



## Nelson Marlborough Section Newsletter

June 2011

### Section Evening

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Richmond Town Hall**

Come along and hear Dave Blunt talk about his trip to Mt Alexandra and Mike Drake talk about his trip to Irovy Lake.

### Past The Climber Magazines

With the recent visit of Tamotsu Nakamura, we have had a request to help complete the Japanese Alpine Club's set of Climber magazines.

We are short a few copies and this is a request to see if any members have the following issues that we could send on to the JAC Library.

Issues: 2; 9; 13; 14 and 16 . If you can assist please send to Margaret at the NZAC, PO Box 786, Christchurch 8140 – Thank you

### NZAC Annual Photographic Competition

Entries for the NZAC Annual Photographic Competition will open on July 1st , so get those fingers snapping! Great prizes to be won and the chance to have your photos feature in the NZAC Calendar and the Climber Magazine. Judging will be later than usual this year – mid September - and entries will close on August 31st. Results in the summer edition of The Climber

### Leading high altitude climber to speak in Christchurch and Auckland in September

Maybe you read Marty Schmidt's remarkable story in the autumn edition of The Climber magazine? Marty is without a doubt New Zealand's strongest high altitude climber with five 8000m peaks to his name. In 2010 alone he added Makalu, Gasherbrum 1 and Gasherbrum 2 to his previous tally of Kanchenjunga and Cho Oyu. He has also come very close to summiting a number of others 8000m giants including Everest (two attempts) and K2 (two attempts).

Marty remains relatively unknown in New Zealand, possibly because he hasn't climbed the only peak that registers with the public these days- Everest! But his ascents of Kanchenjunga and Makalu are in a league of their own and for this reason his presentations in Christchurch and Auckland are not to be missed.

Marty will be speaking on his career as a high altitude climber and mountain guide: Christchurch: September 23rd; 7.30pm, Cashmere Club, 5, O Colombo St. Auckland :September 29th: Auckland University Bldg, 401-439 / 29 Symonds St. Watch the website for details of ticket sales later in the month.

Still places available on the Introduction to Back Country Skiing Course

There are still places available on this course to be held at Mt Olympus Ski Field from September 4th – 9th. If you've even wanted to escape the ski fields and head into the backcountry but haven't known how, this is the course for you.

Participants will learn how to be safe and efficient on skis in the mountains. Topics include: equipment, trip planning, terrain analyses, avalanche analyses, avalanche victim search etc. Suitable for strong intermediate skiers or better.

Go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instructioncourses/alpine/intermediate-ski-mountaineering>

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### Section Trips

#### Mid Winter Christmas

17 July – Angelus Hut

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#### Ice Climbing – Scott's Creek

Mid July

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#### Lewis Pass Tops – Days Trips

Mid July

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#### Snowcraft Course

29-31 July – St Arnaud

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#### Mt Dora

13 – 14 Aug

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## Check out the National Courses being planned for next summer!

Planning for next summers National Instruction Programme is already underway with an expanded schedule of courses on offer for Club members. The courses are run by NZMGA qualified guides and are incredibly good value for money. They are for those members who have been through the Clubs basic instruction programme or equivalent and want to 'up' their skills.

- o High Alpine Skills
- o Advanced High Alpine Skills
- o Mountain Skills for Women
- o Introduction to Multi-pitch Alpine Rock Climbing

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

*Nb. Applications for these courses open next week.*

## Winter Instruction Programme

Applications are now open for the three winter instruction courses on offer for 2011.

### 1) Introduction to Leading on Ice - July 2nd-4th

This was a great hit last year and is for those with some alpine experience who want to get to grips with the physical and mental challenge of leading steep ice. The course will be based at Fox Glacier and the instruction carried out on the lower ice fall. Participants will make their way to Fox Glacier on the night of the 2nd and return late on the evening of the 4th. Accommodation is at the NZAC Porter Lodge.

Go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses/alpine> for further info and an application form.

### 2) 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>

### 3) Mountain Skills for Youth - June 4th-6th

Based at the NZAC Lodge at Arthurs Pass, this course is for teenagers 14-18 years on June 1st 2011. Taught by qualified instructors, it aims to give youngsters the basic skills of mountaineering in a safe and controlled environment. Its envisaged participants will come away from the course with the skills to take part in a basic club trip or a more advanced instruction course.

For more information and an application form go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses/alpine>

## The NZ Mountain Film Festival

NZMFF is starting a new competition for 2011. We are inviting film makers from NZ and around the world, amateurs and professionals, to take some raw film footage (30 minutes) from a Wanaka based "Carbon Free" adventure and turn it into a 3 minute film for judging and screening. The competition starts on June 10th and editors have just a week to make and submit their film. They will undergo a pre-judging by the Chief Judge, and then the best 10 films will be displayed on our web page and also screened during the festival for festival visitors to judge and pick their favourite. The three finalists will be re-shown on the last evening of the festival (July 5) and the winner announced. There is a big USD\$1000 first prize. Entries open June 1.

1. [http://www.mountainfilm.net.nz/nzmff\\_filmeditingcompetition.html](http://www.mountainfilm.net.nz/nzmff_filmeditingcompetition.html)

## National Indoor Bouldering Series 2011

After the success of last year's inaugural National Indoor Bouldering Series, the 2011 series is due to start at the end of May. 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 dates are:

**Event 2:** Hangdog – Wellington - Sun 26th June

**Event 3:** Extreme Edge – Auckland - Sun 31st July

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

For further information see: [www.org.alpineclub.nz](http://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**

Macpac are offering a 20% discount off RRP for all NZAC members. (Sign up to the loyalty club must occur. It's free to join <http://www.macpac.co.nz/macpac-wilderness-club/mwc-info> ). Discount applies for in store purchases only at this stage as you will need to show your active NZAC membership card.

For a full list of member benefits see the NZAC webpage: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/membership/benefits>

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