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OTAGO CLIMBER

Newsletter of the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club



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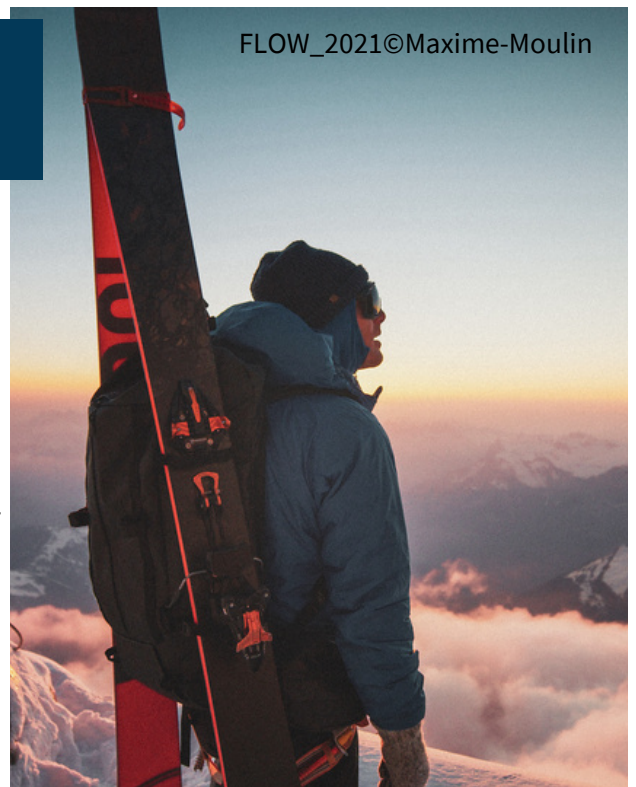
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INTRODUCTION

Days are getting shorter, and fires are getting lit to warm up the evenings - the ski season is just around the corner!

To help you tolerate the wait and build up the excitement, join us in May in Queenstown or Dunedin for the annual Banff Mountain Film Festival.

Also - the Winter instruction courses' dates will soon be announced via email - get ready!



UPCOMING EVENTS

What's happening over the next two months?



BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL QUEENSTOWN

QUEENSTOWN

3rd & 4th May at the Memorial Centre

There are still a few tickets left for this week's screenings - previous years have been sold out, don't leave it to the last minute!

Wednesday: [Ruapehu Program](#)

Thursday: [Tasman Program](#)

[GET MY TICKETS](#)

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL DUNEDIN

DUNEDIN

24th May at the Regent Theatre

[Aoraki Program](#)

You can buy your tickets at the Regent box office or online via the link below.

We have a limited number of tickets to sell to members which will not incur a booking fee. We will have tickets at our 5th of April section meeting. Please bring cash.

[GET MY TICKETS](#)



A Baffin Vacation, Erik Boomer

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SECTION NIGHTS OTAGO UNIVERSITY STAFF CLUB WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 7.30PM

Come and listen to Dunedin author and climber Paul Hersey talk about mountaineering and his latest book, 'The Cold Inside'. A large portion of the book is about Paul's partner Jamie Vinton-Boot, and how his death affected Paul's motivation to keep climbing.

Paul will talk about a new guidebook he and his partner are working on for NZAC, and the importance of Grade 1-2 climbs in any mountaineer's apprenticeship. A few copies of 'The Cold Inside' will be available for \$30 cash.

We will also be selling Banff tickets

BETA OVER BEERS

Beta over Beers is a regular social night hosted by the New Zealand Alpine Club for mountaineers, ski tourers and climbers. Join us for drinks and meet like-minded people. Discuss the latest conditions in the mountains, find a buddy for your next adventure or get some inspiration for future trips. All welcome.

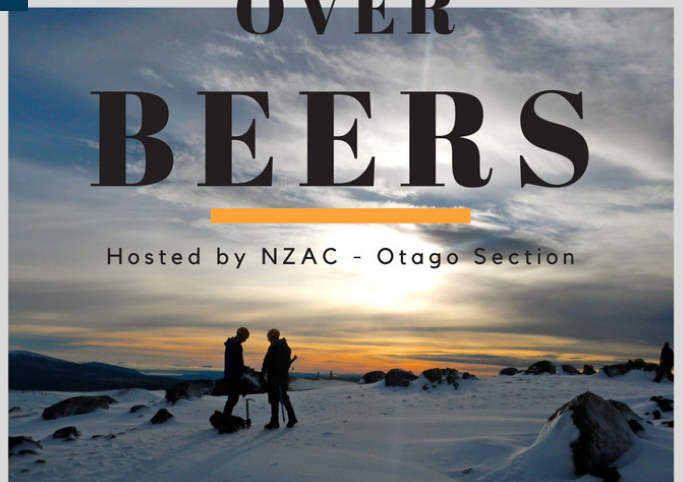
Where? Cargo Gantleys, Arthurs Point

When: 7-9pm, second Tuesday of the month

Check out the [Facebook Event](#).

