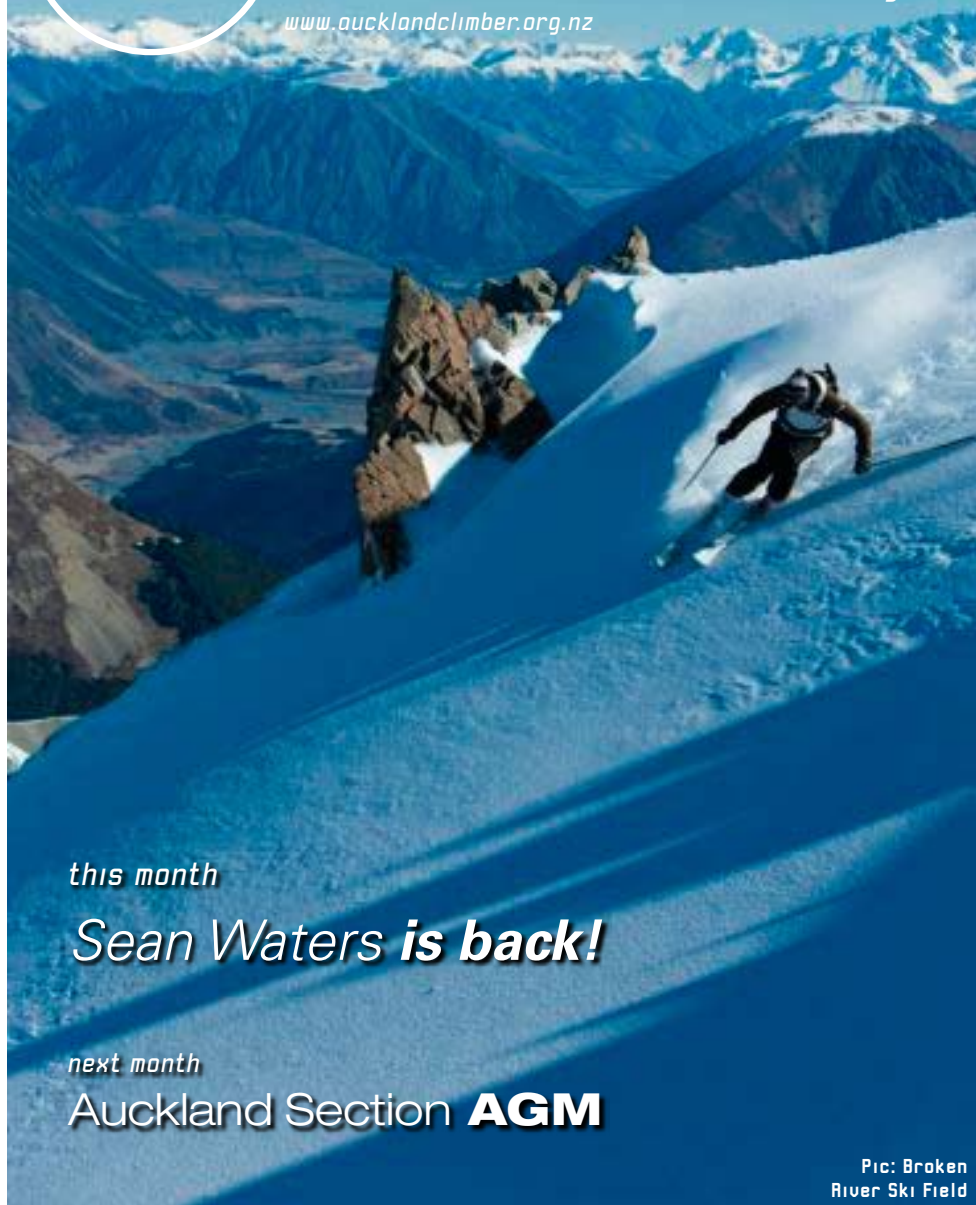




The Auckland Climber

July '08

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this month

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next month

Auckland Section **AGM**

Pic: Broken
River Ski Field

Welcome to July's 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 7.30 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:

Sean Waters is back!

