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Contributions are more than welcome. Please send to nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

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Section meetings

Location: Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo St.
Time: 7:30 pm (talk begins at 8 pm).

August 10th – Penny Brothers -Twin Summits: Highs and lows of a bifurcated climbing career.
AGM: We will also be holding our AGM at the August meeting.
Vacant positions:
- Section meeting coordinator
- Chairperson

We will be presenting a new trophy to a volunteer instructor, in honour of the volunteer instructor work of the late Charlie Catt.

September 14th – Gear Buy/Sell Night – The annual Canterbury / Westland section of NZAC - gear buy and sell evening.

Cover: Penny Brothers somewhere in Mount Cook National Park

Upcoming club trips and events

19th August – Mt Cassidy - Blimit - Temple Traverse - Contact Trevor Heslop at trev.heslop@gmail.com

17th -20th August - Remarkables Ice & Mixed Festival Club Trip – Contact: Andrew Barrett at andrew.barrett@liquidvoice.co.nz

23rd December - Tasman Glacier Climbing – Contact Matt Buckley for details at buckmatthews73@gmail.com

Lead a Trip: If you would like to lead a trip for the club, alpine, rock climbing, cycling or otherwise, contact Andrew Barrett: andrew.barrett@liquidvoice.co.nz

Further trip details on following page.

Mid week Rock Climbing

Runs every Wednesday evening. It happens, indoor or outdoors, depending on the weather. An email is sent out to the climbing group at the beginning of the week with details about who is organizing it. You are also welcome/encouraged to use the climbing group to organize climbing at any time, including weekend trips. If you are interested, please contact Janet Nicol on 0212307721 or at janetnicol@hotmail.com

We are also looking for a few more people who are willing to run a mid week climbing session from time to time. Please put your hand up if you are able to help.

Mid week Mountaineering

The mid week group are mainly fairly mature mountaineers who still manage to plod up a few peaks, usually on Wednesdays, depending on the weather. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pat Prendergast on 337 0 079 or at pat@slingshot.co.nz

Mt Cassidy - Blimit - Temple Traverse - 19th August.

A reasonably straightforward winter trip with spectacular views, ideal for those who have recently completed a beginners snowcraft course. There is some steep ground so care will need to be taken, but it is an ideal opportunity to put into practice your ice axe and, conditions permitting, cramponing skills. The plan would be to stay at Arthur's Pass Lodge Friday night, up early Saturday morning to traverse the two peaks, descend into Temple Basin and walk back to the village. Return to Christchurch in the evening. Please see the trip guidelines later in the newsletter regarding what would be expected of you, and what you should expect from your trip leader.
If this trip sounds like you, email Trevor Heslop at trev.heslop@gmail.com

On the Cassidy-Blimit traverse. Photo: Nina Dickerhof

Remarkables Ice & Mixed Festival Club Trip – 17th -20th August

The plan is to travel down on the Thursday afternoon in time for the festival registration which closes at 8pm. We will take part in the festival activities on Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday daytime (17-20 August) and drive back mid to late Sunday afternoon.
Accommodation will be at the Frankton Motor Camp. This is close to the festival headquarters in the Queenstown Event Centre. General admission to the festival is $80 for NZAC members if you take part in no courses. The courses are held over 2 days (Friday and Saturday) and represent excellent value for money.
For 2016, the festival has 160 first come first served places. These were sold out well in advance of the festival for the last 5 years. You will need to register soon of you are wanting to attend.
If you're wanting to attend the festival as part of the club trip, please contact Andrew Barrett to book your place. Accommodation spaces are limited.
Contact: Andrew Barrett (andrew.barrett@liquidvoice.co.nz)
You will also need to register for the festival itself:
http://www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz/#!/registration/

