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polish your balls for the**

# **Auckland Section's Christmas Party!**

*this month*

**Summer Trips Planning**

*Welcome* to November'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.

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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 15th of the month

preceding. Call Suzanne Stickney on 845 1433 or email [suzstick@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:subscriptions@alpineclub.org.nz)  
NZAC Auckland Section, PO Box 3036, Auckland

*This month's meeting:*

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## Summer Trips Planning

**Mon 3rd November, Galbraith's Ale House, Cnr Mt Eden Rd & Symonds Street**

Pull out your maps and get yourselves down to Galbraith's for a night dedicated to hatching plans, talking to the experts and finding new friends to do stuff with. Whatever your imagination has in mind for this summer, whether it be K2 in jandals, a 24 Hour Southern Alps Traverse or something slightly more achievable, you'll meet someone up for the challenge tonight.

*Special event:*

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# Pull on your whites and polish your balls for the Auckland Section's Christmas Party!

**When: Sunday Dec 14th, 3.30pm.**

**Where: Stanley Bay Bowling Club, Stanley Point Road, Devonport**

**Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non members**

**Tickets: Available from [www.aucklandclimber.org.nz](http://www.aucklandclimber.org.nz), Suzanne on 486 2024 or [suzstick@hotmail.com](mailto:suzstick@hotmail.com)**

Numbers are limited so get in quick!

You may not think that bowls could make for a lively afternoon but you are so wrong!

We want to see everyone in suitable bowling attire (prize for best dressed!) as we take to the greens for an afternoon of friendly competition – bowls, petanque and some alpine-related games, followed by a hearty festive buffet dinner, a few glasses of wine, a surprise speaker (for half an hour) and music. Friends and family are very welcome.

**If you haven't been to this place before, you will fall in love with it, we guarantee it!**

# Auckland News

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## *Summer Trips 2008-9*

### **From your Trips Officers, Magnus and Richard**

Winter is over for one more year, so here's to summer climbing!

Whether it is South Island mountains or our very own Mt Eden quarry, make sure you get out there this summer.

To make it easier for you, we're planning a series of trips this summer to new and old crags around the North Island as well as a few other trips to mix it up. Check out the Wharepapa trips coming up in the next few weeks to get you started.

Make sure you come along to the summer planning meeting on 3 November (see meetings section of this newsletter for details) to influence the trips programme for the rest of the summer.

As well as the planned trips programme, we are also trying to encourage people to let other Alpine Club members know of trips they are planning at short notice, e.g. deciding on a Thursday 'Hey the weather forecast looks great for the weekend, let's go climbing!'

In order to facilitate getting these sorts of trips known we are going to make some changes to the website, but initially well just set up a group email list of people that are interested in hearing about these short notice trips. So if you're keen, send an email to [trips@aucklandclimber.org.nz](mailto:trips@aucklandclimber.org.nz) and well add you to the list.

### *Skiing South America – looking for others to join a trip*

#### **from Christine & Sam Carter**

South America was never part of the plan, neither was 14 years of travel. We wanted a change so back in '93 we sold businesses, packed & stored then flew to the States and beyond for our OE.

It wasn't till Chile and Argentina in 2005 that we got to ski and as luck would have it we were able to combine this with our work; massage training. Our first training session for a spa/ski resort coincided with the beginning of ski season and there was not a lot of snow. We were there for the Marcha Blanca; the first weekend of skiing with the tradition of free passes. Powder like you would not believe. Then soaking in the thermal baths.

Then skiing in Argentina at Cathedral ski field near Bariloche located at the top of Patagonia and surrounded by the Lake District. It was our ski favourite location because of the 45kms of ski runs and sophisticated equipment. For me the café and barbeque spots dotted over the mountain where you can buy great wine to sup while enjoying spectacular lake views made my skiing improve dramatically.

We are looking forward sharing these great skiing locations with a small group in 2009 and are looking for people to join us. You can bring partners that may not wish to ski all the time as in both locations there are many great things to do.

Skiing South America email: [csandsc@yahoo.com](mailto:csandsc@yahoo.com) for their 2009 trip.



## *Classifieds*

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### *Auditor needed*

We desperately need someone to audit Allan's club accounts. If you can do this you will be very, very highly thought of in the club and your self confidence will improve dramatically. If you can help, pls email Allan on allan\_mac@xtra.co.nz

### *Tararua Tramping Club Journals*

The club has a set of these but are missing a few. Do you have any of these? If so, please contact Margaret at the NZAC on 03 377 7595

### *Hangers and Ring Hangers*

New stock, still at last year's prices, has arrived – 10mm, 12mm (\$3.50 members/\$5.50 non members) and 10mm hangers with ring (\$9 members/\$11 non members). Please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz tel 03 377 7595. Delivery charge extra.

