



Nelson Marlborough Section Newsletter

September 2011

Section Evening

Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm in the Recreation Centre (Cambridge Street, Richmond). Gold coin donation.

This meet is the Sections AGM, IT WILL BE BRIEF! This will allow either the President Elect Stu Gray from Auckland to talk to the section and show us some pictures of some of his climbing or if he can not get to this meet Bruce Davies will give a presentation on his visit to Greenland earlier this year. So whichever it is it will be worth the effort to attend this meeting. We hope to see you there.

Delayed - Nelson Section Snowcraft Course 17 – 18 Sept

This has now been cancelled due to a series of setbacks and a new set of regulations, namely the NZAC SOP [Standard Operating Procedure] for holding Basic Snowcraft Courses. The Section Committee are now working through the implications of this SOP and formulating a response to HQ and how to run future Courses. So watch this space for more information.

As stated above this next meet is the Sections AGM and like all Clubs the continuance of an active Club is directly related to the actions of its members and their individual input to their Club. There has only been one new member on the committee in the last 4 years or maybe more years than that!

So if you can help run the section contact Phil Doole or myself [RP] and we can talk to you about what is involved. Presently the Committee meets once a month Feb'y to November on the 1st Monday of the month. At these meets we arrange Section evenings and Speakers, compiling a Trip List, the production of the Newsletter, the Banff Film Festival [This is the biggest task of the year]. We also have the task of contributing to the national Club Committee by, when available, looking at the various reports presented to that committee which meet twice a year with one member of the committee attending those meets to put forward our Sections position on these reports and Club Policy. This take about 1 to 2 hours so not to demanding! Please take a few minutes to consider if you can help your Club.

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News from National Office

Two new items for sale on the NZAC website:

Alpine Guides Technical Manual (\$25) <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/alpine-guides-technical-manual-2011> + p&p

Beyond the Plains DVD (\$20) <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/beyond-the-plains-dvd> + p&p

NZAC National Instruction Courses:

Spaces are filling fast, so if you are thinking of applying I'd get onto it. Here's a link for information and following is a list of the courses and dates:

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses/alpine>

Advanced High Alpine Skills Course – 20-25 Nov 2011

Mountain Skills for Women – 20-25 Nov 2011

High Alpine Skills Course (1) – 19-24 Dec 2011

High Alpine Skills Course (2) – 1-6 Jan 2012

High Alpine Skills Course (3) – 8-13 Jan 2012

Multi-Pitch Alpine Rock Course – 10-15 Mch 2012

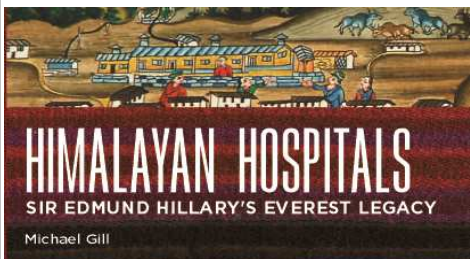
Hope you are all enjoying the new-look NZAC website. It will change a bit as tweaks are made to get it looking just right, but we hope you will like the upgrade. At last the N/M Section details have been corrected although with Mark still away in Europe until the end of November 2011, if there is anything you wish to know contact any member of the Committee, names and numbers listed above in his absence.

The **Photo comp** entries are making an extra splash of colour there at present, so check them out too. (Don't miss out on entering either – closes 31st August 2011)

Section Trip

In light of the information coming to the Committees attention the way the Section has or facilitates trips is under review. The implications of the SOP for Basic Snow Craft may influence how this is to be implemented and advertised in the future. So again watch this space for your committee's deliberations on this subject. If you have any thoughts on a TRIP LIST PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Celebration fund-raising book launch - Sat 17th September - Theatre Royal Nelson - 6.45pm



Ed Hillary built two hospitals in Nepal. For more than thirty years, volunteer couples from New Zealand and Canada worked in these remote places. Using their letters and subsequent interviews, and his own considerable experience of the region, Mike Gill has woven a fascinating story of their experience. The publication of his book - **Himalayan Hospitals - Sir Edmund Hillary's Everest Legacy** – will be launched with style – a night to celebrate Sir Ed.

Wine – snacks – films – music – readings and questions from the floor.

At this **Royal-event** you will meet the author and many of the volunteers; can purchase your own signed copy; have a fun evening; and sense why these hospitals remain flagships of Sir Edmund's 'Everest Legacy'. **Please tell your friends!**

Tickets: \$50 plus booking fee. All proceeds to Sir Edmund's work in Nepal

From: Everyman Records, 249 Hardy Street, Nelson 03 548 3083

Book online at: <http://www.everyman.co.nz/>

Ice Axe Found – Dome Ridge

Marcus Bai reports finding an old, short, ice-axe on Dome Ridge, Ruapehu July 20th. If you think it is yours, he has left it inside the Ruapehu Hut opposite the door.

Winter Instruction Programme

Introduction to Back Country Skiing - September 4th – 9th

This course got rave reviews last year. It is for strong intermediate skiers wishing to progress from the ski field into the back country. Taught by qualified NZMGA Winter Guides you will learn all the skills required to be a safe and efficient ski tourer. The course is based at Canterbury's Mount Olympus Ski field in the Craigieburn Range and all food and accommodation is provided. For more information and an application form go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses/ski>
This may be over now but the details have been included to remind members of what is on offer through the Club.

SAR Mountaineers Wanted

The Aoraki /Mt Cook SAR team is advertising for Summer Mountaineers from Monday 1st of August. People who are interested in working at Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park over the summer follow this link: <https://jobs.govt.nz/>

National Indoor Bouldering Series 2011

After the success of last year's inaugural National Indoor Bouldering Series, the 2011 series is continues. This event is a huge amount of fun, very social, an excellent way to keep your climbing fitness up and a super-duper way of keeping warm in winter! The final date in the series is:

Event 4: The Rockhouse - Mt. Maunganui - Sun 28th August

For further information see: www.org.alpineclub.nz

Newsletter Content

If you have trip reports, news items, gear to sell, trips you want to list, or any other items please send them through by emailing me at the following link. [Newsletter Item](#)

New Discount Offer for NZAC members

Another online store offering member's a discount – 12.5%

<http://www.climbinganchors.com.au/>

In store with membership card or online (code available from office below)

For a full list of member benefits see the NZAC webpage:

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/membership/benefits>

We haven't received any trip reports so like me you will have been on the Ski Fields or your Mountain Bikes trying to keep fit for the Spring and Summer Climbing trips never mind ! If you have been doing anything at all in the hills please let us know as you would be surprised how much other folks like to read about what is happening out there, especially some of our "senior" members who don't get out all that often.

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<http://alpineclub.org.nz/section/nelson-marlborough>