

Nelson Marlborough Section



NZ ALPINE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

July 2009

Next Section Evening Amadablam Expedition

Marlborough members note! Next meeting will be held on 15 July at Jerome Waldron's house, 254 Rapaura Rd. Follow the balloons at the gate! Jerome will show photos and talk about his overseas climbing trips, especially Amadablam. Nelson members will carpool, meet at 6pm at Millers Acre (by the Information Centre).

If there is enough interest, we will try to hold section meetings in Marlborough occasionally.

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Trip List

Weekly Tuesday Meets at Vertical Limits and then at the Sprig and Fern in Milton St. Tell Porkies over a pint; a good way to spend a Tuesday evening.

24-26 July - Basic snowcraft course.
8-9 Aug - Mt Paske (Rainbow River). Snowcraft course follow-up (others welcome also). Andrew Smith 543 2600
15-16 Aug - Mt Cupola. Snowcraft course follow-up. (others welcome also). Chris Short 540 3394
22 Aug - Mt Technical. Chris Short 540 3394
5-6 Sept - Mt McKay (Rainbow River). Ben Winnubst 548 7357
19-20 Sept - Mt Dora (Wairau River). Ben Winnubst 548 7357
24-26 Oct - Mt Una (Spenser Mts). Jerome Waldron 03 572 9214
November - Ball Pass. Dates tba. Seb Head, 539 1415
20-29 November - Centennial Hut - Minarets - De la Beche. Skis or snowshoes. Chris Short 540 3394
December - Mt Sefton. Dates tba. Andrew Smith 543 2600
Other club trips will be arranged upon demand, eg Fox Glacier ice climbing, Mt Aspiring.

Notices

Climbing and mountaineering in Colombia. We can give you a hand organising the journey of your life!!! For more info check: www.escaladaencolombia.com. Or call Leyla 021 02542231, or contact: escalandoando@rocketmail.com

Photographic Competition

It's time to get snapping - entries for the NZAC Photographic Competition have officially opened!

The NZAC website has been tweaked this year to enhance the whole online "Photocomp experience". You can now view all the latest online entries for this year, plus winning entries from the last 4 years. You are also able to download the entry form from the NZAC website, and a hard copy of the entry form will be posted to all members as an insert in the next Climber magazine. Entries close 31 July, so get onto it!

All details are available at <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp>

Mt McKinley Expedition May 2011

Terry Cole, Queenstown (NZAC Otago section) is leading this private expedition of 8 climbers. Route: Full traverse up the standard & popular Kahiltna glacier/West buttress and then down the quiet and remote North side via Kartens ridge/Muldrow glacier. If you think that you have what it takes to be part of an exciting adventure or would like more info, contact mob: 0211 846 162 email: tezza.cole@yahoo.com

SUMMER WORK ON FOX GLACIER!

Guides needed October 2009 – April 2010

If you are interested, you need to:

- Be comfortable in and enjoy the outdoors
 - Be physically fit
 - Have an outgoing and enthusiastic manner
 - Hold a relevant work visa
 - Have held a full drivers license for two years (having your Class 2 and Passenger Endorsement is an advantage)
- Application forms obtained from www.foxguides.co.nz
Applications close 31st of July 2009



Kahurangi National Park Management Plan

The new draft plan, just released, contains proposals to trial mountain biking on the Heaphy Track from 1 May to 1 October each year and year-round on the Flora Saddle to Barron Flat and Kill Devil tracks. Submissions are invited, and can only be made on the five matters being reviewed which relate to mountain biking, aircraft, hunting and guided horse trekking access, and consideration of private or commercial accommodation on the Heaphy Track. They are matters that have arisen due to changes in circumstances or policy since the current park management plan came into effect in 2001. Of particular interest to many of us is mountain biking, for more background on this see <http://www.vorb.org.nz/submissions-needed-for-mountain-biking-kahurangi-t97668.html>
Submissions to DoC can be made online.

Trip Reports

Well as you can see, there aren't any because nobody has sent me anything ... and we do enjoy reading about other people's adventures, so don't be shy.

Which is not to say that the editor, at least, has not been active. A few weeks ago, Ben and Rainer had a good day traversing part of the Angelus ridge, over the highest point, and down into the upper Hukere Stream. Lots of ice sculptures in the stream.

And last week, Ben and Jerome tried a steep gully from Ellis Basin onto Winter Peak. In spite of lots of snow, there was virtually no ice on the crux, at the bottom. However, they found a back door access into the gully, above the crux, so all was not lost. Another month, we reckon, it will be all go.