

UPRISING

NEWSLETTER FOR CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC



March 2021

Section evening Thursday 8 April

SEARCH & RESCUE FROM NZ POLICE PERSPECTIVE



Our April talk will be about Search and Rescue from the perspective of Sergeant Phil Simmonds the Coordinator of Search and Rescue for NZ Police. He will discuss several case studies and safety messages.

IN BRIEF

In this newsletter:

- Thurs 8 April Section Evening
- March section evening recap
- Helen's safety tip of the month
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Facebook page

Remember to 'Like' our Facebook page to be kept up to date on Monthly meetings/Talks, Events, Trips, Courses and lots more.

<https://www.facebook.com/NZAC-CanterburyWestland-176920578985933/>

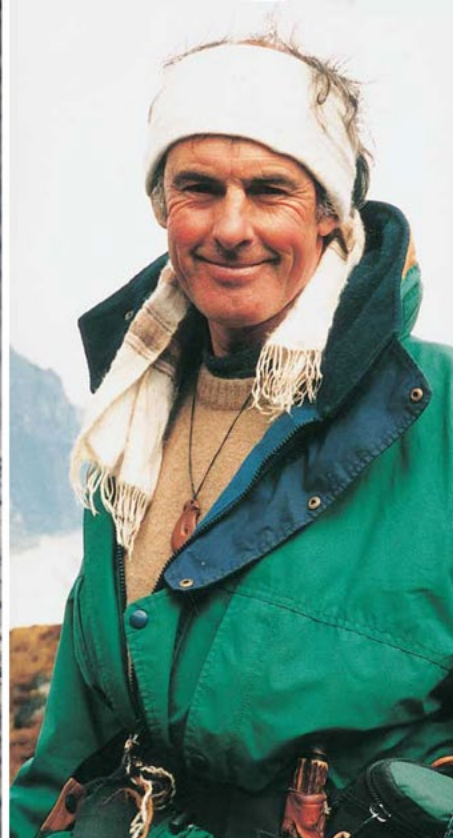
Future Section Evenings

May 13	Tim Robinson	Cashmere club
June 9,10,11,12	Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour	Aurora Centre
July 8	OHAU Guidebook launch	Cashmere Club

March Section meeting –
Colin Monteath talking
about Mongolia at the
Cashmere Club

Colin Monteath

Four journeys in Mongolia



70+ people enjoyed Colin Monteath talking about a series of trips he made to Mongolia. Those expecting a trip report of various mountains climbed would have been surprised to find that the main topic was camels, although a few mountain ascents of unnamed (and possibly unclimbed) peaks were casually thrown into his talk. Colin took us to his first summer trip to Mongolia where he obviously fell in love with the people and their relationship with the country and their animals. There were some great photos of the horse-racing events, festivals and the huge

landscapes of the country. On this trip Colin decided to come back in winter, which mainly seemed to be driven by his desire to see the local Bactrian camels in their full winter coats, and he had some great photos and videos of a trip they made on camels in the bitter cold of a Mongolian winter, staying in gers (the Mongolian name for yurts) lined with snow-leopard pelts. On another trip he joined reindeer herders heading into the forest and mountains to round-up their herds in deep powder snow. Although “round-up” isn’t quite the term as, at the first sound of the

herders arriving, the reindeer come down to meet them, with the promise of being fed salt being enough to attract them. Colin’s a great raconteur, and really conveyed an impression of being a true adventurer, with his last two slides being a tantalising glimpse of a ski-mountaineering trip to Antarctica, which sounds worthy enough of persuading him back to tell us about. And the Mongolian people obviously made a huge impression on him, and we got a great flavour of their character and incredibly different way of life.

Helen’s Safety Tip Of The Month

“Always supply detailed intentions into hut books and the like”. She talked about how many Search and Rescue operations are hindered by the lack of knowledge of what area to search, which could have easily been alleviated by the climbers/trampers writing enough details about what they intend to do, as well as the possible alternatives they might take. Just having a beacon with you doesn’t mean written intentions aren’t important. A bad enough accident could mean that beacons have disappeared down the mountain. And leave intentions with trustable friends before you leave home as well, so the alarm can be raised with as much information as possible.

