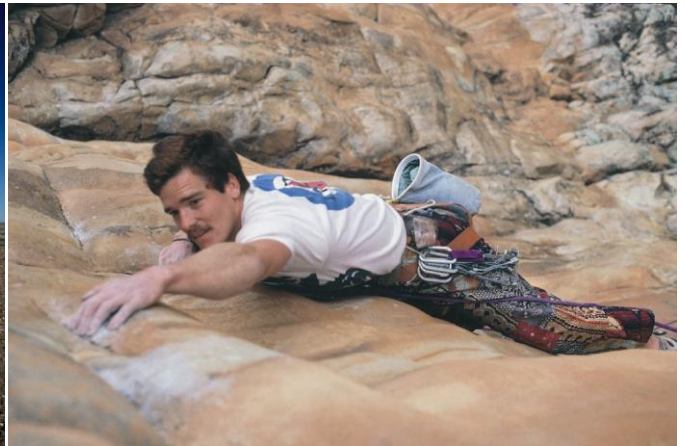




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Canterbury/Westland Section  
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# New Zealand Alpine Club Canterbury – Westland Section **September 2010 Newsletter**



## **September Section Meeting - Thursday 2 September 7.30pm Jon Muir**

Come and hear this world acclaimed mountaineer, polar and desert explorer speak about his adventures.

### **Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor, 161 Cashel St, Christchurch - 7:30pm**

Tickets \$15 members, \$20 non members - available from Bivouac and R&R Sport, Section Evenings, the NZAC National Office, or online here:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/activities/speaker-tour/jon-muir>

# News

## August Meeting Report - Thursday 8 July

Lydia Brady travelled up from Wanaka to talk about an adventure she shared with Dean Staples and Penny Goddard; together they sailed down to the Antarctic Peninsula. They climbed a classic new mixed route on the West Face of a Peak above Port Lockroy, and attempted a very steep face on another mountain. Lydia gave an outstanding and enthusiastic commentary and showed some amazing photos. She shared stories of unplanned events, like whale watching with a Chilean whale scientist who was onboard taking biopsies of whales and the comical antics of the penguins; all of which made her trip extra special. Sailing between mountain ranges, and seeing the most beautiful scenes that Lydia thinks she has ever seen, were all part of the experience. Sometimes the challenges of helping crew the boat dragged them screaming and kicking out of their comfort zone. But if the climbing, whale watching, or sailing got to be too much there was always ski touring to take their mind off things. Thanks very much Lydia.

## Summer Climbing Camp

Information and registration details are now available for the camp on: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/377>

Also please see further details below.

# Upcoming Events

## September Section Meeting- Thursday 2 September 2010

**Guest Speaker: Jon Muir**

**Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor**

Jon Muir is the NZAC Visiting Speaker for 2010. From Everest to the North Pole, the Central Desert of Australia to Antarctica, Australian Jon Muir has a reputation as one of the great adventurers of modern times. Jon is giving a presentation in Christchurch at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 2 September 2010** at the **Hotel Grand Chancellor**, 161 Cashel St. Tickets are available from the NZAC National Office and also Bivouac and R&R Sports. Online sales are also available at <https://alpineclub.org.nz/activities/speaker-tour/jon-muir>. Prices are \$15 members / \$20 non-members. Please note that member's rates are only available from the National Office.

## October Meeting

**Guest Speakers: Tim Church, Yvonne Pfluger and Andrei Van Dusschoten**

On Thursday 14 October Tim, Yvonne and Andrei will talk about their recent expeditions to Nepal and China. In April, they travelled to eastern Nepal to complete a high altitude trek from Tumlingtar to Lukla, via the 'Ice Cols' route between Makalu Base Camp and the Everest region. Following this they spent May in Sichuan, Western China; an area where there have been many notable climbs by New Zealanders. In the Daxue Shan Range they first attempted Little Konka (5928m) and then went on to successfully climb Dogonomba (5962m).

## NZAC Annual General Meeting and Debate

This will be on October 15th in the YMCA conference room. The debate will be on "whether to rename the South Ridge of Aoraki Mt Cook the Hillary Ridge". Come along and voice your opinion loudly. Further details to follow in next months newsletter.

