

May 2023

## Summit Pitch

I would like to acknowledge the work of the current committee. They are a truly great bunch with such a variety of experience. They represent our section well and it's good to see a number of beginner climbers sharing their skills and experienced climbers passing on knowledge. This is the nature of clubs and where social media doesn't support development as well.

This newsletter has the first of the trips planned for the winter season. Keep an eye out on future newsletters and our social media for updates - and more. Experienced climbers should be checking out Jerome's trip leaders programme to develop leadership skills and run an effective club trip.

Next up is the Banff film festival with evenings on the 9th and 10th of June. The event is the Alpine Club's main fundraiser for the year. It's a lot of work for our team of volunteers who do a great job. We've listened to the feedback from previous years and there are a few less seats this year to accommodate for a better view. Banff is a very social event and it's good to see everyone out early in the winter season. Get your tickets soon!

Applications for the Basic Snowcraft Course are now open. We're running two courses and have bumped up numbers to accommodate for demand. We also welcome Maree and Vicky who are training up as instructors which is very important to the club in two ways. Firstly we are always looking for new instructors so that we can meet demand and grow the club. Secondly women have made up more than half of course participants in recent years. A noticeable change in a traditionally male dominated sport.

With the committee settling in and starting to understand the ins and outs of the club, we're starting to see some cool new ideas coming through. Amongst my favourites have been summer rock courses, intermediate mountaineering courses and taking over the maintenance of a local alpine hut.

If you have ideas or expertise to share, feel free to contact any of our committee members.

**Russell Adams - Nelson/Marlborough Chairman**

## May Section Evening

**Roger Bates will talk about Climbs Escapades and Achievements in NZ, the Andes and Europe.**

**Date: Wednesday 17th May, at 7.30pm**

**Place: The Honest Lawyer Pub, Stoke, Nelson**

From being an underachiever at school, Roger excelled at civil engineering and later, ran his own tour guiding business.

Roger was a member of the Wellington Section Expedition that made the first ascent of the North Peak of Yerupaja (6634m) in the Cordillera Huayhuash, Peru.

His climbing partner on the day was Graeme Dingle.

Roger's mountaineering memoir "The Peaks in My Life" was published in 2019. He has also written a history of Search and Rescue in New Zealand.



*L. Roger Bates. Nearly there!. R. Graeme Dingle celebrates summiting Yerupaja.*

### **June Section Evening Alert**

**Russell Adams will talk about Climbing with the Club**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7.30pm**

**The Honest Lawyer, Stoke, Nelson**

Section Chair, Russell Adams, will look through his own climber's lens, relating indoor and outdoor rock, mixed alpine, ice and ski touring experiences to illustrate the many possibilities open to club members.

This will be a great opportunity for those who are new to alpine climbing, and interested in joining the club.

Tell your friends about the evening. Invite them to come along to check us out!

### **Ideas for Future Club Talks?**

Section Evening Convenor Peter Laursen welcomes leads for future talks.

Contact Peter at section evenings, by phone or email.

Email: [occasionalclimber@gmail.com](mailto:occasionalclimber@gmail.com) Phone: 021 446 725

## **Banff Mountain Film Festival – Two Nelson Screenings This Year!**

Hot on the heels of the festival held every autumn in Banff, Canada, t

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour comes to Nelson in June.



This year's programmes are full of alpine sports and inspiring environmental action.

