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**Auckland  
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The Auckland Section presents...

# Christmas Dinner 2006

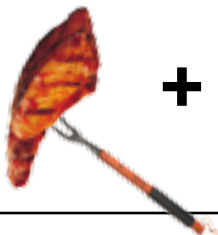
**Friday Dec 1st**

Guest Speaker

**Hugh Logan**



***Get your tickets now!***



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*this month*

**BBQ and  
Climbing**

*Welcome to November'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 like Holidays!*

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***This month's meeting:***

**Monday 2nd October 7.15pm**

## **BBQ and Climbing**

Time again for the club's annual BBQ and Climb to welcome in what promises to be a gorgeous summer! Members new, old and prospective are invited to come along for a social climb and a bite to eat. Just turn up from 7pm. \$5 for BBQ.

**Where:** Adventure Specialities Trust,  
4 Winston Place, off Central Park Drive, Henderson.

For directions see: [www.adventurespecialities.co.nz/ast/aboutus/where.php](http://www.adventurespecialities.co.nz/ast/aboutus/where.php)

For more info and to report vegetarianism, contact Matt, Meeting's Organiser, on 523 4419.

***Special event:***

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## Auckland Section **Christmas Dinner 2006**

**Romfords' Restaurant, Tamaki Yacht Club, Tamaki Drive**

**Friday Dec 1st, 7pm**

*We've got a great evening lined up!* Members and non-members are invited to join us for drinks at sunset overlooking Rangitoto, followed by a two course festive carvery buffet. After the meal we'll welcome Hugh Logan our after dinner speaker

Hugh has been Chief Executive of the Department of Conversation since 1997. He is also a past president of the New Zealand Alpine Club and has written two books on mountaineering. A keen mountain and rock climber in his spare time, this father of four is also a recipient of the Queen's Service Award for his role as leader of the first phase of the Mt Erebus recovery team.

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

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

**email:** [nzac.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:nzac.auckland@gmail.com) **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.

***Tickets will also be on sale at the BBQ and Climb meeting on Nov 6th.***

# National News

## *NZAC National Climbing Camp 2007*

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](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz).

Contact Chris North for more information: [chris@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:chris@alpineclub.org.nz)



## *National instruction courses*

- *Bolting*
- *Alpine snow*
- *Alpine rock*

The NZAC organises instructor training courses each year—an amazing opportunity to learn skills and instruction techniques from some of New Zealand's top guides. These are not beginner courses!

The instruction program is heavily subsidised from the Club's national instruction budget and would otherwise cost in excess of \$1000 per-person.

Hence this year we are asking section reps to filter applicants on the basis of:

1. Keenness to learn or enhance specific skills.
2. Enthusiasm for contributing back to Club instruction and trips.

Contact Chris North for more information:  
[chris@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:chris@alpineclub.org.nz)

## *Guide Books*

### **Spring Offer**

From now until Dec 15, 2006 members may purchase either of two special package book deals.

The Mount Aspiring and Barron Saddle/Mt Brewster guidebooks and/or Tongariro and

Taranaki guidebooks.

Each set costs \$35 for a pair (+\$4.50 p&p).

Please contact: [margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

## *New Books*

### **Darran's Guide**

Edited by Craig Jefferies, this much anticipated guidebook, the latest in the growing collection of NZAC guidebooks, is due to hit the streets mid November. Currently estimated at 300 pages, this whoppa of a book will contain over 200 photos and topos, and will undoubtedly shed new light on one of New Zealand's most outstanding climbing areas. The team at National office estimate that over 500 litres of coffee, and other (legal) substances, have been consumed to aid the publication of this beauty—not even full ankle reconstruction surgery could keep Publications Editor Mark Watson away from the production coalface! Kia kaha e hoa, ka pai to mahi!

### **Kaikoura, Nelson Lakes and Kahurangi Guide**

Call us ambitious, but NZAC also intends to publish Ben Winnubst's new guide to the top of the South Island by Christmas. Currently in production this guidebook is the first to cover all of the alpine climbing opportunities in these regions.

## *Homer Hut Wardens sought*

Pristine wilderness – stunning climbing – blissful isolation – great social times and camaraderie. Sound like you? Great—get in touch with the NZAC National office NOW if you fancy being a Hut Warden at Homer this summer. Responsibilities include collecting hut fees and keeping the hut clean and tidy (and cajoling/blackmailing your fellow hut dwellers to do the same!). We are especially keen to find someone to cover the warden's position from February–April 2007. The warden's position is essentially voluntary, with free accommodation in a private quarters, plus a small percentage of the hut fees you collect. With the hut itself having been recently refurbished, and the much anticipated new Darrans guidebook due in November, Homer will be an exciting place to be this summer—all in all this is a sweet deal! Contact Ollie Clifton at [ollie@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:ollie@alpineclub.org.nz), or ph (03) 3777595 for more info.



