

# UPRISING



The Monthly Newsletter of the Canterbury/Westland Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club

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Contributions are more than welcome. Please send to [nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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## Section meetings

**Location:** Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo Street

**Time:** Drinks from 7.30 pm, talks start at 8:00 pm sharp

**December 14<sup>th</sup>– Reg Measures , Pete Harris & Rose Pearson– 'The Mild & Wild: Classic climbs & Unclimbed Ridges in Peru'**

In 2016, with support from the NZAC, Rose Pearson, Reg Measures, & Pete Harris headed over to Peru with their sights set on multiple objectives ranging from advanced walking, to serious first ascents. Despite a few false starts, between the team, a variety of peaks were climbed, from the classic Alpamayo, to the stunning Taulliraju. Come and hear them regale us with tales from across the Pacific.

# Upcoming club trips and events

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December -Unwin Lodge Xmas Meet-** Please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com)

**26<sup>th</sup> December - Tasman Glacier Climbing** – Contact Matt Buckley for details at [buckmatthews73@gmail.com](mailto:buckmatthews73@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February -Ladies Traditional Lead Climbing Course (Rock Three) -** please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com)

**10-11<sup>th</sup> February - Traditional Lead Climbing Course (Rock Four)-** please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com)

**Lead a Trip:** If you would like to lead a trip for the club, alpine, rock climbing, cycling or otherwise, contact Andrew Barrett: [andrew.barrett@liquidvoice.co.nz](mailto:andrew.barrett@liquidvoice.co.nz)  
*Further trip details on following page.*

## Mid Week Rock Climbing

A new and exciting format from September (day light savings start) onwards.

Instead of one set evening each week, we are hoping to be able to offer people a choice of two nights each week and the nights will vary depending on who is looking after the group. We believe by doing this instead of the old system, it will give people more opportunities to get out climbing and we welcome people of all abilities from beginners to experts.

A few things to note when rock climbing with the mid week group – helmets are compulsory when climbing and belaying (if you don't have a helmet, please source one or talk to the climbing co-ordinator and they will try and have one available). Also, for those new to climbing and not sure on how to belay, we can assist in this so please ask if you are not sure. We now also have available, two top rope kits (each with a rope, biners and slings), and these will be available each week for the person in charge to use rather than their own equipment and for those climbers who don't want to lead but top rope instead.

Climbing will usually run from approximately 4.30 pm onwards (depending on the person in charge on the night), outdoors if fine and during daylight savings hours or indoors if the weather is no good and outside of daylight savings hours.

We also welcome and would appreciate people assisting from time to time on a roster basis rather than relying on the same people every week having to look after the climbing group so please contact Clayton if you are able to help out (it's not too much of a difficult task to look after things and we can run through what is required).

If you are keen to attend and are on the google climbing group already, we will email out at the start of the week with which nights we are running climbing and who is in charge and their contact details. If you would like to be on the group list, please email Clayton on [claytongarbes@hotmail.com](mailto:claytongarbes@hotmail.com) or by texting on 0274461562.

All welcome, including non members.

## **Unwin Lodge Xmas Meet - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> ( evening ) , Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Traditional end of year trip down to Aoraki / Mt Cook where we will base ourselves for the weekend.

Lots of options of things to do for the weekend from rock climbing ( grade's and styles to suit all including some awesome easy / moderate multi pitch sport routes and trad routes of all grades ), day trips ( either walking or bag a peak ), mountain biking or a special request from Pip ( Co Warden ) – help required to wash the Unwin Lodge windows with sweet treats on offer !

Saturday night we will do a shared / pot luck dinner and celebrate the upcoming holiday period with a few drinks ( a reminder that there is no off licence at Mt Cook so please remember to B.Y.O ).

All other food for the weekend – please provide yourself or dine out in the village. Unwin Lodge is a great facility with a superb living / kitchen area, modern bathrooms and shared bunk rooms of various sizes ( everyone is expected to do a share of keeping the Lodge tidy ) and all you need to bring is either a sleeping bag and pillow or bedding, overnight / shower kit and your adventure gear for the weekend.