Tasman Glacier Climbing Trip – 26th December – 3rd January

Photo: Matt Buckley

The Upper Tasman Glacier is home to some of the most impressive summits in the Mount Cook National Park. Peaks such as Elie de Beaumont, Malte Brun, The Minarets and De La Beche line either side of the Tasman Valley and provide excellent climbing opportunities for those who venture to its upper reaches. The plan on this climbing trip will be to fly to the head of the Tasman Glacier where we will be spending the week climbing some of the National Park's significant peaks before an enjoyable walk out via the Tasman Glacier. Sleeping arrangements will include staying in huts and bivvying. As numbers for this climbing trip are limited all climbers must pay flight costs (approximately $150) in advance to reserve their places. All climbers also should have sound NZ mountaineering skills such as experience with glacier travel, building snow anchors and a solid crampon/ice axe technique.
If interested please contact Matt at buckmatthews73@gmail.com

Mount Oakden

-Matt Buckley

In early July a mission came through the wires to attempt the mile high summit of Mt Oakden. It was the middle of winter and few seemed game to travel to the head of Lake Coleridge to take on such a daring adventure. With that in mind thoughts quickly turned to engaging the help of some seasoned warriors who were used to performing in harsh environments. A crack commando unit of four who were conditioned to coming together at short notice to succeed against the odds. Yes, it was time to call in The A Team!

The sound of thunder echoed around the sleepy streets of Spreydon as B.A Baracus (Karl) and his trusty co-driver Face (Liv) begun their mission. Their primary objective was to collect the other members of the party and reunite the famous quartet. With Mr T wrestling with his steering wheel and The A Team theme song blasting through the wires the team's Bedford van came to a screeching halt somewhere in the vicinity of Hillmorton. Within 10 seconds Hannibal (Matt) and Howling Mad Murdock (Coxy) had filed into the back of the vehicle with crampons and ice axes in tow. "Hit it B.A" was the call from the back seat as the crew sped off under the cover of darkness to their wintery rendezvous.

After approximately 120 mins of travelling due west a compulsory checkpoint was negotiated at the frosty Lake Coleridge Station where team intentions and local intel was helpfully exchanged by the station holders. At 0900 hours, having reached the end of the road, The A Team piled out of the van and were treated to a rousing team talk by charismatic and inspirational leader Hannibal. Sporting leather gloves and a Cuban cigar gritted between his teeth, the leader declared that a simple 900m climb was all that was required to complete the mission's objectives. Unfortunately however, for the mathematically challenged leader, his inability to count contour lines meant that in reality 1,100m of elevation lay ahead. Hannibal's comical suggestions of throwing in an extra 200m of height gain at 'no charge' was not well received by B.A who had recently returned from a commercial guiding expedition to an unpronounceable glacier in dead flat Iceland. This, coupled with his well known fear of heights left him quarrelling with the group as the party trudged off into the foggy mist.

Mt Oakden, despite its relatively modest height, is an impressive summit situated at the confluence of the Wilberforce, Mathias and Rakaia rivers. The mountain runs north to south with its smooth sides rising steeply from the riverbed providing a natural barrier to Lake Coleridge to the East. Equally impressive is the fact that the mountain is home to a number of chamois which became the central focus of Murdock's attention on the three hour climb to the summit. The maverick alpinist and big game aficionado engaged in an impromptu stalk of the animals which was both informative and entertaining as the group were 'treated' to a detailed tutorial on the

difference between chamois and hare droppings. Further learnings, this time in the social media sphere, were impressed upon the group by Face who not only pointed out the essential benefits of Snapchat but also informed her three clueless companions that the correct pronunciation of 'meme' should rhyme with theme and under no circumstances should it be pronounced 'me-me'. Face also set an example to the guys of the durability expected of all members of the crack commando unit. Every time she hurdled an electric fence the warrior princess did not flinch as she got zapped by the 10,000 volts coursing through the fence wires leaving the rest of The A Team to marvel at the show of strength.

