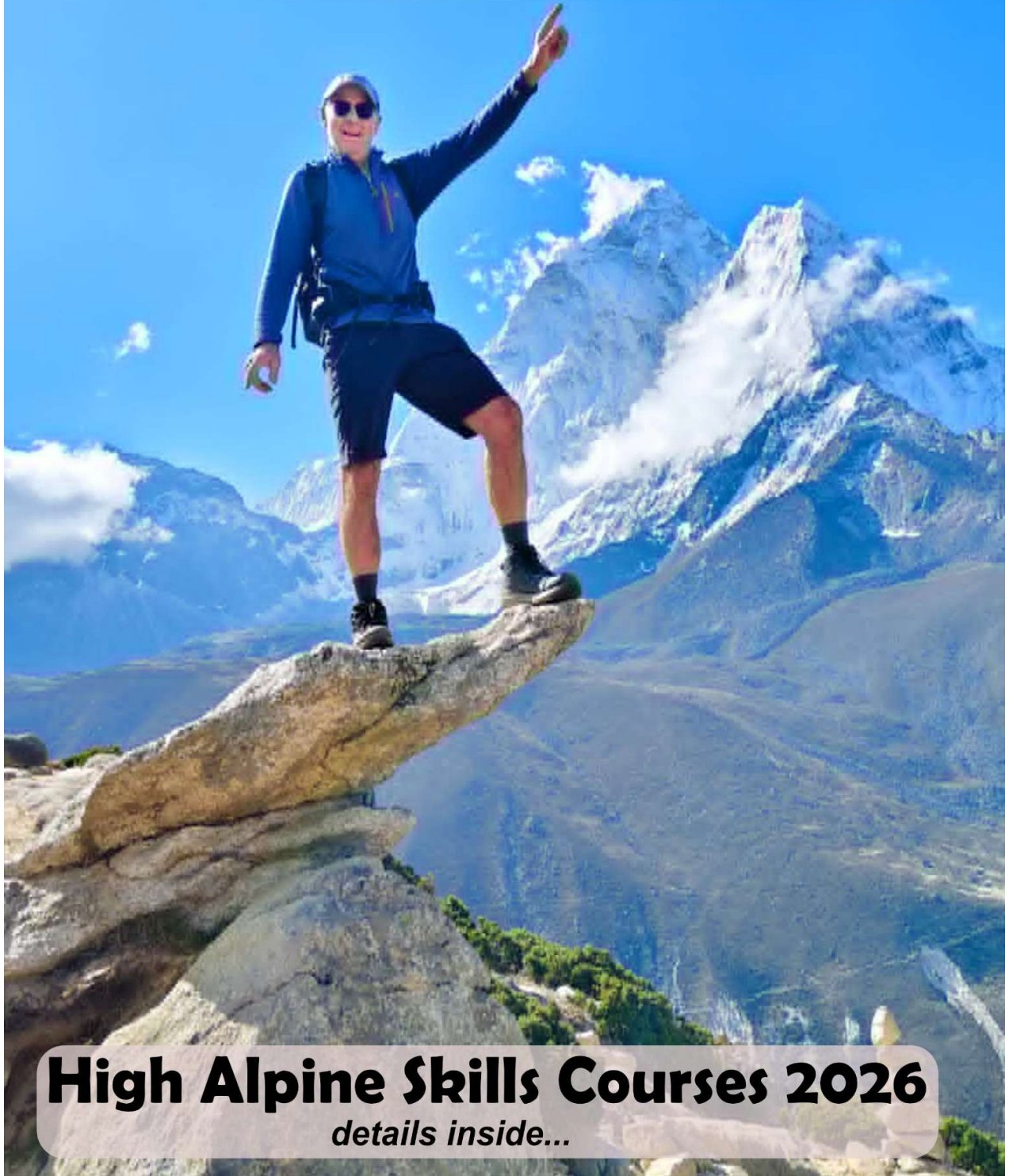




# The South Canterbury Climber

June 2026

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**High Alpine Skills Courses 2026**

