



REMINDER. SECTION MEETING

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 7:30PM, IN THE MEETING ROOMS OF THE INVERCARGILL PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 50 DEE STREET.

SPEAKER: ALISTAIR WALKER

Section meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every second month at 7:30pm. To cover room hire and supper, there is a \$3.00 door charge. Non-members are warmly invited to come along and join us. For more information regarding the New Zealand Alpine Club, contact the Section Chairman Ron McLeod on (03) 217 6727 or r.m.mcleod@extra.co.nz

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE¹

Some of the more gifted amongst you may have noticed a subtle change in the editorial style of the newsletter. At the last AGM, after years of service, Robin McNeill finally found a ~~sueker~~ volunteer willing to take over editing responsibility. Going forward, please send any submissions such as trip reports, photos or ideas and suggestions to chrisjohncasey@gmail.com and I'll do my best to faithfully represent them in the Section newsletter. But rest assured, no Microsoft software will be used or harmed in the making of the news sheet.

THE ABOMINABLE SNOWPEOPLE

The annual ACR ski-trip saw Ron McLeod and his merry bunch head off to Cardrona for what turned out to be a cou-

¹-except from a vending machine [Robert C. Gallagher]



Yeti checking his txts

in sub-zero temperatures at Chez McLeod.

Some complained of the cold, but personally I found sleeping in a Macpac Sanctuary 700XP bag (rated comfortable at -7°C), whilst wearing thermals, socks, a fleece and beanie rather cosy indeed. Up and away early the next morning we headed up to the skifield via BP Frankton for coffee, snacks and a thaw-out under a hand-dryer, in time (almost) for the first lift. At the carpark we met up with Korri Kreutzer, an American woman and friend of the Section from her time in Invercargill, who joined us for the weekend's snowsports. The weather was superb, and Yeti was sighted at the mountain restaurant.



Fingers Four Formation. Tally Ho!

We also stayed in Korri's lovely new house at Hawea Flat (lying in various states amongst strewn cushions across the floor and couch after too much of Ron's (in)famous Tincture.) Korri's partner Jeff was off climbing ice at Wye Creek with Peter O'Neill during that day and the two of them added to the cosy crowd when arriving rather controversially late back from the Remarks.

Day two's weather was even better and by mid afternoon everyone was completely knackered. The trip back South saw



Ron checking his eyelids

detritus for an evening. *Chris Casey*

the previous evening's Drambuie/Whiskey-fueled conversations catch up on Ron. All in all, a fantastic trip with great company, blue skies, more than average snow and a special thanks to Korri and Jeff for allowing us to clutter up their crib with human

CLIMBING CAMP 2012

Registration for Climbing Camp 2012 now open. This summer's Climbing Camp will be held at Aoraki/Mt Cook, courtesy of the South Canterbury section. The base will be the new improved Unwin Lodge, and participants will be able to book a bunk, or camp and use the hut facilities.

For information and a registration form, go to

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/event/annual-climbing-camp>

MARTY SCHMIDT

New Zealand's most successful 8000m climber will be speaking in Christchurch and Auckland during September.

Marty's climbing record is second to none: 23 ascents of Aoraki/Mount Cook, Mt Tasman 7x and Mt Aspiring 16x; 34 ascents of Aconcagua via 6 various routes; 28 ascents of Denali 6 routes, including the Cassin and 2 new routes, Mt Foraker 5x (63 hours BC, summit BC Soltana ridge), Mt Hunter 3x; 6 ascents of Cho Oyu, world speed record 10:45 hours and a 13 hour one day climb with a ski descent from the summit to the end of the snow at Camp 1. Ascents of Kanchanjunga, second Kiwi ascent, first without O2, Everest and K2 to 8350m (North and South sides on both), Seven Summits, Trekking Peaks, Ama Dablam, Big Walls of Yosemite, etc. In May 2010 Marty summited Makalu, the fifth highest mountain in the world at 8,485m. In traditional 'Marty style' he didn't use any porters or any supplementary oxygen to get to the summit, becoming the first NZer to do so! Just before his summit, on summit day he rescued 3 climbers, one being above 8,200 meters. After climbing Makalu, Marty also successfully climbed Gasherbrum 2 (8,034m) guiding it and then a 2 day ascent of Gasherbrum 1 (8,080m) again without the aid of porters or bottled oxygen on the mountains.



Christchurch

When: September 23, 7.30pm

Where: The Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo St.

Tickets: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Available: Bivouac Outdoors, Macpac, The Roxx Climbing Centre, the NZAC National Office and online at <https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/marty-schmidt>

Auckland

When: September 29th 7.30pm.

Where: Auckland Uni Engineering Bldg; 401 Symonds St.

Tickets: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Available: Bivouac Outdoors, Outdoor Action and at Section evenings.

SUMMER INSTRUCTION COURSES

Instruction courses for this summer almost full.

The Mountain Skills for Women and Advanced High Alpine Skills courses are now full.

There are still limited spaces left on the High Alpine Skills Courses (three alternative dates) and on the Intro to Multi Pitch Alpine Rock Climbing Course.

For more information on the courses go to

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

PHOTOCOMP 2011

Photocomp is later than usual this year, so the results won't make it into the next Climber Mag - Summer Edition. However judging night is Thursday 15 September, and the results will be sent out via email, and will appear on the NZAC website:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp>

WEEKEND TRIPS & EVENING CLIMBING

Anyone interested in being on an email list that can be used to rally people for weekend climbing, or mountaineering trips or if you or anyone you know are keen to join in on weekly evening climbing/bouldering trips going to Omaui, Castle Downs, Colac Bay, or Bluff, then please contact Em Oyston on em.oyston@gmail.com

THE FINAL WORD

A linguistics professor was lecturing to his class one day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative."

"However," he pointed out, "there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."



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