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Section Meeting- March 9th – NZ's 3000m Peaks – One Perspective – Penny Webster

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

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Section meetings

Location: Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo Street
Time: Drinks from 7.30 pm, talks start at 8:00 pm sharp

March 9th – NZ's 3000m Peaks – One Perspective – Penny Webster, who has ascended the highest point of all NZ's 3000m mountains, will share personal and historical aspects of her '3000m Peak Project'.

April 13th – The Troll Finger- Jack Grinstead and Jason Blair will talk about establishing a new, direct, climbing route on the iconic 313m Trøllkonufingur on the Faroe Islands. Come along to hear about three New Zealanders having a wild adventure on the tiny, wacky, wonderful Faroe Islands. See photos and video from the preparation and ascent of a new, challenging climb straight out of the sea.

Cover photo: Penny Webster on Mount Haast

Upcoming club trips and events

4th-5th March - Traditional Lead Climbing Course – Contact Clayton at claytongarbes@hotmail.com

11th-12th - Dunedin Rock Climbing Weekend – Contact Clayton at claytongarbes@hotmail.com

8th April - Rock Two(Sport Lead Climbing Course) - Contact Clayton at claytongarbes@hotmail.com

21st May – Advanced navigation course - Contact Clayton at claytongarbes@hotmail.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

Traditional Lead Climbing Course – 4th-5th March

For NZAC Members only. Cost $200.
This is a weekend course at Spur Road in Timaru (departing Christchurch 7am Saturday morning), open to males and females over the age of 16 and designed for those who have lead on bolts outside(sport lead climbed) and wish to progress to traditional (trad) lead climbing (placing gear on lead).You might also be a beginner trad climber or perhaps someone who hasn't done much climbing in recent times and is looking for a refresher.
The course fee will cover petrol, one nights accommodation (tenting at a motor camp), equipment and two days quality instruction.We will also go out for a meal on the Saturday night (you must pay for this yourself). This course will cover equipment, technique, balance and movement on rock, trad lead climbing and placing gear, construction of trad anchors and transition at the anchor station.
This course is not suitable for beginners and at a minimum you must know how to lead belay(without a gri gri) and abseil as these two compulsory requirements will not be taught on this course -NO EXCEPTIONS. You must be able to provide at a minimum, a harness, rock shoes and prussik's and the Canterbury / Westland section of the NZAC can provide all other equipment necessary on a first come basis(a gear list will be provided).
Non NZAC members are welcome to apply and a registration form and further details will be sent out at which time, when returning the registration form you must be a current NZAC member and proof of this will be required.
There is a limit of 8 students on this course so it will strictly be the first 8 NZAC members who will be guaranteed a spot so don't miss out !Please contact Clayton on claytongarbes@hotmail.com to express an interest, outlining a brief history about yourself, climbing experience and what you would like to get out of the course.

Dunedin Rock Climbing Weekend – 11th-12th March

The popular annual rock climbing trip to Dunedin, with climbing for all styles (trad / sport and bouldering) and abilities(from grade 12 up, beginners to experts welcome).

Once again, we have booked the Long Beach Community Hall for the weekend with ample tent space outside and full use of the hall's amenities (fully serviced kitchen with everything provided, dining area and three toilets, no showers but the beach is 5 minutes away).

The plan is to car pool where possible , down on the Friday afternoon / evening (as early as possible as it's a 4.5 hr drive), and return Sunday afternoon / evening.

The cost of the weekend is $30 and this will cover 2 x nights tenting, full use of the Community Hall amenities and a organised bar b que on the Saturday evening (there will be a meat or gluten free vegetarian option available).

As this weekend will also act as a fundraiser with all proceeds after expenses (hall hire and bar b que), to go towards crag repairs, if you choose to stay elsewhere or do your own thing for a meal instead of the bar b que, the cost will still be the same - please don't be offended but this is an organised weekend.

Payment of the $30 will be CASH only(receipt provided if required), as this will be the easiest way to sort and pay for the expenses and you can either pay beforehand or when you get there (we will be relying on people's honesty for this and there are NO Eftpos facilities or shops at Long Beach so have enough $ thanks).

