



The Auckland Climber

April '09

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upcoming event



Hoyts Sylvia Park
Wednesday
17th June 8.00pm

this month

Alpine Pub Quiz

next month

**Auckland Section
Photo Competition**

Welcome to April'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 7.15 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

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This month's meeting:

Alpine Pub Quiz

Monday April 6th 2009, Cardrona Pub, Normanby Road, Mt Eden 7.30pm

Club members and friends come down to the Cardrona pub and join Quizmaster John Salisbury for the second not-quite annual pub quiz. It's a great opportunity to meet some new people. Name That Mountaineer, What's in the Bag, Mime That Sport, General

Knowledge – they will all be there with 8 rounds of fun.

Teams up to a maximum of 6. \$5 entry. All the takings will be split for the prizes – so they will be good! See you all there!

Next month's meeting:

Auckland Section Photo Competition

Monday May 4th 2009

You have had a year of adventuring and now and then you have taken that shot that makes you think 'Hey, that could be in National Geographic'. Well now is your chance to see how you measure up!

1. All entries must be received by Friday 1 May. Due to the popularity of certain categories, the organisers may have to pre-select which images are accepted for the competition.
2. Choose a category from the list below; you can submit up to three shots per category. We're accepting slides and digital images. Slides must be marked with a conspicuous spot in the lower left-hand corner when held for viewing. Digital images should be sent in jpeg format with a file size between 500kb and 1Mb.

Alpine General (AG) a mountain at sunrise, a hut at sunset, etc.

Alpine Activity (AA) people doing stuff in an alpine environment.

Alpine Nature (AN) e.g a kea or an alpine daisy.

Rock Climbing (RC) rock climbers on a rock.
Humour (HU) something funny in the outdoors.

Photojournalism (PJ) pictures that tell a story in some way or record an event
Adventure General (AV) shots of any outdoor adventure that doesn't involve a mountain or a rock face – mountain biking, kayaking, camel trekking across the Cheviots.

3. Title each photograph with a category abbreviation, title and your name. E.g 'AG Sunrise over Ruapehu Paul Whitfield.jpg'. It would be great to get a few words about the image too, such as where it was taken or anything particularly relevant about the image.
4. Email photos to Paul Whitfield (pdwhit@gmail.com) or mail (on a CD or DVD) to him at 3/11 Whitaker Place, Grafton, Auckland 1010. Include a return address for slides or be sure to grab them at the end of the night. This is a separate event to the club's national competition and is for amateurs only.

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Auckland

Wednesday 17 June, 8.00pm, Hoyts Silvia Park, Mt Wellington

NZAC Members \$15. Non-members \$20 LIMITED TICKETS NO DOOR SALES

Tickets available from: Outdoor Action, Barry's Point Road, Takapuna and Bivouac Stores; Newmarket, Queen st and Sylvia Park
or online at www.aucklandclimber.org.nz

Tickets will go on sale May 1st

SnowCraft '09

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.

Dates:

Weekend 1: 1-2 August

Weekend 2: 29-30 August

Weekend 3: 26-27 September

For more info email Deryn at:

instruction@aucklandclimber.org.nz



Auckland News

Auckland section seeks

Newsletter editor

Work with the graphics department to create a newsletter that appeals to and informs members of everything happening in the NZAC and mountaineering. We're looking for someone who can bring a fresh approach to the editorial and can seek out some interesting stories. An understanding of the vagaries of grammar is a must, as is commitment to come to one committee meeting a month (refreshments at discretion of meeting host, sometimes we get wine and beer, sometimes just tea). If interested contact Deryn Williams deryn@hyper.net.nz

Auckland Section Treasurer

Slightly less demanding than US Treasury Secretary, but more complex than emptying the contents of the piggy bank. If you can help look after the Auckland sections multi-million dollar hedge funds, then please talk to Deryn. We really do need a Treasurer! deryn@hyper.net.nz

Nepal Festival in Auckland

Head to the John Davies Performing Arts Centre at Blockhouse Bay Primary School 584 Blockhouse Bay Road on 11th April at 1pm for a festival celebrating Nepal. Food, a cultural show and various other Nepalese events will be on offer.

Bolting

There's bolting work going on at Mt Eden Quarry, so if you see a man with a drill, it could be the NZAC's president elect, Peter Cammell.

Ruapehu Hut update **Ruapehu Working Bee 14-15 March**

A solid team of volunteers headed up to the hut on Saturday and spent the weekend preparing the hut for the onslaught of winter. The hut is now looking in good heart, the best it's looked for years. Thanks to all those that volunteered at the weekend, including the supplies team, Marita and Aiden (who made his first trip to the mountain). Thanks too to Eoghan O'Sullivan for donating some equipment to the kitchen.

National News

Youth Climbing Camp in Romania

Young climbers aged 17 to 25 are invited to a week of climbing and hiking in the Bicaz Gorges National Park in Romania. The camp will welcome mountaineers of all abilities from August 15-23.

The area has over 200 climbing routes to choose from, and the participants will also go hiking and take part in other mountain activities. The programme will be adjusted both to accommodate the beginners and the toughest and most experienced climbers.

Accommodation and meals will be at the Ecolog Hut ('Cabana Ecolog'), altitude 700m, which is run by the Romanian Mountain Club. Activities will be led by experienced qualified instructors.

The programme will include climbing and hiking, a one-day cultural round trip (optional), evening presentations and social activities. It will also be possible to go mountain biking, caving, horse riding, fishing and swimming.

