

**North Otago Section NZAC
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November 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: The Christmas Bar-B-Que

When: Wednesday 1st December.

Time: 5.00pm onwards

Where: Elephant Rocks near Duntroon.

Bring your climbing shoes, chalk bag, some food for the BBQ and beverage of your choosing. There will be a BBQ on site.

Last Section Meeting: Peter Curzon gave a presentation “**Trekking in the Karakoram**” Peter had some amazing photos from this recent trip on which he explored the Baltoro Glacier.

New Members: A warm welcome to Antonio Santos and Alicia Guerra, from Spain, who have joined our section.

Climbing News:

Alicia and Antonio:

-Learning to tramp the kiwi way (plus umbrella) along the Greenstone-Caples track, the East and West Matukituki valleys, and the Makarora- Siberia via Gillespie and Crucible lake.

-Keeping Jeremy company in his "3 peaks in a day" project (Totara- Benmore- Sutherland)

-Rock climbing in Mt Somers, Doctor's Point, and several crags in Wanaka. (Ed – At Mt Somers Antonio and Alicia were fortunate enough to see a fine demonstration of the intelligence of the Kea, at Murray's expense. While they were ½ way up a pitch, a group of resourceful keas unzipped the top pocket on Murray's pack stashed at the foot of the cliff. They removed his wallet, scattered the contents and then, like seasoned crooks, left the cards and nicked only the cash.)

Jeremy Smit reports:

- I walked the Mt Somers loop track and summited Mt Somers travelling east from the western high plateau.
- Antonio, Alicia and I trekked Totara Peak, Sutherland Peak and Benmore Peak in a day. 12hrs and 38kms.
- I climbed Mt Kyeburn, Graysons Peak and Cone in a day. 10.5hrs and 30kms.
- I navigated up Mt Milne and Mt Kirkliston by touch, in a white-out. 8hrs and 25kms.
- We have gone bouldering at Elephants Rocks twice and the Hulk Hogan once as club outings on Friday afternoons.
- George and I went rock climbing at Mt Horrible.
- Antonio, Alicia and I went rock climbing on the tunnel at Doctors Point.

George Armstrong:

In Oct/Nov I have made two trips up to Mount Somers , 2 trips to Long Beach, 1 trip to Doctors Point, 1 trip to Mt Horrible.

The first trip to Mt Somers was with Jeremy, Tuhi Mueller, Murray and the Spaniards. Good weekend but there was hail on the ground and a chill in the air. It took a mad Englishman to convince the Spanish contingent that the weather was good enough to do a climb or two on Orange Wall. We managed one route before bad weather drove us back to the hut and a warm fire. Jeremy discovered that climbing with cold fingers is not a joyful experience. On Sunday we climbed a couple of routes on the Pinnacles before heading down before the southerly arrived.

The next trip to Mt Somers was over Labour weekend with Tuhi, Jeremy, Murray and Tom MacTavish. We climbed some more routes on Orange Wall on the Saturday and then climbed some on another wall that I can't remember the name of. The weather was a lot better but the hut was packed full with trampers.

Next I spent an evening climbing with Murray and Tom at Doctors Point.

I then went with Murray, Steve and Tom to climb the North Buttress and Cave Walls at Long Beach. A very good day had by all, some nice sport routes too.

Jeremy and me spent a day climbing at Mt Horrible.

Another trip to Long Beach with Sam Muller and Young Jamie Searle. Started off damp which made the rock very slippery. A few falls were taken due to lack of friction and loose holds. The sunshine came out in the afternoon which allowed some nice climbing. The day was finished with a quick dip in the sea.

Next, off to climb Nun's Veil

Nick, David and Jeremy Shearer biked, walked, and skinned up Mt Alta from West Wanaka, skiing off the top.

Nick and Jeremy Shearer, with Pete Platts, climbed Mt Haidinger and Mt Lendenfeld from Pioneer Hut.

Overseas News

Murray Judge has been climbing at Arapiles with Jason Searle.

Climbing Wall News

The wall is open for climbing Tuesday evening 8-9.30pm and Thursday afternoon 5-6.30pm. It will be closed for a couple of weeks over the Christmas and New Year break

Historic Alpine Film 1949

See it online. Featuring an alpine club trip to Mt Aspiring hut and onto French ridge. Very cool. <http://www.nzonscreen.com/title/prelude-to-aspiring-1949>

Gottlieb-Erica Alpine Scholarship for Aspiring Women Alpinists

To celebrate the life and climbs of Erica and Gottlieb, the Erica-Gottlieb Trust wish to contribute \$750 towards the alpine instruction of an aspiring young women climber. The scholarship is available to non- NZAC members as well.

The applicant must be:

- o Female.
- o Under thirty years old.
- o Passionate about mountaineering.

For an application for the scholarship go to: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses>

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A request for images from the Department of Conservation

A visual presentation of women climbers is being prepared as part of the Freda du Faur festivities taking place at Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park this December.