After a short traverse of the snow-capped summit Mt Oakden was reached around midday. The Weather Gods on this occasion had looked favourably upon the quartet as the party enjoyed magnificent views of the Arrowsmiths, Malcolm Peak and Mt Lambert to the west and Lake Coleridge to the east. On the summit The A Team refueled, regrouped and reconnoitered the area impressed by the glorious 360 degree views of the mountain ranges that stretched out for an age before them. At 1300 hours the call went out to retreat to base camp and after negotiating some moderate scree slopes The A Team reached their departure point in a rapid 90 min descent of the North Ridge.

All told a great day was had in the mountains. The group learnt some valuable lessons, enjoyed each other’s company and accomplished the mission required of them. Back at the car park and satisfied with the day's task Hannibal sat in the back of the Bedford van and lit one of his famous Cuban cigars. His grin was a mile wide as he slapped his team mates on the back and said after a long pause, "I love it when a plan comes together!" On queue the doors slammed shut, the wheels spun and the van sped off snaking its way along the gravel road to its next destination ... the Christchurch Underground where The A Team survive as climbers of fortune.

Memo to all climbers: If you have a problem in the mountains, if no one else can help, and you can find them .... maybe you can hire The A Team!

The team nearing the summit of akden. Photo: Matt Buckley

Notices

Committee Positions

Jim Petersen has stepped up to the plate and has taken on the position of chairperson for the interim until the next AGM.
The committee is looking for a new chairperson as well as someone to organise speakers for section evenings. If you'd like to get involved in the committee contact Jim Petersen at cw.chairperson@gmail.com.

Gear for Sale

NZAC Members only.

Black Diamond fusion leashless ice tools (pair), excellent condition, only used twice and been in storage since - these tools are ideal for mixed climbing, dry tooling and steeper ice climbing - $350 for the pair.
Outdoor Research windstopper (black), size medium, very good condition, $50.
Mountain Designs Typhoon windstopper (red), size medium, excellent condition, $50.
All proceeds from sales to the Canterbury WestCoast Air Rescue Trust.
Please text Clayton on 0274461562 with your name and members details.

Canterbury-Westland Alps guidebook - request for info for the second edition

The Canterbury-Westland Alps Guidebook is down to its last few copies and a second edition is scheduled for 2018. The guidebook covers the mountain areas between the Arthurs Pass guidebook area and the Aoraki/Mt.Cook guidebook area, including the Arrowsmiths, the Gardens and the Two Thumb Range

New Zealand mountains are constantly evolving, due to landslip, river erosion and glacial recession. The second edition needs to include changes that have occurred in the 10 years since the research for the first edition was undertaken.

The authors are requesting information, such as

- errors and omissions in the first edition
- changes to access
- existing routes that have become easier or harder
- new routes

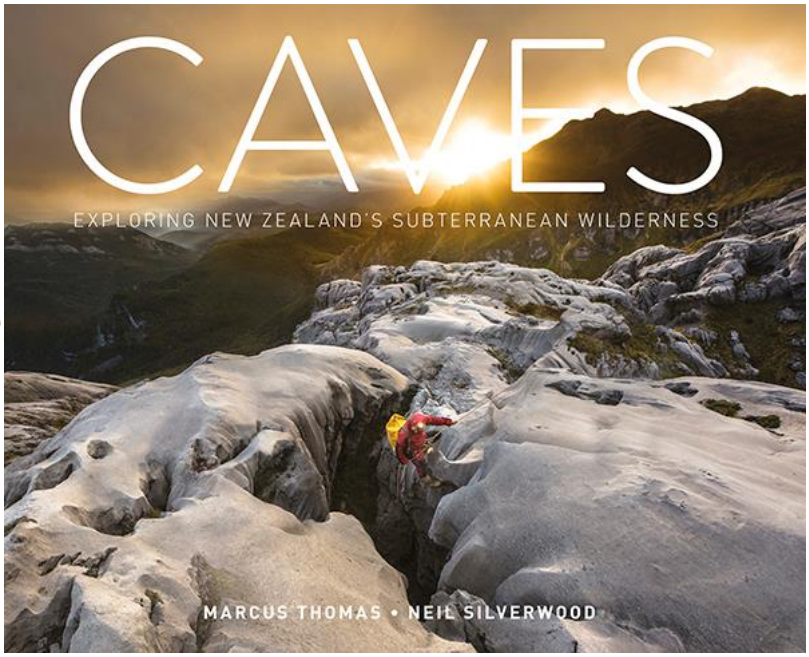
Please email information:
for the area east of the divide to Yvonne Cook yvonnecook1@yahoo.co.nz
for the area west of the divide to Geoff Spearpoint geoff.spearpoint@clear.net.nz