The plan is to head down Friday afternoon / evening / after work to suit and car pool where possible ( approximately a 4 to 4.5 hr drive ), do your chosen adventures for the weekend ( we can sort you out with like minded partners for the weekend if required ), and head back approximately mid afternoon on the Sunday.

The cost for the weekend will be \$20 per night ( x 2 ) for NZAC members or \$30 for non members plus fuel reimbursement to drivers if car pooling ( approximately \$30 to \$50 depending on how many in each car ).

All those attending are expected to fill in a registration form for the weekend – NO EXCEPTIONS ( available when applying and please apply individually not 'on behalf' of others – they must apply direct ), and pay their Lodge fees to the Wardens ( cash or credit card ).

Limited bunk spaces available for the weekend as there may be other's from different sections of the NZAC also attending and we have only reserved 20 spaces.

Please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com) if interested and let me know if you are a member or non member , plans for the weekend, what time you can leave on the Friday, a preferred meal you would like to share and if you have a car available or need a ride.

**ALL WELCOME** including families and non members.

## Tasman Glacier Climbing Trip – 26<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

The Upper Tasman Glacier is home to some of the most impressive summits in the Mount Cook National Park. Peaks such as Elie de Beaumont, Malte Brun, The Minarets and De La Beche line either side of the Tasman Valley and provide excellent climbing opportunities for those who venture to its upper reaches. The plan on this climbing trip will be to fly to the head of the Tasman Glacier where we will be spending the week climbing some of the National Park's significant



*Photo: Matt Buckley*

peaks before an enjoyable walk out via the Tasman Glacier. Sleeping arrangements will include staying in huts and bivvying. As numbers for this climbing trip are limited all climbers must pay flight costs (approximately \$150) in advance to reserve their places. All climbers also should have sound NZ mountaineering skills such as experience with glacier travel, building snow anchors and a solid crampon/ice axe technique. If interested please contact Matt at [buckmatthews73@gmail.com](mailto:buckmatthews73@gmail.com)

## Ladies Traditional Lead Climbing Course (Rock Three) -Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

For NZAC Members only. Cost \$150.

This is a weekend course on the Port Hills in Christchurch just for the Ladies and run by qualified female instructors and designed for those who have lead on bolts outside( sport lead climbed ) and wish to progress to traditional( trad ) lead climbing( placing gear on lead).

You might also be a beginner trad climber or perhaps someone who hasn't done much climbing in recent times and are looking for a refresher.

This course will cover equipment, technique, balance and movement on rock, trad lead climbing and placing gear, construction of traditional anchors and transition at the anchor station.

This course is not suitable for beginners and at a minimum you must know how to lead belay ( without a gri gri ) and abseil as these two compulsory requirements will not be taught on this course – NO EXCEPTIONS.

You must be able to provide at a minimum, a harness, rock shoes, 1.25m length of prussic cord and small locking carabiner and the Canterbury / Westland section of NZAC can provide all other equipment necessary on a first come basis ( a gear list will be provided ).

Non NZAC members are welcome to apply and a registration form will be sent out at which time, when returning the registration form you must be a current NZAC member and proof of this will be required.

There is a limit of 8 students on this course so it will strictly be the first 8 NZAC members who will be guaranteed a spot so don't miss out !

Please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com) to express an interest, outlining a brief history about yourself, your climbing experience and what you would like to get out of the course.

## **Traditional Lead Climbing Course (Rock Four) - Saturday 10th February and Sunday 11th February 2018**

For NZAC Members only. Cost \$150.

This is a weekend course at Rapaki Rock on the Port Hills of Christchurch and open to males and females and designed for those who have lead on bolts outside( sport lead climbed) and wish to progress to traditional( trad ) lead climbing( placing gear on lead). You might also be a beginner trad climber or perhaps someone who hasn't done much climbing in recent times and is looking for a refresher.

This course will cover equipment, technique, balance and movement on rock, trad lead climbing and placing gear, construction of trad anchors and transition at the anchor station.

This course is not suitable for beginners and at a minimum you must know how to lead belay (without a gri gri) and abseil as these two compulsory requirements will not be taught on this course -NO EXCEPTIONS.