## **NZAC. Summer Camp 2 – 9 January 2011**

The 2011 NZAC Summer Camp will be hosted by the Canterbury/Westland Section at the Broken River Skifield Lodges. Broken River was chosen because it is an ideal base for numerous climbing, tramping, bouldering and mountain biking options. The peaks of Arthurs Pass are only 30 minutes away with Mts Rolleston, Murchison, Franklin and Harper being worthy objectives. Tramping in the area includes the Cass-Lagoon, Casey-Binser, Minga-Deception, Edwards-Otehake and numerous other half, day and multi day options. The Craigieburn ranges will be right at our doorstep and the Torlesse range only 15 minutes away. Castle Hill Basin offers world class bouldering and rockclimbing only 10 minutes away. There is also plenty of options for mountain biking to suit all levels. Basically we feel by hosting the camp at Broken River, not only will it provide greater opportunities for the broad range of people who attend, it will also give us more comfortable options with shelter, power and water if the weather is unfavourable.

We plan to have an opening night BBQ with guest speakers and will provide entertainment during the week for those who chose to stay on the field. At this stage we are looking for a Camp Manager/s for the 8 days so if you are interested please let us know. This would be an ideal position for a couple or family who don't need to leave the camp but enjoy the people and surroundings and provide support where needed and help with the everyday running of the camp. All applicants will be considered but an outdoors knowledge and enthusiasm to meet people from all over the world would be a distinct advantage. Please contact Clayton if you are keen or have any questions in regards to the camp on [claytongarbes\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:claytongarbes(at)hotmail.com).

## **Trips and Courses**

### **Mid Week Mountaineering**

Contact Pat Prendergast on Sunday or Monday each week to check out what is planned. Email [pat\(at\)slingshot.co.nz](mailto:pat(at)slingshot.co.nz) or phone **337 0079**.

### **Mid Week Rock Climbing**

Wednesday evenings, 5pm onwards at either The Roxx or the YMCA. If you're interested please contact **Clayton** on **027 446 1562** on the day by 3.30pm at the latest and he will send out a group txt to confirm the time and venue. We also have an email contact list so if Wednesday does not suit you, another time and day can be arranged. Email Clayton on [claytongarbes\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:claytongarbes(at)hotmail.com) to be included on the list.

### **Weekend 18 /19 September Craieburn Traverse.**

A High tops weekend traversing from Broken River to Mt Enys tenting, bivying or snow caving on route. Good fitness required and although a non technical snow trip, ice axe and crampon skills essential. You will also need Avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe and know how to use them as well as suitable gear for a winter 'tops trip'.

Approx fuel cost of \$20 to \$25.

Please contact **Heather Tate** no later than Tue 14th on **0276502968** or [heathertate\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:heathertate(at)yahoo.com)

## **Saturday 25 September - Mt Cassidy to Temple Basin Traverse.**

Good fitness, ice axe and crampon skills and appropriate avalanche skills required [i.e. transceiver, shovel and probe required and knowledge how to use them !].

Head up to Arthurs Pass lodge Fri night, leaving 6pm.

Approx fuel cost of \$20 to \$25.

Back up day for bad weather will be Sunday 26 [head up sat evening].

Please contact **Charlie Catt** on **3320472** or **cmcatt(at)ihug.co.nz** no later than Tue 21st to express an interest.

## **NZAC High Alpine Skills Course, Mt Cook**

This is for those NZAC members' who have participated on a Basic Instruction Course or instructed in a trainee capacity.

The course will run for six days from **January 30th – February 4th** and will be based at Mt Cook. Instructors will be qualified NZMGA Mountain Guides.

The course will be based on foot, rather than utilising helicopter or fixed wing access.

It will also be 'bivvy' based rather than 'hut' based. This means it is important participants have a good level of fitness.

The cost of the course is \$875. Additionally, participants will provide their own transport and food and pay their accommodation at Unwin.

If you are interested in the participating on this course, contact: **instruction(at)alpineclub.org.nz** or ph. **03 337 7595**

## **Advanced Alpine Skills Course**

At the end of last year's High Alpine Skills Courses, some people asked the possibility of a 'follow-up' course to further develop their skills. The NZAC is offering those HASC participants from 2009, who have been actively climbing throughout the year and have an excellent level of fitness, the opportunity to take part in a six day "Advanced Alpine Skills Course" at Plateau Hut with a fully qualified NZMGA guide.

