

# **South Canterbury Section**

**P O Box 368**

**Timaru**



## **August 2009 Newsletter**

### **August Section Meeting**

### **Thursday the 20th of August 2009**

### **Pat Deavol**

### **Recent expeditions to Pakistan**

### **Police Social Room, North Street.**

**(Top floor of the Police station, access via back door adjacent to the vehicle entrance on North Street)**

## **Editors note**

Greetings all,

The annual general meeting was held last weekend following a rogain at south beach and pot luck tea. A big thanks to Syd Woods for organising and setting up the course and the evening. A very enjoyable evening held by all that attended.

We welcome Roger Brown onto the committee. Apart from Roger the committee has remained the same.

Grant Pearson (Unwin Hut Warden) is looking for some relief over the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of September 2009. If you can assist, please contact Grant on 027 346 4541 or Ian Rogers.

Our local section is looking at a possible trip to Kazakhstan in 2010. There are plenty of options available for rock climbing, mountaineering and trekking. The plan is to go for approximately 5-6 weeks costing about \$5000-6000 pp inclusive of flights, guides etc. There has been nothing set in concrete as yet. If you are interested please register your name with Ian Rogers.

This month's section meeting is not to be missed. Pat Deavol will be speaking on her recent expeditions to Pakistan. It will be fantastic to see you all there.

Joe Rush

## Pat Deavoll

Pat began her mountaineering career in 1976. Highlights prior to 1980 included ascents of all NZ's ten thousand-foot peaks and a three-month south to north traverse of the Southern Alps. In the early eighties she did repeats of the classic grade 5 test pieces, the 'Central Gully' on the South Face of Douglas and 'White Dreams' on the South Face of Cook.

Pat spent 1985 and 1986 climbing in the Himalayan and Karakoram ranges. She completed several unsupported two-man ascents of 6000m plus peaks including ascents of the South Face of Mera (6400m) in Nepal and the East Ridge of Girgindal (6200m) in Pakistan.

More recent mountaineering highlights within New Zealand include an ascent of the Caroline Face of Mt Cook and the first female ascents of 'Logans Run' (grd. 6+) on the South face of Hicks and the 'Hidden Balfour Face' (grd. 6) on Mt Tasman. She has also been part of the first female team ascent (with her sister) of the Central Gully of Douglas Peak (grd. 5+) and the South Face of Mt Aspiring (grd. 5).

In 2002 Pat was part of an expedition to Alaska. She made six successful ascents including two technical test pieces on Mt Huntington (the Nettle/Quirk route and the Colton/Leach route). She returned to Alaska in 2003 and made a first ascent of the Nth. Face of Pk 11,520 in the Alaskan Range. She also made an ascent of the Nth Buttress of Mt. Hunter (via 'Deprivation') and the SW Ridge of 11,300 in the Ruth Amphitheatre.

In 2004 Pat took part in two Himalayan mountaineering expeditions: the British/New Zealand Jankuth Expedition to the Indian Garwhal region, and the New Zealand Expedition to Cholatse, Nepal. Neither expedition summated due to poor weather and snow conditions.

In 2005, with ex-pat New Zealander Karen McNeill, she made the first ascent of Xiashe (6000m), a remote and technical route in eastern Tibet. The team of two women beat a strong team of British climbers to the summit.

In September 2006 she returned to eastern Tibet and made the first ascent of the much coveted Haizi Shan (approximately 6000m) by the direct north face with British climber Malcolm Bass. They were the eleventh expedition to try the peak and the first to succeed.

In 2007 Pat took part in two expeditions to Asia. In June/July she attempted the first ascent of Beka Brakkai Chhok (6900m) with fellow Kiwi Lydia Bradey. The pair were unsuccessful on BBC, but did make the first ascent of a smaller peak in the same area which they named Wahine (5900m).

A month later Pat returned to India and made the first ascent of a 6400m peak in the Gangotri glacier with Scottish climber Bruce Norman. The pair called the peak Miandi Peak.

Over the past decade Pat has waterfall ice climbed and rock-climbed internationally to a very high level.