BETA OVER BEERS

Hosted by NZAC - Otago Section



TUESDAY 9TH MAY
CARGO GANTLEYS, ARTHURS POINT,
QUEENSTOWN
7PM - 9PM

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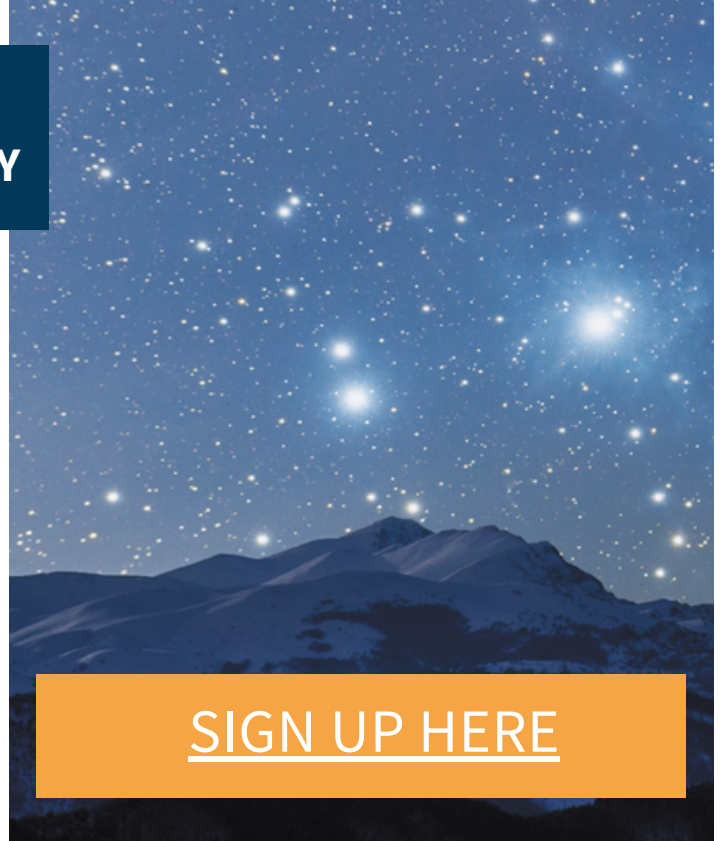
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CELEBRATE MATARIKI AT ASPIRING HUT – 14-16TH JULY

We have Aspiring Hut booked out for the club for the Matariki weekend. So, mark this in your calendar as it will be an opportunity to check out the million-dollar upgrade and spend some quality time in the mountains with good company.

The plan is for people to travel and walk into Aspiring Hut on Friday and for there to be a shared potluck meal together on Friday night. On Saturday people can explore the valley or just read a book by the fire. On Sunday we will walk out and travel home. It is about a 2 to 2.5hr walk into Aspiring Hut from the road end.

This trip will be opened up to all NZAC members so enroll early if you want to be sure of getting a spot. Your family is welcome to come with you even if they are not members.



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GEAR HIRE

PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons)

The Otago Section has two PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons) for use by Section members. Rental is free for NZAC members and \$5 per day for non-members. Fill out the online booking form then contact Keith Moffatt to arrange to collect a unit (contact info in Section Contacts).

Avalanche Equipment and Snowshoes

Available for rent from Hunting and Fishing, Dunedin (141 Crawford street). Rental for members is \$5 per day for snowshoes. You MUST show your current membership card to receive that rate. Fees for non members are \$10 per day with a \$20 deposit. Members are welcome to collect gear on Friday and return on Monday and two day's rental will apply.

If you have any issues with the gear or rentals, please contact the Section, Hunting and Fishing are doing us a huge favour running the rentals; please don't hassle the staff!

Guide Books Available

The Section has an up-to-date set of guidebooks available to members. Priority goes to trip leaders, however, these are available to all members. Contact us to arrange use

Aoraki Tai Poutini, *Rob Frost, 4th ed, 2018*

Backcountry Ski Touring in New Zealand, *Shane Orchard 1st ed., 2018*

Barron Saddle- Mount Brewster, *Ross Cullen, 2nd ed., 2002*

Mount Aspiring Region, *Allan Uren and Mark Watson 4th ed., 2016*

The Otago Southern Alps, *Danilo Hegg & Geoff Spearpoint, 8th ed., 2013*

Queenstown Rock, Ice & Boulders, *Guillaume Charton 3rd ed., 2018*

Rock Deluxe, *Ivan Vostinar and Kate Sinclair, 2nd ed., 2015*

Wanaka Rock, *7th ed., 2014*



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Get involved!

Committee member meeting
second Wednesday each month.
We are always looking for more
volunteers to share the load of
section leadership. Please get in
touch if you'd like to come along
to a committee meeting.

To find out more, contact us at
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