

North Otago Section New Zealand Alpine Club

Newsletter

April 2009

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2009, 7-30pm. All welcome.

Where: Murray Judge's residence at 11 Arun Street, Oamaru

Guest Speaker: Holiday slide and photo night. We will have a digital and slide projector available for people to use. Please bring your climbing and related photos along. Wine and cheese will be served.

Last meeting: Noel Pullan gave a presentation on his recent tramp from Martins Bay to the Cascade River following the coastline. This spectacular and remote area is rarely visited. Noel had some great pictures to illustrate his talk.

Climbing News:

Hugh Wood has been climbing in the Kirklistons, (the range is named after a village near Edinburgh in Scotland), and Awakino seed collecting. He has been botanizing on Mt Studholm, snowed off Ben Ohau while looking for "pink peas". He was thrilled to find a "grey dandelion" instead.

Nick and Dara Shearer ski toured and climbed to the top of Mt Yotei, the highest dormant volcano in Hokkaido, Japan.

Rob Connolly and Dave climbed Mt Aspiring via the South West Ridge in November. They down-climbed the West Face!

Murray Judge was in Australia climbing at Arapiles again in November, this time with John Hamilton, Nick Shearer, Ross Cullen, Jeremy Shearer and Peter Platts.

John Hamilton has been up to Brewster Hut.

Murray Judge's News:

I had 4 weeks off so had a few trips based in Wanaka. Bron and I went up to N Face of Mt Moir in the Darrans, where Nick Cradock, Murray Ball and Milo were working on a new line right of the roof on the North face.

We shared the bivy site on top of the Little Brother - an airy spot with some flat tent sites and a 200m drop just over the edge. We went to the top of the Moir slab routes and replaced all the belays and most of the bolts; the old hand drilled 1/4 inch bolts were badly rusted and unusable. We had 5 days of fine weather then retreated to Wanaka as the cloud bank rolled up Milford Sound and the Cleddau.

Next trip was to Chinaman's Bluff and some crag climbing and looking at a new piece of rock, then round to the Routeburn Valley, over Sugarloaf Pass to the Rockburn and Lake Sylvian. A couple of days cragging at Wanaka followed, and wind surfing then a week back at work.

We then headed up the Moeraki Valley looking at birds and up to the saddle which looks into the Paringa catchment and Tunnel Burn. Back to Wanaka, mountain biking and more windsurfing. I went back to Moir N face with Steve Carr last weekend and we climbed a 3 pitch new line right of Lapland on the slabs - 19, 23, 17; lovely climbing with solid rough rock. There were lots of climbers in the Darrans, on Moir's Mate, and in the Macpherson and Lake Adelaide areas.

Hire Gear:

4 new Black Diamond ice axes: \$5/day members, \$10/day non-members. These axes are brand new. 3 different lengths.

4 sets of avalanche safety gear including a transceiver, snow shovel and avalanche probe.
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NZAC Photocomp Trophies

Our grateful thanks go to volunteer Julie Proven, for her research efforts that have provided us with some historical information on the NZAC's various trophies and winners for the Photocomp and National Boulder Series. Over time this information will be added to the Club's website. As a result of this work, we would like to ask members if anyone may know the whereabouts of our three missing Photocomp trophies? They may have ended up in the back of the garage, or be stored away in a roof somewhere, so please have a read to see if the following items sound familiar to you. Perhaps you may even be able to supply a photograph of yourself, or a family member, with one of these prizes? That would also be appreciated to add to our archival records.

Featured is the John Harrison Memorial Trophy – the only one found to date. It hangs in pride of place at Unwin Lodge, Mt Cook.

Missing are the:

1. Dorflinger Trophy – a wooden carving of the flower *Dactylanthus Taylorii*
2. Guide Alack Challenge Cup – sorry no description (could be a cup, painting, carving?)
3. Egmont-Tasman Trophy (also called the Syme Trophy) – a timber plaque with strips recording winners and featuring the two mountains. It was displayed at Unwin Lodge at one time.

Should any of the above be found, we would love to have them returned so that they can be displayed and preserved for the future, in our National Library.

If you have any further information that could of interest, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Climber #63 - Sir Edmund Hillary Tribute Edition

We have discovered a box of spare stock, where previously we thought there were none left.

Should anyone who missed out on purchasing a copy of this issue wish to obtain a copy,

please contact the National Office Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz Members \$3 per copy, plus \$2 p&p

For a list of other past "The Climber" spares for sale, please see the NZAC webpage, under Publications here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/351>

Vertical Ventures

Local member Rob Connolly has started a new company "Vertical Ventures". He is planning to offer his skills as a qualified outdoor instructor to the general public looking for organised and safe adventure especially courses on rock climbing and indoor climbing. This would suit individuals, private groups, company groups, church groups, or educational establishments. Rob also hires out new mountain bikes.

Please ring Rob if you need further details 021 894 427

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