

Otago CLIMBER

A hiker in a yellow shirt and black shorts stands on a rocky mountain ridge, arms outstretched. The ridge is covered in green grass and leads towards a valley. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with significant snow cover under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

September 2016

MEETINGS

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Section Meetings Otago University Staff Club, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, 7 September 2016

Annual General Meeting + What's Bivy Flying? As always, we will keep the AGM portion of the meeting short and sharp and get to the fun stuff quickly. Keen to get involved in the Otago Section? Let us know at otago.climber@gmail.com. Duties are light and there are always chocolate biscuits at the committee meetings.

RESCHEDULED from August: Alex Tups will talk about his cross-country paragliding trips in Aspiring and the Southern Alps (and maybe some of his European adventures too), and tell us more about this new twist on a sport that's really taking off. (See what I did there?)

WEDNESDAY, 5 October 2016

Speaker to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, 2 November 2016

Christchurch's Caroline Bellamy will tell us about her 18-day trip up the Wilkin and over into the Te Naihi, Waiatoto, Haast Range to Colin Todd and out via the Matukituki.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Snow Craft, Remarkables Ski Field - 17th-18th September

Spaces still available! This popular course is back for 2016. The cost is \$150, which includes use of ice axe, crampons, snowcraft manual, avalanche transceiver (etc.) + accommodation (does not include transport or food). Contact Jaz to sign up or ask questions: jaz.n.morris@gmail.com

NEWS

IT Committee Members Wanted

The New Zealand Alpine Club is putting together a crew of volunteer members with an expertise in all things IT (including web-based activities) who are keen to pitch in. Sound like you? Contact margaret@alpineclub.org.nz

Our gear has a new home! And soon some new stock!

After a year sleeping in garages and cars, the Section's hire equipment has finally found a home.

The eight sets of avalanche equipment and eight sets of snowshoes are now available for rent from the **Hunting and Fishing** shop at 922 George Street in Dunedin. The shop is open from 8 to 5.30 on Monday to Friday and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday. The shop is not open on Sundays.

The rental costs haven't changed - \$5 per day for an avalanche set of transceiver, probe and shovel and \$5 per day for snowshoes for all Alpine Club members. You **MUST** show your current membership card to receive that rate. Not a member, or don't have your card? Then the fee is \$10 per day and you will be required to pay a \$20 deposit.

If you have any issues with the gear or rentals, please contact me or any of the committee and we will sort things out. Please don't hassle the staff at Hunting and Fishing as they are doing us a huge favour by running the rental scheme for us.

Now that we have a reliable and accessible home for the gear, the Committee has decided to invest some of this year's Banff surplus in four more sets of avalanche gear and we are currently identifying the best technology before making a purchase.

Use the gear if you are heading out over winter and be safe out there.

- **Lindsay: 027 404 8911**

Scholarships!

FMC Youth Scholarships

The Federated Mountain Clubs' competitive scholarship scheme for young adults under the age of 30 is now open. The scholarships are intended to promote tramping to younger generations and to explore ways of assisting clubs to attract younger members.

Grants are available for up to \$1000 for the September 2016 round, and can be used to assist the recipient in leading a multi-day expedition of five or more nights' duration within mainland New Zealand or its offshore islands. As mentioned above, the recipient must be under 30 years of age at the time of application, and be either a member of a club affiliated with FMC (e.g. tramping or mountaineering/alpine club, university tramping club); or be a member of an organisation associated with FMC (e.g. school, polytechnic, MSC Branch); or be an Individual Supporter of FMC.

Applications must be received by 15 September 2016. For a full list of selection criteria and an application form, please go to <http://www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/>

Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship

FMC is also offering the first Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship in 2016, with a closing date of 15 September 2016. The maximum scholarship available is \$1000. The scholarship uses the same criteria as the FMC Youth Scholarship as mentioned above, but is open to adventurers of any age, recognising that there is adventure within us all.

For a full list of selection criteria and an application form, please go to <http://www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/>

Tuesday Night Climbing Returns Soon

With the clocks changing on 25 September, the Tuesday night social climbing season will soon be upon us. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and our Facebook page for announcement of the first session, likely the first week of October, weather willing.

Climbing Injury Survey

Student Sam Terry is requesting the Otago Section's help in completing a survey about climbing injuries. Sam is a Bachelor of Sport & Exercise student at SIT and asks that you fill in this survey by 15 September to help increase understanding of common climbing injuries in an effort to help the climbing community reduce them:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HGDW9YY>

