

Nelson Marlborough Section



NZ ALPINE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Next Section Evening

Climbing in Canada : Canadian Alpine Club expeditions and summer camps

Wednesday 18 August, 7:30pm at the Recreation Centre (Cambridge Street, Richmond). Gold coin donation.

Peter Hancock is a geologist who has recently semi-retired to Nelson. Canada has a variety of remote, difficult climbs, as well as superb scenery and easier trekking. If I ever get bored with Kiwi climbing, here's a place to visit, and Pete will give you some ideas.

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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.

14-15 Aug – The Camel, from Hamilton River. Easy access, nice ridge. Ruth Hesslyn ruthfrogsend@ts.co.nz
21-22 Aug – Snowcraft Course follow-up: Mt Bounds (Waihopai Valley). Hut. Contact Ben Winnubst 548 7357
Mt Angelus or Mt Owen – Richard Pearson will lead a trip to either peak, either a weekend or mid-week, between 21 Aug and 12 Sep. Contact him if interested. 548 7052
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. Ben Winnubst 548 7357
18-19 Sep – Mt Cupola. Contact Chris Short 03 540 3394
Suggestions and requests for further trips welcome.
15-17 Oct – Mt Hopeless couloir and south ridge. Experience essential. Contact Ben Winnubst 548 7357
23-25 Oct – Tapuaeouenuku & Alarm from the Clarence valley. Camp. Jerome Waldron ph 03 572 9214

Mt Brewster

November – Mt Brewster (Haast Pass). Fitness needed. About 4 days, date depends on weather, contact Seb Head 539 1415

Pioneer Hut, Fox Glacier

12-19 Dec approx. Club trip to climb moderate peaks such as Haast, Lendenfeld, Haidinger. Some experience and confidence on snow essential. Fly in and out. Contact Ben Winnubst 548 7357

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.

Trip Report: Basic Snowcraft Course

The weather forecasts for 24-25 July were kind to us, and the group of 12 students and 3 instructors spent a busy two days at Rainbow skifield. Not a lot of snow at that time, but it had the advantage of being more compact for practising skills, without tedious snow plugging. Everyone enjoyed it, even when we got chased off down the mountain on Sunday by snow showers.

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@alpineclub.org.nz if you don't require an instant reply. Thanks

Alpine Journal UK

Does anyone have a copy of the 1960 Number 301, November, Volume 2 Journal that they would like to donate to the NZAC reference library, please? We also have some other volumes from the 1960's that need replacing. We may be able to arrange a swap if you'd prefer, perhaps? If you can assist, please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Volunteer Wardens for Mueller Hut Wanted

Want to spend a week in Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park this summer? The Department of Conservation is seeking volunteer wardens for Mueller Hut, a 28 bunk hut at 1800 m on the Sealy Range.

Wardens select a week, generally Monday to Monday, to spend at the hut between December and the end of April. After an orientation to the job on Monday morning, wardens climb up to the hut, move into the wardens quarters (a room with two bunks, a stove and small library) and provide information about the area to hut visitors. Major responsibilities include checking trampers in, responding to the 7 pm radio call (weather report and check-in), as well as cleaning the kitchen and toilet. There is plenty of time each day to explore the area and enjoy stunning views over Mount Sefton, Aoraki and the Hooker Valley.

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@doc.govt.nz or 03 435 1186 if you are interested or would like more information.