The cost is \$230 per participant for the entire programme, accommodation, full board and local transport. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult/team leader over 18.

For more information and contact details please read the invitation at http://theuiaa.org/upload_area/files/1/UIAA_Youth_Climbing_and_Hiking_Camp_Romania_2009.pdf.

If you would like to take part, please fill out and send in the registration form before July 15, 2009. http://theuiaa.org/upload_area/files/1/UIAA_Youth_Climbing_and_Hiking_Camp_Romania_2009-Registration_form.doc

Note that there are currently 3 other youth opportunities in Slovenia, Russia and South Africa. To find out about these go to the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation website at www.theuiaa.org



NZAC Photocomp Trophies

The NZAC is missing three Photocomp trophies. They may have ended up in the back of the garage, or be stored away in a roof somewhere, so please read on to see if the following items sound familiar to you.

1. Dorflinger Trophy – a wooden carving of the flower *Dactylanthus Taylorii*
2. Guide Alack Challenge Cup – sorry no description (could be a cup, painting, carving?)
3. Egmont-Tasman Trophy (also called the Syme Trophy) – a timber plaque with strips recording winners and featuring the two mountains. It was displayed at Unwin Lodge at one time.

If you have any information regarding these trophies, please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Family Discounts for NZAC Members

With the current baby boom amongst our members, the NZAC is looking to boost the number of family orientated events and discounts available to our members. Should you know of any family climbing related companies such as the following, in your area, please let me know about them, so that I can make contact to see whether they will make a similar offer to our members with children. Any suggestions for other places we can approach, or perhaps you have connections yourself that could help us out, would be much appreciated. Please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Christchurch Based “The Roxx” has offered NZAC members a \$2pp discount for any member bringing a group of (or just their own) children along to their “Clip n’ Climb” area of the gym. The NZAC member would need to handle payment for the group, showing their active NZAC card and a photo ID at the counter upon arrival. The discount is available to all members of the group that the NZAC member brings with them. For more details on “Clip n’ Climb” please see The Roxx website <http://theroxx.co.nz/index.php?page=clipnclimb>

Glue-in ring bolts

The previous manufacturer of our glue-in ring bolts is no longer able to supply us with a product we believe is of high enough quality, so we are on the look-out for a new supplier. Do any members know of a company anywhere in NZ who would be able to manufacture this type of product for us? Please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz with any contact details, thanks.

Updates to Maps

The Topo50 Map Series Project section on the Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) website has been updated with new content including map production progress, examples of Topo50 digital images and detailed information on the various elements of a Topo50 map. The Topo250 Map Series Project section has also been updated with new content. The combined Topo250 and Topo50 sheet index diagrams and sheet names are now available. For more information, email Andrew Ferrel at newmapseries@linz.govt.nz

For sale

Mountain Hardware Sleeping Bag

In excellent condition, standard size, 775 fill (by the North American system), Suitable for the NZ winter or overseas expedition. \$350 ono.

Everest Mummy Nazomi Sleeping Bag (women’s fit)

Still in really good condition except it has lost the slider on the zip. Easily fixed. 900g down. New Zealand winter or overseas trip. A classic. \$300

Mountain Hardware Down Jacket

Womens Sz 12. Pale pink and grey. A fairly full on jacket, not a fashion item although the colour looks great out and about. No hood. Suitable for NZ winter, skiing or climbing overseas. Hardly worn. \$250

Mountain Hardware Goretex Jacket

Womans Size med. Two shades of green. Lightweight but sturdy, this is a climbers jacket with all the features. Hardly worn. \$300

Contact Pat at pdeavoll@hotmail.com

Asolo tramping boots, hardly worn UK size 6 \$75. Phone Marita on 834 6699

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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!

April

Rock climbing at Wharepapa South

Apr 4-5

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. All welcome.

 Magnus Hammarsal  hammarsal@hotmail.com  021 31 44 22

"Beginner's evening at Extreme Edge"

Apr 8, 7pm

The end of Daylight saving has come and we have to retreat indoors for evening climbing. Some people see pulling on plastic as a poor replacement for rock, but it does give you the chance to get a good intensive workout and if you haven't got the gear it's easy to hire what you need (e.g. harness and shoes) at the climbing wall.

10% NZAC discount for entry making it \$13.50

 Magnus Hammarsal  hammarsal@hotmail.com  021 31 44 22

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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May

Rock climbing at Wharepapa South/Mangaokewa

May 9-10

Another 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. We may venture further afield to Mangaokewa, the 'new' limestone crag down the road a bit too, if there's interest.

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June

Winter Solstice

Jun 20-21

A weekend in the mountains and a traditional Xmas Dinner at a location to be decided. Any volunteers to organise?

 Richard Everitt  reveritt@ihug.co.nz

July

Winter Taster

Jul 18-19

Thinking of joining the snow craft course but want to try it first? Keen to have a go at Alpine Mountaineering but don't know if it's for you? Come and join us on a weekend to the Tongariro National Park where you will get the chance to navigate your way across snowy ground using crampons and ice axe, learn what alpinism is all about and the kit you will need. We stay in National Park and do two day trips above the snow line. The weather will dictate where we go, but rest assured, if there is snow on the mountain, you are very likely to be in it. Places are limited on this popular weekend. To find out more or reserve a place contact Suzanne.

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Masters Climbing Competition

Pics: Christa Dickson; Sue Davidson, www.adventurepics.co.nz



Climbing Trip Pics

Pics: Christa Dickson