You must be able to provide at a minimum, a harness, rock shoes, 1.25m length of prussic cord and a small locking carabiner and the Canterbury / Westland section of the NZAC can provide all other equipment necessary if requested ( and this is included in your course fee)

Non NZAC members are welcome to apply and a registration form and further details will be sent out at which time, when returning the registration form you must be a current NZAC member and proof of this will be required.

There is a limit of 8 students on this course so it will strictly be the first 8 NZAC members who will be guaranteed a spot so don't miss out !

Please contact Clayton on [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com) to express an interest, outlining a brief history about yourself, climbing experience and what you would like to get out of the course.

# Notices

## Section Evening Organiser

The section needs someone to organise monthly section evenings. If you're keen, contact Jim, our chairperson, at [cw.chairperson@gmail.com](mailto:cw.chairperson@gmail.com)

## Missing long-handled ice-axes

NZAC National Office is missing two old long-handled ice-axes from our Library display, most likely lent out for a past funeral guard of honour? We would really like them returned – no questions asked.

If they can be dropped in, or sent to Margaret at Unit 6/[6 Raycroft St, Waltham, Christchurch](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6+Raycroft+St,+Waltham,+Christchurch+8140) 8140 it would be greatly appreciated, thanks. Or contact [office@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:office@alpineclub.org.nz) to arrange an alternative delivery, thanks.

## New stock item: The Spirit of Mountaineering

The classic story and pictorial record of Jack Adamson first New Zealand mountain guide, photographer and pioneer. NZAC have limited copies, signed by the author Mary Hobbs, at a discounted price to members of \$37 (plus p&p). Buy online: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/the-spirit-of-mountaineering-volume-1-the-jack-adamson-story/>

THE  
**SPIRIT**  
OF MOUNTAINEERING  
  
MARY HOBBS



## For sale

Two Macpac 75L packs with Quantum harnesses. Great for carrying heavy loads, in good condition and had limited use.

\$100 each email [jjsand@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jjsand@xtra.co.nz)

## FMC News

Dear FMC affiliated clubs, individual supporters and associate members; FMC launched our '[Outdoor Community](#)' campaign in 2015 to identify and enhance the diverse array of recreational pursuits that member clubs and individuals are passionate about. The campaign identifies a pursuit annually that, "takes place in the same environment as tramping and shares the ethos of exploration, companionship and appreciation of nature", and make its development a priority for FMC over a July – June period.

FMC is pleased to continue its support for Pack-rafting for 2017/18 by offering up to [15 safety training scholarships of \\$300](#). As Pack-rafts are so forgiving to paddle, a beginner can often make it down a grade 2/3 river with little technique. This is encouraging many new Pack-rafters on to rivers which are beyond their actual skill level. Our concern is that people will not have the skill to identify and avoid water hazards, the experience to fully understand the consequences, or the ability to perform a water rescue. The aim of the scholarship is to provide a kick-start to the spread of Pack-rafting water skills and safety awareness among FMC members who wish to take up Pack-rafting, but are not from a whitewater paddling background.

FMC has been working with Whitewater NZ and the existing Pack-rafting community to develop safety recommendations and training resources to help our members, and the wider outdoor community, get into Pack-rafting with a more informed and safer learning progression. As part of this collaboration, we've assisted with the formation of the Pack-rafting Association of NZ (PRANZ). These new resources will soon be shared via the [PRANZ website](#), [Wilderlife.nz](#), *Backcountry* magazine and other

channels. We're also assisting the organisation of a [Pack-rafting meet up 24/25 March 2018](#) to encourage the development of community and the sharing of knowledge.

We're currently promoting the training scholarship via our online channels as well as the November *Backcountry*, but with spring upon us, the window of opportunity to apply for scholarships for training this season is relatively short. So we're emailing all our clubs and individual supporters to ensure all our members have the opportunity to apply if they wish to. We encourage you to pass this email on to your members and friends.

**Applications close by 31 November**, with recipients announced early December. [Courses dates are on the providers website](#), and it will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipients to book themselves onto a [suitable course](#) with the training provider. An excellent opportunity to make the most of travelling to Fiordland would be to attend the scheduled training course on 22/23 March, then the [PRANZ Pack-rafting Meet up 24/25 March](#), followed by some time after the meet up for more trips, using new skills with new friends.

