

NZAC – TARANAKI SECTION

Newsletter – September 2010

Taranaki Section Dinner

Venue: Inglewood Scout and Guide Den, Elliot St., Inglewood.

Date: Tuesday 12 October 2010.

Time: 7:00pm.

Cost: \$20.00 per person, 2 course meal plus tea and coffee. BYO and glasses (for drinking as well as viewing).

Menu: Ham, chicken, meatballs, potatoes, broccoli, peas, 2 salads followed by dessert. Can cater for vegetarians if needed.

Speaker: Peter Cammell (NZAC President) will talk on “**Climbing out of the North Island Successfully**”.

Booking with money to: Pat Sole, 8 Standish St, New Plymouth
Ph 06 758 3832 (email: pat@patsole.co.nz) by Thursday 7 October 2010.

NZAC AGM

The club AGM will be held on Friday 15 October 2010, 7pm at YMCA, corner Hereford St and Rolleston Ave, Christchurch.

A debate regarding the renaming of the South Ridge of Cook, to “Hillary Ridge” should be an interesting adjunct to the meeting.

NZAC Travel Insurance

As you are probably aware, NZAC offer travel insurance which covers activities such as trekking and climbing. Hunting is not currently covered under the policy, but if you have participated in hunting overseas (even if you found cover with another insurer), or intend to participate in future, Margaret McMahon would welcome your feedback at Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz.

National Climbing Camp

The Canterbury/Westland Section is hosting the climbing camp this year which is to be based at the Broken River ski club in the Craigieburn Range from Sunday 2nd January to Sunday 9th January.

Broken River will provide an ideal base and offer opportunities to all levels/ages of Climbers/Trampers/Rock climbers and Mountain Bikers. Details of registration are available on the club website at www.alpineclub.org.nz.

Volunteer Wardens for Mueller Hut

Should you wish for a week away from it all, DOC is looking for volunteers to warden at Mueller Hut anytime between December and April. If interested contact cwarren@doc.govt.nz or 03 435 1186.

'The Canterbury Westland Alps'

This guidebook is due to be printed shortly, and the club are taking advance orders. Members price \$25 (non members \$35) plus p&p. Please contact Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz if you would like a copy/copies. A number of publications and books for sale - details at www.alpineclub.org.nz.

Hut Bookings

Hut Bookings for Arthur's Pass, Ruapehu and Porter Lodge are handled through the National Office in Christchurch. These huts all have a keypad and the office holds the codes for these. Please do not contact section members but book through National Office.

Radio's in Mountain Huts

New radio's placed in Pioneer, Centennial, Almer and Chancellor huts allow occupants to now contact helicopter companies directly for a lift out of the mountains. This is a joint effort between NZAC, DOC, and the helicopter companies.

Feeling for Daylight

I have just purchased this great new book which documents the photographs of Jack Adamson. This is a unique collection of glass plate photographs (1889-1901) and provides a stunning photographic journey around the Southern Alps and early settler communities on the eastern and western side of the mountains. If you quote that you are an NZAC member, you can get a copy for \$44.95 from South Canterbury Museum, free of p&p. (PO Box 522, Timaru 7910)

High Alpine Skills Course – Mt Cook

To be run for members who have participated on a basic instruction course or instructed in a trainee capacity – This six-day long course is to run from Jan 30 – Feb 4 (cost \$875) – for more information contact instruction@alpineclub.org.nz.

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