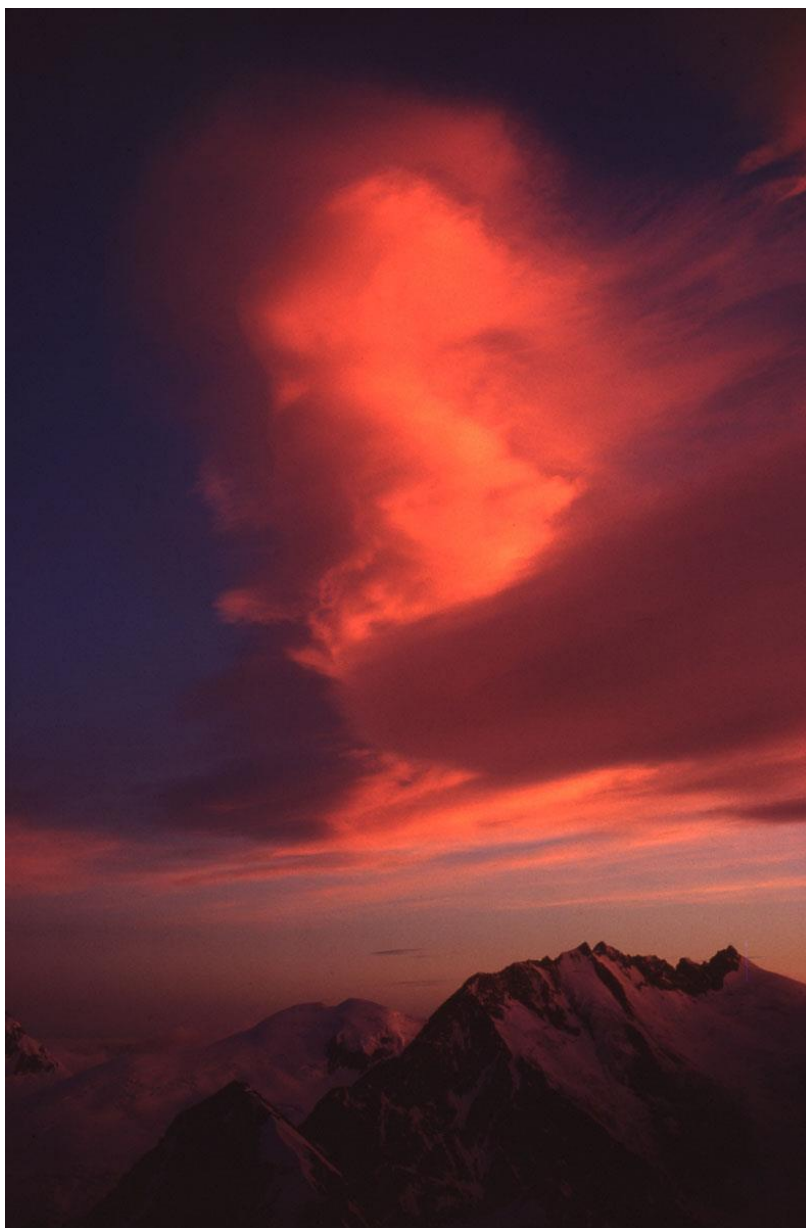


May 2024



Looking toward Elie de Beaumont from the summit of Malte Brun.

Photo: Craig Potton

## Chairman's Pitch

Hi All.

I was lucky to attend the April section evening after finishing work early. It was great to see so many people there. Paul and Shelley Hersey were great presenters.

It's clear that beginner and intermediate climbers make up a big part of our community and encouraging them to stay can be a challenge from time to time. The Herseys have noticed this too and will hopefully produce a great resource.

Personally I've never minded the vague descriptions of routes in guidebooks. With the high quality of maps, gps and satellite imagery, it can often impact the sense of adventure if there's too much research prior to a trip. However I have a relatively high "failure" rate on mountaineering objectives and have found myself in some precarious situations. Many people hold success as a very important part of a trip with limited time available throughout the year due to the other pressures of life.

Paul explained that one of his objectives in the guidebook was to the loss of mentorship culture. Why this culture has been lost I am unsure. Health and safety, opening yourself up to judgment if you choose to teach differently to others, daily work and life pressures, the prevalence of social media? I'm not a tech savvy person and struggle to lead from the front in that sense. I do try to honour the old ways of club culture though, taking people out to learn and have new experiences whenever I can.

I encourage you to reflect on what being a climber means to you - Is it a list of summits, or is it a skill set and mental attitude that comes from time spent with the mountains and friends.

