

North Otago Section NZAC
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July 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st July, 2010

Time: 7.30pm

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

Section Speakers: Hugh Wood on his latest visit to Turkey. We also have a DVD featuring historic film footage from the building of Aspiring, Elcho and Unwin Huts.

Last Section Meeting: In Timaru with the South Canterbury Section NZAC. **Peter Cammell** spoke on "How to do lots of climbing successfully from an Auckland base".

Climbing News:

Various members including George Armstrong and Nick Shearer have been climbing at Hanging Rock. George returned the following weekend to climb with Murray Judge and Jeremy "hung 30 seconds on a crimper" Smit.

Jeremy also traversed Mt Roy and Mt Alpha near Wanaka.

Murray has been rock climbing at Mt Somers.

Rob Connolly has been climbing on various crags in Europe including the Peak and Lake District, Dartmoor, Pembroke, Wales and Fontainbleu.

Hugh Wood has been botanizing in Turkey in the area of Lake Vann. He visited the snow fields of the Kavasahap Daglar at 3000m.

Nick, David and Jeremy Shearer, along with Aaron Giller, Tuhi and Sam Mueller, traversed Ball Pass in wintery conditions in late May.



Climbing Wall News

A small extension was made to the wall by John Hamilton, reducing the size of the "arch". This structure doubles as cupboard on the opposite side, providing storage space for the new ropes, harnesses and shoes bought with recent grant money.

"Fun Climbing Competition" - Twizel

9 local climbers and 2 belayers attended the competition in Twizel at the beginning of May. Placings were as follows: John Hamilton 1st mens Grand Masters Lead Climb; Aidan Haig 1st mens 35-50yrs Top Rope; Tuhi Mueller 1st mens 18-35yrs Top Rope; George Armstrong 2nd mens 18-35yrs Lead Climb and 3rd 18-35yrs Top Rope; Jamie Searle 2nd mens 15-17 yrs Top Rope; Violet Lawson 1st 17-18 womens Top Rope; Kulani Aplin 1st womens 15-16yrs Top Rope; William Harrison 1st mens 13-14yrs top rope; Fergus Farrell 3rd mens 16-17yrs Top Rope.

Metolius 10mm Hangers

We have a new supply of 10mm hangers available for sale. Members \$5ea, Non-members \$6.50ea + freight.

Orders can be placed online or direct from the National Office:

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=28>

Introduction to Back Country Skiing

Because of unforeseen demand we have now employed a third guide for the NZAC **Introduction to Back Country Skiing** course and there is space for two more participants.

The course is for strong intermediate skiers (or better) with good fitness who would like to learn the skills to take to the back country on their skis. The guides are NZMGA guides Nick Craddock, Al Moore and Adrian Camm. The ratio is 1:4.

The course runs from the afternoon of Sept 5 until the afternoon of Sept 10. It is based at Mt Olympus Ski Field, and costs \$1250. This includes instruction, accommodation, food, and daily one-off lift pass for access.

For further information go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/24>

Summer Instruction Programme

Details of the **NZAC Summer Instruction Programme** will be announced within the next few weeks. The courses in the planning are:

- The Freda Du Faur Mountain Skills for Women
- High Alpine Skills Course

Alpine Rock: multi-pitch rock climbing skills

Watch this space!

NZMGA Photo Competition now accepting entries

The annual **Photo Competition** is now open and we are hoping to surpass 2009 and get 1000 entries.

There is an entry form in the latest Climber, which everyone should have by now, or you can enter on line via the NZAC website. <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp/2010>
You can also view the entries via the site and keep up with your competition.

Alpine Recreation, of Tekapo has put forward an Alpine Instruction Course worth \$1800 for the winner of the youth category. This constitutes 20 years and under on June 15, and NZAC membership isn't necessary. If you know of any keen young outdoor photographers, why not encourage them to enter. This is a great prize!

It s never been easier to enter, so be in to win \$6000 worth of prizes from **Marmot, Scarpa, Image Lab** and **Alpine Recreation**.

New Book Available From July – PUSHING HIS LUCK

The report of the Expedition and Death of Henry Whitcombe by Jakob Lauper. A new translation and commentary by Hilary Low. We will be stocking copies of this new book, for a limited time, at a discounted member price of \$30.00 + \$4 p&p (non members \$40 + p&p) A review of this publication will be published in the Spring 'The Climber' Issue #73. Sales will become available from July 1st from the National Office and online: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/pushing-his-luck>

Volunteer Speaker Wanted

Just getting in touch to see if we have any volunteers out there to be the speaker at a Mature Mountaineers Meeting.

We haven't been able to hold a meeting since February and it would be great to find a speaker and arrange another event.

If you are interested or have any suggestions, please contact Ollie Ollie@alpineclub.org.nz

NZAC Alpine Journals for Sale

For sale - A complete set of NZAC Alpine Journals from 1947-2009.
Offers – please call Ron Mundell 06 759 4332 or fax him on 06 759 4335

Summer Migrant – book wanted

Cliff Peady would like to ask members if they have a copy of 'Summer Migrant the mountain writings of Nicholas Reeves' that they no longer want.
If so, would they please email him cliffpeady@gmail.com

Stolen Climbing Equipment

The following items were stolen from a vehicle that was parked at the Mt Cook Airport Carpark on the 1st or 2nd June 2010)

La Sportiva "Katana" rock climbing shoes
4x HB Curved Nuts # 3,4,5,6
10x Black Diamond Nuts # 4-#13 inclusive
1x Black Diamond Nut tool
7x Wild Country Rockcentric Dyneema Set #3-#9 incl.
4x Rock Empire 60cm sewn Slings
4x Beale Pyneema 60cm sewn slings
4x Ocuca Straight Gate Karabiners, Snaplink
8x Omega Pacific Bent Gate Karabiners, Snaplink
1x Black Diamond "Venom" Ice Tool, with lockdown leash
Pr "Quagmire" Sea to Summit Goretex gaiters
1x Black Diamond Chalk Bag

Also a Macpac Olympus tent (blue), near new Scarpa Zero Hiking Boots (size 8-9), and a hammer ice tool with lots of duct tape on the handle.

If any person has information relating to the theft or have come across the listed items could you please contact Constable Joe Rush at the Twizel Police Station.

joseph.rush@police.govt.nz

Climbs over 7000m – Insurance

Our travel insurance provider would like to gain a better understanding of the demand for insurance for climbs over 7000m. They are looking at the possibility of underwriting cover on individual consideration and depending on the degree of difficulty of the climb and the member's experience. If members that have, or are looking to, climb above this height could provide feedback on what they would want from cover, where they have climbed, difficulty of various peaks/climbs, their experience, or any other information they believe would be useful, would they please email Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz Thank you.

Travel Insurance – Service Charge Increase

As from August 1st, 2010 the current \$20 service charge for processing NZAC Travel Insurance applications will increase to \$40.

Awakino Ski Field

The ski club field at Awakino is open for business this winter, with good snow cover. Only open in weekends, it is best to check the website www.skiawakino.com or contact John Hamilton 03 434 9781 before heading up.



Lisa Shearer inspects the rope tow mechanism at Awakino recently.

From The Newsletter Editor: Please email or phone your climbing, outdoor, mountain-related news to the Editor: Nick Shearer, shearer@es.co.nz ph 03 4345946