

June 2023

## Summit Pitch

Hi all.

June is here and the weather is cooling down.

And our winter program is heating up.

The Banff film festival is on the 9th and 10th this month. We have reduced the number of seat numbers this year to improve viewing. Make sure to get your tickets. Don't miss out!

Make sure you contact any trip leaders for trips you may be interested in. Our tips are popular and filling up fast.

I will also be speaking at the section evening this month. This will be an interactive discussion. I will review opportunities that the club presents and what makes the top of the south a great place for climbers. I'll present my ideas for those new to climbing on how to get started and how experienced climbers might progress their climbing.

There will also time to grab a drink, meet some fellow climbers and plan your next alpine adventure.

See you out there.

Russell Adams - Nelson/Marlborough Chairman

## Successful Leaders Trip

### **Jerome Waldron reports:**

Weather for the the Trip leaders weekend was fine. Because of high stream levels from a week of rain, Liam and I moved the venue to the Lees Creek area. So pleased we did.

After a short bike from the Rainbow gate to the Lees swing bridge, we enjoyed a pleasant 3hr walk up to a wee hut set on the edge of a large tussock flat.

After lunch we had a "recon" up stream to the base of our planned route up (Peak 21520)

Sunday saw us walking by 4.45 am, finding our way up steam though the forest to point 1144, then turning a mossy waterfall on the true left through steep scrub. By day break we were high on the west rib. From there we climbed direct to the summit enjoying airy scrambling. We descended the north ridge and a gully to the main basin in time for lunch at the hut.

Liam and I agreed this is worthy area for both winter and summer trips. It is classic back country, close to home. Lovely.



## **Section Evenings**

### **Thank you Roger!**

At our May meeting, Roger Bates gave a lively talk about his climbs NZ, the Andes and Europe. Highlights being his climb of Yerupaja and a range of impressive routes with Wellington friends including Graeme Dingle, Eric McMahon and Jill Tremain. Small in stature, he credits his energy to the regular Tararua trips. In conclusion he amazed us with his transition from climbing to competitive track cycling.

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

#### **7.30pm The Honest Lawyer, Stoke, Nelson**

#### **Section Climbing Opportunities!**

Section Chair, Russell Adams, will present an introduction to the Nelson/Marlborough Section. He'll look through his own climber's lens, relating indoor and outdoor rock, mixed alpine, ice and ski touring experiences to illustrate the many opportunities. This is a great opportunity for those who are new to the Club or unsure about what we offer.



### **July Section Meeting**

#### **Wednesday 19 July**

#### **7.30pm The Honest Lawyer, Stoke, Nelson**

Jim Davidson will reveal how he came to climb all NZ's 3000m peaks between 2012 and 2020

Jim is a keen tramper and alpine climber. In 2022 he received NZAC's Volunteer of the Year award. Previously based in Auckland, Jim recently moved to live on the right side of Cook Strait.



**Jim Davidson. (L) At the head of the Hooker Glacier. (R) On the summit ridge of Nun's Veil.**

**August Section Evening  
Wednesday 16 August,  
7.30pm The Honest Lawyer, Stoke, Nelson  
Nelson Marlborough NZAC Photo Competition.**

Judge by Peter Laurenson is an award winning photographer successfully managed the Wellington Section Photo Competition and been a judge for the FMC annual photo competition since 2019.

**Fresh Ideas for Section Activities off-Mountain?**

Section Evening Convenor Peter Laurenson welcomes leads for future Section evenings and social activities.

Explore your ideas with Peter at any Section evening or by:

Email: [occasionalclimber@gmail.com](mailto:occasionalclimber@gmail.com)

Phone: 021 446 725

**Banff Mountain Film Festival Nelson 2023**

There has been a steady flow of ticket sales. Still some seats left... if you are lucky!  
Make sure that you don't miss out.

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 are;**

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

**Make sure you of your seat!**

Purchase your tickets on line

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

**2023 Section Trips and Courses – Make your Choices!**

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**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. This trip is 3- 4 days, so 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 large non technical climb. Good fitness needed.

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**

### **2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 you skis and crampons!

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

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

Just completed your basic snow craft 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 level of fitness required.