If you're a beginner climber I recommend you befriend more experienced climbers.

For the experienced climbers, take some time to teach younger climbers. Remember, we all started somewhere.

For all climbers, consider what you can give back to your club and community so that the club can continue to teach, advocate and provide resources into the future.

See you out there  
Russell Adams  
**Section Chair**

## Don't Miss These Section Talks

### **May**

**Craig Potton. Wednesday 15 May at the Honest Lawyer, Stoke. 7.00pm**

NZAC life member, climber, environmentalist and landscape photographer, Craig Potton, will present **Finding the Wild**: exploring the value of alpine wilderness and the environmental crisis. Come and hear what's really going on, supported by some beautiful and inspiring images.



Climbing the East Ridge of Mt Una, Spenser Mountains. Photo: Craig Potton

### **June**

**Kynan Bazley Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the Honest Lawyer, Stoke. 7.00pm**

Kynan Bazley is a Nelson-based doctor who also has an accomplished mountaineering career. He has made 11 first ascents listed on Climb NZ, including the north buttress on Mt Hopkins.

He will describe his climb of 7,161m Pumori in Khumbu, Nepal. First ascent was by Gerhard Lenser with a German-Swiss expedition in 1962.

## Trip Reports

### **Rejuvenation and Triumph**

With the aroma of freshly brewed coffee mingling with the crisp morning air, we embarked on a day of adventure and discovery in the stunning landscapes of Pohara and Paynes Ford. Under the expert guidance of our esteemed instructor and Section Chair, Russell. The day began with the gentle clinking of carabiners and the satisfying crunch of gravel underfoot as we made our way to the base of the cliffs.

Maree, fuelled by determination and curiosity, eagerly embraced the challenges of rock climbing. With each ascent, she learned to trust not only the solid rock beneath her fingertips but also the strength and agility of her own body. The biggest lesson of the day came in the form of trusting her feet—a lesson that resonated far beyond the realm of climbing and spoke to the essence of self-reliance and belief.

Meanwhile, Vicki, who had last scaled a cliff two decades ago, found herself in need of a refresher. With Russell's patient encouragement, she rediscovered her passion and the

confidence to push her limits. As the day progressed, Vicki faced her biggest psychological challenge yet - lead climbing. Despite nagging doubts and fears that threatened to hold her back, Vicki summoned courage and determination, emerging with a newfound sense of accomplishment.

Throughout the day, Russell's expertise and unwavering support guided us through the challenges and uncertainties of the vertical world. His calm demeanour provided the reassurance we needed to push beyond our comfort. Heartfelt thanks to Russell for his exceptional guidance and support. It was so much fun, yet so challenging! As the sun began its descent, we reflected on the day's adventures.

