



The South Canterbury Climber

September 2016

ALPINE TRIPS
ROCK CLIMBING TRIPS
NZAC NEWS

Movie Screening *(this month)*
"THE SHERPA"
Details inside...

Welcome to the **September edition** of the NZAC South Canterbury Section's newsletter. The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome.

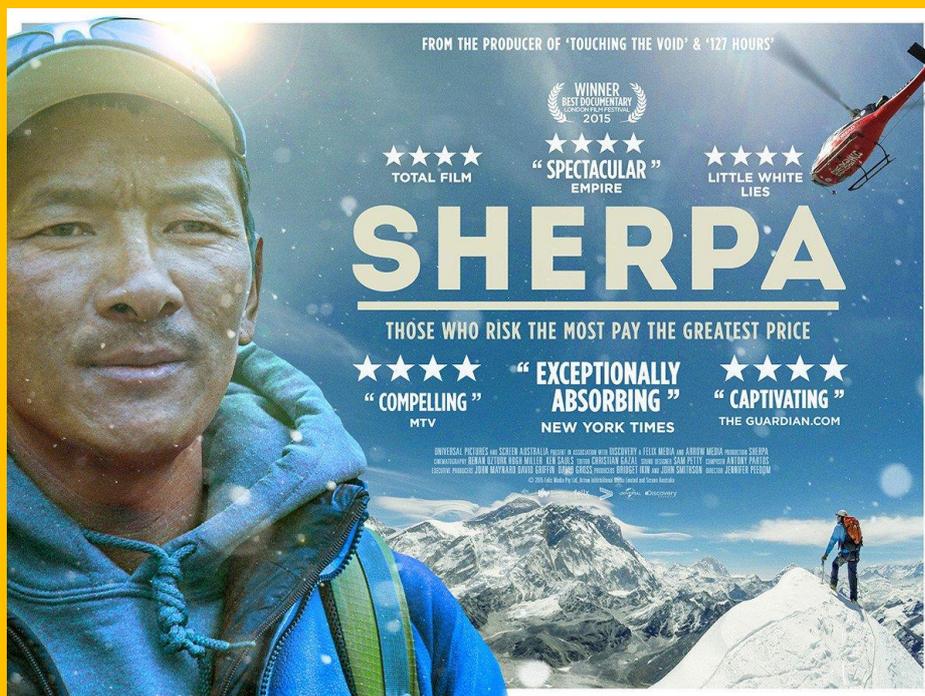
Climber Content

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to hear from you. Alternatively, we love getting

submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for Sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney from emailing: Kelly@wildfiresolutions.co.nz

Monthly Meeting – Thursday 22nd September, 8pm 2016. All Welcome!

“THE SHERPA” – Documentary 2015



Sherpa (Tibetan: "eastern people", from shar "east" and pa "people"). This stunningly shot and nail-bitingly suspenseful documentary follows Phurba Tashi Sherpa as he undertakes his world-record-setting 22nd ascent of Mount Everest. This thoughtful documentary records what happened in the commercial climbing industry after an avalanche killed 16 on the world's highest peak.

Our meetings are held from February through to November in the Police Social Room, North Street, Timaru (Top floor of the Police station, access via back door adjacent to the vehicle entrance on North Street).

Come & be inspired!

Speakers

Your Committee welcomes ideas of Topics and Speakers. Please send them in ASAP to any Committee Member, we look forward to receiving them! Do not be shy to offer yourself (Contacts at bottom of Newsletter).

Wall/Crag Climbing

There are public indoor climbing sessions now running at Timaru Ara Polytechnic wall, 7pm Wednesdays. The days are warming up, outdoor climbing wont be too far off!

Waimate Climbing Wall

Yes, Waimate now has a climbing wall in the new stadium that has just been built. Now, we need support from the community to get it up and running. The South Canterbury section have donated 1x climbing rope to help get it started. Anyone interested in having an involvement in the wall is welcome, the more support the better! Please email John Wilson jwilson@thompsonengineering.co.nz to register your interest.

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.



The new Waimate climbing wall

Keep up to date with the latest local news, photos and events by connecting with us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury



National News

Nominations are being called for this year's NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award

Nominations must be submitted to your section Chairperson who will sign-off and return them to the office to be collated for judging.

The winner receives a certificate of appreciation and has their name engraved on the attached award, which they hold until the following year. We have a cut-off for nominations of 3 October and presentation will be either at the November AGM, or made by a club representative should the winner not be available to attend.

Contacts for section Chairs attached for emailing. Should you wish to nominate your section Chair, we can ask Vice Chairs, or Secretaries to sign those off.

Past VOTY winners:

2008	John Salisbury
2009	Clayton Garbes
2010	Chris Munro
2011	Grant Piper
2012	Richard Knott
2013	Lindsay Main
2014	Terry Cole
2015	Al Walker

NEW stock item: Photographing Aoraki Mount Cook 'a guide to the best walks and photography locations' by Mark Watson.

Log in online to benefit from the NZAC members' discount. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/.../photographing-aoraki-mount-cook/>

Australia Section Seeking Speakers

The Australia Section recently benefited from visits by both our President, Penny Brothers and well-known climber Mark Inglis to speak at their section meeting. Any other notable NZ climbers heading across the ditch? The section would love to hear from you should you also be willing to give a talk. Please contact Mark, their Events Coordinator: australia.events@alpineclub.org.nz if you are able to attend.

