

Nelson Marlborough Section



NZ ALPINE CLUB

NEWSLETTER May 2010

Next Section Evening

The Banff Mountain Film Festival

Saturday 22nd May,
7:30pm at
Annesbrook Church
(Saxton Road West, Stoke).

The NZ Alpine Club in association with World Expeditions is excited to bring you this fantastic event.

Tickets are on sale from the usual ticket outlets, be quick so you don't miss out:

RandR Sports Nelson
Stirling Sports Richmond
Sportsworld Motueka
Sportsworld Blenheim
NZAC Members (with Membership Card) \$12
Children \$12
Non-members \$18

Volunteers Please for Banff Festival

We need 3 or 4 more volunteers to help as car parking marshals, ticket checkers or ushers, starting 5.30pm. Contact Phil Doole 03 54445281

Note: No Section meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th May

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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.

29-30 May – Hopeless Creek Hut

5-7 June QB Weekend possibly Mt Franklyn, contact Jerome W

19-20 Jun – Midwinter capers at (new) Angelus Hut. Suggestions and requests for further trips welcome.

Basic Snowcraft Course

July 23 -25 (Friday evening -Sunday afternoon) Cost \$120.00. You must be a member of the club to go on this course. Based in St Arnaud. The aim of the course is to teach basic mountaineering skills including walking on snow, use of ice axe & crampons, rope work, navigation and equipment. A medium level of fitness is required. Enroll now as this course fills fast. Applications close 19 June. For further information contact Ben Winnubst.

Instructors for Snowcraft Course needed

Please contact Ben Winnubst if you are willing to help.

WANTED! Whoever has the Club's copy of the snowcraft instruction video put together by Charlie Hobbs, please contact Ben as soon as possible.

Notices

Climbing gear for sale

(1) Koflach Womens Viva Soft snow and ice mountaineering boots Made and bought in Austria a number of years ago Size US 7.5, EU 7 (approx. 38) Never been used, still in box with label attached.

Bought for over \$400

(2) Edelweiss Climbing rope

9 or maybe 9.5, 50m Used once on a single pitch rock climb,

bought a number of years ago. Stored in dry dark cupboard. Pink!!

Offers to: Andrea Gerbic minniegg12@gmail.com

Hangdog Campground

Troy from Hangdog Campground called and wants us to let people know they will be closed this winter for maintenance.

The Committee is aware of concerns that Hangdog may be under pressure to comply with the national Campground Regulations.

Jon Muir Tour

NZAC in association with World Expeditions is planning to bring Australian Jon Muir to NZ as our 2010 Visiting Speaker, with Nelson likely to be included on Jon's itinerary on Saturday 4 September:

*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.*

[See list of this year's selection of Banff films on next page]

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Film Menu – Nelson May 2010

Africa Revolutions Tour

USA, 2009, 20 minutes

Focus: White-water kayaking, Sun Catcher's Project (NGO in Africa)

From the crocodile-infested White Nile in Uganda to big-water first descents in Madagascar, a group of friends seek adventure on African rivers. Accompanying the team is Rita Riewerts, the founder of the Sun Catchers Project, a non-profit that installs solar cooking facilities in orphanages, hospitals and communities.

First Ascent: Alone on the Wall

USA, 2009, 24 minutes

Focus: Rock Climbing, free solo climbing

After gaining international climbing renown for his landmark free-solo of "Moonlight Buttress" (V, 5.12+, 9 pitches) in Zion National Park, Utah, 24-year-old Alex Honnold moves on to his next big challenge: the first free-solo of the "Regular Northwest Face" route (VI, 5.12a, 23 pitches) on Yosemite's Half Dome.

Hunlen

Canada, 2009, 12 minutes

Focus: Ice climbing

What happens if you show up to climb one of the biggest frozen waterfalls in Canada -- but it isn't completely frozen? Will Gadd and EJ Plimley battle to do the first ascent of B.C.'s remote Hunlen Falls. Falling ice, fear, big fun!

Kranked – Revolve (Special Edit for Banff Tour)

People's Choice Award on Radical Reels Night

Canada, 2009, 11 minutes

Focus: Mountain biking

The coolest human-powered adrenaline tool ever invented -- the mountain bike? "Revolve" blasts in cinematic glory from the French Alps to the lush coast of B.C., incorporating dirt jump, trail, freeride, slopestyle and downhill.

MedeoZ

France, 2008, 6 minutes

Focus: Multi-sport, humour, family-friendly

Filmed in the Mont Blanc range, this short features six different mountain sports: climbing, skiing, snowboarding, speed riding, paragliding and BASE jumping.

A photographer wants to take one shot showing all the sports, instead of taking separate photos of each sport. It takes a lot of work!

Mustang – Journey of Transformation

USA, 2009, 28 minutes

Focus: Tibetan culture, family-friendly

Lost in time, the Himalayan kingdom of Mustang is one of the last sanctuaries of authentic Tibetan Buddhist culture. However, long isolated by geography and politics, the people struggle to survive, and the centre of their culture -- the 15th-century monasteries and the art within -- is dangerously close to collapse.

Narrated by Richard Gere and featuring the Dalai Lama, the compelling story of the efforts to rescue this ancient place from the brink of extinction and help spark a cultural renaissance.

Project Megawoosh

Special Jury Mention

Germany, 2009, 4 minutes

Focus: Humour, spoof, family friendly

Bruno Kammerl, a German engineer, works to perfect the world's tallest human water slide.

Revolution One

USA, 2009, 10 minutes

Focus: Unicycling

"Revolution One" takes a look into the history, people and places that have defined the rapidly emerging sport of off-road unicycling. Follow world champion unicyclists Kris Holm and Dan Heaton as they display riding that has blown the minds of viewers worldwide.

Ten – A Cameraman's Tale

Switzerland, 2009, 36 minutes

Focus: freeskiing and freeriding

This snowboard/ski freeride documentary gives an insight into the world of freeriding through the lens of cameraman Guido Perrini. Featuring some of the world's best freeriders, including Jeremy Jones, Jonas Emery and Geraldine Fasnacht, in locations from Alaska and Canada to Chile and Russia, the film delves into the passion, joys and dangers that are an everyday part of freeriding. From incredible lines to insane avalanches, "Ten" looks at the behind-the-scenes world of freeride filmmaking.