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Nelson-Marlborough
Section News

May 2025

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TRAFALGAR CENTRE NELSON

FRI 6th June, 7.00pm

SAT 7th June, 7.00pm

Grab your tickets today at www.banff.nz

General Admission: \$27.50 per night
NZAC Members / Under 18s: \$22.50 per night
Both Nights: \$45.00 per person



**BOOK
TICKETS
NOW!**



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Chair's Update

There was the first hint of snow on the Arthur Range earlier this month. It didn't last but was a reminder that the winter season is coming. I can almost hear that reassuring squeak of crampon points in firm snow.

Our Section remains active, with the latest trip just completed on ANZAC weekend to Ives Peak on the Victoria Range. Read about that in the next issue. There are plans for trips to Tapuae-o-Uenuku and Mt Technical in August too, with more to come.

Banff is just around the corner now – 6 and 7 June. We're in a new venue this year at the Trafalgar Centre, Paru Paru Road, Nelson. The programmes are looking good. Don't forget that this event is our club's and our Section's main fundraiser of the year, so come along with friends and family. I've booked my tickets.

Russell has our always-in-demand Basic Snow Craft Courses in hand once again – Course 1 on 1-3 August and Course 2 on 8-10 August.

Bruce is welcoming entries to our annual photocomp now. While it's a competition, the main emphasis is sharing the joy of what we do as an alpine club, and providing an opportunity for people to explore capturing those magic mountain moments. The more entries received the more worthwhile the event is for everyone, so don't be shy. Entries close end July.

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Upcoming Events

Photo Competition

Deadline: End of July

We're on the lookout for prize contributions, so if you have any ideas contact Bruce Davies.

Banff Film Festival 2025

Date: 6th and 7th June

Tickets on sale now, this is our major fundraiser for the year!

Book Now! ➔



Pam & Peter @ April Section Evening,
Photo: Ross Cullen

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Chair's Update

We enjoyed Pam Henson's presentation about her fascinating time in the Karakoram at our last Section evening. Outgoing national President Jim Petersen is joining us on Wednesday 21 May, so don't miss your chance to ask questions and hear about what's going on beyond our local region. We're still on the hunt for a speaker at our September Section evening, so if you have a suggestion let Ross Cullen know.

We're also on the search for someone to take on the recording of our Section committee minutes and to be a part of our Section's monthly cut and thrust. Likewise, we'd like to reactivate a locally-based Marlborough rep who can ensure our members in that area remain fully plugged in to our activities. Please let me know if you're keen on either role.

And how about this new Section News format?! Jasper has been working his magic to great effect I reckon. Note that all our Committee contact details are at the end of this Section News, along with a summary of what our club is all about, in case you need to explain that to a potential new member.

Bring on a snow pack! It was May (2023) when I took this panorama of the Arthur Range, so maybe it's not too far away this year!



Photo: Peter Laurenson

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From the Editor

Kia Ora All,

I hope the last edition of the Section News was an enjoyable one! It was the first one for me as the new Editor. There has obviously been some changes to this edition, I hope this shake up is one that people like. If you have any thoughts or opinions on this, please email me and let me know.

I am always on the lookout for media from section members, please share your photos, videos, trips and anything under the sun alpine related. Want to show off a photo, let me know as we can add them into the Section News and our wicked Facebook page!!

Jasper (Media and News)

Notices

NZ Climber magazines and its precursor (NZAC Bulletin) back to 1987

These magazines are in reasonable condition, and most are there and are looking for a new home

Contact

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Leah, Tom and Jasper on Mt Bruce AP Nat Park, Photo:
Jasper Davidson

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Courses



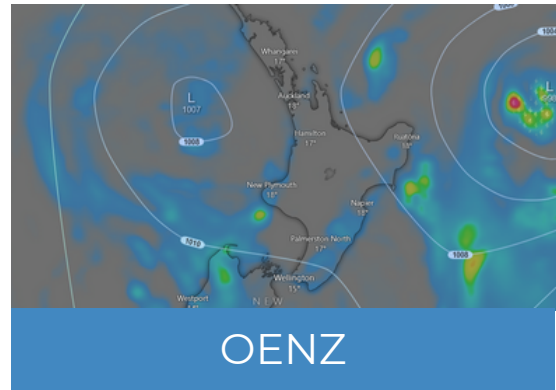
Our popular basic snowcraft course is once again running this year, if your keen to go contact Russell Adams, dates are shown below.

