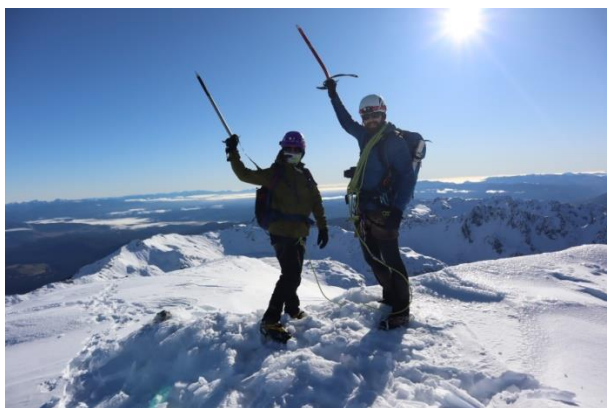


NZAC NELSON MARLBOROUGH SECTION NEWS

August 2024

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Photos: Russell Adams with Tom and Leah on Mt Angelus

Chairman's Pitch:

Hi All

Welcome to the August Newsletter. It's a busy month ahead with both Basic Snowcraft Courses booked out with the greatest number of students and instructors from our section heading out in the history of the club. Our instructors, Vicky, Maree and Ronnie also attended the Instructor Development Refresher Course in Arthurs Pass which gave us the second strongest contingent after Canterbury/Westland and showed excellent leadership and participation from our women. I am very proud of the strength and activity of our comparatively small and spread out section.

I went along to the section evening last month and listened to Bruce, Jim and Peter share some awesome local beta. It's important to throw some attainable climbs into the mix of annual presentations as fantastic as it is to see lots of offshore epics and hard or high altitude climbing.

The club and club culture has become increasingly important to me as I have become more involved with it. In recent times I have found myself teaching just as much as learning both through courses and through climbing in the mentor/mentee dynamic. Last month I went on a trip to Mt Angelus with a young lad called Tom, who is 11 years old and his mother, Leah.

Mentorship is a word that often gets batted around in mountaineering circles. It is also the basis of grassroots clubs like ours. Most of the best climbers have been mentored by one or two exceptional climbers of the previous generation. They take one or two climbing styles, put them together, add their own flair, learn from previous mistakes and a climber is made.

For myself I think of names like Ben Winnubst as an influence on my climbing style, Glen Aspin as a climber who showed me the diversity of local climbing and started me down the instruction pathway,

Jerome Waldron as a supportive figure on my journey as chairman, and Vince Scully on the spirituality of adventure. In the committee I am surrounded by role models who stand out to me for their professionalism, passion or sheer experience.

Many people ask me how to find a mentor, especially when they are struggling to get off the ground. So what did Tom and Leah do well and what's the common theme in climbers who are successfully mentored.

- Get involved. Tom came along to one of my talks last year and has been a regular at section evenings ever since. Getting into situations where you can socialise with climbers is super important and there are ways to become involved even before you have the capacity to go on trips.
- They make a contribution to the club. Many of the available mentors spend a huge amount of their time immersed in the running of the club. It's important to them that this gets carried on by new climbers. Leah has taken on the running of the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Vicky and Maree did snowcraft courses about 3 years ago and are now instructors, club secretary and first aid course coordinator. They've reaped the rewards of getting out and about with many of the experienced committee members mountaineering and rock climbing. If you aren't willing to donate some of your time don't expect others to. Maybe pay a guide.
- Pure enthusiasm (*stoke*). Some would-be mentees get by on pure enthusiasm. Taking someone out who whinges because getting the Instagram shot was harder than they thought makes you wonder why you do it. If you aren't the great technical climber keeping the party alive, be the one who keeps the moral high and the snacks coming.
- Develop your other skills. I definitely prefer to climb with people who are actively developing their other skills such as avalanche awareness. Mentoring is about answering educated questions, building experience and quite often, learning together.
- Show initiative. Tom and Leah asked me to join them on a trip and did all the planning themselves. Planning a realistic objective demonstrates the ability to think critically about one's skills, knowledge and fitness. This is a necessary attitude to succeed in the mountains. I've had some wild requests over the years and I'm no more willing to be tied to someone who doesn't know what they're doing or to get buried in a dodgy avalanche incident than the next guy. Mountaineering is just an extension of our rock climbing, tramping and skiing knowledge. No-one becomes a climber overnight.
- Be generous and resourceful. While many experienced climbers are deeply passionate about sharing their knowledge they are often giving up time or opportunities to pursue personal objectives. Offer them a lift to the carpark, cook them a feed, make a brew, offer to take your 4x4.

Most of this comes back to being a good person, active member of your chosen community, and developing as an upstanding outdoorsperson.

See you out there.

Russell Adams

Nelson/Marlborough Section Chairman



August Section Meeting - Section Photo Competition.

Wednesday 21st August

6.30 for 7.00pm, at The Honest Lawyer, Stoke

Peter Laurenson will judge the 2024 Section Photo Competition, provide helpful feedback to entrants and award prizes for winners in each of the six categories. Come along, enjoy and learn. Participate in voting for the “Best Photo of 2024” too!



September Section Meeting

Section Annual General Meeting. Election of a new Chairman and Committee.

Wednesday 17th September at the Honest Lawyer, Stoke. 7.00pm

Come along, thank Russell for his years as Chairman, and help shape Section activities in 2025.

News Line

July Section Meeting in Brief.

