



The South Canterbury Climber

July 2026



Come with us to Unwin!

Mid-winter meal, climbing, skating... details inside!...

Welcome to the *July edition* of the NZAC South Canterbury Section's newsletter. The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome.

Climber Content

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to hear from you. Alternatively, we love getting

submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney via email: kellymuirden@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting– Thursday 23rd July, 7.30pm start

Sean Brooks. IFMGA Mountain Guide

Title: "A little history old and new"- Climbing, Guiding and Huts in the high alpine.



Long time Twizel resident and club members talk will be nostalgic for some and informative for others as we hear about this fascinating area on our doorstep.

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Come & be inspired!

Roncalli Climbing Wall

Great news! We now have access to a local climbing wall for regular training sessions. Every Monday night from 6pm we'll be using the Roncalli High School climbing wall. It's a fantastic opportunity to build climbing fitness and keep progressing throughout the winter months. We look forward to seeing you there!

FMC Bulletins

Rob Moffat has the FMC bulletins which come out quarterly, these used to be sent out with the climber. They will be available at the section evenings, but if you can't attend the meeting, then you can contact Geoff McCrostie and we will work out a system to get them to you.

For Hire

The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut, Cell: 027 497 8952.

Keep up to date with the latest local news, photos and events by connecting with us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury



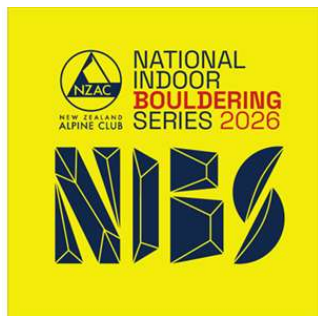
National News

Get out in the mountains this season!

Our national instruction programme includes: **the Glacier Skills Course (GSC), Intro to Backcountry Ski Course (IBSC), Avalanche Skills Course 2 (ASC2), and Leading on Technical Ice Course (LTIC)** - all delivered by experienced instructors in outstanding alpine terrain.

Don't wait. Head to the NZAC website to check dates and register today

NiBS 2026 is here!



More bigger, more boulder, more radish than ever - the NZAC National Indoor Bouldering Series is back for 2026 and registrations are open! What's new in 2026? Introducing the Friday Fun Round! Each event now kicks off on Friday evening with a relaxed, low-pressure session where you can be the first to try the competition boulders. Open to everyone - perfect for first-timers or anyone who just wants a social climb without the pressure. Note: you'll still appear in category rankings, but the Friday round doesn't count toward Open Finals qualification.

New Dunedin venue - Resistance 2.0 The Dunedin round moves to a brand-new home. Fresh walls, fresh problems, same great NiBS energy.

Dates:

- Fri 31 Jul – Sat 1 Aug - Auckland, Northern Rocks
- Fri 28 – Sat 29 Aug - Christchurch, Uprising

REGISTER HERE <https://www.nibs.nz/>

Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Trip to Unwin with firewood & options of skating, climbing & a mid winter meal.	10 th – 12 th July - Matariki	Geoff McCrostie on 021 191 2322
Pearsons Hut – A low-level walk near Aviemore.	TBC	
Broderick Hut & options of McKenzie & Strauchon.	TBC	
Anthill & Armadillo Basin	TBC	
Edgar Thompson	TBC	
Snowcraft Course	End of September	
Copland from the Coast	Late November	
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	

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