## *Mountain Safety Council seeks Executive Director*

The Mountain Safety Council seeks to appoint an Executive Director effective from January 2007. The varied role involves planning, organisation and leadership. This Wellington based position involves working with a close-knit team of outdoors-minded people, both staff and volunteers from around NZ. For more information please go to:  
<http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/vacancies/careers.asp?careerID=7>

## *Conservation Volunteers*

Sign up for a summer holiday with a difference ! The Department of Conservation is offering volunteers two weeks free accommodation at two prime holiday destinations in the Egmont National Park – Holly Hut (4-8 Dec 2006) and Lake Dive hut (12-16 Feb 2007). Volunteers will get first hand experience at hut and track maintenance. Previous experience with a paint brush and outdoor work would be an advantage but not essential. You will also get to experience the magic of monitoring kiwi calls at night and surveying for a threatened plant found only on Egmont. Volunteers will need to provide their own tramping equipment, wet weather and sleeping gear. You will be supplied with food, tools for the job and supervision. Contact Neville Parminter, 06-765 5144 or [nparminter@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nparminter@doc.govt.nz) for more information and for an application form. Numbers will be strictly limited.

## *2006 committee contacts*

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# Special Report



## *Changes to Club structure – What it means for you*

The NZAC Club Committee Meeting (CCM) on 25th November at the Home of Mountaineering in Christchurch will be discussing various options for improving the club's management structure.

As members of the Auckland Section of the NZAC we hope that you will take time to have a look at the various options in the offing and how they will affect your club. We want to hear your views so we can share these at the next CCM.

### *Current Structure*

NZAC decisions are made at the twice yearly CCMs held in Christchurch. Each section sends elected representatives to the meeting (Auckland has two) and they, along with National officials and some members of special interest committees, all vote on club decisions.

The advantages of this system are that all sections are represented democratically, but the disadvantages are that section reps sometimes can't attend the meetings and/or aren't aware of all the issues affecting the club. Meetings are cumbersome and long, and as a result decision making and instituting change within the club is a slow process. Hence the need for a change. The following table summarises the 3 main options being considered by the club.

### *What does this mean for you?*

As in any democracy, there is a trade off between the level of representation and the efficiency of the decision-making body. You need to decide whether you are prepared to forfeit the direct section representation we currently enjoy in return for an elected board (in which you still have a direct say), which is more focused and has a longer-term view on decision making. **See Table 1 to compare options.**

**Option 1** is a streamlining of the current governance process and will have the least impact on the way the club is currently governed.

**Option 2** moves the decision-making to an annual meeting where all members may vote – but are unlikely to do so unless proxy/postal voting is allowed, as meetings will be in Christchurch. AGMs are often poorly represented from our experience.

**Option 3** is a more dramatic governance change. All members can vote for board representatives (which could include existing section representatives or any other interested member), and would then leave the decision-making to the board. The 3-year term of representation would be beneficial to the club. However, members have no further voting rights on individual issues presented to the board.

**Please submit your thoughts, questions, and concerns by e-mail to [deryn@hyper.net.nz](mailto:deryn@hyper.net.nz) or [sarah.owen@globalreviews.co.nz](mailto:sarah.owen@globalreviews.co.nz) by 10th November, or speak to one of the committee members at the November meeting (Monday 6th).**

**If you would like more detailed information please visit the "How the Club is Run" section of the NZAC website (<http://www.alpineclub.org.nz/default.aspx?p=265>).**

**Table 1: Comparison of Options**

<b>Options</b>	<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Section Representation</b>	<b>Connecting with Members</b>	<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
Current	2 X Committee Meetings per year	Elected section reps vote at Committee Meetings	Section Reps liaise between NZAC and section members	» Direct section representation	» Large meeting twice a year, high turn over of Reps » Inefficient decision-making
Option 1: CCM governance: Streamline current structure	As above but 3 x Committee Meetings per year	Aa above but one Representative per section (we currently have 2).	As Above	» No part of daily HQ operations » Better communication between National and sections » Section reps to take role for longer term	» Still a large, relatively inefficient decision-making body
Option 2: AGM governance	1 x AGM per year – open to all members	Voting rights (and proxy voting for members) at AGM	Members must attend AGM or appoint proxy	» All members have voting rights	» Infrequent meetings » Poor representation from sections outside ChCh due to travel constraints
Option 3: Board governance	Board of 6-8 members elected at AGM. 6 x meetings per year	No direct representation; vote for board can then submit recommendations	Vote at AGM. No further decision making involvement for sections	» Regular meetings » Smaller more efficient decision-making body » Min/max 3 year term on board	» Section reps have no governance role, but can make recommendations to board

# Auckland News

## *Auckland Section Rock Climbing Courses*

The Section is planning to run two rock climbing weekends –

### **'Introduction to Rockclimbing and Leading on Bolts'**

**(Nov 25/6: Frogatt, Castle Rock or Wharepapa)**

and

### **'Leading on Natural Pro & Climbing Technique'**

**(Dec 9/10).**

Each weekend costs \$50, payable in advance. Talented climber and experienced instructor Roger Mayhill will run the courses.

