo area.

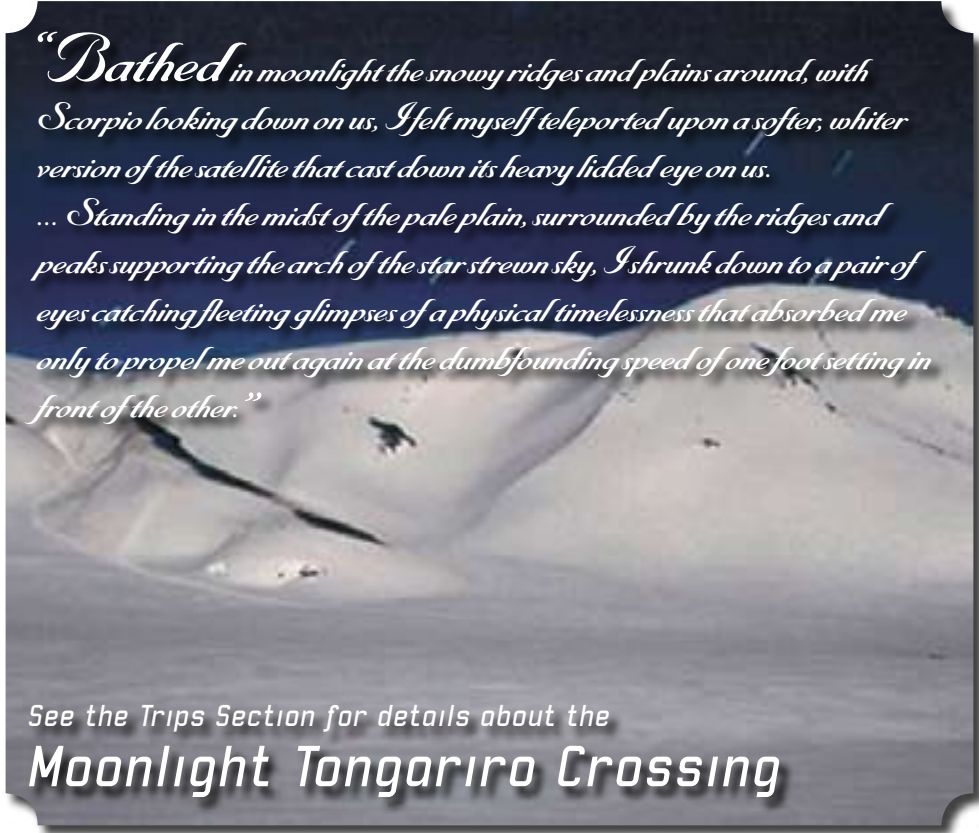
Known as Sanders Reserve this property is designed primarily to be a mountainbike and off road cycling area.

Banff Film Festival

The recent screening at Skycity was a huge success with every seat in the house sold (that's 700!). Profits from the event will go towards the club's future activities and equipment. A big thank you to all those who gave their time for free: Sarah Owen, Allan Mac, Deryn Williams, Matt Robertson, Kathleen Lee, Grant Sutton and many more.

Bulk Gear Buy

Feed your gear fetish on the 20-23 July at Bivouac stores with special discounted prices. Details to come...



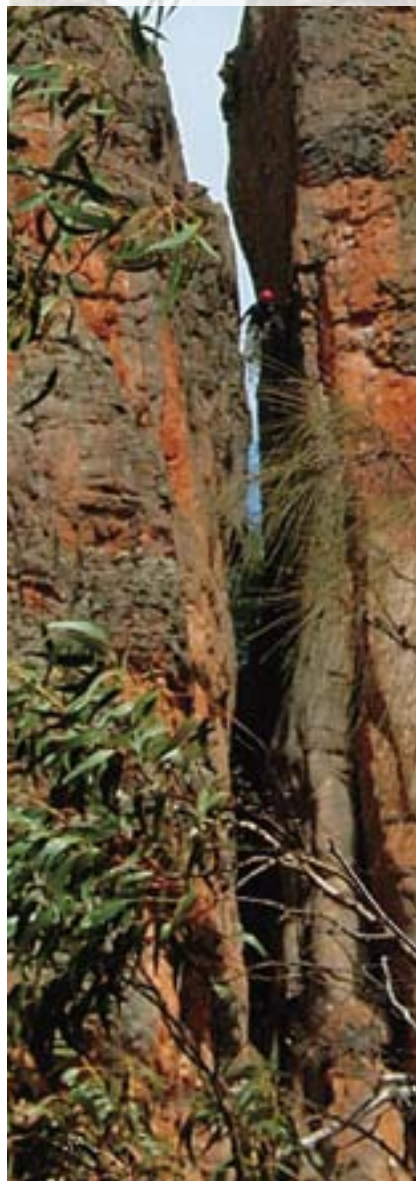
*“Bathed in moonlight the snowy ridges and plains around, with Scorpio looking down on us, I felt myself teleported upon a softer, whiter version of the satellite that cast down its heavy lidded eye on us.
... Standing in the midst of the pale plain, surrounded by the ridges and peaks supporting the arch of the star strewn sky, I shrunk down to a pair of eyes catching fleeting glimpses of a physical timelessness that absorbed me only to propel me out again at the dumbfounding speed of one foot setting in front of the other.”*

See the Trips Section for details about the

Moonlight Tongariro Crossing

ARAPILES

EASTER 2006



We decided to have another Easter rock climbing trip to Arapiles (Australia) after meeting a great bunch of Aussies on the NZAC Summer Camp this year. So Marita, Micki, Ciprian, Emma & I went over & met Tanya, Tod, Antj & Conan.

