

South Canterbury Section

P O Box 368

Timaru



February 2010 Newsletter

February Section Meeting

Quiz Night

Who knows their Mountain Huts

60 Mountain Huts to Identify

Come along for a trip down memory lane.

**A Mystery prize for the person who can
identify the most.**

8pm Thursday the 18th of February 2010

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,

I hope everybody had a great Christmas break. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for mountain trips over the New Year period, however the February sunshine has certainly come to the party. If any person would like to share their summer mountain trips please email me so I can include it in next month's newsletter.

There is a work Party scheduled for 13th 14th March at Unwin Hut. If bad weather prevails the fallback date is the following weekend. Tasks will involve firewood (available Glen Tanner), varnish architraves on new window, dig trench for pipe to carry telecom wires between warden's quarters and hut, paint "flying buttresses" on front window, family room painting. If you can assist in anyway please contact Ian Rogers (03) 614 7786

Shaun Brooks has done an excellent job on the lounge with insulation and double glazing completed. Unwin is now much warmer!

Grant Pearson (Unwin Hut Warden) is requiring relief from 25th Feb - 1st March and the weekend of 13th-14th March. If you are able to help please contact Grant (03) 435 1100

Cheers

Joe Rush

Important Notice

Dear Members

It has been brought to our attention that two SI guiding companies have been charging NZAC members non-member rates for their hut fees when traveling with a guided party.

The excuse given was that they, in turn, paid NZAC the full non-member rate. I have looked at payments received from both the companies named and this is definitely not the case. NZAC only receive either the member or non-member rates depending on a person's membership status. When booking with a guiding company we suggest that members make sure they advise them of their NZAC status to ensure they are only charged the NZAC rate for use of the Club's huts, or for DOC's alpine huts.

Please be advised that no active New Zealand Alpine Club member should be told they have to pay non-member rates and if asked, should refuse to do so. If they find they have no option but to pay the higher amount, they should inform the Club as soon as possible so that we can contact the company involved to request an immediate refund of the overpaid amount.

Should any other members also experience overcharging we would appreciate hearing from you.

New Zealand Alpine Journal

The National Office wishes to advise that the price for an annual Journal Subscription will increase this year by \$5. This price increase will not affect membership fees, only Journal subscribers. The 2010 Journal will increase in price for individual sales to \$25 members, \$35 non members, plus p&p. The current 2009 edition is still available for sale at the old price and can be purchased via our online shopping here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/new-zealand-alpine-journal>

Pair of DMM Ice Axes For Sale

The DMM Fly has become infamous for its balance and precision. The head is neat and light, with the steel pick running through the headset to reinforce it. The shaft is bent enough for good clearance, but not so much as to make it less user friendly in alpine/mixed situations. The hammer and adze are well featured for mixed climbing too. 50cm. The axes are in good condition. Contact Iain Lea (Christchurch) iain.lea1@googlemail.com <<mailto:iain.lea1@googlemail.com>>

For Sale

Black Diamond Sabre Tooth Crampons

Have been used a fair bit but still plenty of life in them. A great general mountaineering crampon that will also climb ice. Standard size (not large) **\$125**

Grivel Rambo Ice climbing Crampons

Had lots of use but still plenty of life in these. Great for someone getting into ice climbing. Standard size (not large) **\$50.**

Mountain Hardwear Womens Conduit Soft Shell Jacket (brand new)

Sky Blue and Chocolate Brown (looks great); Fleece lined (inc collar); Pit Zips; Zip-off hood and zip-off waist powder cuff thing; Internal pockets two outside pockets; Womens medium; This is a beautiful jacket, perfect for skiing or winter climbing. Would look good around town too, or a great travel jacket to a winter country. Its brand new- Ive had it for a year but never had the use for it.

\$300.00

Womans Phantom 0deg Sleeping bag

Light four-season bag. This snug mummy cut bag is insulated with 800-fill down, built from Super light 15 denier fabric and tuck-stitched for durability. Extra insulation in the torso and footbox accommodates a woman's thermal needs in colder conditions.

<http://www.mountainhardwear.com>

Had little use, a great bag, very compact and warm. Suits someone no taller than 168cm. Sells for US\$475 in the USA. Selling for **NZ\$400**.

Email Pat pdeavoll@hotmail.com or 021 216 1386.

European Reciprocal Hut Fee Tickets – 25 only

Special thanks to John Nankervis who has managed to negotiate for NZAC club members only, to be able to purchase an annual hut ticket to use in the following European Clubs' huts: Huts managed by the Swiss, Austrian, French, Italian and German Alpine Clubs and the Spanish Mountaineering Federation. The cost to NZAC members is \$100 per ticket. The ticket (sticker) should be attached to the reverse of your NZAC membership card – keeping the UIAA logo visible. They are valid for the calendar year – 2010. The Club has purchased 25 tickets only, but we have so far only been sent 10, so stock is limited. Just drop me an email if you are interested.

National Boulder Series – NBS – t-shirts for sale

Men's and Women's NBS t-shirts are now for sale online. Made in New Zealand by Chalky Digits most t-shirts are being sent along to the competitions, but we have kept a **very limited** number of stock back at the National Office for purchase via the online system.

They come in red only and are available in three sizes each for both men's and women's' styles. Prices - \$35 members, \$45 non members, plus p&p. Link to online t-shirt sales here:

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/product?filter0=30>

Damaged Books for sale – limited stock

We are selling copies of the Ebenezer Teichelmann biography, by Bob McKerrow that have minor damage on the corners of the hardcover. The damage is very minimal, but is to your advantage as it means we are selling them at half price, \$20 per copy, plus the standard p&p charge. We will also stamp the inside of the cover with 'cancelled' to differentiate them from the undamaged copies we have for sale. Purchases can be made here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/ebenezer-teichelmann-special>

Special discounted price – limited stock

As well as the above, we are discounting the price of undamaged copies of the Ebenezer Teichelmann book – down from \$40 to \$30 each, plus p&p. Purchases can be made here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/ebenezer-teichelmann>

Surplus Library Books

There have been a few more books added to this list for ex-library books on sale over the break:
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/default/350>

Creative Writing Competition

Due to demand, the deadline for entries for the Macpac NZAC Creative Writing Competition has been pushed back to February 15. So if you haven't already entered, there is still time to put pen to paper. There have been some great entries to date – thank you to those people.

See: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/news/2010/deadline-extended-for-creative-writing-short-story-competition>

Petition

After suffering a few near misses on the bike and being taken out by a car, I ask that you all consider signing the petition. Also read the NZ herald article.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/transport/news/article.cfm?c_id=97&objectid=10619341&pnum=0

http://www.ridestrong.org.nz/RS/blogs/about_ridestrong/pages/1-5m-for-1-5m.aspx

Beyond the Road Ends – a Family Affair

6th March to 1st April, 2010

Opening: 10am, 6th March

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

(www.selwyngallery.co.nz Phone 03 3188702)

For their first exhibition together **Barry, Catherine and John Smith** have chosen the theme of the favourite places they remember; beyond access points to the mountains – mainly around Canterbury.

All three artists had careers with a scientific basis and have developed an interest in the arts – John in photography and custom picture framing, Barry in printmaking and creative writing and Catherine in painting.



John



Barry

All Welcome

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

Check your mountain conditions

www.avalanche.net.nz

www.metvuw.com

www.metservice.co.nz

EVENTS

Section Meeting	February	Police Club
Committee Meeting	3 rd March	Syd Woods
Mt Evans or Whitcombe 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
Canyoning training trip, Mt Somers	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Canyoning trip, Wilson Gully Haast Pass	T.B.A	Nick Wall

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