

AUGUST 2023

# OTAGO CLIMBER

*Newsletter of the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club*



Philp Somerville on Robert Ridge Nelson Lakes - July 2023

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SECTION NIGHTS OTAGO UNIVERSITY STAFF CLUB

### Otago Section AGM - Wednesday 6th Sept

It is time again for our annual general meeting and to select a committee for 2023-24. The success of the club is dependent on people making things happen. Meetings are monthly via video conference so you can live anywhere and still be involved.

#### **AGM Agenda**

Presentation of annual report.

Presentation of annual financial report.

Call nominations for committee and election if necessary.

General Business.

Following the AGM we will screen short film “Enchainment” on Alastair McDowell and Hamish Fleming’s climb of all NZ’s 3000m peaks in one push in 2021





## Presidential Visit Wednesday 1st Nov



We will host the NZAC club president Jim Peterson who will give us a state of the nation address.

### 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.

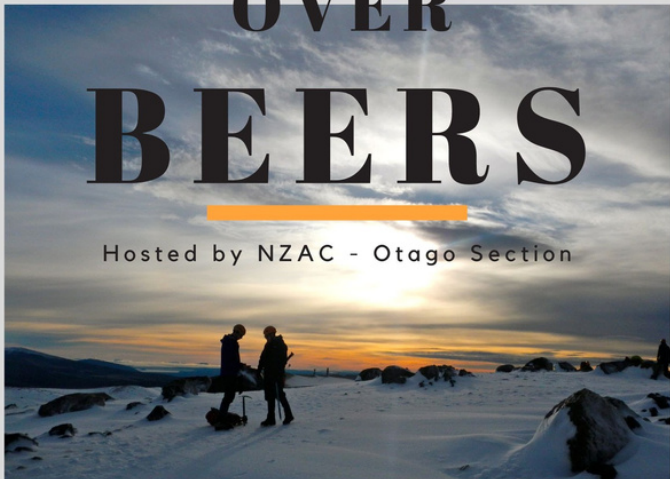
Dates for this winter:

**September 10th**

Check out [Facebook](#) for updates

# BETA OVER BEERS

Hosted by NZAC - Otago Section



**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**CARGO GANTLEYS, ARTHURS POINT,**  
**QUEENSTOWN**  
**7PM - 9PM**

NEW ZEALAND  
ALPINE CLUB

# DEATH OF JAMES URE

It is with sadness that we report on the death of James Ure a member of Otago Section. James was a keen hunter and was new to mountaineering and had been on some recent club trips. Our thoughts are with James's family at this time.



James on Mt Liverpool in February 2023

Photo by: Mathijs van de Ven

# OSONZAC Annual Report 2022-23

This year saw the merger of the Otago Central section with the Otago Section so all of Otago is covered by one section of the NZ Alpine club and it second largest section with a current membership of 719

We have continued to run monthly Section meetings at the Otago University staff club, and we have had a good selection of speakers along with an Alpine quiz night in December. Our speakers were Paul Donovan, Chris Purden, Victoria Bruce, Liam Pyott, Paul Hersey, Martin Curtis, Jaz Morris and Richard Stephenson.

Beta over beers in Queenstown.

We managed a good range of club trips , Ski touring at Awakino (Sept), Climb of Jane Peak (Oct),Climb of Mt Liverpool (Feb), Mt Sommers rock climbing March) attempt on Mt Dick, and the Materiki weekend at Aspiring Hut.

We hosted the Banff Mountain film festival in Queenstown and Dunedin. Queenstown was a sell out but numbers in Dunedin were slightly down on last year.

We ran a successful crevasse rescue course in October and an Outdoor first aid course in November. Over the summer there were Intro, Lead and Trad rock climbing courses.

We participated In the opening of the upgraded Aspiring Hut and organised the digging a new long drop at Cascade Hut along with repairing the Cascade Hut fire wood shelter and stocking it. Thanks to Martin Curtis for his ongoing care of Cascade Hut.

The Section continues to support the development of youth climbing via the program run by Tim Bartholomew of Dunedin Adventures.

Support has been provided for the bolting of local crags.

Our equipment hire arrangement with Hunting and Fishing continues to work well. We also offer equipment hire in Queenstown and Wanaka. The Dunedin PLB has been updated.

We have continued to publish a monthly newsletter to keep our members informed and also make use of Facebook to communicate with members.