The course will be "flying-in, walking-out." The dates for the course are: **Sat 18 - Thurs 23 December**. Participants would be expected to arrive at Mt Cook on the afternoon of **Fri 17 December**.

The cost of the course is: NZ\$1250

\*\*This will cover: instruction fees, a helicopter flight, Plateau hut fees and administration costs. It does not cover hut fees for Unwin Hut before or after the course. Participants will be responsible for sourcing their own equipment and will bring their own food.

Contact: **pat(at)alpineclub.org.nz**

## **List of Upcoming Trips and Courses**

Weekend 4 / 5 September

Snow 3 Course

Weekend 18 / 19 September

Craieburn Traverse

Saturday 25 September

Mt Cassidy to Temple Basin Traverse

# Notices

## NZAC Hut Bookings

Members please note that bookings for Arthur's Pass, Ruapehu and Porter Lodge are handled through the National Office in Christchurch. These huts all have a keypad and the office holds the codes for these. Please **DO NOT** contact section members looking for the code numbers. The office is manned Monday-Friday until 5pm. Call Margaret in the first instance for bookings **+64 (0)3 377 7595**, or email **Margaret(at)alpineclub.org.nz**

## Climbing Women Photos

As part of the upcoming centenary celebration of Freda Du Faur's historic climb of Aoraki Mt Cook, Carla Braun-Elwert is putting together a collection of images of women climbing. These will be displayed on a big screen at the celebrations at Mt Cook on December 4, 2010. If you would like to contribute images towards this collection, please email them to **fredaphotos(at)gmail.com**. Images need to be of mountaineering or rock climbing, and must feature women. Historic photos of women climbing will be very welcome.

## Alpine Club Courses

The Alpine Club is running several courses in the coming months. Full details can be found at <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/24>

A summary is here:

- **Freda Du Faur Mountain Skills for Women Course.** Course already full but a waitlist is being compiled.
- **Advanced High Alpine Skills Course.** For those on the High Alpine Skills Courses last summer.
- **Introduction to Back Country Skiing.** As advertised in the July Newsletter.

## The Craigieburner Ski Mountaineering Race

This race will be taking place this year on 4 September at Craigieburn Valley Ski Area. As the oldest race of its kind in New Zealand it is certainly unique. Competitors will have the chance to use the lifts or their own steam to race around the mountain. It is essentially a day's ski touring or club field skiing condensed into about 1-2 hours. More information at <http://skimonz.wordpress.com/craigieburner/>

## Volunteer Wardens for Mueller Hut Wanted

The Department of Conservation is seeking volunteer wardens for Mueller Hut, between December and the end of April. Responsibilities include checking trampers in, responding to the 7pm radio call, as well as cleaning the kitchen and toilet. There is plenty of time each day to explore the area. There is no cost to warden at Mueller Hut and accommodation can be provided before and/or after your stay at Mueller in Aoraki/Mount Cook village. Please contact **Catherine Warren** at **cwarren(at)doc.govt.nz** or **03 435 1186** if you are interested or would like more information.

## **Travel Insurance - Service Charge Increase**

As of August 1, 2010 the current \$20 service charge for processing Travel Insurance applications will increase to \$40.

## **CMC Meeting Thursday 16 September**

Come along to the Pioneer Lounge, upstairs at Pioneer Stadium, Lyttelton St, Christchurch to hear Simon Shelton recount his trip to Iran to climb Mt Damavand and ski some of the skifields in the Islamic Republic. Drinks and nibbles from 7.30pm with the talk starting at 8pm.

**Venue: Pioneer Lounge, upstairs at Pioneer Stadium, Lyttelton St.**

## **Subscription Increase from 1 October 2010**

The NZAC CCM resolved at the 16 May meeting that the full member subscription rate will rise to \$105, to match the upcoming GST rise to 15 percent. The full schedule of membership rates from 1 October 2010 will therefore be:

|                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Full Members                          | \$105                       |
| Students & Under 25 years old         | \$70                        |
| Seniors (over 65 years old)           | \$70                        |
| Veteran (35 years of club membership) | \$50                        |
| Additional Members                    | half of the applicable rate |

The NZAC has also revised it's publications prices (more info to come), and confirmed that all hut fees will remain unchanged.