SAVE THE DATE

WINTER INSTRUCTION

Dates have been set for the 2021 programme!



Keep an eye out on our Facebook page & newsletters for further updates



WINTER INSTRUCTION

Dates have been set for the 2021 Section Winter instruction programme (see below).

Details on registering for these courses will be released in May via Facebook and in the newsletter. You can email me at cw.winterinstruction@gmail.com to pre-register and I will send you the link to the google form when registrations open. Registration is on a first in first served basis, subject to vetting for suitable experience and fitness.

I am still looking for suitably experienced volunteers to assist with the Basic Snowcraft Courses, for those members that haven't already been in touch with me about volunteering, please contact me if you can help.

16th - 18th July:

Avalanche Awareness (Friday evening theory session then Saturday OR Sunday in the field)

30th July - 1st August:

Basic Snowcraft based at Arthurs Pass (Will be an evening session prior to the course and a follow up day trip, dates to be confirmed)

13th - 15th August:

Basic Snowcraft based at Arthurs Pass (Will be an evening session prior to the course and a follow up day trip, dates to be confirmed)

20 - 22nd August:

Intermediate Snowcraft Course. This will be held at Temple basin



Climbing on private land?

Remember... to do the right thing!

- Call the landowner to state your intentions & get permission
- Can't reach them? Find another crag to climb
- All numbers are listed on www.climbnz.org.nz

The landowners do not mind you calling, they are very approachable. Not calling will lead to the whole climbing community missing out on these great crags.

FOR SALE

Dynafit ladies
Ski touring boots TL6
SIZE 24.5

Had little use as I needed a bigger pair. Wonderfully comfortable to walk & ski in, once you get them on which can be a struggle when they are cold.

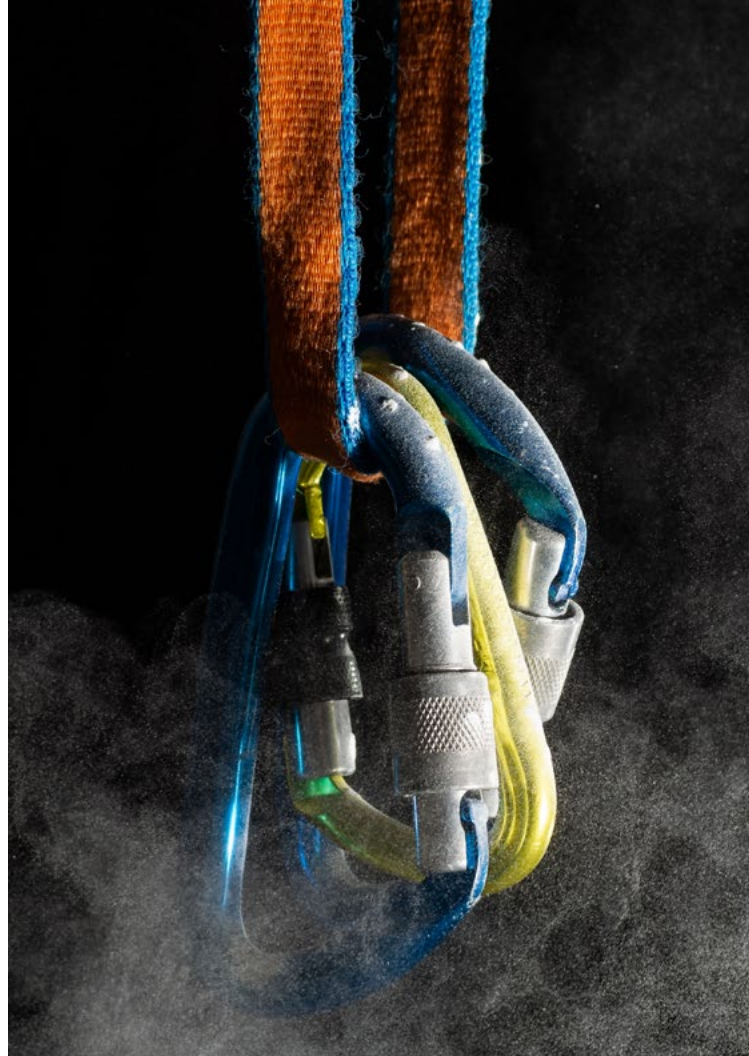
Price: \$400 ono

PHONE: Pat (03) 337 0079 EMAIL: pat@slingshot.co.nz

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On the 14th March, the C/W section of NZAC ran a successful one day rope rescue / trad anchor course at Rapaki Rock on the Port Hills.