Monday 7th July – 7.30pm

Sean Waters, one half of the irrepressible legendary adventure duo returns to the Auckland section to tell us about his 2007 expedition to the Northern Patagonian Ice Cap. He and adventure buddy Jo Kippax kayaked fjords, navigated glaciers and snuck in a first ascent.

See you there for what has got to be a highlight in the Auckland section calendar!



Next month's meeting:

Auckland Section AGM

AGM time! Your committee, as ever, needs your help and input to keep the club running like a dream. Committee members get some great opportunities, so if you're feeling like life's all a bit me, me, me then come to the AGM and volunteer your time for a particularly worthy cause. It's not like volunteering for war, and you get to hear all the gossip from the alpine world before it hits the press.

At the AGM, members will also hear about and get the opportunity comment on how the Auckland section is run, so if you have something to say or can offer suggestions on how we can make your club better, please let us know.

At this meeting we'll also get a premiere preview of some of the photographs that were taken by members on Marty Blumen's recent photography weekend workshop.

Auckland News

Bulk Gear Buy is happening again!

Shop at Auckland Bivouac shops or Outdoor Action from Thursday 17th of July until Sunday 20th of July and receive 25% of the normal price of Technical gear and 20% off the normal price of everything else. There are also specials on selected gear. See the ads in this issue for details. Remember to show your NZAC membership card to receive this great offer.

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National News

SPARC Hillary Expedition Fund 2008/9 – Applications now open

The SPARC Hillary Expedition initiative aims to inspire and encourage New Zealanders to take on exciting, world-class physical challenges in the great outdoors. In 2008/09, up to six groups of adventurers will be offered grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000 each.

Every two years, adventurers are invited to submit applications for funding. The expeditions can take place anywhere in the world. They might include, but are not limited to, any one or combination of the following activities: tramping, mountaineering, rock climbing, cross-country skiing, white water and/or sea kayaking, mountain biking, and sailing.

SPARC envisages that Hillary Expedition adventurers will be role models, encouraging Kiwis to set their sights high, dream 'big dreams' and embark on a lifetime of physical activity.

For full details on application criteria and to download the application form visit:

www.sparc.org.nz/getting-active/hillary-expedition



Summer Job Opportunity – Glacier Guiding

Fox Glacier Guides are looking for new guides from October through April. This is an opportunity to live and work in a unique environment where glaciers, rainforest and the ocean meet. You will be guiding visitors from New Zealand and all over the world on the Fox Glacier.

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Applications will only be accepted on forms obtained from: tracey@foxguides.co.nz or Fox Glacier Guiding, PO Box 38, Fox Glacier, Phone 03 7510 825, Fax 03 7510 857

View our website: www.foxguides.co.nz



South Island club field offers

Broken River is a club ski field with great snow and accommodation right up on the mountain, there are great runs and there is rarely a line to get on the lift. It's located 1.5 hrs west of Christchurch on the road to Arthur's Pass. This year they're trying to get more people up during mid week so are offering 20% off accommodation (options from fully catered to a more DIY option) and 20% off lift passes for a 5 day mid week package. With these packages they're also offering free daily instruction with our qualified instructors.

Details about the midweek passes and accommodation options are on our website:

www.brokenriver.co.nz



National Office seeks help with Pro Bono legal work

With the club's wealth of professional members, is there a lawyer out there who would be interested in helping out with some pro bono work for the National Office? Every now and then a legal question arises that we need a little help with. It would be great if there was a club member we could go to who would be happy to volunteer a little of their time to assist. If you would like to be our go to person, please drop a line to Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Ski Mountaineering Races 2008

Following a successful series of races last year SKIMONZ are again organising a series of ski mountaineering races and a training clinic in New Zealand in 2008.