I would like to thank the committee Danilo Hegg, Eve O'Brien, Juliet Meldrum, Hylton Briscoe, Ben Mitchell, Riley Smith, Sabrina Poulin and John Goulstone for their work. Thanks also to Wendy Johnston , Nigel and

Keith Moffat, OSONZAC Chairman



# UPCOMING TRIPS

## SOUTHLAND SECTION TRIPS INVITATION

Image sourced from <https://planmywalk.nz/tracks/eldrig-peak-route>

We have been invited by the NZAC Southland Section to join any upcoming trips their team is running. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and explore areas you may not have visited before with some experienced locals. For more information please contact the Southland Section at [southland@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:southland@alpineclub.org.nz) or check out their [Facebook page](#)

### **September**

23rd Single Cone (TBC)

### **October**

28th-29th Upper Princhester, Clare Peak

### **November**

18th Mount Burns-Eldrig Peak traverse

### **December**

2nd-3rd Spence Peak, Takitimu Traverse



# Sponsorship for Lilly Green

The OSONZAC committee has agreed to assist Lily with expenses for her upcoming trip to climb Mt Worsley on an Antarctic Heritage Trust expedition to Elephant Island. She has been given \$500 and will give us a Section talk on her return.



# GEAR HIRE DUNEDIN

## **PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons)**

The Otago Section has one PLBs based in Dunedin for use by Otago Section members. Fill out the online booking form [here](#) then contact Keith Moffat to arrange to collect a unit via moffat.k172@gmail.com

## **Avalanche Equipment and Snowshoes**

Available for rent from Hunting and Fishing, Dunedin (141 Crawford Street).

Snowshoe rental is \$5 per day for members and \$10 per day for non-members.

Avalanche equipment rental is \$10 per day for members and \$20 per day for non-members. Members are welcome to collect the gear on Friday and return on Monday and two day's rental will apply. If you have any issues with rental gear please contact the Section or Keith Moffat as the Hunting and Fishing team are doing us a huge favour running the rentals; please don't hassle the staff!!

**Guidebooks....we have a small selection available in Dunedin for members to borrow. Contact Keith Moffat (same email as above) to arrange pick up.**

## **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*



# GEAR HIRE CENTRAL OTAGO



## NZAC – QUEENSTOWN, WANAKA GEAR HIRE



### GEAR HIRE CONDITIONS

- To hire gear and organise pick up/drop off, fill in the form at <https://tiny.cc/gearhire>. You MUST email Chris (Wanaka) or Bryce (Queenstown) to let them know you have requested gear. They will respond with payment and pick-up arrangements.
- Minimum hire is 2 days.
- When hiring the Avalanche set (transceiver, shovel, probe), please supply your own 1 x AA alkaline non-rechargeable battery.
- Gear is hired with the expectation that it will be returned clean and tidy, if gear is lost or damaged, replacement cost will be charged
- Gear can be reserved in advance by paying in full via bank transfer
- All gear must be paid for on booking.

If you have issues with gear or the rental, email [cosnzac@gmail.com](mailto:cosnzac@gmail.com).

### NON-MEMBER GEAR HIRE CONDITIONS

NZAC Members may hire on behalf of non-members joining the same trip knowing that the NZAC member is responsible for any loss or damage. The non-member pays non-member prices.

### PLEASE NOTE

The NZAC is not responsible for providing any technical advice regarding the fitting or use of the gear hired; this is solely the renter's responsibility.

### GEAR AVAILABLE

Avalanche set:  
*transceiver, shovel, probe*  
Walking ice axes  
Crampons  
Helmets

Members price:  
\$10/day – Avalanche set  
\$5/day – any other item

Non-members  
renting via a member:  
\$20/day – Avalanche set  
\$10/day – any other item

Payable prior to pickup  
No refunds

Current NZAC  
Membership card  
required at pick up  
\$100 bond required in  
cash

### Gear pick up & drop off

#### Queenstown contact:

Email Bryce @  
[bawood13@gmail.com](mailto:bawood13@gmail.com)

#### Wanaka contact:

Email Chris @  
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## Otago Section Committee

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Trip info & booking: [www.osonzac.org.nz](http://www.osonzac.org.nz)

## 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  
[otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com)

## **NZAC DISCOUNTS**

NZAC members get up  
to 50% off selected  
shops & activities.

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details**