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*Auckland  
Climber*

March '07

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*this month*

**РУССИДП СИТЪЕЯ**  
**Gena Sibaev**

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*next month*

**AGM and  
photo competition**

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*Welcome to March'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 meets on the first Monday of every month at St Luke's Community Centre, Remuera Rd, Newmarket at 7.15 pm.*

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#### *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 20th of the month preceding. Call Suzanne Stickney on 845 1433 or email [suzstick@hotmail.com](mailto:suzstick@hotmail.com)

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NZAC Auckland Section, PO Box 3036, Auckland

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

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**Monday 5th March 7.15pm**

## **РУССИЯН СКИТЪЕЯ: Gena Sibaev**

Freshly baked new member of the Auckland section of NZAC, Gena Sibaev, presents a talk on his pretty impressive mountaineering achievements and his passion for ski touring. Gena is a well-known mountaineer back in Russia and he has a number of very interesting climbs under his belt including Fitz Roy, the North Face of Eiger, Grand Jorasse, Matterhorn, Mont Blanc etc as well as numerous climbs in Russia.

Eight years ago, after “retiring from serious mountain climbing”, he fell in love with ski-touring and competed in and helped organize many ski-touring races and tours in Russia and around Europe. He participated in the last World Ski Touring Championships in Italy as a member of the Russian team in May 2006 (didn't win though, so obviously room for improvement).

Gena wants to continue his ski-touring activity in NZ and is looking for people who would like to share his passion.

#### *Next month's meeting:*

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**Monday 2nd April 7.15 pm, St Lukes Community Hall**

## **AGM and photo competition**

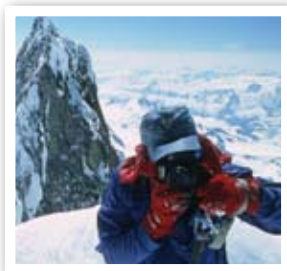
Come along for the AGM and hear what your committee members have been up to this year. Is it true the Treasurer gave up his day job, spent a month in a five star tramping lodge in Nepal and paid off his mortgage? No, of course not, but best to come and check for yourself to be on the safe side.

We're looking for new committee members and if you haven't already, this is the time to volunteer yourself for the (weighty) responsibility of Auckland Section committee membership.

The AGM will be followed by the annual photo competition. There are a few really talented photographers in the club and it's always great to see pictures of people's experiences. Photo categories are Alpine General, Alpine Activity, Alpine Nature, Rock Climbing, Photojournalism, Humour

We can accept slides and digital photos and they need to be labelled up and with the Competition coordinator by 6.30pm on the night.

It's great to get as wide a variety of pictures as possible so please have a look through and see if you have anything to enter (there are prizes!!). Questions and queries to Matt on [matthewjrobertson@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjrobertson@hotmail.com)



# Auckland News

## Master Climbing Competition

Finally, a rock-climbing competition for "MASTERS" arrives in Auckland! This is a social event for the whole family, so bring a picnic.

**Open to:** Everyone who has a climbing harness and has or can borrow a pair of rock shoes (shoes are optional for those feeling brave!)

**Programme:**

- Individual race: 20m climb with top belay. Results will be calculated based on the height reached and/or time.
- Lead climbing in pairs: Climb includes changing the leader in the middle and abseiling to the bottom. This climb will simulate real mountain climbing which means no top rope. Result will be based on technique demonstrated by participants. There will be a generous time limit to finish the climb.
- Speed race: Climb on two parallel lines and then swap climbs. The winner will be the fastest to finish.

Format: There will be four age groups and each of them will have a subgroup for men and women and winners will be determined for each of subgroups.

- Juniors (Babies): 0-39 years old
- Seniors (Over the Hill): 40-49 years old
- Masters (Grey Heads): 50-59 years old
- Veterans (Old Bastards): 60+ years old

**Entry fee:** \$5 per participant

**Entries:** Please email Alexander Scherbakov at [bask@orcon.net.nz](mailto:bask@orcon.net.nz) or phone 441 3094.

**Venue:** Short Side, Mt Eden Quarry

**Date:** Saturday 10th March, 11 am

PS. Organisers have the right to change or add to any of the rules described above without notice.

To determine the number of participants we would be grateful for your preliminary request for entry.

### Entry form

Your name: .....

Address:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

Person to contact in case of emergency:.....