### **9<sup>th</sup> June: Ruapehu Programme**

Sample on

<https://www.banff.nz/programme-listings/#ruapehu>

### **10 June: Tasman Programme**

Sample on

<https://www.banff.nz/programme-listings/#tasman>

### **Nelson Screenings at:**

- Annesbrook Church,
- 40 Saxon Road West, Stoke

### **Tickets prices;**

- Single Screening General Admission - \$25
- Single Screening NZAC member / Youth / Student - \$20
- Double Screening General Admission - \$40

### **Book early to make sure you of your seat!**

You can purchase tickets on line through:

<https://www.banff.nz/tickets>

## **Section Trips and Courses – Book In!**

### **May**

#### **13/14 Trip Leaders trip**

Contact: Jerome [jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz)

### **June**

To be advised

### **July**

#### **13/16th Mt Franklin Grade 2 (Grade 1 if not climbing).**

At 2340m Mt Franklin is the highest peak in Nelson Lakes and requires a long approach. You need to be fit enough to make the 8.5 hr walk to the Blue Lake Hut, climb next day, and 8.5hr walk out the day after. Take some time off and have a crack at bagging this one. The climbing itself is not very technical. Winter conditions will add some spice, so you will need to be confident with ice axe and crampons, comfortable in avalanche terrain, and prepared for changeable weather.

Contact Russell: [r.a.guns.70@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.guns.70@gmail.com)

### **August**

#### **12-13<sup>th</sup> Manakau. Grade 2.**

The highest point in the Seaward Kaikouras Manakau is a very big non technical climb. Good fitness required.

Saturday climb Surveyor Spur and camp in reach of snow to melt for water. Sunday climb Manakau and return home.

Contact Neil: [neilseaman79@gmail.com](mailto:neilseaman79@gmail.com)

### **September**

#### **2/3rd and 9/10<sup>th</sup> Basic Snowcraft Course**

#### **16/17 Peel Range Traverse Grade 1+**

A walk up the beautiful Cobb Valley to camp at Round Lake. Then an early start to traverse the Peel Range back to the carpark, climbing as many of the four peaks as possible on the way. A good level of fitness required.

Contact Forrest: [forrestpaynter@gmail.com](mailto:forrestpaynter@gmail.com)

### **14th-21<sup>st</sup> Temple Basin. Ski and climb week.**

We have a great opportunity to join Wellington section members at Temple Basin for a week in the mountains. Pack your skis and crampons!

Contact Hamish: [hamishbrownnz@gmail.com](mailto:hamishbrownnz@gmail.com)

### **16/17th Basic Snowcraft Course follow up trip.**

Just completed your basic snowcraft course and now wanting to put some of those skills into practice, join Russell for a great weekend.

Contact Russell: [r.a.guns.70@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.guns.70@gmail.com)

### **23/24<sup>th</sup> Mt Kehu 23/24<sup>th</sup> –**

Ben Winnubst memorial trip.

Join us for a trip to Mt Kehu to remember Ben and all that he did for the alpine community. Kehu was Ben's favourite peak for good reason. Options for all abilities, camping. Good fitness required.

Contact Jerome: [jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jjwaldron@xtra.co.nz)

## **October**

### **13/15th Mt Adams**

A fine weekend trip on the West Coast. Commence south of Hari Hari, easy scramble up to campsite, then snowplod/crampon onto a snowy summit. Terrific views to Main Divide – south, east and west to the Tasman Sea.

Contact Seb: [sebastian.head@gmail.com](mailto:sebastian.head@gmail.com)

### **20/21/22nd Hopeless/Cupola combo. Grade 2-3**

No plans for your long weekend, come join us on a trip to climb Hopeless and Cupola from Cupola hut, experience on steep exposed terrain essential.

Contact Hamish: [hamishbrownnz@gmail.com](mailto:hamishbrownnz@gmail.com)

## **November**

Faerie Queen and Gloriana - Dates TBC

Join us on two classic Spencer mountains peaks.

Contact Liam: [liam\\_sullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:liam_sullivan@yahoo.com)

### **Other trip ideas**

Arthurs Pass long weekend climbing trip. Grade 1 and 2 options.

### **Trip Co-ordinator Hamish Brown**

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## **Improving the Section Newsletter. Let's have your ideas!**

Contributions and ideas are always welcome:

Interesting, epic, or unusual trips; gear recommendations, concerns, conservation ideas.

Book, video and film discoveries. amazing alpine photos.

The Editor awaits your email or breathless call!

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