## **New Radios Installed at Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers**

Pionneer, Centennial, Almer and Chancellor huts have all had new radios fitted. Although these huts have long had radios that allowed users to contact DOC regarding weather reports and party intentions; the new devices will also allow users direct contact with helicopter companies to get a lift out of the mountains at their convenience. These were installed in the last week of July as part of a joint effort between: Department of Conservation, The New Zealand Alpine Club, Glacier Helicopters, Fox and Franz Heliservices and The Helicopter Line.

## **Free 6-Month Membership Extension**

Each month, starting with the September membership renewal notices, a special free 6-month membership extension will be given to a lucky member who pays their renewal within 14 days of them being mailed out. A name will be drawn at random from the renewals received and a replacement card will be sent to the lucky member showing their new expiry date. This will apply to any individual or additional member, but doesn't apply to subscription renewals. So when your renewal comes up, get it back to us quick-smart to be in the draw.

## **Equipment Hire**

Please note that the Canterbury / Westland Section have the following to hire to members on Club Trips and Instruction:

- Ice Axes
- Crampons
- Plastic Boots
- Transceivers, Probes and Shovels

These will be available at very competitive rates but are only available for Club Members to hire on Club Trips and Instruction.

For Boots, Axes and Crampons please contact Clayton on 0274461562 or 9607646 and for Transceivers, Probes and Shovels please contact Matt on 3445015.

## Centenary of Freda Du Faur's Historic Climb of Aoraki Mt Cook

There will be a celebration of the event at Mt Cook Village on December 4th. This will involve lots of food, guest speakers and open discussion. Please watch the website for details.

### Publication Price Review

Nine of our publications will increase in member price (Castle Hill, Darran Mountains, Dunedin Rock, Mt Aspiring-3rd ed, Mt Cook, NZ Backcountry Skiing, Rock Deluxe, South Island Rock, Wanaka Rock-2010 ed)

For the rest we will be absorbing the GST rise, apart from eight items that have dropped in price for members:

1. Alpine Journal 2009 - \$10.00
2. Barron Saddle-Mt Brewster guidebook \$20.00
3. Mt Aspiring Guidebook (2nd edition only) \$10.00
4. National Bouldering Series 2010 – Chalky Digits t-shirts women's size 8 (5 only) and 10 (2 only) - \$20.00 ea
5. Photo Competition Posters from 2002-2008 – a selection of \*4\* posters for \$10
6. Taranaki guidebook \$10.00
7. Wanaka Rock 2005 edition \$24.50
8. Wellington Rock guidebook \$20.00

#### Other Sale Items

- Ebenezer Teichelmann (biography) by Bob McKerrow - \$30.00
- Whanganui Rock – 2 for \$45.00 or 3 for \$60.00
- Misprinted guidebooks:  
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/publications/aoraki/mount-cook>  
<http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/tongariro-misprint-special>

#### New Items

- New Publication: Pushing His Luck by Jakob Lauper (new translation by Hillary Low) member/wholesale \$30.00 or \$40.00 rrp + p&p
- New Stock Just Arrived: 10mm Metolius hangers members \$5.00 or non-members \$6.50 + p&p

Orders can be placed online or by email, fax, post or telephone. Online payments can be made with Visa or MasterCard and by NZ bank transfer. Overseas orders are also possible, but please contact the office first, to confirm postage.

Online store: [http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=\\*\\*ALL\\*\\*](http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=**ALL**)  
Specials here: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=44>

### Visitor from Alaska Seeking Ski Partners in October

Scott Fennell is arriving for his first trip to New Zealand in October, and is interested in finding skiing partners for his trip. He plans to fly into the hut system near Mount Cook for approximately 20 days. He is 28, and expresses that he has no strong preferences in partners relating to age, gender, language, or ethnicity. However he states that he would like to find other "snow sliders" (meaning skiers or split-boarders), as opposed to a pure climbing party.