To learn more about the scholarships you can check out the [news release on FMC.org.nz](#), or [apply for a scholarship online](#).

For any other questions about the FMC Pack-rafting Scholarships, please feel free to email me; [dan.clearwater@fmc.org.nz](mailto:dan.clearwater@fmc.org.nz)



## **Franz Josef DoC Sched times!**

We have been made aware that party's heading into the Alpine Huts may not realise we are still doing our Alpine Hut Sked (Pioneer, Almer, Chancellor and Centennial) is still at 5.05pm. The hut posters do in fact say after Labour weekend it will be at 6.05pm. Unfortunately, we have been understaffed and unable to change to our extended summer hours. We are sorry if this has caused any inconveniences. In the future, we will email when sked timings are changing.

We will, however, be starting our 6.05pm radio/weather sked on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, can you please pass this onto any party's you may have going into these huts.

Thank you for your understanding. Please call or email if you have further questions or comments.

## **Aspiring Huts – Colin Todd, Esquilant Bivvy, French Ridge and Aspiring Huts**

Hut users, please note you can only pay hut fees in advance via the NZAC website for the above huts. When doing so, please ensure you take your emailed receipt with you as proof for the wardens. The Department of Conservation has been getting a lot of people saying they will pay NZAC later, but we tend to only see advance payments online. The likelihood now will be that without a receipt to prove pre-payment, the DoC warden will require payment at the time no matter what they are told. The user would need to prove a double-payment later before they could claim a refund.

## **NZAC National Summer Climbing Camp- Tukino - 3-6 Feb 2018**

The Tukino Alpine Sports Club is host to the NZAC National Summer Climbing Camp next February 3-6 at Tukino ski field on Mt Ruapehu. The camp is an opportunity for climbers to get together to climb mountains, rocks, socialise, explore and enjoy the great outdoors. It is also a great opportunity for young people and families to get out and try trad climbing. There are a number of crags well set up with easy access to the top to build anchors and low grade routes (8-14) with plenty of good pro placements. There are also now plenty of easy bolted routes, as well as the more challenging graded routes, for those wanting to experience alpine rock cragging!

**Cost:** Catered accommodation (NZAC members): \$37.50 per night for Adults and \$18.75 for under 18. You must reserve your accommodation for the camp as well as completing the registration form.

We will assist with carpooling where possible and shared cost of transport for carpooling is expected.

Tukino Lodge capacity is 40 people per night so please get your registrations in quick.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO

REGISTER: <https://goo.gl/forms/kAc5FlxnJ0ZHMzPJ3>

# Canterbury / Westland Section Gear Hire

(For NZAC Members only)

The C/W Section has a good range of equipment available to be hired to members. Section trips and instruction will take priority but members are more than welcome to hire on private trips and for other people on those trips (members or non members ). All equipment hired is on a cash only basis with a receipt provided and must be paid when picking up (please don't ask to pay online or after the completion of the trip – no \$ up front, no hire, no exceptions!).

Equipment must be returned within 24 hours of completion of hire period or by arrangement, otherwise an additional 'late return' fee may incur.

All equipment hired must be returned in a clean and undamaged state and the hirer is responsible for any loss or damage and may be required to cover any repair or replacement costs.

Bulk hire or for extended hire periods will get a discount on the daily rate of \$10 per day per item and \$5 each extra day (for all items unless stated).

## Equipment List

Plastic and rigid leather mountaineering boots (20 pair of limited sizes).

Crampons (9 pair – fully adjustable).

Walking ice axes (9 of various lengths).

Technical ice axes and hammers (5 pair of various kinds).

Avalanche kits (12 sets of Pieps DSP sport transceivers/shovels and probes).

Snow shoes (2 pair).

EPIRB (1 x emergency locator beacon).

Alpine ropes (6 x 50 metre dry – NZAC courses only not private hire).

Helmets (6 of various models). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Harnesses (3 of various sizes). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Snow stakes (8 with mid clip wire). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Ice screws (12 x various BD and Petzl). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Trad gear – various sizes of cams, hexes and nuts (NZAC courses only not private hire).

