

MAY 2024

OTAGO CLIMBER

Newsletter of the Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club

Section Night - Otago University Staff Club

Alex Tupps - Wednesday 5th June 7.30pm

Paragliding in the Southern Alps and the Dolomites

Can you steer this thing and make it land where you want it to go?" That is a very common question I get asked when I go flying, yes flying and not jumping. Well we can and I will talk about how far paragliding has come. From carrying 35kg up Mt Earnslaw when I started paragliding it is now a light pack that is easy to carry and allows you to go on long missions into the backcountry. This is called bivouac flying where you can fly into a remote location and combine it with tramping or climbing a mountain. During my talk I will show some videos of these bivouac flights. I will also show some footage of how you can "climb" a high Alpine Peak by paraglider. I recently went on a bivouac mission through the Dolomites and landed on the highest mountain the Marmolada (3343m), a long time dream come true.



BANFF FILMS SUCCESSFUL

The Otago Section hosted four screenings of the Banff Mountain film festival world tour . Two in Dunedin and two in Queenstown and all screenings were sold out. Thankyou to all the helpers who made these events a success.

BEQUEST FROM CATHERINE GOODYEAR

The estate of Catherine Goodyear has donated \$1000 to the Otago Section of NZAC. Cathrine passed away in November last year aged 84. She and her late husband Gorge were keen climbers. George was the chairman of the Otago Section in 1959. George proposed to Catherine at 25 Mile hut in the Rees Valley and they climbed Leary and Pluto on that trip. Catherine was the director of Anglican Family Care for 21 years and was awarded the Queens Service Medal for community service in 2004.If you want to read more about the life of Catherine her obituary was published in the Otago Daily Times on 12th May 2024.

The Section is very grateful for this bequest and it is proposed the money be spent on solar lights for Cascade Hut.



Catherine on Summit of Mt Aspiring



George Goodyear

DEATH OF CHAS TANNER

We are sad to report the death of long time member Chas Tanner, who died recently after a long illness. Shortly before his death he celebrated his 80th birthday with with family and many of his old climbing mates. Chas served as President of NZAC 2001–2003, and was involved with Club huts for over 40 years. This included a long stint on the Accommodation Committee, significant involvement with many hut builds and refurbishments, as well as time as the live-in manager of Unwin Lodge, with his partner Katrina, after its upgrade. Chas became a life member of NZAC in 2005.



Chas preparing to cut ribbon at opening of rebuilt
Aspiring Hut in March 2023

2024 WINTER SNOWCRAFT COURSES



We're excited to say that our Otago Section Winter courses are now up for registration! All courses are held at The Remarkables Ski field, with a compulsory pre-course theory evening held in Queenstown.

BASIC SNOWCRAFT COURSES

- Course BSC01: 24th & 25th August (Pre-Course Theory Evening – Wednesday 21st August, Queenstown)
- Course BSC02: 28th & 29th August (Pre-Course Theory Evening – Wednesday 21st August, Queenstown)

For experienced trampers and those with a passion for the outdoors who are looking to gain additional skills to travel safely in alpine terrain where snow and ice is often encountered. \$200 per person, max 8 people, min 3 people per course.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

INTERMEDIATE SNOWCRAFT COURSES

- Course ISC01: 31st August & 1st September (Pre-Course Evening – 28th August, Queenstown)
- Course ISC02: 7th & 8th September (Pre-Course Evening – 28th August, Queenstown)

For those who have completed an NZAC Basic Snowcraft course or similar, have had personal experience on Alpine grade 1 and 1+ mountains, and are looking to go into steeper terrain, where they need to learn snow anchoring and travelling techniques.

\$350 per person, max 4 people, minimum 3 people, per course.