As usual, you have to subtract six grades off your Kiwi best efforts to enable yourself to get off the ground at Araps, if only to survive the exposure, but the beautiful rock & great lines are well worth the loss of ego.

The weather was mixed, but never stopped us climbing, though Ciprian & Emma had to contend with a waterfall on the last day when the heavens opened, & the Natimuck pub got well patronised by damp climbers. We had a couple of side trips to the Grampians where the great scenery, combined with the spectacular results of the recent bushfires, made for awesome tramping.

Grades climbed ranged from 5 to 12 (yes, really!), including the spectacular Agamemnon and Syrinx, & the nervewracking Bard (oh, that traverse!). Can't thank Tanya & her mates enough for their help with transport & food, the hospitality was great & we hope to see them all over here to return the favour.

Great memories are mainly of Emma (Queen of the Bucket) (she didn't buy a camp chair) who found rehydrating on Chardonay was the way to go, and Ciprian (who's torch collapsed after finishing a route in the dark – tricky 200m up), Tod leading us up Bard, & the chats round camp in the evenings. Roll on next year!

John Salisbury

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

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

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.*

June

Queen's Birthday Weekend – Snowcraft Refresher – Ruapehu

June 3-5

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about a snow trip, but June (ie: Winter) is approaching and even as I type this the forecast is for "heavy snow showers" to 1200m this Thursday and Friday in Tongariro National Park! Give it another four weeks and Ruapehu should be coated head to toe. So, if you're wanting to brush up on skills such as crevasse rescue, avalanche transceiver use, snow anchors, maybe a bit of ice climbing, or just getting the feel back for using crampons and ice axe while bagging a peak or two this is an ideal opportunity.

You should all be aware that this is not an official instruction course; it is a refresher. Everyone must have already learned the skills that they wish to practise, and you'll need to organise your own climbing gear if you don't currently have any. Once there we will probably be dividing into at least a couple of groups, depending on what people want to do. Based at the Alpine Club Hut on Whakapapa skifield.

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

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West Coast Wobble

June 11

Probably Karamatura Stream

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Mountain Taster Weekend – Open to All

June 17-18

Introductory weekend for beginners who want to find out what its like tramping on snow.

Level: Beginner

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Mid Winter Solstice Christmas Alpine Weekend

June 24-25

Mulled Wine, Christmas pudding, turkey with all the trimmings, Scottish dancing and the chance to explore various peaks on Ruapehu if the weather is good (and too much mulled was not consumed). Partners and non-members are welcome to come and join us for this fun and sociable weekend. It's at the Alpine Hut on Ruapehu, and if you are unsure about getting to the hut on Friday night or not comfortable tackling the snow on your own, I'll be taking a group up on Saturday morning. Please contact Suzanne for more information.

Level: Beginner/ Intermediate / Advanced

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July

Instructor's weekend for snowcraft course

July 1-2

West Coast Wobble

July 9

Probably Maori Bay.

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Moonlight Tongariro Crossing

July 8-9

Experience the surrealism of a snow-covered Tongariro under a cloudless night sky with the full moon to guide you. (That's right the weather will be perfect.) The plan is to depart Auckland late morning on Saturday, returning Sunday early evening, but this may be revised due to weather. Accommodation will be in Mangatepopo Hut. Prior experience using crampons and ice axe (self arrest) is necessary.

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Ice Climbing, Mt Ruapehu

July 15-16

A climbing weekend for novice to expert ice climbers this winter. The event will be based from the NZAC hut on the Whakapapa Skifield most likely using the Barium Enema Face. Top rope and sport climbs. Instruction and technical gear can be provided for the ice climbs but participants need their own basic gear and experience to access the climbing areas.

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West Coast Wobble

July 23

Probably Destruction Gully part 1

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Girdlestone

July 22-23

Ascent of Girdlestone and Mitre-Tahurangi traverse starting from Turoa with options of ice climbing. Staying at YHA in Ohakune. Bring harness, rope, 2 ice tools, snow stakes and ice screws if you have them!

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

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Snowcraft course weekend #1

July 29-30

 Chris Munro  munrochris@yahoo.co.nz  021 0386230







August

Intermediate snowcraft weekend

August 9

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. Based at **Mangatepopo Hut** Ngauruhoe

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

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Snowcraft course weekend #2

August 19-20

 Chris Munro  munrochris@yahoo.co.nz  021 0386230

Mt Taranaki

August 19-20

Ascent from Dawson Falls (south side). Possible ice climbing on summit. Drive down Friday night, walk 90 min to hut. Based at Kapuni Lodge which has similar facilities to our Ruapehu Hut plus a real solid fuel stove.

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

 Rosemary Findley  rosefindley@xtra.co.nz  585-2287  021-038-3181


Intermediate snowcraft weekend

August 26-27

Climb Ringatoto from Southeast. Friday night, camp Ohakune, Saturday morning park at Turoa skifield, and traverse eastward, south of Girdlestone at 2,000m and descend to where the track meets the Wahianoa valley, then ascend part way and camp, taking about 9 hrs. Sunday up the Wahianoa to Ringatoto, then over Tahurangi and down to the cars, taking about 7 hrs.

Intermediate level, which has some choosing routes, bring compass and map. There is no steep climbing, possibly one tool is enough, but you may bring rope, stake, sling and harness so we can go the steeper ways. Share cooking gear and tents, or be prepared to make shelters.

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

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