Please DO NOT register on behalf of other people as we need to know the exact numbers for the accommodation, bar b que and carpooling – all are welcome but register in person yourself.

To avoid numerous emails below are a few guide lines and questions to be answered when registering:

- Full name and phone number.
- Your climbing ability, what style you prefer and if you will need to be paired up with others to climb for the weekend.
- What time you can leave on the Friday, do you have a car that can be shared and how many passengers or do you need a ride.
- At a minimum you will need a harness, rock shoes, belay device, personal safety / anchor chain and helmet (a rope and lead gear would be useful but can be provided if requested).
- Bring a tent / bivvy bag, sleeping bag and mat, overnight and personal gear, all food except the bar b que Sat night(the nearest shops are 20 mins drive away so please be prepared).
- If unsure about the weather for the weekend - Long Beach has its own micro climate, different to Dunedin so if it's a rainy forecast it could be perfectly fine down at Long Beach and elsewhere for climbing – in short, don't take too much notice of the weather unless it's a tropical down pour predicted !
- All welcome from ages 18 and over and as it's not up to the organisers or C/W section to supervise those under 18, if so, bring a parent or guardian along -NO EXCEPTIONS !
- Those who have done a beginners course with the C/W section are most welcome to attend as we will make sure you are in groups that can all climb safely togeather.

Please contact Clayton on claytongarbes@hotmail.com NO LATER than Monday 6th March to express an interest.

Rock Two(Sport Lead Climbing Course) -8th of April (back up 9th of April)

Due to demand with the first Rock 2 course in November being full with a waiting list, we have put on a second course for the season.
This course is designed for those making the transition from indoor or outdoor top rope climbing, looking to learn how to lead on bolts.
Lead belaying (not with a gri gri) would be an advantage but some lead belaying will also be taught for those needing it.
This will be a full day course on the Port hills in Christchurch, running from approximately 8.30am to 5pm and by signing up, you must be available for the reserve day in case of bad weather.
The course will cover the following only:
Balance and movement on rock.
Placing gear. Lead belaying. Sport lead climbing. Setting up sport anchors.
Transition at the anchor station. Abseiling.

EQUIPMENT LIST
Harness (please provide yourself).
Rock shoes (please provide yourself).
Climbing helmet (can be provided if requested).
Belay device and screw gate biner (can be provided if requested).
Safety chain/daisy chain and screw gate biner (can be provided if requested).
Prussick – 1 metre before tying (please provide yourself – can be purchased at Bivouac).
Third screw gate biner (can be provided if requested).
Chalk bag (optional – please provide yourself).

This course is limited to 8 participants, aged 16 and over with current NZAC members getting first priority, after this, non NZAC members will be allowed on if spots available.
The cost of the course will be $50 for NZAC members / Students and $80 for non members and is non refundable if you have to withdraw without enough time to find a replacement for your spot.
Please contact Clayton on claytongarbes@hotmail.com with details of your climbing level, membership details if current and any other relevant details.
A registration form will be sent out to those accepted onto the course and the course fee must be paid upon returning the form to guarantee your spot.
This course is only available to those in the Canterbury / Westland section area.

Advanced Navigation Course - 21st May

A great follow up course for those who have already done a beginners navigation course with the C/W section or have a basic knowledge of map and compass skills, pacing and terrain selection.
We will meet at Zeroes Café on the corner of Cashmere and Valley road at 8am for a takeaway coffee and carpooling if required(please bring some cash to give to your drivers forfuel reimbursement) or at 9am at the entrance of Orton Bradley Park in Charteris Bay.
We will head up the track to Mt Herbert and spend the day working along to Mt Fitzgerald with the skills you already know or revising and building on what you learnt on the beginners course.
The bulk of the day will be spent moving from point to point using your skills you have previously been taught and a reasonable level of fitness is required and you will need to have the usual tramping equipment if on a day walk – good sturdy tramping boots, a reasonable size day pack and pack liner, warm clothing – top and bottom layers, fleece or down jacket, warm hat and gloves, rain coat and over trousers, sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, personal medication and toilet paper, small note book and pencil or pen,compass and map of the area(can be provided if requested), lunch, snack and energy food,a minimum of 1.5 litres of water and a thermos for hot drinks is optional and a spare set of clothes and shoes for the return home.
We will be returning to Orton Bradley for 5pm.
The course will go ahead in all but the worse weather.
This course is open to both members and non members at a cost of $25 for members and $40 for non members and is limited to 8 students only so don’t miss out!
Please contact Clayton on claytongarbes@hotmail.com with your full name and experience level – this course IS NOT suitable for beginners and WILL NOT be teaching the use of a GPS.

