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OTAGO CLIMBER

Newsletter of the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club



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Flora Yu on NZAC Snowcraft Course - August 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS



SECTION NIGHTS OTAGO UNIVERSITY STAFF CLUB

Next Section Night
Wednesday 4th October
7:30PM

We are excited to welcome as our October speaker, Simon Noble from Ōtepoti-Dunedin, who has recently joined the Otago Section committee. He has previous committee experience with the Nelson/Marlborough section and retains happy memories of running instruction and avalanche courses, stuffing Alpine Journals into envelopes and attending national meetings - actual, in-person ones.

Simon started climbing on the North Island volcanoes then did some higher peaks in the Mount Cook area and a lot of trips in the northern South Island, including while working at Nelson Lakes National Park. Climbs of Mt Tasman and Mt Pembroke are probably the most memorable.

For October's section night, Simon plans to present a bit of a snapshot of some climbs from his past, and of a recent trip to part of Patagonia. For work, Simon is a recreation and tourism consultant and this means he's always interested in knowing what others are doing in the adventure and outdoor space - he's curious about what members think of the way recreation is presented to them and managed in the modern era. Come along prepared for a chat.

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 or check out their [Facebook page](#)

October

28th-29th Upper Princhester, Clare Peak

November

18th Mount Burns-Eldrig Peak traverse

December

2nd-3rd Spence Peak, Takitimu Traverse



UPCOMING TRIPS

OTAGO SECTION TRIPS

Spur Road & Mt Horrible rock climbing trip

November 10 - 12th, 2023

Mostly trad climbing, stay in the verdant metropolis of Timaru and explore the surprisingly great quality lines on surrounding crags.

Wye Creek rock climbing trip

December 8 - 10th, 2023

Stay at a local campground at Queenstown or Kingston and enjoy the magnificent climbing and views on offer at Wye Creek. Mostly sport climbing.

Waitangi Weekend Trips, 2024

Probably two different section trips to choose from running to both Mt. Titiroa from North Borland valley and Mt. Liverpool from Cascade Saddle in the West Matukituki valley.



Sign up to our trip tool website to get instant email updates when trip details are confirmed.

All trip details and sign-ups will be available closer to the time on our website

<https://www.osonzac.org.nz/>

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Welcome to the website and online event calendar for the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club (OSONZAC). The list of upcoming events is below. Most of our events are open to both members and non-members of the New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC). You don't need to sign up for an account with the site to join most events, but if you want to get email notifications when new events are posted then you [will need an account](#).

If you are a member and are interested in joining or organizing an event, you should [sign up for an account](#). Already have an account? See our [how-to guides](#) if you want to know how to join or organize an event. We welcome members from all sections.

Our calendar displays two types of events:

1. Section events, where the trip organizer is a member of the NZAC who has been [vetted by the section committee](#) as being a trustworthy and competent trip leader.
The section always welcomes new trip leaders!
2. Private member events, where the trip organizer is any member of the NZAC. **The section committee does not review privately organized events.**

This website is a work in progress. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email the [webmaster](#).

Notices

There are no notices at this time.

Upcoming Events for the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club

[Section events](#) [Private member events](#)

Snowcraft Courses Update

A big thankyou to all who made the NZAC Otago section snowcraft courses happen! The hotly contested spots on the ever popular courses run out of Queenstown area were filled almost as soon as the courses went live. HUGE thanks to Wendy Johnstone for organising the courses and fielding the million enquiries as to whether there were still spots or waitlist spots available. We had 16 participants on the NZAC Basic Snowcraft Course and 12 participants on the NZAC Intermediate Snowcraft Course.

Course participant Flora Yu reports that “I learned a lot from this course and really enjoyed it! One week after the course I went to Tongariro National Park and climbed Mt Ngauruhoe with some friends from NZAC Auckland section. It was a great trip and the skills I learned from the snowcraft course definitely made me feel more confident when climbing steep slopes.”

Great to hear that our courses are helping our members safely achieve their goals!







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.

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:

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Trip info & booking: 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

NZAC DISCOUNTS

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

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