Images of women climbers wanted for Freda du Faur centenary celebrations

A digital slideshow is being prepared by Carla Braun-Elwert for the Freda du Faur celebrations taking place this year on 4th December in Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. If you have a great image of yourself or other women climbers in action then please e-mail it to fredaphotos@gmail.com; or you can post a selection of suitable images on a CD to Carla Braun-Elwert, 60 Murray Place, Lake Tekapo 7945. The deadline for submission is 20 November 2010.

Images collated so far include women climbing in both alpine and rock environments and general pictures honouring women climbers from the early 1900's onwards. Please include details of where the image was taken and who is in the photograph.

Kiersten McKinley | Community Relations Ranger | Department of Conservation

Christmas Notice from The House Of Mountaineering

Dear Members

With Christmas fast approaching we would like to let you know about the following.

Office hours: The National Office will be closed from the Christmas break from Thursday 23rd December 2010 and reopen on Monday 11th January 2011.

Christmas overseas airmail: Should you wish to purchase an item and have it arrive overseas before Christmas, we need to have it processed and on the way by Monday 29th November (rest of the world), or Monday 6th December (Australia).

Hut codes: If you are planning on staying at Porter Lodge, Arthur's Pass, or Ruapehu Hut over the break – *don't forget to get the door codes from us before Christmas closing.*

Activities: Have you registered for the NZAC Annual Climbing Camp yet? Late registration fee kicks in after December 1st, so please get your registrations to us as soon as possible – details here:

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

Website: A reminder that to obtain member rates on our online shopping, you need to first create an online account. The link to do this is just under the log in boxes on our homepage. Once you create an online account, the system matches you against our membership database and emails you back a password to log in with. Then you can go shopping and receive member rates.

Publications: (Prices quoted in NZ\$) Link to online shopping catalogue where all the following may be purchased: http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=**ALL**

1. NEW: **The Canterbury Westland Alps** by Yvonne Cook and Geoff Spearpoint – member price \$25 + p&p
The book launch for this new title will be held on Thursday 9th December at the Canterbury Brewery Social Room in Christchurch. Access is from St Asaph St between Antigua St and Hagley Ave. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Nibbles provided and there will be a cash bar (no EFTPOS).
2. NEW: The **2011 NZAC Alpine Calendar** – members \$23 including postage to anywhere in the world
3. NEW: **Huts** – untold stories from backcountry New Zealand by Mark Pickering – special short-term opportunity to purchase this brand new book at a members of \$45 + p&p
4. NEW: **Pushing His Luck** by Jakob Lauper (2010 translation by Hilary Low) – members \$30 + p&p
5. New 3rd Edition: **A Climber's Guide to NZ Mountaineering Techniques** by Guy Cotter and Mark Seddon – members \$20 + p&p
6. Going out of stock: We have only 3 **NZAC Beanies** left. No decision yet made on what will replace these - \$12 + p&p
7. Going out of print: **Rock Deluxe** by Ivan Vostinar and Kate Sinclair - \$42 + p&p
A new edition is being written, but won't be available at least till next summer. We expect to run out of the current edition by the end of December.
8. Special Offer: With the release of the last book to cover the Southern Alps climbing range you are now able to purchase the **full set of SI guidebooks** at a discounted price.
The set comprises these seven titles: Kaikoura to Kahurangi; Arthur's Pass; The Canterbury Westland Alps; Aoraki Mt Cook; Mt Aspiring Region; Barron Saddle to Mt Brewster and The Darran Mountains.
Member price for the set of 7 will be \$160.00 + \$12 p&p within NZ (overseas postage based on weight and destination – Australia add NZ\$37.30 p&p – for elsewhere enquiries welcome)
9. **Queenstown Rock Ice and Mixed – has just been reprinted**
<http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/queenstown-rock-ice-and-mixed>
10. **New supply of 10mm hangers in stock** <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/hanger-10mm>

The staff at the NZAC National Office – Margaret, Pat, Kester and Ollie - wish all members a very....

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Congratulations – 6-month membership extension winner

The **November** winner of our free 6-month membership extension is **Wellington Section** member **Kevin Cole**. Congratulations to **Kevin**, we value your continued support of our Club.

Members are reminded that this is an ongoing prize offer and the **December** renewals are coming up. To be in with a chance to win this prize, please get your renewals paid within the first two weeks of **December**.

Job Vacancy

The Roxx Climbing Centre is one of New Zealand's top rock climbing gyms and also incorporates Clip'N Climb, Christchurch's only indoor climbing playground.

We are seeking an experienced indoor/outdoor climber with customer service and staff supervision experience to join our team as Senior Team Leader/Duty Manager.

The Senior team leader will be a Duty Manager for the complex from Monday to Friday and will also assist the Operations Manager with health and safety, gym maintenance, staff training and supervision.

The position will start from February 1st although an earlier start is possible. and will involve working predominately afternoon to evening shifts throughout weekdays. Weekends are off, although additional hours will be available during special events.

For more information, email for a job description to the Operations Manager, Craig Ogilvie at craig@theroxx.co.nz. Ph +64 (0) 3 377 3000

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Free to a good home, must pick up:
Mountain magazine 25 various issues #72-132 (1980-1990)
John McCallum 03 3287420

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