Banff Film Festival Grand Prize Winner

From over 8,000 entries across 23 screenings in 12 cities this year we have a winner of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour NZ Grand Prize draw! A big congratulations to Ali Ward who attended one of our Christchurch screenings and scored the following awesome prize pack:
A Cycle NZ Tour with Adventure South NZ OR Trek Nepal Tour with World Expeditions– the choice is yours
A Macpac Ascent 70 Pack Alpine Series
The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council have provided A Licence to Chill – Chill 11 Season Pass valued at $1025.00 and gives you access to 11 different ski areas
A New Zealand Alpine Club Grand Prize Voucher of $500.00 to use towards courses, publications, hut passes, and membership
Thanks to everyone who came along to Banff this year, to all our NZAC volunteers and to all our sponsors for the great prizes. We look forward to bringing you more awesome mountain and adventure films in May & June 2018!

10% discount to NZAC members

As new publications are released, specific titles will be made available to NZAC members at a 10% discount. The current offer and time limit to redeem the offer are detailed below. Information on the books' content may be found on the Potton and Burton website below.
Current Applicable title:
Caves by Thomas and Neil Silverwood
ISBN 9780473382797 RRP $79.99
Publisher: Whio Publishing
Discount and discount code:
10% off RRP by quoting Discount Code
Free Freight within New Zealand
Dates available:
1 July 2017 – 31 December 2017



Access Reminder

There is no public access from Zoo Hut to the Iwitahi ridge. Anyone visiting Zoo Hut must walk in and out on the same track and not cross the boundary fences which are on three sides of the hut. Refer to www.wams.org.nz for further info on where you can and can't roam. Access issues are becoming more and more important for the club and we need to ensure that we respect the current agreements that are in place in order to negotiate new ones in the future.

New Zealand Recreation Association Outdoor Awards

The Outdoor Awards celebrate individuals and organisations that have been successful in significantly improving outdoor recreation outcomes for participants and clients.
The Awards are an important means of recognising the size and diversity of the outdoor recreation sector and provide an opportunity for outdoor individuals and organisations to be rewarded, recognised and for us to celebrate their contribution.
They are also a means of recognising how important outdoor recreation is to the lifestyle of all New Zealanders.
Nominations are now open for the 2017 Outdoors Awards
The winners will be announced at the Outdoors Forum Dinner in Wellington on the evening of Monday 4 September.
Please complete and return the nomination form via email to deb@nzrecreation.org.nz and attach relevant information under each of the judging criteria headings for the particular award (restricted to four A4 pages) in support of the nomination. A high-resolution digital photo (not embedded in your text) relevant to the nomination is required. Deadline for nominations is 4 August 2017.

William Pike

Free Christchurch event - come watch William Pike speak about losing a leg in a volcanic eruption, overcoming massive challenges, mountaineering in Antarctica and hear about the William Pike Challenge Award. Be prepared to laugh, cry, hold your breath and be inspired to be the best you can be!

Christchurch, 8th August, 7pm, at Oaklands School and all donations collected at the door are going to support Oaklands School

Mountain Landscape Paintings
by Andy Buchanan

Invitation to exhibition opening

Monday 14th August 2017, 5.30 to 7pm, then Tuesday 15th to Sunday 20th, 11am to 6pm.