Jim Davidson, Bruce Davies and Peter Laurenson described their recent traverses of Mt Princess in the St James Conservation Area and a North to South Twin traverse in Kahurangi National Park

Lease Renewed for Hodder Huts

The Marlborough Tramping Club is in the final stages of finalising a 30 year lease for their huts in the Hodder on reasonable terms. MTC deserves praise for its determined negotiation with bean counters at DOC.

Access to Mt Richmond Forest Park

The Forestry Stewardship Council audit of OneFortyOne forestry operations in Nelson and Marlborough should be completed shortly. This should highlight the need for better public access using easements (PAEs) through OFO forests to the Mt Richmond Forest Park.

A meeting of local tramping club, Outdoor Access Commission and NZDA reps with OneFortyOne management is being planned in September to resolve concerns. If NZAC members have difficulties of about access issues, they should contact OneFortyOne in the first instance, or DOC. If difficulties persist, please discuss this with Rob Mitchell. rmitchl28@gmail.com, or phone 0274764824.



2024 Section Trip Programme

24-25 (26-27 also options) August. Ski Touring Crimea Range, or Mt Angelus

Join Russell to explore the Crimea Range by ski, east of the Rainbow Road. Snow conditions, group skill, goals and fitness will dictate final plan. Beginners with adequate avalanche skills welcome - Grade 1 - Contact Russell nmchairperson@gmail.com

31st August-1 September

Chummies Track and Mt Patriarch, Kahurangi National Park

If you are interested, contact the trip leader; Bruce Davies.

daviesrobin@yahoo.com

021 238 3733

21-22 September. Mt Technical, Lewis Pass

Leaving Nelson 5am sharp.

Snow camp above 1450m between The Apprentice & Mt Technical. Climb and back on Sunday -

Grade 1 - Contact Hoss olympicfun@xtra.co.nz

September (Date to be confirmed). Peel Range

Join Forrest on the now long running quest to traverse the Peel Range. This is an excellent and diverse alpine traverse that will entertain both beginner and experienced trans-alpinists alike. Grade 1 -

Contact Forrest forrestpaynter@gmail.com

26-30 October Mt Lambert via Lambert Tops Route.

This is likely a fly in, pack raft out trip on the wild West Coast. The terrain is semi-glaciated and participants will need to be ready for big days, technical terrain, rough weather and adventure. Grade 3 -

Contact Hoss olympicfun@xtra.co.nz

23-24 November Mt Owen via Lake Bulmer.

Leaving Nelson 5am sharp, Branch off the Sunrise Peak Route and follow Bulmer Creek to Bulmer Lake, camp, alpine start Sunday morning for the Mt Owen summit, back home Sunday late. A trip for keen trampers, cavers and climbers alike. Spring snow conditions may persist in this steep, southern basin. Grade 1 - Contact Hoss olympicfun@xtra.co.nz

Late Spring. Date to be confirmed). Dog Trip – Mt Starveall or Ben Nevis

A pioneering trip for club members with K9 companions. Nelson/Marlborough is fortunate to have a large amount of dog friendly conservation land - Grade 1 - Contact Forrest forrestpaynter@gmail.com



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. nmchairperson@gmail.com

Nelson Marlborough Section Basic Snowcraft

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

There are still a handful of places available on the Basic Snowcraft Course. Get in touch to secure a spot. Expressions of interest to Russell. 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

Basic Instructor Training

13/14 July, Arthurs Pass - Free - for beginner trip leaders and Instructors - Expressions of interest to Russell. 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

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>

Back Country Avalanche

20/21/22/23th July, Arthurs Pass - \$675 - Sign up available via the NZAC National Website. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/courses>

Back Country 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>

Suggestions for Future Talks

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

Email: occasionalclimber@gmail.com

Phone: 021 446 725.



Fresh Newsletter Items

Newsletter Editor, Rob Mitchell is always ready to publish news from Section members.

- Interesting, or epic trips
- Amazing alpine photos.
- Gear book and video recommendations.
- Letters,
- Personal views on alpine issues.

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Nelson Marlborough Alpine Calendar Offer

Be inspired by our magnificent alpine tops every day for a whole year with this unique, limited edition, large scale, premium quality, locally printed calendar. produced by tramper, occasional climber and photographer Peter Laurenson
021 446 725 occasionalclimber@gmail.com

Images aim to capture the essence of the alpine tops at dawn and dusk. Each month enjoy a full page main image plus a generously sized, full width panoramic image at the base of the day/date page. The day/date page allows plenty of space to write day notes and includes a next month preview thumb.
Open, on-wall dimensions 42cm wide by 60cm high, weight 0.44 kg

Price NZ\$25 (incl gst, excl postage).
Postage within New Zealand is via standard NZ Postal service. For orders of 1 to 4 calendars, including bubble wrap and a water proof envelope, this incurs a flat additional \$15 charge, or \$20 if rural delivery.
Please email your postal address to occasionalclimber@gmail.com

Last orders and payment 20th September, to permit finalisation of print quantity.

Payment via internet banking to 15-3971-0056131-10
State your name and 'Nelson' in the reference field.

Calendars available by end October.

To collect your calendar(s) from 14A Faraday Rise, Richmond, call 021 446 725

Twelve Superb Calendar Images, and an Example of Page Design





Dawn view from above Pioneer Hut (2,380m) to the main divide, Westland Tai Poutini National Park. From left Mt Alack, Douglas Peak, Mt Holdinger, Grey Peak and Mt Hoast

May 2025

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