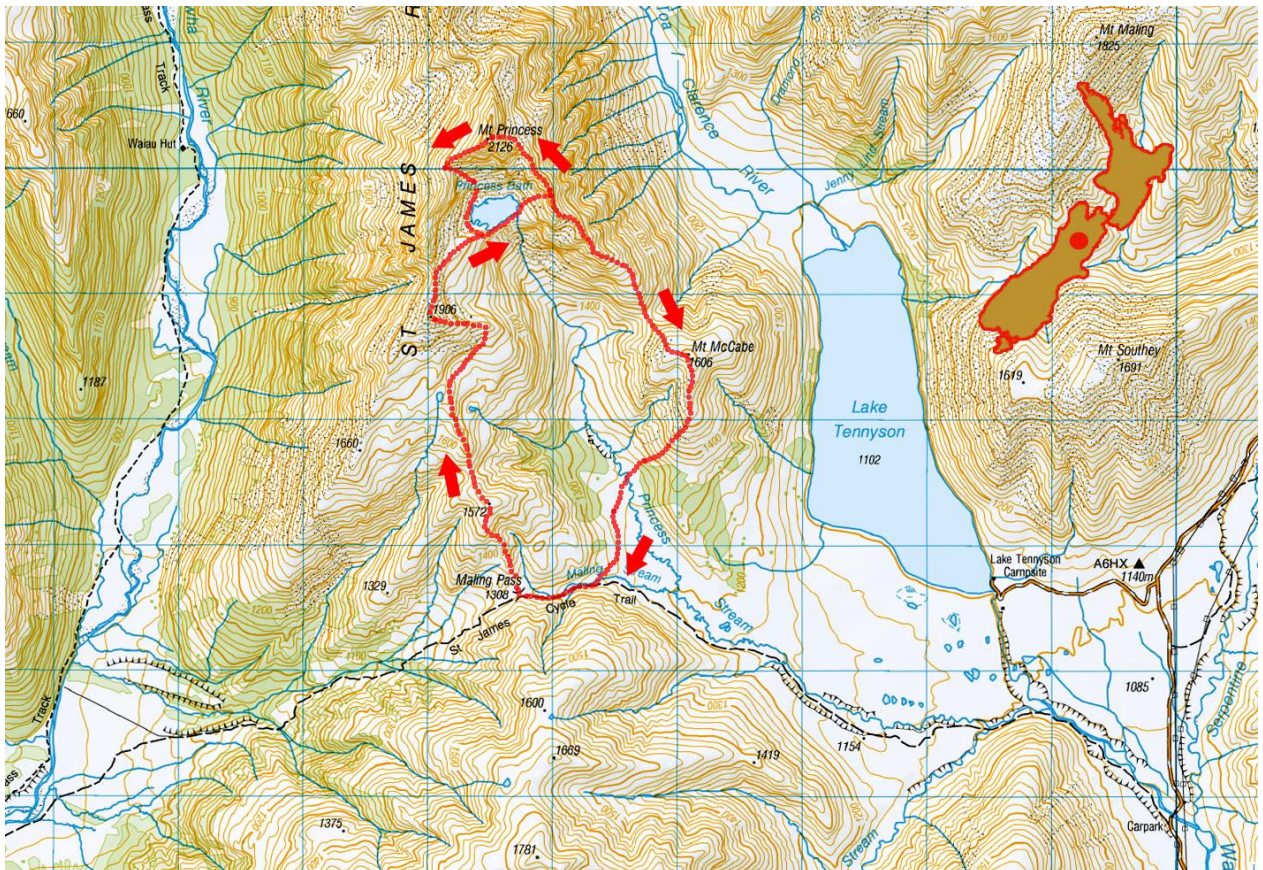
In the company of fellow climbers and amidst the breathtaking beauty, we had found camaraderie, courage, and a renewed appreciation for the simple joys of climbing. May our adventures continue to fuel our passion for climbing and thirst for exploration. Vicki Shelling & Maree Holland



**Pohara rock action**

## Trip Recommendation for Loopies

Bruce Davies and Peter Laurenson followed up on Paul and Shelly Hersey's suggestion to check out Mt Princess, above Lake Tennyson. The pair camped beside Princess Bath. Next day they traversed Mt Princess, returning to the lake for a brew, before going back up to the ridge to descend to McCabe, completing a nice little alpine loop. See the attached route map.





## **Banff 2024. Make Sure You Book in!**

### **Nelson's Two Programmes**

Both the Tasman and Ruapehu programmes will be shown in Nelson, offering Banff fans two different and exciting film selections. Check out the programmes on these links.

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

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

Spread the word. Tell your friends and book a night out.

**Dates for Nelson screenings are: 7th and 8th June**

**Venue: Annesbrook Hall, 40 Saxon Road, West Nelson.**

**Banff booking website**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/banff-centre-mountain-film-festival-world-tour-2024-nelson-tickets-856650995187?aff=webbanfnz>

### **Front of House Volunteers Needed**

Coordinator Josh Knox will welcome volunteers to help manage each screening.

If you can help contact him on

[joshknox@yahoo.com](mailto:joshknox@yahoo.com)

021 169 9905

### **2024 NZAC Instruction Courses**

Funding is available to those who can demonstrate a commitment to contributing to the Section Trips.

If you are interested, please contact Russell Adams.

#### **Nelson Marlborough Section Basic Snowcraft**

9th-11th and 16th-18th August

Details to be confirmed.

Expressions of interest to Russell. [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)

#### **Intermediate Snowcraft**

24/25th August,

Arthurs Pass. Run in conjunction with Canterbury/Westland Section.

There is potential for second course Details to be confirmed.

Expressions of interest to Russell. [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)

## **Advanced First Aid Course**

21-23 June

Comprehensive Advanced Outdoor First Aid Course open to all.

This covers Unit Standards 6401, 6402, 6400, 424

It will involve 6 hours online work prior to course, and two full days of instruction.

More information is available from Vicky Shelling.

[vashelling@gmail.com](mailto:vashelling@gmail.com)

027 542 3533

## **Basic Instructor Training**

13/14 July, Arthurs Pass - Free - for beginner trip leaders and Instructors - Expressions of interest to Russell. [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)

## **Basic Instructor Refresher**

13 July, Arthurs Pass - Free - a refresher for trip leaders and instructors - Expressions of interest to Russell. [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)

## **Avalanche Safety**

Back Country Avalanche Course for Nelson Marlborough Section volunteers

15/16/17/18th July, Arthurs Pass - \$675 - Sign up available via the NZAC National

Website. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

## **BackCountry Avalanche**

20/21/22/23th July, Arthurs Pass - \$675 - Sign up available via the NZAC National Website.