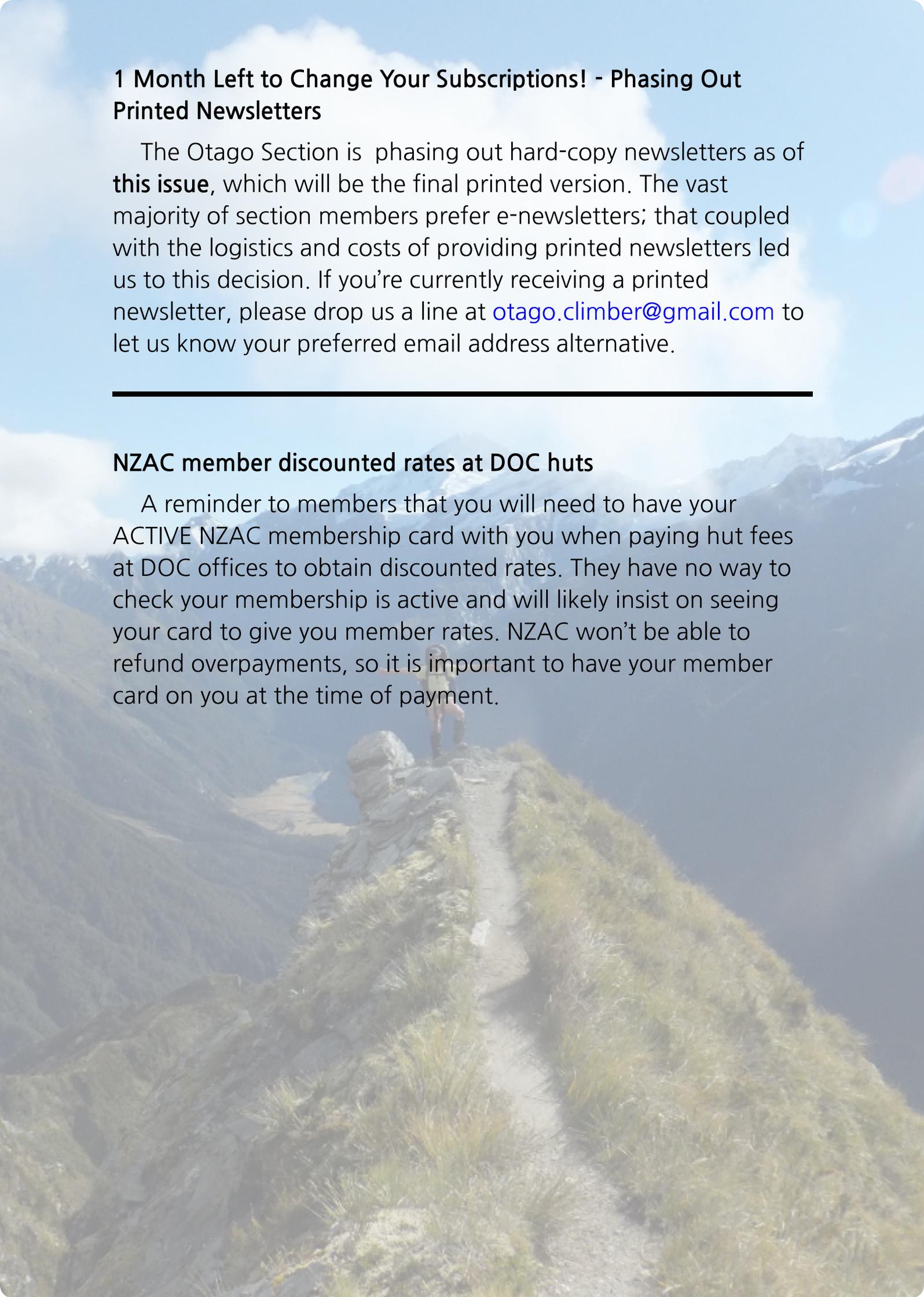


1 Month Left to Change Your Subscriptions! - Phasing Out Printed Newsletters

The Otago Section is phasing out hard-copy newsletters as of **this issue**, which will be the final printed version. The vast majority of section members prefer e-newsletters; that coupled with the logistics and costs of providing printed newsletters led us to this decision. If you're currently receiving a printed newsletter, please drop us a line at otago.climber@gmail.com to let us know your preferred email address alternative.

NZAC member discounted rates at DOC huts

A reminder to members that you will need to have your ACTIVE NZAC membership card with you when paying hut fees at DOC offices to obtain discounted rates. They have no way to check your membership is active and will likely insist on seeing your card to give you member rates. NZAC won't be able to refund overpayments, so it is important to have your member card on you at the time of payment.



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Ski Mountaineering Equipment for sale

I purchased the following items in the early 1990's, but due to a change in circumstances this gear has remained unused apart from a trail run at Mt Hutt.

Volkl Skinetek Tour Expert 200cm Skis fitted with **Silvretta 404** touring/climbing bindings, straps, crampons and brakes. Made in Germany. Ski bag included. Suit someone 180 - 190 cm in height. \$295 ONO.

Climbing skins - self-adhesive, nylon, and spare adhesive (Montana, Switzerland). \$145.

Ski touring/climbing boots - Dachstein DC Tour (Austrian). Size 10.5 Kiwi (approx. 46 Euro). Adjustable, hard outer shell, with Viabram sole and soft inner Gortex boot. \$199 ONO.

Avalanche Rescue Transceiver - Ortovox, Germany. Dual frequency (2,275 and 457 kHz). \$99 ONO.

Alternatively buy the lot for \$599. Phone Warren Bryson, 03 322 6301 (Christchurch).