Price on quantity.

Petrol drill (provide own fuel)

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To arrange hire contact is by two options only – text only on 0274461562 for quickest reply or email [nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com](mailto:nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com) for evening reply.

Flexible times are available to hire gear but most evenings from Sunday to Thursday only (please do not contact 'last minute' on a Friday expecting to pick up gear the same day).

# Trip guidelines

An important part of the NZAC is volunteer organised trips. Many members will have had their first alpine experiences on club trips. And many will also have organised trips, helping other members enjoy our alpine environment. If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect.

## Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

- You are responsible for your own safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation it is up to you to let your Trip organiser know straight away.
- Be prepared to drive or pay transport costs (petrol, wear and tear) as determined by the Trip organiser.
- Make sure you are as fit and healthy as possible.
- Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be required of you to achieve those goals. Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, what type of terrain is involved, what gear you will need and the knowledge of how to use it.
- Be honest to your Trip Organiser about how much experience you have and accept that the Trip Organiser might not accept you on the trip if he/she thinks you are not experienced enough.
- Get in contact with the Trip Organiser as soon as you are confident that you want to go on the trip.
- If you discover that you cannot go on the trip then let the Trip Organiser know as soon as possible so that another person can take your place.
- Read, understand and return the signed copy of the NZAC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

## Responsibilities of a Trip organiser

- Trips should be fun for everyone. They are not very hard to organise and can be very rewarding. Choose a mountain, peak, hill, traverse, route, crag, or whatever and get out there and meet some keen club members!
- You cannot be responsible for the safety of every member of the group, but you should aim to empower every group member with enough knowledge to make their own informed decisions about the proposed trip both before and during the trip.
- Choose a realistic goal for the time available and give prospective group members an idea of the amount of effort required to achieve the stated goal
- Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and group fitness and experience.
- Let the group know what skills and equipment are needed when they sign up so that everyone is prepared.
- Provide the trip Participants with a copy of the NZAC waiver form and have them understand, sign and return it to you in advance of the trip.
- Organise travel arrangements at the earliest opportunity and let everyone know how much they should expect to pay for transport costs (petrol, wear and tear).
- Prepare detailed trip intentions and leave them with at least one responsible individual. The intentions should include a latest return time/date which would trigger a search initiated by the responsible individual(s) and involving the relevant authorities (Police, SAR, etc).
- If someone on the trip voices their concern about the situation it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a safe solution where possible. This may involve everyone turning around.
- Give priority to NZAC members
- Find someone on the trip to write an interesting trip report for the Section Newsletter.

# Benefits for NZAC members

NZAC Membership gives you access to many discounts with the following retailers.

You may be asked to present your active NZAC membership.

To see full terms and conditions and other benefits of being a member, please visit

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/benefits-of-membership>



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## Section Library

**Section Library** Did you know that the Section has its own library and that unlike the National Office library you can actually borrow the books in the Section library?

Every section meeting I will bring a good selection of the hundreds of books in the library, along with the DVDs.

The contents of the C/W Section library can be found online

here: <http://bit.ly/CWLibrary> (Note: There is a list of DVDs on the second tab of the spreadsheet). If you would like to borrow a book or DVD then please email me and we'll sort something out.

Library policies are pretty flexible –

- You must have a current NZAC membership card to borrow
- Books are generally to be returned within 2 months, but new purchases will be expected to be returned within 1 month.
- DVDs are expected to be returned within 2 weeks.

When you are ready to return a book, email me.

John Roper-Lindsay - Librarian , [john@roperlindsay.com](mailto:john@roperlindsay.com), 021 395513

NOTE: - You may return books/DVDs in one of 4 ways.

- 1) Return them to next Section meeting.
- 2) Drop them off at National Office and tell whomever you speak to that they are for C/W library.
- 3) Drop them off at Boffa Miskell office at 4 Hazeldean Road (near Hagley Park, just off Lincoln Road), marked for “Yvonne”.
- 4) Email/text/phone me to arrange handover some other way

## NZAC Deceased Members

# Canterbury/Westland Section of The New Zealand Alpine Club

Facebook page

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Section Library

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