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

## **October**

### **13/15<sup>th</sup> Mt Adams**

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

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

### **20/21/22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Local Rep. on FMC Executive**

Section Committee member Rob Mitchell has been re-elected to the Executive of the FMC. (Federated Mountain Clubs). A former chair of the Otago Section, and the Club Committee, Rob served on the FMC Executive 2005-2018 and is a past FMC president. He is also a member of the Motueka Tramping Club.

Feel free to contact him to discuss ways to encourage outdoor recreation in our national parks and on public conservation lands. Rob will be able to update you on FMC current advocacy and explore future options.

Contact: [rob.mitchell@fmc.org.nz](mailto:rob.mitchell@fmc.org.nz)

## **Extra Information for Shutter Bugs**

### **2023 Section Photo Competition**

Polish up your favorite shots or use upcoming trips to add to your collection.

Send your best to Peter Laurenson.

Closing date for entries: 31 July.

Entries will be shown, feedback given and winners announced at the Section Meeting on Wednesday 16 August.

Prizes for 6 entry categories, plus an overall winner by popular vote.

#### **Competition Rules**

There are 6 categories. You may enter up to 3 images per category

Alpine Activity (AA): climbing, skiing, whatever you do up high

Photographs where the main subject is people engaging in activity in the alpine environment  
Emphasis on careful composition and 'capturing the moment'.

Alpine Landscape (AL): scenery and views that make you want to come back

Judges will weigh up technical excellence, colour, tone and detail along with the image's subject and composition.

Alpine Nature (AN): the little gems of beauty along the way

Photographs of natural subjects in the mountain environment, where the emphasis is on artistic rendition.

Rock climbing (RC): hardest moves, slickest lines

Photographs of rock climbing and bouldering that have strong visual impact and creative composition.

Mountain and Climbing Culture (MCC): climbing life, places and people

Portray climbing life, places and people encountered by climbers. Entries might include travel photography (as long as it's strongly related to climbing) or documentary-style images, covering any aspect of climbing.

Alpine Kids (AK)

Alpine / climbing-related photos taken by kids aged 6 to 14 (please include age of the child when submitting entries in this category).

#### **Submission Requirements**

You must be a member of the Nelson Marlborough Section to enter.

Images must be submitted to occasionalclimber@gmail.com via upload to a file transfer platform such as WeTransfer, which can be accessed free of charge <https://wetransfer.com/>

Please name your files following this format:

Photographer\_Category\_Caption\_Location\_Date.jpg

For questions regarding the competition, please email: occasionalclimber@gmail.com

Please ensure you have permission from people in your photos that their image can be used and published in the Newsletter.

#### **Image Specifications**

All images must have been taken and processed by the competitor and be his or her property.

Images need not necessarily have been taken in New Zealand.

Entries are permitted in digital format only. Files must be JPEG format between 500KB and 5MB (at least 2000 pixels on the long side).

Digital processing should be mostly restricted to dust removal, cropping, resizing, global exposure and tonal adjustments. HDR, and exposure, focus or sequence blending are permitted. Obvious modification of images is not in keeping with the objectives of this competition.

Images not meeting these specifications will not be judged.

#### **Judging Criteria**

1. Category relevance – is the shot on subject, or should it be in a different category.

2. Technical competence/excellence – is the shot exposed well – right balance of dark and light, no burnout. Depth of field well used. The shot is appropriately focused.
  3. Creativity – what is different about the shot. Does an idea/story come through in the shot. Does it draw the viewer in/have emotional impact. What makes it more than a pretty snap?
  4. Photographic difficulty. Judgment includes assessment of challenging light, difficult to reach angle.
1. and 2. are essential just to be accepted in category. 3. is what will define a winner, unless there are two winners, in which case 4., while not essential, might be the decider.

### **Need some help to organize your entry?**

Contact the convenor: Peter Laurenson

Email: [occasionalclimber@gmail.com](mailto:occasionalclimber@gmail.com)

Phone: 021 446 725

Why not check out Peter's website to inspire your creativity?

<https://www.occasionalclimber.co.nz/about-oc/my-thoughts-on-outdoor-photography/>

### **Let's have your Newsletter ideas!**

Contributions and ideas to improve for the Section Newsletter are always welcome:

Epic, or unusual and interesting trips in NZ or overseas;

Satisfying climbs

Gear recommendations,

Conservation ideas. or concerns

Book, video and film discoveries. amazing alpine photos.

It could be an idea, an article or a letter to the editor.

The Editor awaits your email or breathless call !

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