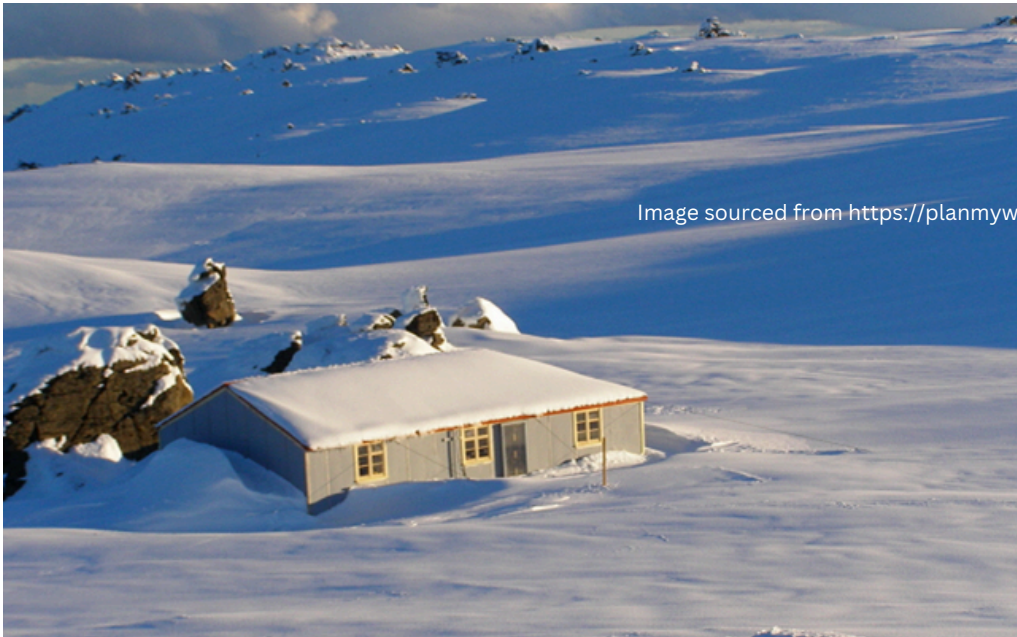
[REGISTER HERE](#)

We always book out on these courses, so once you know what one is for you, get onto it and apply now!!

If you need more information or want to chat, please send us an email at cosnzac@gmail.com and we'll do our best to help!

UPCOMING TRIPS

Big Hut Snowshoe/ski trip 20-21 July



Keith Moffat is leading a trip to Big Hut in the Rock and Pillar range with the aim of doing some snow shoeing or skiing. The hut has had a recent upgrade with extra insulation installed. To register for this trip use the OSONZAC trip management application via the link below.

[Link](#)

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*

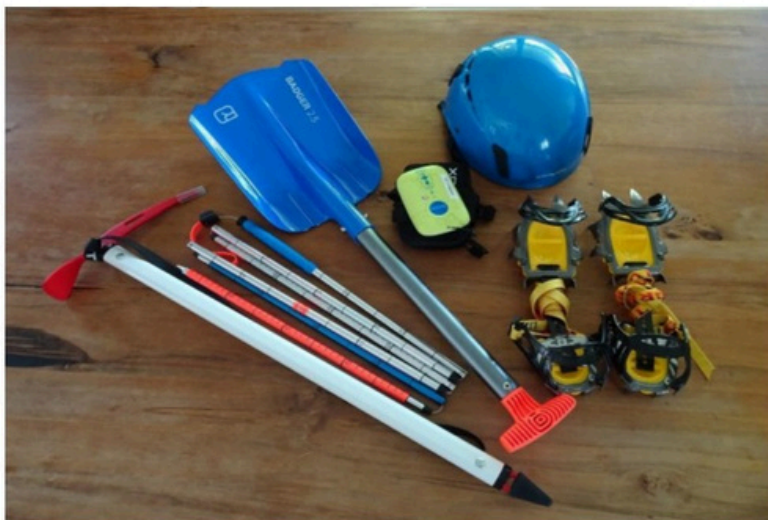
The Otago Southern Alps, *Danilo Hegg & Geoff Spearpoint, 8th ed., 2013*

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:

Email Bryce @
bawood13@gmail.com

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Email Chris @
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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.

Click here for more details