

South Canterbury Section

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Timaru



July 2009 Newsletter

July Section Meeting

Thursday the 23rd of July 2009

Colin Monteith

Recent travels to Patagonia

Caroline Bay Community Lounge

7.30 p.m.

"SPECIAL"

Next Meeting Thursday 23rd July

Caroline Bay Community Lounge 7.30pm

Speaker: Colin Monteath

An illustrated talk on recent overseas
climbing expeditions.

"Colin Monteath is one of New Zealand's best known and widely published photographers and writers specialising in the world's polar and mountain regions. An active mountaineer for 40 years , Colin has taken part in mountaineering and transalpine expeditions on every continent."

Open to the Public.

Tea & biscuits to follow.

Admission: A gold coin donation please.

A night NOT to miss

Rogain and AGM

Rogain and bring a plate for dinner.

When : Saturday 8th August

Venue : Deerstalkers Hall Caledonian Grounds, Timaru

The annual general meeting will be held after the rogain.

It will be great to see you there.

For more information please contact the committee.

Check your mountain conditions

www.avalanche.net.nz

www.metvuw.com

www.metservice.co.nz

DOC Helpers Required

Mt Somers holds one of two known populations of the giant weta *Deinacrida elegans* - the other being in the Kaikoura ranges. This high altitude giant weta has distinctive red, black and white banded legs and can weigh up to 16gm or about half the weight of a mouse. This ancient genus is of a similar antiquity to the rhyolitic basalt that makes up the mountain!

The weta is thought to have survived - though in small numbers - because it inhabits crevices in rock crags which are not readily accessible to introduced predators. This makes it also inaccessible to DOC staff who wish to survey new areas to see if there is wider population of these impressive beasts.

I was wondering if you might know of a bunch of climbers who would be willing to abseil down some rocky heights and peer into crevices to help the Department locate new populations of bluff weta.

At this stage I have not developed a detailed plan as I want to see if we can get the climber resource.

If you want to give me a ring to discuss details - I'm on 03 6931064.

Cheers George

NZAC Photographic Competition

It's time to get snapping - entries for the NZAC Photographic Competition have officially opened!

The NZAC website has been tweaked this year to enhance the whole online "Photo comp experience". You can now view all the latest

online entries for this year, plus winning entries from the last 4 years. You are also able to download the entry form from the NZAC website, and a hard copy of the entry form will be posted to all members as an insert in the next Climber magazine.

All details are available at <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp>

Climbing and mountaineering in Colombia.

We can give you a hand organising the journey of your life!!!
For more info check: www.escaladaencolombia.com. If you need help with the translation contact: escalandoando@rocketmail.com or give me a call Leyla 021 02542231

Let me know if it sounds alright.

Leyla

NZAC Bulletins (1946-1991)

After sorting all our spare NZAC Bulletins, full sets for the Library and Hocken have been completed and we have many spares if members are interested.

No charge, just a return postage paid large envelope. If you are interested please email Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz to see if we have the ones you need.

It would also be helpful if any member can help with pages 3 & 4 of issue 1947 (2) and complete a back-up library set where we are missing the following copies:

1951 (15); 1952 (17,18,19); 1953 (July 21, Nov 21); 1955 (25)
– Just post/drop them into the National Office if you can assist, thank you

National Office Reminder to Members

I would just like to remind members that if anyone hears of the passing of one of the NZAC's members, ex-members, or prominent NZ Climbers, would they please let Margaret know at the National Office. We need to be informed so that we can send condolences on behalf of the Club, update the membership database and organise an obituary for the annual Journal. Please don't assume we will be informed by family as this is often not the case. Thank you
Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

For Hire

The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut (03) 688 9399

EVENTS

Section Meeting	23rd June	Carloine Bay Community Lounge
Committe Meeting	7.30pm 5 th August	Mark Easton
Mt Evans or Whitcombe 3 days	T.B.A	Syd Woods
Paparoas – northern section traverse/sea cliff climbing/caving	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Avalanche Transceiver Refresher course evening only	T.B.A	Gary Brehaut
Cayoning training trip, Mt Somers	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Canyoning trip, Wilson Gully Haast Pass	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Mt Tapuaenuku, Possible raft trip on the Clarence River,	Spring	Committee

NZAC climbing camp Aspiring Hut Matukituki Valley	2 nd Jan – 9 th Jan 2010	Otago Section
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