**Mailing List Members:**

A reminder that your \$10 subscription is now due for the 2009 – 10 financial year. If you have not already forwarded it please send it in to “The Treasurer, P O Bx 368, Timaru.” NOW. Our financial year is now 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Photo Competition Awards**

Thanks to artist Corey Koppe the Egmont-Tasman Trophy for the inter-section Photocomp award has been restored. It will now remain on display, alongside the John Harrison Memorial Trophy (painting), in the Clubs Reference Library. As the Dorflinger and Guide Alack Trophies are still missing, this notice to see whether there may be an individual, or company that would be interested in donating replacement trophies for these two awards. Trophies don't have to be in the form of a cup, the Dorflinger Trophy was, in fact, a wooden carving of a flower, so options can be discussed. The two missing categories are for the most outstanding alpine nature photograph and the most outstanding mountaineering photograph (as judged by a mountaineer). A donation could mean providing the award itself, or possibly the commissioning of an award as was the case with the John Harrison painting. Expressions of interest can be made to the National Office, please contact [Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

## **FREE Rock Climbing PDF Downloads**

Downloads are now available on the NZAC website here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=59> Access via the online shopping site under 'Downloads'. While downloads are free, we

are asking people to consider making a donation to assist in covering any associated costs. Currently available: Mangaraho, Tokatoka and Ti Point – Northland; Sawyers Crag – Mt Cook and Mt Maunganui – Tauranga. The old Northern Rock guidebook is being revised and uploaded in sections first and will be followed by Auckland (Mt Eden) Quarry.

### **WANTED: Skis**

Approx 168/170cm; size 11 boots. Contact Mike Mahoney 021 0333746  
miguelmahoneyap@gmail.com

### **WANTED: Garden Equipment**

Can anyone help with a few, good condition, general garden tools for use at Arthur's Pass Lodge.  
We have an onsite warden at present, keen to do a bit of tidying up. Contact Ollie@alpineclub.org.nz

### **Proposed Rafting/Climbing Trip**

Raft the Clarence River then Climb Mount Tapuaenuku with professional guide from Peel forest Grant Southey. 8-14 persons required, 4 nights and five days. All transport and great food supplied. Approximately \$1000 per person. If you are interested please contact Geoff McCrostie.

### **Check your mountain conditions**

[www.avalanche.net.nz](http://www.avalanche.net.nz)

[www.metvuw.com](http://www.metvuw.com)

[www.metservice.co.nz](http://www.metservice.co.nz)

## **THE TOUR**

THE TOUR, a 2 day, backcountry ski touring team's race, based out of Cheeseman Ski Area is set to be the high light of the 2009 Ski Mountaineering New Zealand (SkiMoNZ) race calendar.

THE TOUR will take place on the 19th and 20th of September 2009 and follow a similar format to some of the biggest ski mountaineering races in Europe, like the TSF and Pierra Menta. Teams of 2 will travel together, following an established course; the team with the lowest accumulated time at the end of the 2nd day will be crowned the overall winner. Conditions permitting, each day THE TOUR will be made up of at least 1300 vertical meters of ascent and descent.

Entry for THE TOUR will open around early July and be limited to only 25 teams.

Keep checking back here for updates.

E-mail- [info@thetournz.com](mailto:info@thetournz.com)

## **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

## **The Scarpa Craigieburner ski mountaineering race**

The Scarpa Craigieburner ski mountaineering race will be taking place this year on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at Craigieburn Valley Ski Area. As the oldest race of it's kind in New Zealand it is certainly unique. Competitors will have the chance to use the lifts or their own steam to race around the mountain. It is essentially a day's ski touring or club field skiing condensed into about 1-2 hours. The event has a really good vibe as only you could get at a club skifield in New Zealand.

The event offers

- An opportunity to perfect the use of ski touring equipment and learn new efficiencies to take into the backcountry.
- An opportunity to meet like minded people.

We're again lucky to have awesome support from Scarpa, Marmot and Craigieburn Valley. Scarpa have generously offered two pairs of Scarpa ski boots for prizes. As they say you have to be into win so we hope to see you all there on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. The ski boots will be given away as spot prizes. So all the more reason to turn up and ski quite quickly (up and down).

The race will be kicking off at 10am. We'll be up there from 8.30am taking registrations. We'll have a few beers and laugh about the day later on in Koroheke Lodge.

If you have any questions about the event check the blog, [www.craigieburner09.blogspot.com](http://www.craigieburner09.blogspot.com). The blog will be updated with information, course details and entry information closer to the event.

## EVENTS

|  |                                  |                    |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Section Meeting Pat Deavoll                                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> August          | Police Club        |
| Committe Meeting   | 7.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | Syd Woods new home |
| 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          |

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| Mt Tapuaenuku,<br>Possible raft trip on<br>the Clarence River, | Spring  | Committee     |
| NZAC climbing camp<br>Aspiring Hut<br>Matukituki Valley        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan –<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 | Otago Section |

## SECTION COMMITTEE 2009 – 2010

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