The 8 students who attended were taught a refresher on building trad anchors, bringing a seconder up to the anchor, assisted hoisting, trouble shooting in guide mode, escaping the system, lowering an injured climber as well as many other small useful tips for multi pitch climbing.

Thanks to all that attended and sorry to those that missed out this year due to a full course and a special thanks once again to our awesome instructors - Anna Brooke, Nick Hanafin and Glenn Case.





BANFF CENTRE
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BANFF CHRISTCHURCH 2021

The 2021 Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour in New Zealand will be in Christchurch on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of June.

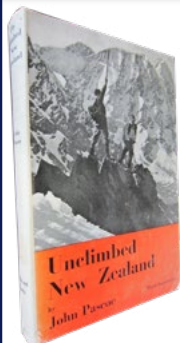
Ignite your passion for adventure, action, and travel! The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour will exhilarate you with amazing big-screen stories. Journey to exotic locations, paddle the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks.

Get your tickets today and be taken away to the most captivating places on earth. Make sure you have the dates blocked out in your calendar so you and your family don't miss this great event.



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From our Library April Book Review



Book Review:
Unclimbed New Zealand
by John Pascoe
First published in 1939

April book review by
Sam White

Every Section evening our Librarian, Treasurer, and general committee dogsbody John Roper-Lindsay brings along an eclectic mix of mountaineering literature from the section library for members to browse and loan. I read in the news recently that the Auckland City Council are considering a policy of no fines for late returns of book loans from their library, I strongly suspect that John and his predecessors have been practicing this policy for many years already! At a recent section evening I was idly browsing the library table and picked up a dust-coverless worse for wear volume of John Pascoe's

Unclimbed New Zealand. Alpine Travel in the Canterbury and Westland Ranges, Southern Alps.

This is the first book published by John Pascoe, a well-respected author, historian, mountaineer, and photographer. It initially describes his early forays into the Canterbury foothills, progressing from trips in the foothills to keep fit for cross country running, to cross country running to keep fit for more ambitious alpine adventures. In the late twenties and thirties, Pascoe and his accomplices mounted multiple expeditions into the headwaters of the Waimakariri, Rakaia, Rangitata and their tributaries. Exploring uncharted valleys and knocking off 'virgin' peaks.

The book is arranged initially into different chapters describing various expeditions primarily in the Rakaia and Rangitata headwaters. Pascoe, to a degree, shunned the peaks of Aoraki national park, considering the predominantly guided climbing rather elitist in nature. One chapter does describe an attempt on Tasman in 1936. "After such occasional wanderings around the old curiosity shops of the untrodden corners of the Southern Alps it was time that I should

journey to the centre of New Zealand Climbing, the Mount Cook region, to compare it with ranges of the Rakaia and Rangitata valleys".

The second half of the book has various chapters devoted to different aspects of alpine travel and experiences including huts and bivouacs; the comedic Kea; tragedies; notes on food, river crossing technique, food, photography; philosophical musings and several other interesting observations.

I always enjoy reading accounts of trips into the same alpine areas I have visited or at least admired from afar. The mountains don't change significantly (apart from the receding glaciers) but the relative comfort we travel in these days with modern food and gear compared to the '70 (plus) lb swags' of yesteryear has. The gear list in Pascoe's notes include pipes, tobacco, cigarettes and cigars. At least that's something I don't need to pack in my 'swag'!

To see how to borrow books from the club section library, please see the Section Library details below.

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 book in the library along with the DVDs.

The contents of the C/W Section library can be found on line here:

<httpbit.ly/CWLibrary>

(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: 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



Returns: Books/DVDs can be returned in one of 4 ways.