Course cost at this moment is
\$310

9 July - theory and gear evening, 2.5 hours.

Venue the Banquet Room, Honest Lawyer

- 1st-3rd August - Course 1
- 8th-10th August - Course 2



The beginners weather course runs online via Zoom every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm for four sessions.

It covers global weather dynamics, air pressure, temperature and humidity, forecasting techniques, New Zealand's unique climate, and practical skills for predicting weather changes in the field.

Course Page ➔

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Upcoming Trips



Skin and Ski Mt Tappy

Russell is leading skin and ski descent of Tappy via Hodder Hut.

Dates: August 15th-18th

Contact Russell for EOI

Russell Adams
nmsectionalpineclub@gmail.com
022 097 6336



Mt Technical

Hoss is running a club trip to Mt Technical.

Dates: August 23-24

Contact Hoss for EOI

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olympicfun@xtra.co.nz
027 408 6191



Nick Trad Climbing @ Port Hills, Photo: KamYoong Yap

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Trip Reports

Nothing Yet

Keep your eyes peeled for the next edition

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Section Evenings



Jim Peterson
May 21st

ME: Why I climb, why I belong to our club and what I do for it

US: Your board, Section Council and what they do

YOU: Why you climb, why you belong to our club

Upcoming Speakers

June: Pat Deavoll
International expedition climber

July: Graham Langton
Against the Odds: Early Women Mountaineers in New Zealand

August: Bruce Davies
Photo Competition

October: Peter Laurenson
Aotearoa Light; moments of wonder and realisation in New Zealand wilderness

The Honest Lawyer

Address: 1 Point Road, Monaco, Nelson, New Zealand

Start Time:
7:00pm

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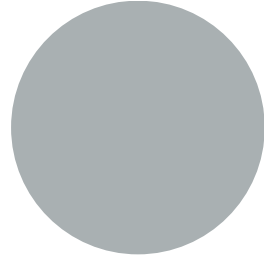
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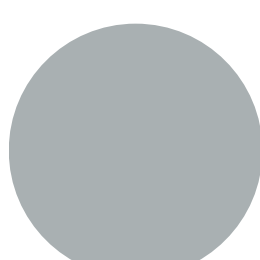
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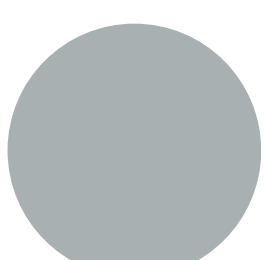
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Summer Instruction
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In Focus: Ross Cullen (Section Evenings)



Ross Cullen

Ross was President of the NZAC from 1991-1993 after time as Otago Section chair 1984-85. During his 43 year engagement with the club he has held numerous roles including HQ committee chair 1997-2001, two stints as Publications convenor 2003-2007, 2016 - Present, two terms as Board member.

During his period of engagement with the NZAC administration he has attended numerous Club Committee meetings and talked to many of the sections around the country. Ross was appointed a Life Member of NZAC in 2002 in recognition of his sustained contribution to the club.

Ross has climbed and scrambled on eight continents, focused particularly on the Ohau- Landsborough region and authored the first two editions of the guidebook to that region.



Tappy with Alarm, Photo: Thorsten Ganther

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Our club on a page



WHAT WE DO

FOR MEMBERS

Facilities
* Huts
* Gear
* Library
* Discounts

Training
* Level 1 & 2 winter skills
* Summer rock
* Instructors

Climbing trips
* Section
* National
* International
Photo comp

FOR MEMBERS AND WIDER PUBLIC

Publications
* Website
* Social media
* Newsletter
* Guide books

Events
* Banff Mountain Film Festival
* Reel Rock

Networking
* Section nights
* Conferences and meetings
* Lobbying

HOW WE DO IT

Organise, encourage, support, enable

Inform, entertain, promote

OUR RESOURCES

Volunteer time and capabilities, income from events and gear hire, national office support, sponsorship

WHY WE DO IT

Connecting & developing more climbing & mountaineering people, knowledge, skills & experience, thereby ...

... building lifelong friendships

... protecting and improving access to alpine places

... sustaining and growing climbing and mountaineering achievement

... enhancing alpine safety

... building appreciation, enjoyment and protection of alpine places