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Section Event

Monthly Club Social

Wednesday 9th April 7.30pm

Come along to the Good George for a catch up with fellow climbers for stories of recent adventures and planning for the upcoming ones. Plans are hatching for winter climbs now, come and have your say and get some dates in the diary.

Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton.

In this month's newsletter, Mark Smith provides a summary of summer rock climbing antics, accompanied by photos featuring a full cast of Alpine Central characters. Volunteers are sought for working bees at Tukino Lodge, a new mountain photography trophy is presented and Land Information New Zealand seeks input on its draft strategy.

Tukino Lodge Work Party

Work party volunteers required.
Dates as per the work calendar.

View it [here](#)

Can you help identify these images ?



Roger Banfield, son of Ambrose 1914-1997, has kindly donated these images. Can anyone help identify the climbers? Possibly Canterbury Mountaineering Club and NZAC members?

Arthur's Pass Hut Malicious Damage Reported



Unfortunately, we have yet another report of the Canterbury/ Westland Committee cupboard in Arthur's Pass Hut, being broken into again. There are never any valuables stored in this cupboard, only some work party and instruction supplies. All the hut supplies are kept in other unlocked cupboards and so readily available. If anyone knows who is responsible for the latest incident, please inform the section.

A Summer of CNI Climbing

By Mark Smith



Relative to the time of this writing, this Sunday is the end of daylight savings time. As happy as I am to be able to wake up when it's not dark out, I am also saddened that after-work outdoor climbing has come to a conclusion for the season.

The CNI climbing group with no name, has had a successful summer which has been chock filled with climbing. We saw at least one to two climbing sessions per week both outside and inside. Most of these were at the local crags in Wharepapa South including Bayleys, Froggatt, and Sheridan. The following page features photos I took at these crags.

We also saw the addition of new members through just word of mouth. These members were both beginners and experienced climbers all of whom brought something new to the existing membership.

Often members made weekend trips. Sometimes these trips were planned for weeks, days, or even hours in advance of the trip. This was possible through the nearly instant communications afforded to us through the active use of technologies such as email and texting.

This season wasn't terribly great on longer trips, but even so we managed to kick it in several hot spots around the nation. Michael Greer and Elliott O'Brien impressed us by an awesome private trip to Mt Cook. There was some other South Island action in Christchurch and elsewhere. There were even some discussions about the Tongariro Crossing.

There was a great trip to Buck Rock in the Coromandel which I sorely missed. Individuals have been to Mangaokewa, Kawakawa Bay, Whanganui Bay, Waipapa Dam, and elsewhere. I participated in an NZOIA training course as one of the guinea pig students down at Kinloch.

The CNI climbing group is loosely associated with the CNI chapter of the NZAC, but in only so much as many of the members are CNI members. There are no dues, no meetings, no budgets, and no rosters. All you need is an email address to participate. If you have an idea for a trip, send an email. If someone wants to go too, it's that easy.

Membership is by invitation only, but that's only a SPAM thing. If you're a real person, just visit the following link and subscribe: <http://groups.google.com/group/nz-cni-climbers/subscribe>
Or just send me an email at Mark Smith <mark@winksmith.com> and I'll send you an invitation directly.





All photos credited to Mark Smith.

New Guide Alack Challenge Cup

Thanks to the generosity of Peter Garrett of Alpine Risk Management, NZAC now has a shiny new replacement 'Guide Alack Challenge Cup' in time for our 2014 Photographic Competition.

The original cup was donated in 1948 by Frank Alack to encourage a higher standard of mountain photography. Its whereabouts is currently unknown. (No image of this award is available)

Clarification on judging of this award was received from Frank in August 1953 as follows: "The landscape photos can be ruled out. I would really like competing photos to be those taken during the act of mountaineering, but if you interpret that as I do, that is requiring some equipment, footprints, or figure. It eliminates some really satisfying close-up views in actual climbing, so that I feel the rules must be slightly flexible to include this type of entry."

The cup is awarded for the most outstanding photograph of mountaineering not purely depicting alpine scenery (as judged by a mountaineer).

Our sincere thanks to Peter and his company for their generosity. Alpine Risk Management are the brokers for the NZAC's many and varied insurance requirements



Have an event that you want to promote or review, a trip report or any section or club news? Get in touch with Elliott or post something directly to the Alpine Central Facebook page. Your input keeps this publication interesting and relevant!

New Land Information New Zealand Strategy

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is currently seeking feedback on a draft strategy for the way it provides its topographic maps and data.

We'd welcome any comments from you and your members on this strategy. All feedback will be considered as we develop a final Topographic Strategy. Consultation on the draft strategy will close at 5pm on 26 May 2014. Feedback can be sent by replying to this email.

Please visit the topographic publications [webpage](#) for more details and to download a copy of the strategy.

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