Mount Hooker

-James Thornton

Mount Hooker from the Solution Range. Photo: James Thornton

Taking advantage of more than two days of fine weather in a row, Nina and I headed up the Paringa River in South Westland and over to Marks Flat by way of McCullaugh Pass and a nice high level traverse above bushline via Murdoch Creek. It was great to see Tunnel Creek Hut looking in fantastic condition thanks to some stellar work by Geoff Spearpoint and company.

We spent a day tent-bound on route in McCullaugh Creek while a front moved through, before traversing around to Murdock Creek. A stiff south-easterly on the day we climbed Mt Hooker yielded excellent conditions and vistas, with a stunning display of easterly clag rolling over the main divide all morning. A lovely afternoon and evening was then spent relaxing at the simply delightful Marks Flat, going for a dip in the

Looking north from the summit of Mount Hooker. Photo: Nina Dickerhof

Clarke and generally lazing about in the sun. Incredibly, a 3rd day of fine weather dawned, so we set off and climbed onto the Solution Range before dropping down to the Otoko Glacier lake and on through to the flats at the head of the Otoko. Over the course of the next two days we wandered down the beautiful Otoko to more or less crappy weather, concluding a most enjoyable trip through some stupendous country.

Nina on the Solution Range looking north towards Mount Dechen and the Landsborough below. Photo: James Thornton

Chairperson’s Update

-Craig Hosking

Section monthly meeting

In February we had our ‘summer adventures’ night open for anyone to talk about what adventures they’ve been up to. Shania Gibson did a great presentation on her trip over to Guangzhou in China with the NZ youth climbing team for the IFSC World Youth Championships (you may have read her report in the last newsletter). Thanks Shania for the great talk and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours around the globe. Looking forward to our section winter instructor Penny Webster talking this month about her astonishing accomplishment of all NZs 3000m+ mountains. I saw the other day Wilderness Magazine has also done an article on her so look out for that too.

Crag update

Joe Arts has finished overhauling Huntsbury Spur Crag adding double anchors and staples where required.
There is also two new beginner slab climbs that have been put up. Canterbury Westland Section helped fund the hardware for this project. Big thanks to Joe for putting the time into improving this crag for the benefit of the whole climbing community.