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Ski mountaineering races are essentially ski mountaineering/touring in a race format (ski up, take your skins off, ski down, repeat...) and are very popular in Europe and North America where they act as a focal point for the ski mountaineering community. We hope these races will be as much about like minded people getting together as competitive racing. For more information go to www.skimonz.com

2008 New Zealand Ski Mountaineering and Clinic Calendar

Porters Dynafit Speed Up, Porter Heights Ski Area, July 26th
Dynafit Ski Mountaineering Clinic, Mt Cheeseman Ski Area, August 2nd dynafit.co.nz
Rainbow Randonee Race, Rainbow Ski Area, August 9th
Manganui Randonee Race, Mt Taranaki, August 16th
Black Diamond Backcountry Blast, Ohau Ski Area, August 30th
Scarpa Craigieburner International Open, Craigieburn Ski Area, September 6th
Deuter Ruapehu Ripper, Turoa Ski Area, September 20th

POSTAGE PRICE INCREASE – notice from National Office

Postal charges have changed recently and as a result the NZAC has unfortunately had to change its P & P charges for publications. The \$3.50 rate for the first item remains the same, but it will now be \$2 each for additional items. We will also now charge an extra \$3 for deliveries to rural areas outside of main centres (not just those with RD addresses). Please note that there are times when we do not have to charge the full amount for reasons such as order size and destination. Wherever possible we will adjust to charge the least amount automatically. The increases will be phased in over the next couple of months.

For sale:

Women's L Goretex jacket
Women's M Gortex overtrousers
Women's M Reflex Wilderness raincoat
Women's Euro Size 39, UK 51/2 Leather tramping boots. Vibram sole.
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Contact Jill Dalton 0274 887803, or 6342471, email jill.jill@clear.net.nz

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 Amanda (Trips Officer) amandafholmes@yahoo.com.au or 0275 488 831. Also email me to obtain updates to this list. Trips marked with "organiser tba" means that we don't have a trips organized allocated and that trip can't go ahead until we find a volunteer to do so.... All suggestions for trips welcome!

July

Instructor's weekend for SnowCraft course

July 5-6

For previous instructors and experienced mountaineers interested in instructing. Contact Chris for more info.

 **Chris Munro**  NZACSnowCraft@gmail.com  **029 2386230**

Basic Snow Climbing and Rope Techniques

5-6 July, Whakapapa

You should already know how to use ice axe and crampons, navigate, belay, abseil and tie a few knots. We'll briefly go over alpine anchors then get into leading, leading with two ropes and simulclimbing. If there is any good ice about we'll have some top ropes set up and go over ice climbing techniques. Then it's off to the Pinnacles to put it all into practice, including night climbing for those inclined.

Level Intermediate/Advanced

 **Glenn Pennycook**  mailtothechief@gmail.com

Winter Taster weekend

July 5/6

A beginner's trip, aimed at people who have perhaps never put crampons on before, including budding SnowCraft enthusiasts. This is an easy trip along part of the Tongariro Crossing. Friday night's accommodation at a backpacker's in National Park, then on Saturday morning there will be bus transport, then a 2 km walk to the hut.

Level *Beginner*

 Suzanne Stickney  suzstick@hotmail.com  09 486 1433

Tree planting at Motutapu

July 6

Catch a ferry (\$15) at 9am and arrive back at 4.30pm. Free parking at ParkRight near Tepid Baths – just show parking ticket to organisers. Take your own lunch, but sausage sizzle provided at end of day. There is a 25 minute walk from wharf. For more information <http://www.motutapu.org.nz>. Must book in advance.

 Amanda Holmes  amandafholmes@yahoo.com.au  0275 488831

Advanced Leading

12-13 July, Whakapapa

You should already be climbing grade 2 and be comfortable on steepish ground. We'll go over the same rope techniques as for the basic course but focus more on ice screw and piton placements, including how to place gear and set anchors while on your front-points. We'll cover mixed (thin ice and rock) climbing techniques and leashless climbing. We'll then jump on some good practice leads in the Pinnacles. You need to work out your own expenses but the events themselves are free.