*details inside...*

**Welcome to the *June 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.**

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### **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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney via email: [kellymuirden@gmail.com](mailto:kellymuirden@gmail.com)

## **High Alpine Skills 2026 Courses**



Our 2026 High Alpine Skills Courses are up on our website. Get in your registrations early so you don't miss a spot. You can see all the course info and register here... <https://alpineclub.org.nz/climbing-and-mountaineering-courses>

### **Colin Monteath Lecture**

**Where:** Geraldine Cinema

**When:** Saturday 27 June 2026 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Cost:** \$20 – Door sales only

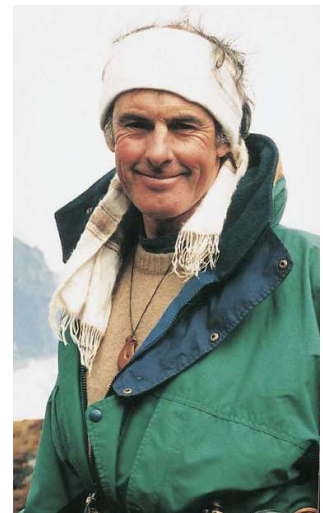
Dusting off his expedition archives, Colin will take us through a career spanning 33 seasons in Antarctica, 4 in the Arctic and over 20 expeditions in Asia and beyond. The lecture will focus on his freelance photography and writing career.

From 1973 to 1983 he was Field Operations Officer at Scott Base. During this time he helped coordinate recovery operations of the Air NZ crash site. Colin's organisation and maintenance of Field Operations became highly respected for efficiency, safety and success. He was also in charge of the Scott Base huskies.

Since 1983 he has worked as an expedition leader and lecturer on many polar cruises and adventure companies. He has been a very active and highly respected mountaineer with outstanding climbs in Antarctica (including descents into the live volcano Mt Erebus), NZ, Peru, Irian Java, Pamirs and 21 expeditions to the Himalayas.

Amongst the very long list of extraordinary accomplishments, he has ski/dog sledged across the Greenland ice cap, twice crossed South Georgia, skied across Svalbard, climbed Mt Cook 13 times, once by the Caroline Face and another time the first ascent of the East Ridge in winter. He has also ski traversed Denali in Alaska as well as climbed Karsten's Pyramid in Irian Java.

Colin's 21 Himalayan successes are astounding and can be seen in detail in his extraordinary bio on his web site: <https://www.colinmonteath.nz/about>



He is a highly acclaimed writer of articles and written many very well received and popular books, most

recently "Erebus - The Ice Dragon". Colin was awarded the New Zealand Antarctic Medal in 2025 for lifetime services to Antarctic Field Support, archival preservation, literature and photography.

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury)



## National News

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### Is your winter planning underway?

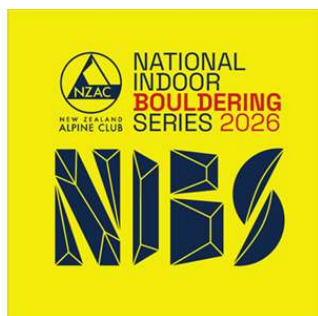
Winter has a way of raising the stakes. The routes you know in summer look completely different under snow. A late night on the couch, guidebook in hand, tracing along a route is the start of the adventure. The planning, the anticipation, the preparation is all part of it. Our winter guidebook range covers everything from avalanche awareness to backcountry ski touring and alpine climbing, written by people who know these mountains well. Shop the full range here: [www.alpineclub.org.nz/products](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz/products)

### 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 26 – Sat 27 Jun - Dunedin, Resistance 2.0

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

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

## Upcoming Trips

<b>Trips</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Trip to Unwin with firewood & options of skating, climbing & a mid winter meal.	10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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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