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

## **BackCountry Avalanche**

25/26/27/28th July, Arthurs Pass - \$675 - Sign up available via the NZAC National Website. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

## **Technical Ice. High Alpine Courses**

August-October

Leading on Technical Ice, Womens Back Country and Glacier Skiing

November/December

High Alpine skills with a walk in option. Aspiring National Park

For website information see: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

## **Introduction to Backcountry Skiing, Glacier Skiing.**

For website information see: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

## **Section Ski Trips**

### **Charleston Rock Climbing**

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

Weekend away rock climbing on the West Coast. Intended simply as an opportunity to get the rock inclined members of the club together to check out this lesser known climbing destination.

Leaving after work on Friday 17 May we will drive to Charleston to stay at the Charleston Caving Base. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with climbing either at Charleston sea cliffs or the Bullock Creek and Punakaiki Valleys depending on the weather and experience/aspirations of the group. The area offers quality rock and is not super popular so it will be more adventurous than a standard Golden Bay weekend.

The trip will be of an informal nature, car-pooling to meet in Charleston on Friday night. Climbing will be a matter of finding a partner and route that piques your fancy.

Link to sign up form

<https://forms.gle/8R6mwVmUGHWNvyH69>

Contact Russell [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)



Photos: Temptation of Charleston Rock

## Crimea Range

24/25th August. Join Russell to explore the Crimea Range east of the Rainbow Road. Snow conditions, group skill, goals and fitness to dictate trip plan so register interest now. [nmchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:nmchairperson@gmail.com)

## In the Pipeline

Early September. Basic snowcraft follow up trip

October. Trip for High Alpine Skills course participants to Mt Aspiring or West Coast Glaciers

## Into Wall Climbing?

NZAC National Indoor Bouldering Series (NiBS) 2024 is under way. Every round in a dedicated bouldering facility. The NZAC National Indoor Bouldering Series is supported by: [The North Face](#), [La Sportiva](#), Climb Craft and Bivouac Outdoors

These are fun, participation-based climbing events for all abilities. The 2024 series will include a family friendly morning open only to competitors in the U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 categories and any parents/caregivers who prefer to climb in the same round as their kids. U16 and U18 climbers can also test out their skills with the adults climbing in the afternoon rounds. The best of the best move through to an exciting action-packed final held in the evening. Every entrant has the chance to win prizes. 2024 registrations are open for events at these locations:

- **25th May, Christchurch, Uprising**
- **22nd June, Hamilton, Boulder Co**
- **27th July, Wellington, Faultline**

For registration check the NZAC website:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/nzac-national-indoor-bouldering-series-nibs-2024>

## **Barriers to Accessing Public Conservation Land**

Over recent months there has been an increasing number of complaints about restricted access to the Mt Richmond Forest Park and other areas managed by DOC in the “Top of the South.” The matter was discussed at the Section’s April committee meeting

Many of the problems involve closure of access easements that pass through land owned by forestry companies. Despite their legal requirement to ensure continuity of access to public conservation land for recreation, easements are often blocked for “operational reasons.” Strangely DOC and the Outdoor Access Commission have no legal authority to enforce compliance in keeping “Public Access” easements open. This responsibility rests with the Overseas Investment Office. However, clearly this is not being properly exercised. The Section is joining with local tramping clubs, FMC and the NZ Deerstalkers Association to try and improve the situation. This will require patience and determination.

If you experience access problems in planning or implementing any tramping, climbing or hunting trip make sure you register your concerns with: the relevant forestry company, DoC and the Outdoor



Access Commission, NZAC, FMC and the NZ Deerstalkers Association – and also your Member of Parliament!

Rob Mitchell [rmitchl28@gmail.com](mailto:rmitchl28@gmail.com)

### **Suggestions for Future Talks**

Section Evening Convenor Peter Laurensen welcomes tips for future Section evenings and social activities. You can meet Peter at almost any Section evening, or contact him by:

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

Phone: 021 446 725.

### **Interesting News, Stories to Share?**

Newsletter editor Rob Mitchell is always ready to publish items from Section members.

- Interesting, or epic trips
- Amazing alpine photos.
- Gear recommendations.
- Letters, personal views on alpine issues,

Contact: Rob Mitchell

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