Level *Advanced*

 Glenn Pennycook  mailtothechief@gmail.com

Moonlight Tongariro Crossing

July 12-13

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.

Level *Intermediate/Advanced*

 Richard Everitt  reveritt@ihug.co.nz  021 519 736

Rock climbing at Extreme Edge

Wed July 16, 7pm

Come along to a social evening of rock climbing, especially aimed at new members. If you've not climbed before, the harness rental, belay lesson and unlimited climbing is \$18. Unlimited climbing only is \$13.50. Extreme edge have made these special prices for all trip participants, whether members or not. For more information on the indoor climbing venue: www.extremeedge.co.nz

 Amanda Holmes  amandafholmes@yahoo.com.au  0275 488831

Girdlestone

July 19-20

Ascent of Girdlestone and Mitre-Tahurangi traverse starting from Turoa with options of ice climbing. Going for the triple-peak challenge (Mitre, Tahurangi and Girdlestone)!!! Staying at MUAC hut, just 3km below the skifields. Bring harness, rope, 2 ice tools, snow stakes and ice screws if you have them!

Level *Intermediate/Advanced*

 TBA  In the meantime email me: Amandafholmes@yahoo.com.au

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Tree planting at Motutapu

July 20

Details as previously listed.

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SnowCraft Weekend #1

July 26-27

This is an introductory course focused on taking participants new to the alpine environment into the mountains to gain skills, confidence and experience in alpine climbing. Course is now full.

 Chris Munro  NZACSnowCraft@gmail.com  029 2386230

August

MSC Back country avalanche awareness course #1

August 2-3

Run by MSC Taumararui, if this course is anything like the brilliant MSC Avalanche Course, then it will give you a fantastic insight into avalanches and how to keep out of them. Cost is around \$500 for the two weekends but is well worth it for anyone intending on venturing into avalanche prone areas. www.mountainsafety.org.nz

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MSC Back country avalanche awareness course #2

August 9-10

Run by MSC Taumararui, if this course is anything like the brilliant MSC Avalanche Course, then it will give you a fantastic insight into avalanches and how to keep out of them. Cost is around \$500 for the two weekends but is well worth it for anyone intending on venturing into avalanche prone areas. www.mountainsafety.org.nz

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Winter Climbing Meet at Mt Cook National Park

August 3-13

This event is 1) to introduce climbers to winter climbing in the big mountains and 2) to allow lonely winter alpinists to team up with others. Why go all the way to Alaska or the Himalaya to wade through deep snow in the freezing cold when you can do it in your own back yard? Winter in New Zealand essentially makes the mountains 2000-3000m higher but without the air getting thinner wicked! More info www.mountainz.co.nz

Level Advanced

 Glenn Pennycook  mailtothechief@gmail.com

Intermediate snowcraft weekend

August 9-10

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 Mangetepopo Hut Ngauruhoe.

Level Intermediate/Advanced

 TBA  In the meantime email me: Amandafholmes@yahoo.com.au

Winter Solstice Trip Report

by John Salisbury

Participants: Me, Marita, Brian, Magnus, Cho, Victoria, Andrew, Guy, Scott & Karen

We met at the Mangatepopo hut on a bright moonlit Friday night. Saturday was bright & sunny with a scattering of snow. Karen & Scott headed for Ngaurahoe & the rest of us crossed the stream & headed up the ridge to Tongariro (no snow on the ridge). The wind picked up as we neared the summit & the cloud came down, however, we saw a rare Brocken Spectre (a person's shadow on the cloud below, with a circular rainbow around it). After lunch, Marita, Cho & myself headed down, & Brian & Magnus set off to do Ngaurahoe. Back at the hut, Magnus brewed several vats of glug which were much appreciated.