A special thank you to Split'n2 and Richard Harcourt

...For continuing their support of the NZAC Club Hut Fund via an extra donation raised from a percentage of online sales and donated annually. A reminder too that members receive 10% off their purchase price when buying from this splitboard and backcountry equipment specialist. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/splitn2-com/>

Sustainable Summits

The Sustainable Summits conference held in August was a resounding success, right down to 5 bluebird days at Aoraki/Mt Cook. After a welcome from Ngai Tahu some 100 registrants heard an inspiring series of talks on how natural hazards, environmental impacts and human adaptations are affecting the future sustainability of our mountain environments. The conference received excellent media coverage, including a Sunday Morning Radio NZ interview with organisers Dave Bamford and John Cocks, and a Kim Hill interview with Dawa Steven Sherpa. Podcasts from each day can be downloaded from <http://sustainable-summits.com> and the facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSummits/> gives more news, including links to the RadioNZ interviews. The conference was an important feature of our NZAC 125th anniversary celebration, focussing on the sustainability of our mountain taonga for everyone over the next 125 years and beyond.

NZAC 125th anniversary celebration event

2016 is the 125th anniversary of the NZAC. Sections are holding local events, and there will be a national 125th anniversary celebration in Christchurch on the evening of Saturday 5 November, the day after the AGM (Friday evening 4 November). Details of the event will follow, but save the date in your diaries and take advantage of cheap airfares to book your tickets early. In July members of the Canterbury/Westland Section climbed Mt Harper, in Arthur's Pass National Park, in honour of A. P. Harper who founded the Club in 1991. This kicks off the Harper/Mannering challenge, inviting Club members to scrutinise their topo maps and over the spring and summer visit as many as possible of NZ's geographical features (peaks, valleys, passes, glaciers, rock bivis) named after Harper and co-founder George Mannering. See the spring issue of The Climber.

General Manager Resignation

Earlier this month we received the news that General Manager Keith Gilby will resign as General Manager of the NZAC on 2 September. Keith has made the decision to focus on his growing Asset Management and Off Grid consultancy business. We thank Keith for his enthusiasm and passion and regretfully accept his decision. We will shortly communicate our plans to seek a new General Manager.

NZAC Sections and Committees

The Taranaki Section has been inactive for some years but is now rejuvenated and back up and running under the leadership of John Jordan. Over the last few months we have also refreshed some of our committees. The volunteers who serve on these are essential to all that the Club does. I am keen to see more diversity on our Club committees; there are openings for enthusiastic volunteers on all of them. Please contact me (president@alpineclub.org.nz) if you are interested.

Pete Cammell leads Climbing and Instruction, and implementation of the Club Trip Guidelines approved in May is their current project. Shane Orchard (our Sustainability Advocate) has stepped up to lead the Recreational Access Committee which has just prepared a submission on the Draft Paparoa National Park Management

President of the Nepal Mountaineering Association. He reported that while tourism and climbing is recovering, numbers are still down. His message to NZAC members is that Nepal is open for business – please come! (Ang Tsering’s son Dawa Steven Sherpa was one of the Sustainable Summits speakers.) In July, while in Seoul for work, I met with Christine Pae and In-Jeon Lee of the Korean Alpine federation. They hosted the 2015 UIAA (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation) General Assembly in Seoul in 2015, and NZAC has good connections with both organisations. Our delegate to UIAA is past president Stu Gray, and he reports that NZ is well respected in that forum and punches above its weight internationally.

Mt Rolleston tragedy 1966 Memorial

In Memory of John Harrison and the 4 Young Climbers, two from the UK and 2 young Alpine Club members, who were lost in a shocking storm on Mt Rolleston 50 years ago, in June 1966, a memorial has been made. The memorial is in the form of a 'Boot' that has been cast by Sam Mahon, along with a plaque in remembrance of all who were lost.

The organiser, Anne McGregor, is pleased to announce that the Department of Conservation (DOC) has now agreed to the placement of this memorial on Arthur’s Pass National Park land. It is to be installed on a rock behind the chapel close to the Jim Glasgow Memorial Bridge, itself carefully crafted by the late Hans Bonny. At present, the boot and plaque are in The DOC Headquarters at the Pass with a Memorial Wall alongside a memorial wall for the public to read the newspaper article of this event as recorded at the time. The cost to install the memorial comes to \$3500 and funds are being raised by donation. This notice is to both raise awareness of the memorial placement, which is expected before the end of the year, and to ask for donations towards the installation cost. If you would like to make a donation, please email margaret@alpineclub.org.nz and she will pass on the organiser’s bank account details where these can be deposited. If you would rather send a cheque, please make payable to Anne McGregor and not NZAC. They can be sent C/-NZAC, PO Box 786, Christchurch 8140. Thank you.

Upcoming Trips

<i>Trips</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Wall/Crag Climbing – Oamaru is closest Indoor wall we currently have access to.	Text 021 243 7381 if you want to climb.	Kelly Cooney
Mt Potts, Ski Touring day trip	September 24 th	Please email John Wilson
Mt Forbes	TBC	
Cascade Saddle	Nov	Mark Easton
Winter Avalanche Awareness Course	July 2017	Gary Brehaut
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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