

# Nelson Marlborough Section



NZ ALPINE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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## Next Section Evening

### **Traversing Greenland to Summit Camp: Experiences of working for the National Science Foundation**

**Wednesday 21 July, 7:30pm at the Recreation Centre  
(Cambridge Street, Richmond). Gold coin donation.**

Bruce Davies has done several stints as support mechanic for expeditions on the Greenland ice cap. Much basic research is done here, and Bruce has stunning photos and wild tales to back it up.

## **The Committee**

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## **Annual General Meeting**

The Section AGM will be held on 18 August - please consider joining the Committee. We have friendly arguments and it's a great way to keep in touch with what's happening at Section level, national level, access and protection issues, etc.

## **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.**

7-8 Aug – Snowcraft Course follow-up: Mt Bounds (Waihopai Valley). Contact Ben Winnubst 548 7357  
Date tba – Tapuaeouenuku & Alarm from the Clarence valley.  
Jerome Waldron ph 03 572 9214  
28-29 Aug – Mt Travers. Camp in Summit Ck. Also suitable as a snowcraft course follow-up. Contact Ben Winnubst 548 7357  
11-12 Sep – Ella Range tops traverse. MTB and high camp.  
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Suggestions and requests for further trips welcome.

## **Section Trip to Upper Tasman Glacier**

A trip to this area is planned for 28 November - 4 December, to fly in from Franz Josef. The principal objective is a climb of Mt Elie de Beaumont. Expressions of interest to Chris Short - contact details above (Chris will be away 16 June-16 July).

## **Trip Report: Angelus Midwinter Madness**

The weather forecasts for 19/20 June sounded pretty wild, nevertheless several members decided to test their wet weather gear and their powers of endurance. The forecast was spot on, and much rain fell. By the time they got back on Sunday and into the Belgrove Tavern, all was soon forgotten and they claimed to have really enjoyed themselves.

On the following weekend, the forecast was much better, and the second wave of revellers (well only two, actually) braved very strong winds along the Robert Ridge. But it wasn't too cold, and it didn't rain. Sunday dawned fine and clear, and Mt Angelus was climbed, in reasonable snow conditions. No ice at all in Lake Angelus, although Hinapouri Tarn had a thin layer, but it didn't look enough to support any fool who wanted to walk on water.

## **Notices**

### Anne River Hut burnt down

This hut on the St James Walkway has been completely destroyed by fire. It was a key hut on this route, it is now 30km between major huts (13 hours+). The Anne Cullers Hut (4 bunks) still exists near this site.

It's amazing what some people will do to keep warm in the winter - (but incinerating the hut is bad form).

### Metolius 10mm Hangers

We have a new supply of 10mm hangers for sale. Members \$5ea, Non-members \$6.50ea + freight. Orders can be placed online or direct from the National Office:  
<http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=28>

### NZAC Photo Competition now accepting entries

The annual Photo Competition is now open and we are hoping to surpass 2009 and get 1000 entries. There is an entry form in the latest Climber, or you can enter online via the NZAC website. <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp/2010>

Alpine Recreation, of Tekapo has put forward an Alpine Instruction Course worth \$1800 for the winner of the "youth" category. This constitutes 20 years and under on June 15, and NZAC membership isn't necessary. If you know of any keen young outdoor photographers, why not encourage them to enter. This is a great prize!

It's never been easier to enter, so be in to win \$6000 worth of prizes from Marmot, Scarpa, Image Lab and Alpine Recreation. Entries close 30 July.

### Climbs over 7000m – Insurance

Our travel insurance provider would like to gain a better understanding of the demand for insurance for climbs over 7000m. They are looking at the possibility of underwriting cover on individual consideration and depending on the degree of difficulty of the climb and the member's experience. If members that have, or are looking to, climb above this height could provide feedback on what they would want from cover, where they have climbed, difficulty of various peaks/climbs, their experience, or any other information they believe would be useful, please email [Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

### New Book Available – Pushing His Luck

The report of the Expedition and Death of Henry Whitcombe by Jakob Lauper. A new translation and commentary by Hilary Low. We will be stocking copies of this new book, for a limited time, at a discounted member price of \$30.00 + \$4 p&p (non members \$40 + p&p). A review of this publication will be published in the Spring 'The Climber' Issue #73. Sales will become available from July 1st from the National Office and online: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/pushing-his-luck>