



## Nelson Marlborough Section Newsletter

September 2010

### Section Evening

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Richmond Town Hall

#### *Mount Cook via the North Ridge*

Ollie Clifton, the clubs Executive Officer, will be joining us for the September meeting. Ollie visited the Mount Cook National Park over the summer and climbed Mount Cook via the North Ridge. He has some fantastic photos for us and will give us an update on the clubs strategic plan for 2010 – 2015. Exciting developments include the upgrade to Unwin Hut, a new Website on the way and a focus on developing intermediate instruction programmes for the coming summer.

#### New Newsletter Format

Welcome to the new newsletter format. As technology moves ahead so have we so this newsletter comes to you embedded in an email with a PDF copy attachment still included. We are keen to get as many members as possible to contribute 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 Zealand Mountain Film Festival

We are proposing a screening of the popular New Zealand Mountain Film festival for the evening of Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> at Vertical Limits in Nelson. The festival is an annual event held in Wanaka and the section has managed to negotiate with the organisers to bring a selection of the best films to Nelson for a one night screening. More details will follow about time and ticket prices and sales outlets.

#### DOC Aerial in Mount Olive – Feedback Sought

DOC are considering putting a radio repeater on Mount Olive, a mountain 12km south west of the Twins, an outlier of the Arthur Range past the Baton Valley. This trial aims to improve their radio network coverage in the Karamea and Leslie Valleys. They are seeking feedback from individuals and clubs on this proposal. If you have any feedback on this please follow the link to send an email to [Phil Doole](#) about this.

#### Controversy Over Renaming of Ridge

A storm of controversy has arisen over a proposal by the Geographic Board to rename the South Ridge of Mount Cook the Hillary Ridge. Most members of the Alpine Club have a very strong view, including the Nelson Marlborough Committee, that the South Ridge should remain just that. Sir Ed would not have wanted the ridge named after him and we feel there would be more suitable ways of preserving his legacy. Perhaps a new hut in the Ball Pass area with a view of the South Ridge would be more appropriate. If you have feedback about this, follow the link to express your view. [Give Feedback](#)

#### Upcoming Club AGM - Christchurch

The Alpine Clubs AGM is to be held in Christchurch on Friday 15 Oct, 7pm start: As

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### Upcoming Trips

#### Mt Cupola

18-19 Sep - Contact Chris Short  
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#### Mt Hopeless & Couloir

15-17 Oct – Contact Ben Winnubst  
03 548 7357  
[ben.winnubst@nmhs.govt.nz](mailto:ben.winnubst@nmhs.govt.nz)

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23-25 Oct – Contact Jerome Waldron  
03 572 9214  
[jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz)

#### Mt Brewster

November – Mt Brewster (Haast Pass).  
Fitness needed. About 4 days, date depends on weather, contact Seb Head 03 539 1415  
[sebastian.head@gmail.com](mailto:sebastian.head@gmail.com)

#### 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

with last year a debate will be held as part of the evening's entertainment. The debate topic this year will be the potential re-naming of the South Ridge of Aoraki Mt Cook It is usually a great evening with much hilarity and a chance to catch up and network with others from around the country. Look out for further details in the next Climber.

### **Unwin Hut Fundraising Progress**

A fantastic response to a request for members to loan funds to the club for the upgrade to Unwin has seen around \$215,000 pledged in low interest member loans. With around \$140,000 also pledged by sections from reserve funds and existing hut reserves the Unwin project is all go. Work can begin this coming summer and the iconic Unwin Hut will get a much needed upgrade to see it through the next 50 years as the clubs flagship hut.

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#### **Upper Tasman Glacier**

Proposed 28 Nov - 4 Dec.

Fly in from Franz Josef. The principal

objective is a climb of Mt Elie de Beaumont.

Expressions of interest to Chris Short

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