### *Found*

Helmet at Mt Eden quarry on 1 October. Please contact David Ackery on 09 849 8246

### *For sale*

Some old CLIMBERS available: #29,33,35,37,38,39,40

Free to good home – NO Dealers!

Send SAE to Shaun 21 Godley St, Twizel 7901

### *Ski Boots for Sale*

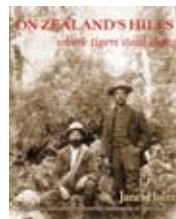
Lange CRL80W, Womens fit, Size 5 or 36, Custom naptural system, Bi injected shell, Canting, Comfort plate. Worn 5 times. Found a more suitable pair for me overseas last year

Were \$699 new a few years ago. Asking \$350 ono

Phone 03 358 7945. Cell 027 661 6152. Email d.woods@clear.net.nz

### *"On Zealand's Hills" by Janet Holm*

Veteran 50 year New Zealand Alpine Club member, Janet Holm has just published her book "On Zealand's Hills – where tigers steal along." Stories and memoirs from the exploration of New Zealand. Copies available through Margaret at the Alpine Club HQ tel 03 377 7595



# National News

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*NZAC Climbing Camp. See you in Nelson.*

## **Matakitaki Climbing Camp 2008-09**

Join the NZAC climbing camp this year in Nelson: meet people to go on day climbs / scrambles / tramps / mountain bike rides or longer multi – day trips to some remote and spectacular climbing destinations like Faery Queen, Gloriana, Una and Ella.

When 28 December 2008 – 3 January, 2009  
Where Matakitaki River (Nelson Lakes).  
Costs \$40 for individuals.



Check out the information pack on-line at [www.alpineclub.org.nz](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz)

Register before December 1, help the organisers and avoid a late fee!

**Important: note the change in start date from The Climber Spring issue.**

## *NZAC Travel Insurance Policy*

The NZAC has just had its annual travel insurance review and our broker, Peter Garrett, has been able to negotiate some improved benefits for club members: partners and children of NZAC members can now apply for insurance, as long as the primary applicant is a member benefit limits have all increased considerably the individual item limit has increased The new Policy Wording with all the new benefits may be viewed on the NZAC website: [www.alpineclub.org.nz](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz)

The insurer has also agreed to look at, on a case-by-case basis, applications for cover to some competitive climbing events, so if you are considering entering any (especially UIAA sanctioned events) it would be worth your while to request a special endorsement to attend.

## *BMC International Winter Climbing Meet*

### **Glenmore Lodge 22 February to 1 March 2009**

The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) International Winter Climbing Meet 2009 is to be held at Glenmore Lodge in Scotland. This meet is the sixth of its kind and will bring together climbers of all grades from around the world.

The aims of the meet are:

- To promote international friendships and increase communication between national federations.
- To give overseas guests an opportunity to experience the delights of Scottish winter climbing.
- To give guests an insight into British ethics and traditions.
- To provide a platform for international debate and discussion on current topics of concern in climbing and mountaineering worldwide.

We would particularly welcome applications from people who have not attended these meets before. Any climber with reasonable winter climbing experience can apply. Grade is not important.

If you would like to apply for this please contact Ollie Clifton at the NZAC HQ in Christchurch. 03 377 7595. Application have to be in by October 31, so get your skates on.

## *New Zealand Antarctic Survey Celebrates its 75th Anniversary.*

Sorry for the late notice – this only came through today. If you find yourself in Wellington on the weekend of the 31 October- 2 November, you may want to join the celebrations. Events

include a tour of Te Papa's Antarctic artifacts not on display, a behind the scenes tour through the Antarctic archives held in the Alexander Turnbull and National Libraries, a heritage trail of Wellington's Antarctic history, films, a celebration dinner and a remembrance service. More details on the website [www.antarctic.org.nz](http://www.antarctic.org.nz) or on 04 385-3670

### *Hut Fee Payments*

DOC has brought it to our attention that some non-members who are part of a group booking under a club member's name are not paying their hut fees. If you are booking a group under your name, you must collect all the fees from the other members in your group rather than let them pay individually. As organiser, you are accountable for the balance.