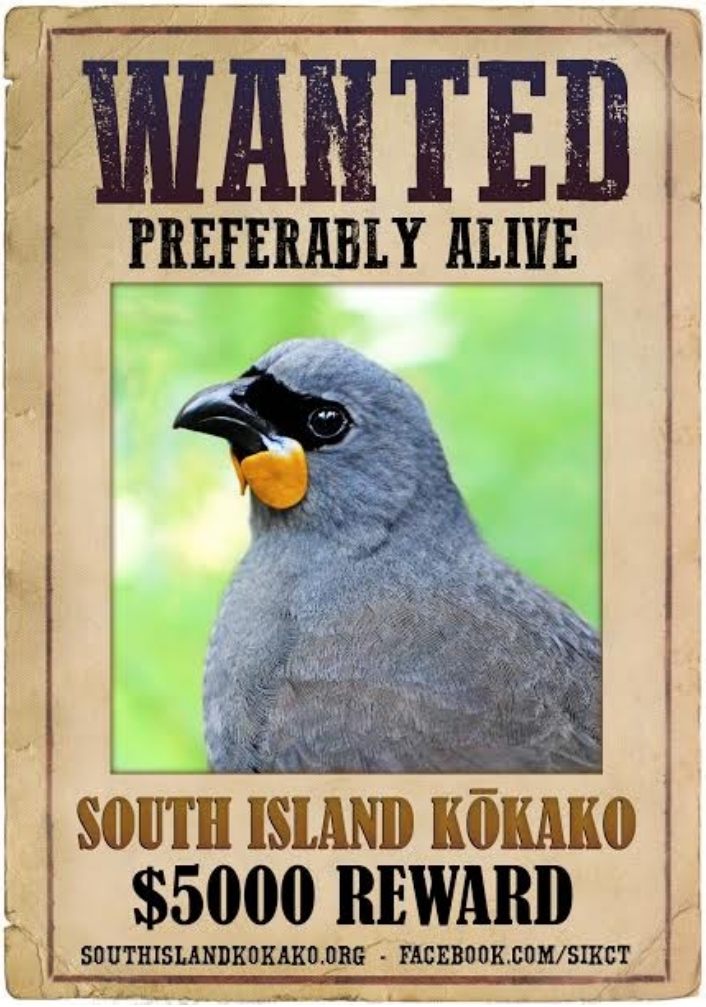
Instruction equipment

Special thanks to Shane at Aspiring Safety for once again supporting the Section in great deals allowing us to update our outdated (or missing) instruction equipment as well as re slinging a bunch of rock climbing gear for us at no charge, you’re a legend! Shane welcome's people to go to Aspiring to get cams or hexes re slung at a fantastic price (re-sling a cam for $8 or a hex for $11).

Notices

Wanted! South Island Kokako sightings

The South Island Kokako Charitable Trust is offering a reward of NZ$5,000 for information leading to confirmation that the South Island kokako is still alive and we need your help to spread the message.



South Island backcountry enthusiasts will no doubt know that the South Island kokako is an ancient bird once widespread in southern New Zealand forests. It was listed as extinct until 2013 when its status was reclassified as 'data deficient' following credible sightings and it is likely to be the rarest bird on the planet. The re-classification gave the Trust renewed hope and energy to continue the search for this melodious and secretive bird and we're asking for help from you and your members.

The search is urgent. If South Island kokako still exist there will be very few left and they need to be found and conserved appropriately Our Trust's aim is to confirm that this remarkable bird still exists. We need you all to be our eyes and ears.

Any evidence provided will be considered by the South Island Kokako Charitable Trust and independent expert confirmation of the bird's existence in the field will be sought before the reward is paid. As evidence, the Trust would prefer a verifiable photograph of the bird but will consider other compelling evidence.

If you hear the South Island kokako, it is so distinctively different, it will stop you in your tracks. Even so, the song of a tui has been known to come close. Sound recordings have yet to provide the evidence we need so now we're appealing to back country users to find the proof.

The Trust is inviting you to record possible encounters through its website. It has already received encouraging reports over the past few years and from these has produced a map of sites where South Island kokako are most likely to be found. The map and further information about the search and the reward is available on the Trust's website www.southislandkokako.org.

If you would like to be on an e-mail list to receive ongoing updates of subsequent sightings to assist in your searches, please e-mail info@southislandkokako.org.

Hut and Tracks Fund: FMC advise applications are now open

In a big vote of confidence the Outdoor Recreation Consortium was recently granted its 3rd year of funding, another $400,000 will go to backcountry projects led by volunteers, bringing the total to $1.6 million.

Applications for the next round of funding are now open, and close on April the 14th. Think about what you might like to contribute to our hut and track network, and if you need advice call your local DOC Office or FMC Executive Officer Jamie Stewart, 027 7674064. If there is one defining feeling from the over 100 projects we have supported to date, it's that every individual or club involved is left immensely satisfied and fulfilled with what they have been able to contribute.

Please find Application Forms, Guidelines and further information to assist in your project planning on the Huts and Tracks website: Go to: http://bit.ly/2kBUd71

Missing or strayed – Porter lodge hut book

The old Porter Lodge log book has recently gone missing from the lodge. It was there only recently, but missing when a replacement new book was taken in. Anyone with it, or who may know its whereabouts, please send in to Margaret at NZAC, PO Box 786, ChCh 8140, thanks. All NZAC hut log books are indexed first at the National Office and then entered into the NZAC Hocken Collection, so we don't want it ending up lost in some other collection, or accidentally thrown away.

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 claytongarbes@hotmail.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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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

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