Please contact Roger for more info: [roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz)



## *Auckland Section Seeks Hut Maintenance Manager for Ruapehu Hut*

Esteemed current hut maintenance guru John Salisbury is off to the UK in December thereby leaving open the vital role of Hut Maintenance Manager (aka Treasurer's Nemesis).

If you can spare a few weekends a year, have some knowledge of building/DIY, and can coordinate a team of volunteers to help keep the hut in good shape, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Kathleen Lee (details in the Committee Contacts Section).

## *RsR Sport Summer MTB Series – 2007*

Auckland's best recreational mountain bike series is back for a second stunning year and is a veritable feast of traditional mountain bike rides with multiple options for all ages and abilities. The series will start with short (12-15km approx) and long (20-25km approx) rides for all mountain bikers and increase in distance as the series

progresses to short (25-30km approx) and long (35-40km approx). There will also be a dedicated ride designed for novice women riders and kids (6-8km approx).

For more information on the R&R Sport summer MTB series or to enter drop into <http://www.totalsport.co.nz/events/RandR/index.php>

## *"Walking with the Stars" Charity Walk – 10am Sunday 19th November.*

Diabetes Auckland is hosting a Takapuna Beach walk to raise awareness of the increase in Type 2 diabetes – one of the causes of which is an inactive and unhealthy lifestyle (thus preventable!).

Come and along and support the push for New Zealanders to change their habits.

Entry is \$5. Entry forms and more information from Matt Robertson. Tel 523 4419 [matthewjvrobertson@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjvrobertson@hotmail.com)

## *For Sale*

One pair of UK Size 9 Koflach Plastic Boots. Free to a good home. Please phone John on 834 6699

# 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

### *'Summer Holiday Intentions', in the back room of Galbraiths* *November 8, 6.30pm*

Come and discuss holiday plans and aspirations with like-minded folk. Experts (well, people who've been to various areas before) will be on hand with maps and photos to advise on routes and options

 Matt Robertson  [matthewjvroberson@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjvroberson@hotmail.com)  523 4419

### *West Coast Wobble*

*November 19, 10.30am*

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 as well as tramping. Meet at 5A Porter Ave, Te Atatu South. For more info contact:

 John Salisbury  [salisj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:salisj@xtra.co.nz)  834 6699

### *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](mailto:roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz)

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## December

### *Ruckland Christmas Dinner: Tamaki Yacht Club, Ruckland*

*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](mailto:robfrost_nz@yahoo.co.nz)  027 244 6709

### *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](mailto:roger.mayhill@xtra.co.nz)

### *West Coast Wobble*

*December 3, 10.30 am*

See Nov 19th! For more info contact:

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# Trip Report

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## Ice Climbing/Crevasse Rescue

16 & 17 September 2006

By Boon-Li Ong

**Participants: Ben Lee, James Scarfe, Rebecca James, Marcus Bai (CNI section), Chris Fritz (CNI section), Boon-Li Ong**

The concept behind this trip was to get first hand experience of arresting a climber's fall into a crevasse and then initiate a crevasse rescue on the assumption that the fallen climber is incapable of assisting with the rescue. If only the weather complied. The walk up to the hut on Friday night was almost perfect – not a cloud or climber in sight. But that bitterly cold wind. Worked quite well as an incentive to make double time towards the warmth and comfort of the hut.

Saturday morning started with indecision about what to do – to summit or not to summit, that is the question. By the time a decision was made to head up to the summit, the clouds from the west blew in and reduced visibility down to 100m.

Then it cleared up. Then it clouded in. And rinse and repeat five times. Then the cloud stayed for good. But all was not lost! We headed out to Delta Corner for a bit of ice climbing. Yes, there was ice mixed

with snow and other white crusty stuff. Marcus had fun playing with his brand spanking new ice screws. Chris had fun playing with Marcus' formerly brand spanking new ice screws. Ben got to play with his new ice screws too. And I got to clean Ben's ice screw. Rebecca got to try some steeper stuff that would normally be outside her comfort zone. And James pranced around the rock at Delta Corner. After some fun in the ice, snow, rock, wind and clouds, we headed back to the hut for lunch and some rope work in the



hope that the weather would miraculously clear up later in the day. And we did more rope work in the hope that the weather would somehow clear up. Eventually, we decided to brave the weather and headed outdoors for the crevasse rescue exercise.

Not all of us lasted very long outdoors. By the end of it, there were only four of us playing in the snow. The others retreated indoors.

Evening entertainment included bench and table traverse, the phonebook game ("I wanted to go down but I wasn't allowed to!" – Chris) and the chapstick game (won by Rebecca, naturally). There was the occasional trivia such as working out a strategy for four blokes to cross a bridge in less than 60 minutes and whether it was possible to cross a some bridges on a couple of islands without crossing them twice (trivia courtesy of Greg Virtue).

Sunday morning and the weather hadn't improved. Time to bail out.



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