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**The best description of my climbing experience is** (tick one):

- Never climbed before    Beginner    Rusty    Climber    Expert

**I am a** (tick one):

- Kid    Master    Grandmaster    Old Bastard

**I am planning to take part in** (tick one or more):

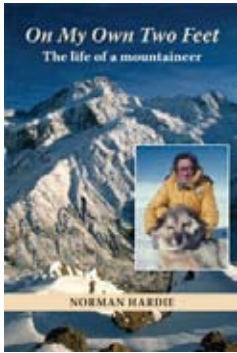
- Individual race    Lead climbing    Speed race

**Payment Options** (tick one):

- I have paid \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ (organiser's signature)    I will pay on the day

I am fully aware that rock climbing can be a dangerous activity and I am willing to take this risk and will be completely responsible for all my actions. I will not hold the organizers responsible for anything stupid that I do, and I promise to follow all instructions carefully.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (participant's signature)



## *Norman Hardie*

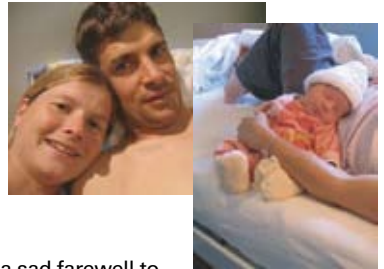
**May 14th – 7.30pm at the Hobson Room,  
Parnell Community Centre  
(Jubilee House), Parnell Road.**

The Section is very pleased to announce a talk by Norman Hardie, one of the country's most revered climbers. Norman was on the '53 expedition to Everest and led the first ascent of Kangchenjunga, which is the 3rd highest mountain in the world. Don't miss this!

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## *A Big Alpine Club Thumbs Up to...*

Congratulations to Club members Liz & Nadj Geslain who welcomed a daughter Agathe Geslain into the Alpine Club on February 15th. This is their first child and she is gorgeous!



Congratulations and a sad farewell to committee member and organiser ace Sarah Owen and partner Fraser Smith who are getting hitched in the Lake District in the UK and depart in March for a few stops in Asia on the way back. We wish them lots of happiness and many adventures Alpine or otherwise.

And finally, another sad farewell, this time to our Chairperson and Chief Instructor, Kathleen and Mark who are also heading to the UK (via the rest of the world) in March. We will miss them lots and thank them for all their hard work over the last few years. All we ask is that the BBQ we gave you both as a wedding present goes to a good home.



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## *For Sale*

### **NZAC Alpine Journal 2005**

The National Office now has 05 Journals for sale, for all those that wanted to purchase extra copies, but missed out. The printer "found" a couple of boxes and has dropped them in to us. Member price \$20 (non-members \$30) + usual p&p.  
contact: [margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

## *Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour 2007*

Yep! We've done it again! The Auckland section has yet again secured a date on the world famous Banff Film Festival's 2007 Tour calendar! This unique mountain film festival comes to Auckland's SKYCITY Theatre on 2nd May (for one night only!) and it promises to be a sell out.

The festival showcases a collection of the year's best mountain, adventure and endeavour films from all corners of the globe, and as ever the selection will be choice – this year proceedings will begin with a crossing of a Chilean glacier.

Tickets cost \$15 for members and \$20 for non members with all proceeds going to the NZAC (which in turn goes to hut maintenance!).

**Tickets can be purchased from Bivouac or Outdoor Action from April 1st, or, if you are dead keen, by sending a self addressed envelope and a cheque made out to NZAC Auckland Section to PO Box 3036, Auckland 1015.**

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# National News

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NZAC Central North Island Section  
are proud to present

## **An Evening with Pat Deavoll**

New Zealand's top female climber  
with first ascents of  
Xiashe 5833m and Haizi Shan 5833m

Pat will be talking about her overseas climbing in  
Canada, Alaska, India and Tibet since 2000.

and

How to Organise a Lightweight Climbing Expedition

**7.00 pm Saturday 24th March 2007**  
**McMeekan Centre,**  
**Ruakura Ag. Research, Hamilton**

Gold Coin Donation at Door



# Trips

If there is a trip you'd like to lead or something you would like to do (but not lead) please drop Grant (Trips Officer) a line. We rely on members' feedback and inspiration and so love to hear from you and will do our best to get your trips off the ground. Now's the time to be thinking about those winter trips! Email: [2grant2@gmail.com](mailto:2grant2@gmail.com) Ph 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.

## March

### West Coast Wobble

March 18

Very low tide 4PM. Destruction Gully to Little Huia. Leave from 31 Sandringham Rd, at 12 noon. Bring food, a change of clothes – expect to get wet!

 Bruce Calvert  [calvert@math.auckland.ac.nz](mailto:calvert@math.auckland.ac.nz)  378 4840

## April

### Easter Rock Climbing Escape to Whanganui Bay

6-9 April

Some of the

best rock on the North Island, offering a mix of bolted and trad routes. Also featuring campfire tall-stories, swimming and melted Easter eggs! Set on the western shores of Lake Taupo, the idyllic campsite is within walking distance of the crags, while electrical power and shops are miles away! A 4x4 can be handy for access but is not essential.

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