Christchurch Arts Centre, Worcester Street

Andy Buchanan is an amateur artist living in Christchurch. He uses oil paint on canvas to create images of New Zealand mountain scenery, from locations to which he has tramped, climbed, or skied. He is a semi-retired structural engineer, previously Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

“My goal is to re-create a feeling of being in the mountains, using the simplest forms possible. Every painting is the result of a balance between the extremes of too much simplicity or too much detail, neither of which is satisfactory. My focus is on the mountain landscape, with recurring themes of straight lines, geometric shapes, and simple colours”.

More information from andy.buchanan@canterbury.ac.nz

Mt Cook and Tasman Saddle Hut
Oil on canvas, 400 x 600mm, 2010.

Mt Binser from the Dome
Oil on canvas, 460 x 610mm, 2015.

Nun's Veil and Gorilla Stream
Oil on canvas, 460 x 610mm, 2016.

Mt Elie de Beaumont from Lindon Ridge
Oil on canvas, 460 x 610mm, 2016.

Canterbury / Westland Section Gear Hire

(For NZAC Members only)

The C/W Section has a good range of equipment available to be hired to members. Section trips and instruction will take priority but members are more than welcome to hire on private trips and for other people on those trips (members or non members). All equipment hired is on a cash only basis with a receipt provided and must be paid when picking up (please don't ask to pay online or after the completion of the trip – no $ up front, no hire, no exceptions!).

Equipment must be returned within 24 hours of completion of hire period or by arrangement, otherwise an additional 'late return' fee may incur.
All equipment hired must be returned in a clean and undamaged state and the hirer is responsible for any loss or damage and may be required to cover any repair or replacement costs.

Bulk hire or for extended hire periods will get a discount on the daily rate of $10 per day per item and $5 each extra day (for all items unless stated).

Equipment List
Plastic and rigid leather mountaineering boots (20 pair of limited sizes).
Crampons (9 pair – fully adjustable).
Walking ice axes (9 of various lengths).
Technical ice axes and hammers (5 pair of various kinds).
Avalanche kits (12 sets of Pieps DSP sport transceivers/shovels and probes).
Snow shoes (2 pair).
EPIRB (1 x emergency locator beacon).
Alpine ropes (6 x 50 metre dry – NZAC courses only not private hire).
Helmets (6 of various models). $5 per day and $2.50 each extra day.
Harnesses (3 of various sizes). $5 per day and $2.50 each extra day.
Snow stakes (8 with mid clip wire). $5 per day and $2.50 each extra day.
Ice screws (12 x various BD and Petzl). $5 per day and $2.50 each extra day.
Trad gear – various sizes of cams, hexes and nuts (NZAC courses only not private hire). Price on quantity.
Petrol drill (provide own fuel)
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To arrange hire contact is by two options only – text only on 0274461562 for quickest reply or email nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com for evening reply.
Flexible times are available to hire gear but most evenings from Sunday to Thursday only (please do not contact 'last minute' on a Friday expecting to pick up gear the same day).

Trip guidelines

An important part of the NZAC is volunteer organised trips. Many members will have had their first alpine experiences on club trips. And many will also have organised trips, helping other members enjoy our alpine environment. If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect.

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

- You are responsible for your own safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation it is up to you to let your Trip organiser know straight away.
- Be prepared to drive or pay transport costs (petrol, wear and tear) as determined by the Trip organiser.
- Make sure you are as fit and healthy as possible.
- Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be required of you to achieve those goals. Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, what type of terrain is involved, what gear you will need and the knowledge of how to use it.
- Be honest to your Trip Organiser about how much experience you have and accept that the Trip Organiser might not accept you on the trip if he/she thinks you are not experienced enough.
- Get in contact with the Trip Organiser as soon as you are confident that you want to go on the trip.
- If you discover that you cannot go on the trip then let the Trip Organiser know as soon as possible so that another person can take your place.
- Read, understand and return the signed copy of the NZAC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