### *Notice for those travelling by car to Mt Cook village*

Please note that only petrol station in the village, Caltex, will only supply fuel to Caltex/Starcad holders. They don't accept any other form of payment. If you do not have a card, then you must contact the Porters at the Hermitage and pay a \$5 callout. Alternatively, you can fill up at Shell stations in Tekapo or Twizel as normal.

### *NZAC Head Office Christmas Hours*

The National Office closes at 3pm on Wednesday 24th Dec 2008 and reopens on Wed 7th January 2009. Margaret's last day is Monday 22nd Dec 2008, so that will be the last day for book orders, insurance sales,

### *NZAC Christmas Present Ideas*

Climber magazine subscription – \$28 domestic or \$48 international

Journal subscription – \$20 domestic or \$40 international

Club Membership – remember, fees increase from Jan 09

#### **Books**

Arapiles Selected Climbs – new

Avalanche Awareness in the New Zealand Backcountry – new

Classic Peaks – old Christmas favourite

The Comprehensive Castle Hill Climbing Guide – new

Queenstown Rock, Ice and Mixed – new

Special Reads – On My Own Two Feet; Ebenezer Teichelmann; Dorothy Theomin of Olveston

See [www.alpineclub.org.nz](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz) under the "Publications" heading for more details and contact Margaret at the Alpine Club HQ tel 03 377 7595.

## NZAC PUBLICATIONS MANAGING EDITOR/DESIGNER ROLE

### **Do you want to work at the hub of the New Zealand climbing scene, creating exciting and inspiring publications for the climbing community?**

We think that by providing high quality publications, full of relevant information and motivating stories, we can foster and support a stronger and more active climbing community. Sound interesting? We are looking for someone who loves climbing, and has strong editorial and/or design and print production skills to be the next editor of The Climber magazine and New Zealand Alpine Journal. We believe that climbing is an inherently creative, energetic, and

inspiring way to live life. Moreover, The Climber magazine, New Zealand Alpine Journal, and other NZAC publications play a pivotal role in supporting, reflecting and connecting the climbing community. If you agree, you need to learn more about this unique role. NZAC Managing Editor/designer, full-time position, based at our national office in Christchurch. Starting in February 2009.

**For more information contact Ollie Clifton**

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# 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 Richard (reveritt@ihug.co.nz) or Magnus (hammarsal@hotmail.com). Also email us to obtain updates to this list. Trips marked with "organiser tba" means that we don't have a trips organised allocated and that trip can't go ahead until we find a volunteer to do so.... All suggestions for trips welcome!




## October

### Taranaki

Oct 25-27 (Labour Wkd)

Staying at Taranaki Alpine Club's Tahurangi Lodge. Chance for summiting, ice climbing etc. dependent on the size and ability of the group. Great chance for SnowCraft graduates to put new skills to the test.

**Skill level:** Intermediate, ability to self arrest essential.

 Magnus Hammarsal  hammarsal@hotmail.com  021 31 44 22

### Rock-climbing at Mt Eden Quarry

Oct 29

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## November

### Rock climbing at Wharepapa South

Nov 15-16




A weekend of Rock Climbing on beautifully pocketed, beginner friendly rock around Wharepapa South. Top roping for beginners and plenty of bolted routes for the experienced climber too.

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### Rock climbing at Wharepapa South – take 2

Nov 29-30




Another weekend as above, for those who couldn't get enough (or couldn't make it) the first weekend.

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### Hut Working Bee

Nov 29/30

We need to remove the wood and rubbish left from all the renovations and do a bit of a tidy up.

 Brad White  Whitebradnzl@hotmail.com  021 918 642

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## December


### *Christmas Party*

*Dec 13*

When: Sunday Dec 14th, 3.30pm.

Where: Stanley Bay Bowling Club, Stanley Point Road, Devonport

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### *Rock climbing at Ti Point*

*Dec 13*

A one dayer to give you an excuse for a Sunday away from all those Christmas preparations. Ti Point offers both trad and sport climbing in a beautiful seaside setting. Optional Saturday departure with a stay at Goat Island camp site to get some extra climbing in, or even some diving/snorkelling at the marine reserve....

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## February 2009

### *Adventure photography workshop*

*Feb 7-8*

Marty is going to run adventure photography workshop in first weekend of February 2009, 7th and 8th. More details will be announce later.

## March 2009

### *Hut Working Bee*

*Mar 14/15*

A chance to make use of the long summer days to work on the hut before the snow comes.

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## April 2009

### *Hut Working Bee*

*Apr 17/18*

A chance to make use of the long summer days to work on the hut before the snow comes.

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