- Return at the next Section meeting
- Drop them off at National Office and tell whomever you speak to that they are for C/W library
- Email text/phone me to arrange handover some other way
- Drop them off at Boffa Miskell office on the 1st floor in Lane Neave building at 141 Cambridge Tce, marked for "Yvonne"

Email: John Roper Lindsay
john@roperlindsay.com
or call/text 021 395 513

WEEKLY ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Lead a Trip: If you would like to lead a trip for the club, alpine, rock climbing, cycling or otherwise, please contact cw.chairperson@gmail.com

Midweek mountaineering: The midweek group are mainly fairly mature mountaineers who still manage to plod up a few peaks, usually on Wednesdays, weather permitting. Most of the trips are not technical climbing but scrambling at a fairly relaxed pace. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Pat Prendergast on 337 0079 or email pat@slingshot.co.nz**

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, which will vary depending on who is looking after the group. We believe this will give people of all abilities more opportunities to get out climbing. 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)
- For those new to climbing and belaying, we can assist in this so please ask if you are not sure
- Two top rope kits (each with a rope, biners and slings) are 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, outdoors during daylight savings hours, or indoors in winter, or if the weather is no good. 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 difficult!)

If you would like 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:

nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com
or text on 027 4461562

All welcome, including non members.

WE NEED YOU

The NZAC Canterbury/Westland section is looking for volunteer trip leaders

A club trip is a great way to spend time with like minded people, share some adventures and give back to the outdoor community. Most trips involve moderate to intermediate mountaineering but they can include anything from tramping, rock climbing to mountaineering objectives. The trip leader is not a professional guide or instructor, as a trip leader you organise and lead the group only.

What is involved?

- Pick an objective and date
- Use this trip leader worksheet to plan your trip
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/resources/organising-trips/>
- Get in contact with the trip coordinator (see details below). Your trip needs to be signed off to make sure all points are ticked off. The trip coordinator can also help you with any questions you have regarding the planning

The trip gets advertised in the newsletter and/or to the Cant/Westland facebook page

Email: Shannon at nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com

- You organise the participants and do pre-trip preparations
- This list is a suggestion of day or overnight trips which could be both run during summer or winter. All these trips are achievable in a weekend. If you have another objective in mind just get in contact with the trip coordinator. Thanks for leading a trip for the club!

Volunteer trip coordinator email:

robert.gallagher90@gmail.com or richard.mcgill@me.com

Some Ideas! Mt Aiken, Binser, Avalanche Peak, Mt Cloudsey, Torlesse, Avalanche-Bealey Traverse, Castle Hill Peak, Longfellow, Avalanche Peak-Crow Valley, Mt Oates, Murchison, Temple-Phipps Traverse, Mt Somers, Mt Guinevere, Mt Rolleston, Mt Philistine



KEEN TO SHARE YOUR OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE?

Keen to share your outdoor experience?

Helen Sinclair, our section meeting co-ordinator is the person to contact.

Helen organises speakers to share their outdoor experiences with the rest of our community.

If you have any outdoor adventures to share or know someone who has a story to tell, then please contact Helen either by phone or email.

P: 027 435 3674 E: helen@helensinclair.com

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TRIP GUIDELINES

An important part of the NZAC is volunteer organised trips. If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect. Check out the NZAC Trips page for resources to assist you with planning a section trip. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/resources/organising-trips/>

Responsibilities of a Trip Organiser:

- Trips should be fun for everyone. 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.
- Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and the groups individual fitness and experience.
- Let the group know what skills & equipment are needed when they sign up.
- 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 can expect to pay for transport costs - petrol, wear & tear.
- Prepare detailed trip intentions and leave them with at least one responsible individual.
- If someone on the trip voices their concern about a situation it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a safe solution.
- Give priority to NZAC members
- Find someone on the trip to write an interesting trip report for the Section Newsletter and email it to: nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant:

- You are responsible for your own safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation, let your trip organiser know straight away.
- Be prepared to drive or contribute to transport costs incurred (petrol, wear & tear)
- Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be required of you. Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, the terrain, what gear you will need, and how to use it.
- 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.

BENEFITS FOR NZAC MEMBERS

Benefits for NZAC Members

NZAC Membership gives you access to many discounts with the following retailers. You maybe 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/membership-benefits/>

To visit any of the retailers below, click on their logo.



POTTON AND BURTON



10% DISCOUNT TO NZAC/FMC MEMBERS



YMCA Adventure Centre



10% discount* to NZAC members



CANTERBURY/WESTLAND SECTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB

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