

NZAC – TARANAKI SECTION

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2010

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 26 July 2010
7:30pm
Catholic Church Hall
Miranda Street, Stratford

Please support the AGM with your presence. We need some new faces on the committee, particularly from South Taranaki.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Section again hosted the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in New Plymouth recently. We had a record crowd (and profit) and the venue at Citywest Church is proving excellent. If you have any comments which may enable it to be a better event in future years, please feel free to mention them to a committee member.

DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND

This has recently been established nationally to provide a contestable fund for capital projects. In the first instance, the fund will be used to fund some of the work required at Unwin Hut. Sections have been asked to forward any surplus moneys to the fund (which are recorded) and only retain two years operating costs. We have therefore forwarded \$5000 in the interim, and will make a decision on what further funds to forward at/after the AGM.

NZAC PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Some great prizes are up for grabs in this years photo competition. Entries are open now and close on July 30, 2010. For more details and an entry form see the latest issue of "Climber" or the club website www.alpineclub.org.nz Marmot is one of this year's sponsors and there is a competition currently running on their website marmotnz.co.nz to win \$1000 worth of Marmot gear.

JON MUIR SPEAKER TOUR

The club is bringing Jon Muir, Australian mountaineer, Everest submitter and polar and desert explorer, to NZ. He will be in Auckland (30 Aug) and Wellington (31 Aug) as well as South Island venues in early September, should anyone wish to hear his address. Again, details are in "Climber" or on the website.

NZAC JOURNALS FOR SALE

Section member Ron Mundell (Ph 06 7594332) has NZAC Journals 1947-2009 for sale. Contact Ron if you are interested. Graham Langton (Ph 04 3838868) also has some for sale.

CLIMBING CAMPS

The annual climbing camp this year will be held in the Craigieburn area, based at Broken River Skiifield from 2-9 January 2011. There is also talk of having a summer climbing camp at Whanganui Bay (Taupo) and at Ruapehu (winter). More detail as it comes to hand on the club website.

NZAC TRAVEL INSURANCE

The \$20 service charge for club travel insurance will rise to \$40 on 1 August 2010. Our travel insurance provider is also trying to gain a better understanding of the demand for insurance for climbs over 7000m. They are looking at the possibility of underwriting cover on individual consideration and depending on the degree of difficulty of the climb and the member's experience. If members that have, or are looking to, climb above this height could provide feedback on what they could want from cover, where they have climbed, difficulty of various peaks/climbs, their experience, or any other information they believe would be useful, would they please email Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz. Thank you.

INSTRUCTION

Winter instruction courses on "Progression to Leading on Ice" (July 16-19) and "Introduction to Back Country Skiing" (Sept 5-10) are being held – if interested more detail can be obtained from Pat Deavoll. pat@alpineclub.org.nz

The summer courses being planned at this time are "The Freda du Faur Mountain Skills for Women, High Alpine Skills Course and Alpine Rock: Multi-pitch rock climbing skills.

CENTENARY OF FREDA DU FAUR'S FIRST FEMALE ASCENT OF AORAKI/MT COOK

December 3, 2010 marks the hundred year anniversary of Freda du Faur's historic first female ascent of Aoraki/Mt Cook.

Freda was a leading amateur climber of her era (both male and female) and capped her climbing career off with the first grand traverse of Aoraki/Mt Cook two years after her first ascent. She was one of the great talents in New Zealand's climbing history and her first ascent is worthy of a celebration.

The NZAC would like to hear expressions of interest from individuals who have ideas for, or would like to play a part in, the organisation of this celebration. This could range from making a celebratory female ascent of Aoraki/Mt Cook to being part of the organisation of an event at Mt Cook village.

If you have ideas and would like to be involved, contact Pat Deavoll. pat@alpineclub.org.nz

CLUB DINNER

We propose to hold our annual Section dinner some time in early October, and hope to have club president Peter Cammell speaking. More detail later.

PUSHING HIS LUCK

The report of the expedition and death of Henry Whitcombe by Jacob Lauper. A new translation and commentary by Hilary Low has just been published and copies are available at a discounted member rate of \$30 plus p&p at alpineclub.org.nz/product/pushing-his-luck.

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