

South Canterbury Section

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Timaru



November 2011 Newsletter

November Section Meeting

8pm Thursday the 17th of November 2011

Pat Deavoll

**Recent expedition to climb Koh-e-Baba-Tangi
(6515m) in the Wakhan Corridor, Afghanistan.**

Police Social Room, North Street.

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

Austen Deans 2/12/1915 – 18/10/2011

As you will be aware Austen, a Member of the S C Section, died recently after a short illness due to a stroke at the good old age of 95.

He joined the NZ Alpine Club in 1964 at the age of 49 and has well and truly left his mark on the Club not only as an accomplished and highly respected artist but in his participation and generosity to the Club. It is fair to say that he was one of very few people to make a healthy living from sale of their paintings.

Although in earlier years he can claim serious climbs such as Mt Cook in 1974 at the age of 59, and not so long back a crossing of Ball Pass he is more known for his landscape painting. Whenever he went climbing or into the backcountry he included his gear for sketching and painting. To aid the Club in fund raising to help with the revamping of Unwin Lodge he donated to the Club a recent painting of Lake Blackwood, on Flockhill Station, looking up the Poulter valley to Mt White & Mt Binsler. It is still to be sold so if interested contact Ian Rogers.

When Bill Hood came up with the idea of an Annual “Dog Tucker” trip, a trip basically for the over 60’s, he became a regular participant. Austen being well into his eighties did not go peak bagging, as the younger members were inclined to do, but would find a quite sunny corner, put up his easel, and produce a painting those there would pine for. In fact even this last autumn at the age of 95 he was at it again.

His love of painting goes back to World War II including prison life after being captured in Crete, and continued alongside his love of our backcountry till the end. His paintings of Greece and Crete and of prison life form a valuable part of New Zealand's World War II record.

His first wife, Elizabeth passed away in 2004, and this had a profound effect on him. To illustrate his vigour even in his 90's, in 2009, he married again to a long term family friend Margaret Alpers, who was only slightly younger. Austen certainly lived a full and satisfying life.

We extend to Margaret and Austen's extended family, our condolences.



75th Anniversary

The Section was formed away back in November 1936 by a keen group of about 30 climbers, including Dr Unwin, Lud Mahan, George Kerr, Harry Washbourn, A D Jackson, Fred & Phil Chapman etc. The following year it is recorded that their first organised Section trip was a climb of Fox Peak on the 12th of November 1937.

Hence it has been decided to observe our 75th Anniversary with a similar trip on Saturday 12th of November followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in Fox Lodge. BYO but the Section will provide suitable refreshments for the Dinner.

The lodge bunks around 40. Costs will be hut fees only. Fox Peak members \$10. Non members \$25.

The plan is to meet at the Fox Peak top car park at **9 am** on Saturday 12th November. If you really want to repeat the 1937 climb you can walk from the DoC car park down at the river!

The Committee decided to run the full weekend heedless of weather with a tramp in to Butlers Saddle as a fall back option.

To help with organisation please register with Gordon Hasell via phone or email. He will give you the combination number for the locked gate at the bottom of the hill and where appropriate co-ordinate transport.

The earlier you book in the better to ensure the best bunk & to assist our planning. Note the start time from the Fox Peak upper car park has been put back to **9am**.

Gordon Hasell

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Section Trip News

Please send all your fantastic trip reports to joeandleaine@gmail.com so everybody can enjoy your stories

Mt Tasman trip – 4th Climber needed – 3rd to 11th December 2011

Rob Hawes and 2 others from NZAC Wellington are going into Pioneer Hutt to climb in the area, with the main objective being Mt Tasman via the North Shoulder. They are looking for a 4th climber to round out the numbers. If interested please contact Rob Hawes on 0274 470 461 or Roberth@tfg.co.nz. A draft trip plan can be emailed to you.

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

UNWIN LODGE Work Party

3 & 4th December



The formal re- opening of the lodge was well supported and the weather gods came to the party. The lodge is now operating fully but there are many small and large tasks to be completed let alone the usual seasonal ones such as wood collection. People with trade skills needed as well.

The photo records one task recently done by a small group early last month while tidying up the Lodge after the builders left ready for the Official re-opening.

Please put aside the 3rd & 4th to do your bit and ensure the lodge is really spic and span for the coming climbing camp.

Contact Ian Rogers to co-ordinate transport and put your name down as going.

Events

Section Meeting	17 th November	Police Club
Committee Meeting	7th December 8 p.m.	Mark Easton
Malte Brun	T B A	Nick Wall
Fox Peak 75 th Anniversary	12/13 th November	Gordon Hasell
Mt Evans 2 day fly into the Recce	Late November	Syd Woods
Ball Pass	December	Rob Moffat
Firewood and Painting Unwin Hut	3/4 th December	Ian Rogers
Mt Sibbald	Early 2011	Rob Moffat
Bohemia Mt Evans 3 day trip	6 th Feb 2011	Syd Woods
Canyoning Trip Mt Nimrod	Early 2011	Nick Wall Watch Facebook
Woolshed Creek	Early Feb 2011	Kelly Cooney

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