If you are interested please contact him on [scofennell\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:scofennell(at)gmail.com)

# Classified Advertisements

## Equipment Wanted

If any members have boots (especially sizes 7 – 9) they could either donate or sell at a good price to the committee, it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking at having enough gear to use for our winter courses for those members who don't own their own. Anything would be considered as we can't afford to buy everything brand new! Please contact **Clayton Garbes** on **0274 461 562** or **claytongarbes(at)hotmail.com**. Clayton is especially keen on smaller boots – the gear collection needs more of these. Also if members are looking at upgrading their avalanche transceivers and selling their old ones please contact **Matt Vandenberg** on **3445015** or **jcastleton(at)xtra.co.nz**

**Note:** Classified ads only run in the newsletter once unless the editor receives an email asking for the ad to run again.

**Advertising Rates:** Classified ad (max. 50 words or 5 lines plain text) free for NZAC members or \$15 for non-members.

## Flatmate Wanted

Clayton has a double room available in Addington. Carport, large storage shed, vege garden, close to shops, buses and city. Rent is \$110 plus share expenses, bond negotiable. If you are tidy and a non smoker give me a call or txt on **0274461562**.

## Glen Case's Daughter Jess is saving for an Orchestra trip to Europe next year and needs to raise \$5000!

Jess is 15 yrs old and keen to babysit, walk dogs or do odd jobs around the house (prefer New Brighton or east side of town). Jess is very reliable and can provide references. Please phone on **388 0884** or text her on **027 726 1427**.

## 6 new Black Diamond Quicksilver quickdraws for Sale

12 biners with 6 10mm draws between them. They have a straight gate Quicksilver on the top and bent gate Quicksilver on the bottom and are equipped with 10 mm dynex dogbones with Straitjacket.

\$195 for the set or make an offer...

Please Contact Greg on **snowyknight(at)gmail.com**

## SCARPA Cumbre Boots for Sale

Size 41 summer and winter mountaineering boots - almost new.

Please Contact **Jean Kenney** on **jeanjeani(at)gmail.com** or **021-0488-698**.

## La Sportiva Trango S Evo yellow Boots

Size 42, UK 8, USA male 9, Lady 10. new, not yet been climbed in. Please Contact **Jean Kenney** on **jeanjeani@gmail.com** or **021-0488-698**.

# Trip Reports

## Torlesse Trip Report 24 July 2010

Turns out that my email about leaving people behind was more effective than expected, as I was just about the last to arrive at 6.03am. I took it as a good omen, although I'm not sure if everyone took such a positive view. Regardless, shortly later we had arrived at the layaway and we were setting off pretty much on time.

We took a high track to avoid getting our feet wet, although with limited success in the end, as some crossings just couldn't be avoided. Maybe the cold water woke us up, as after a short stop at the hut our leisurely pace turned into something a bit more likely to get us to the top.

The weather kept looking better, with skies turning clearer at around the same time the snow was getting deeper. Tom took the lead, and plugged through a long section for us, causing me to question whether I had bet on the wrong horse for the lead. Ben seemed to charge up the rest to arrive at a beautiful sunny summit. Determination and good fitness saw everyone reach the summit by our 1PM turnaround time, which was fantastic.

We were down in record time, which allowed us to stop and chill out over overpriced refreshments in Springfield.

A great group of people, good weather, and some extra effort from our step plugging heroes made it a really enjoyable day. Thanks: Tom, Matt W, Perri, James, Brad, Steve, Charlie, Matt, Domhnall, Ben, Heather, and Matt C.





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# NZAC Canterbury – Westland Section Events September 2010

| Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday   | Sunday   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--|
|           |           | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>Jon Muir<br>Hotel Grand<br>Chancellor at<br>7.30pm | <b>3</b>  | <b>4 / 5</b><br>Snow 3                                 |  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>CMC Meeting                                       | <b>17</b> | <b>18 / 19</b><br>Craigburn Traverse                   |  |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>Mt Cassidy to<br>Temple Basin<br>Traverse | <b>26</b><br>Bad weather<br>contingency Mt<br>Cassidy Trip |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>  |           |  |  |