

# Otago CLIMBER



May 2016

# MEETINGS

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## Section Meetings

### Otago University Staff Club, 7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 4 May 2016

Our guest speaker will be Tom McTavish, one of the three adventurers selected for the Antarctic Heritage Trust's 2015 Inspiring Explorers Expedition, a ski-touring trip repeating Shackleton's crossing of the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia from King Haakon Bay to Stromness to mark the centenary of the original crossing.

#### WEDNESDAY, 1st June 2016

Ever wonder what it would be like to ride out an epic thunderstorm in a portaledge 1000m up the face of El Capitan? Martin Junek will tell us about his experience climbing The Nose in below average conditions so you don't have to try it yourself.

#### WEDNESDAY, 1st June 2016

Sarah Tiong, a traitor who recently defected to the Central Otago Section, will grace us with a visit and give a talk about her FMC-sponsored trip into the Olivine Ice Plateau via the Forgotten River Col. If we are very nice to her, she might even share some bonus stories about climbing in Norway.

#### WEDNESDAY, 3 August 2016

Speaker to be announced.

# UPCOMING TRIPS

## **14th-15th May - Dun Fiunary in Ben Ohau Range**

Dun Fiunary (2500m) is in the Ben Ohau Range and is climbed from a camp in Whale Stream. It is not a technical climb; only ice axe and crampons are required, assuming it snows before the trip. If you wish to join up, contact Keith Moffat: [moffat.k172@gmail.com](mailto:moffat.k172@gmail.com) 03 473 8903 or 027 664 4037.

## **18th - 19th June - Midwinter Christmas, Awakino Lodge**

The Otago Section will get festive at Awakino Lodge. Weekend activities include climbing Fosters Peak, snowshoeing, skiing, secret santa gifting and some fake-holiday imbibing. Bookings are essential - contact Lindsay at [challispoint@xtra.co.nz](mailto:challispoint@xtra.co.nz) or 027 404 8911.

## **25th - 26th June (tentative) - Skiing weekend, Location TBD**

Committee member Matteo will lead a skiing weekend if the weather gods are cooperative. More details to be announced in June's newsletter.

# EVENTS

## REMARKABLES ICE & MIXED FESTIVAL



### Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival, 25th-28th August 2016 - Queenstown

This annual alpine festival brings together a huge cross section of climbers from around New Zealand and the world. Beginners get to rub shoulders and share the rope with the top winter alpine climbers in the country. Clinics, competitions, races and social gatherings advance and promote modern mixed climbing. The festival also showcases the new and existing route potential on NZ's most accessible multi-pitch winter training area, the Remarkables. There's a range of clinics and events throughout, including popular snowcraft courses taught by Otago Section committee members. Registration for the festival and clinics are open and always fill quickly! Register or get more details on the offerings at [www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz](http://www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz)

## **Darrans Winter Meet - 8th-17th July, Homer Hut**

The annual Darrans Winter Meet provides an informal and sociable venue where climbers can get together, meet with new partners, perhaps climb in an area they have never visited, and exchange views and ideas on technique and ethics. Don't come expecting to climb only on ice! The Darrans is better for Scottish style mixed, and can be both technical and serious, but best be prepared for anything. Winter climbing in The Darrans is still young, but is on a par with the best on offer anywhere.

Space is limited; email the organiser Al Walker at [mealluaine@yrless.co.nz](mailto:mealluaine@yrless.co.nz) for more information and to register.

## **Beginner Snowcraft - 17th-18th September, location TBD**

It won't be long now before we have some fluffy white stuff to play in! Be sure you know your way around ice axes and crampons with this course for beginners. More details to come in future newsletters, but mark your calendars now.

## **TRIP LEADERS WANTED**

Keen to lead a section trip but not sure how? The committee is looking for members interested in becoming a trip leader for the OSONZAC in the mountains for summer, winter and shoulder season including climbing and mountaineering. We'll have a chat about what your needs might be around safety and other training, and can provide support and instruction as appropriate. Get in touch via email to [otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com) or contact any of our committee members to get ready for next summer.

# NEWS

## Save the Date - National Climbing Camp Coming to Otago

Otago will host the NZAC's National Climbing Camp in 2017, which is scheduled for Waitangi Weekend, 4-6 February 2017.

A club tradition since 1931, national climbing camps are an opportunity for members and their guests to get together to climb, socialise, explore and enjoy the great outdoors. Non-climbing family members are welcome at the camp and members of overseas alpine clubs are especially welcome to attend.

A final location and more details will be determined in the coming months, and will be announced in this newsletter as well as the NZAC website.

## Safety First- EPIRB HIRE

The Otago Section has two GME Accusat emergency locator beacons to hire.

For members, a weekend hire is free with pick up on Friday and return on Monday. For other periods the cost is \$2 per 24 hours from pickup to return, with the first two days free.

For non-members the hire cost is \$5 per 24 hours from pickup until return.

You will be required to complete a hire agreement that includes details of where you are going and how many people are in your party. Should you activate a beacon you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the batteries.

You can collect the beacons from committee member Keith Moffat at his home, 172 Gladstone Rd, Dalmore, Dunedin or from his work at 60 Tennyson St. Please give at least 24 hours notice wherever possible. Home 03 474 8903, Mobile 027 6644 037 e-mail [moffat.k172@gmail.com](mailto:moffat.k172@gmail.com)

## Otago Section Scholarship Awarded

The Otago Section has awarded a \$240 scholarship to Riley Smith, 15, to aide in development of his climbing over the summer. Riley, an active member of NZAC, has been a weekly fixture at our Tuesday night social climbs over the summer, and has made great strides in his climbing this season. To keep his momentum going, Riley will use his scholarship for a membership at Dunedin's Room 14, and will report back to the Committee on his training regimen, what lessons he learned, and how the off-season training will impact his climbing next season.

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## Banff Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for both of this year's screenings of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour are on sale now.

Come join us for Tom MacTavish's talk on 4 May and pick up some choice seats for Banff! If you can't make the meeting, tickets are also available from the Regent Theatre box office in Dunedin, or online at [ticketdirect.co.nz](http://ticketdirect.co.nz).

Once again we will be hosting two separate programmes with no repeat films between the two screenings, which will be held:

Wednesday, 25 May & Friday, 27 May, 7:30pm both nights

As in other years, Alpine Club members receive discounted tickets - \$12 for members per night or \$20 if you purchase tickets for both Wednesday and Friday nights together.

This year we are splitting the seats: upstairs will be assigned seating, downstairs will be general admission.