Responsibilities of a Trip organiser

- Trips should be fun for everyone. They are not very hard to organise and can be very rewarding. Choose a mountain, peak, hill, traverse, route, crag, or whatever and get out there and meet some keen club members!
- You cannot be responsible for the safety of every member of the group, but you should aim to empower every group member with enough knowledge to make their own informed decisions about the proposed trip both before and during the trip.
- Choose a realistic goal for the time available and give prospective group members an idea of the amount of effort required to achieve the stated goal
- Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and group fitness and experience.
- Let the group know what skills and equipment are needed when they sign up so that everyone is prepared.
- Provide the trip Participants with a copy of the NZAC waiver form and have them understand, sign and return it to you in advance of the trip.
- Organise travel arrangements at the earliest opportunity and let everyone know how much they should expect to pay for transport costs (petrol, wear and tear).
- Prepare detailed trip intentions and leave them with at least one responsible individual. The intentions should include a latest return time/date which would trigger a search initiated by the responsible individual(s) and involving the relevant authorities (Police, SAR, etc).
- If someone on the trip voices their concern about the situation it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a safe solution where possible. This may involve everyone turning around.
- Give priority to NZAC members
- Find someone on the trip to write an interesting trip report for the Section Newsletter.

Benefits for NZAC members

NZAC Membership gives you access to many discounts with the following retailers.
You may be asked to present your active NZAC membership.
To see full terms and conditions and other benefits of being a member, please visit
https://alpineclub.org.nz/benefits-of-membership

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YMCA CHRISTCHURCH
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Section Library

Section Library Did you know that the Section has its own library and that unlike the National Office library you can actually borrow the books in the Section library? Every section meeting I will bring a good selection of the hundreds of books in the library, along with the DVDs.
The contents of the C/W Section library can be found online here: http://bit.ly/CWLibrary (Note: There is a list of DVDs on the second tab of the spreadsheet). If you would like to borrow a book or DVD then please email me and we'll sort something out.
Library policies are pretty flexible –

- You must have a current NZAC membership card to borrow
- Books are generally to be returned within 2 months, but new purchases will be expected to be returned within 1 month.
- DVDs are expected to be returned within 2 weeks.

When you are ready to return a book, email me.
John Roper-Lindsay - Librarian , john@roperlindsay.com, 021 395513
NOTE: - You may return books/DVDs in one of 4 ways.
1) Return them to next Section meeting.
2) Drop them off at National Office and tell whomever you speak to that they are for C/W library.
3) Drop them off at Boffa Miskell office at 4 Hazeldean Road (near Hagley Park, just off Lincoln Road), marked for "Yvonne".
4) Email/text/phone me to arrange handover some other way

NZAC Deceased Members

Name: Thomas (Tom) John Alton

Notified: by his wife that he was killed in a bike accident and confirmed online: http://deaths.press.co.nz/obituaries/the-press-nz/obituary-preview.aspx?n=thomas-alton&pid=184277383&referrer=3329

Joined: 5/5/2009
Section: Canty/Westland
Member Type: Full
Member number: 9544
Date of Birth: 19/4/1983
Deceased: 22-23/2/2017 (33yrs)

Name: Ian William Jeffery

Notified by Bill Hood and also: http://deaths.press.co.nz/obituaries/the-press-nz/obituary.aspx?n=ian-jeffery&pid=186079364&fhid=12755

Joined: 1/1/1954
Section: South Canty
Member Type: 50yr Veteran
Member number: 838
Date of Birth: 18/7/1930
Deceased: 12/7/2017 (86yrs)

Name: Graeme Anthony Nuttridge

Notified by Geoff Gabites and also: http://deaths.press.co.nz/obituaries/the-press-nz/obituary.aspx?n=graeme-nuttridge&pid=186105794

Joined: 17/10/2003-31/10/2006 and 16/8/2007-31/8/2014
Section: Canty/Westland
Member Type: Full
Member number: 1485
Date of Birth: 23/7/1958
Deceased: 15/7/2017 (58yrs)

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