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- [Facebook](#) – Official news. World news. Announcements.
- [Section Website](#) – Official news.
- [Google Groups](#) – Ad hoc email, quick trip plans, rock or alpine, anything, any time. NZAC membership not required. Includes a [calendar](#) of upcoming events.
- Social Indoor Climbing – For those into Rock and are close to Hamilton, stop by [Extreme Edge](#) Tuesday evening and you'll most likely run into club members as it is a regular event. Don't forget to bring your NZAC club card for a discounted rate.
- E-mail, text or call – For when you want to talk to a specific individual.

If you have had a great trip or a special idea you want to share, get some pictures and a story and send it to the Newsletter contact below.

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<http://banff.nz>

Hamilton	May 2 nd	1830 PWC Lecture Theatre, Waikato University, 144 Hillcrest Rd, Hillcrest, Hamilton 3216
Taupo	June 6 th	1830 Great Lake Centre, 5 Story Place, Taupo 3330
Tauranga	June 19 th	1900 Holy Trinity Church, 215 Devonport Rd, Tauranga 3110

Upcoming Events

- This months CNI meeting is Wednesday May 13 at 1930. As always, the venue is the scrumptious [Good George](#), 07 847 3223, 32A Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton. Click for [Menu](#) or [Directions](#). New attendees are encouraged!

Date 2015-05-13
Time 19:30
Location [Good George, 32A Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton](#)
Organiser NZAC CNI



- **Homer Hut 50th Anniversary Weekend**



Fifty years ago the Southland Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club built and opened the current Homer Hut. This Labour Weekend they ask you to join them in celebrating this occasion with a programme of climbing on the Saturday and Monday, along with an alpine barbeque lunch and speeches on the Sunday.

Registrations are essential and can be made on the attached form below. Further details of the weekend's event are on the reverse of the form.

Please join the section in celebrating the anniversary of this popular and much loved hut.
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/2015/10/24/homer-hut-50th-anniversary-weekend>

- **Australian Section Annual Climbing Meet 2015**

The Australian section committee would like to invite every member of the NZAC to our newly revamped "Australian Section Annual Climbing Meet" for 2015. The 2015 meet is going to be held at the famous "Arapiles" climbing mecca in the Victorian countryside. Avoid the crowds by climbing in June and a bonus this time of year is that you are allowed to have open camp fires. So grab your trad rack and come and climb any of the thousands of routes at every grade. Free BBQ. Cost: \$10 per night p/p camping fee. All NZAC members are welcome, RSVP by 2015-03-31.

Date 2015-06-29 – 2015-07-05
Location Mt Arapiles, Victoria Australia
Organiser Australian Section NZAC
Contact Terry Cole <australia@alpineclub.org.nz>
0455 255 662
URL <https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/Annual Climbing Meet 2015.pdf>

- **BMC International Summer Climbing Meet**

The BMC is pleased to announce that next year's BMC International Summer Climbing Meet will be located in the majestic Llanberis Pass of North Wales which has some of the best traditional climbing in Britain. You are invited to put forward two representatives from your country to attend this event. Preference will be given to people who have not attended a BMC International Meet before.



Date	2015-05-10 – 2015-05-17
Location	North Wales, Olanberis Pass
Organiser	British Mountaineering Council
URL	https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/2015/05/10/bmc-international-summer-climbing-meet

Notices From HQ:

- **Spectrum Print Recall For Climbing Guide Books**

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If you have purchased any of these four guidebooks, either online or from a retailer, please return the front cover page to: NZAC, PO Box 786, Christchurch 8140. Please enclose details of where the guidebook was purchased, your name, email and a courier address that we can send your replacement copy to.

All the guides are expected to be reprinted during April with replacements going out as soon as possible after that.

We sincerely apologise for the disruption this has caused and hope that you will bear with us while we work through this issue. Thank you.

-- the team at Spectrum Print

A PDF notice of the above is available for printout here: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/news/2015/recall-2014-2015-editions-north-and-south-island-rock-deluxe-castle-hill-and-wanaka-guide>

- **Tukino Lodge Winter Lodge Manager Required 2015**

The Tukino Alpine Sports Club is looking for a hut warden for the coming winter, from mid-June/early July to early October.

The warden – or “Lodge Manager” as we call it - will be resident at our lodge at Tukino Alpine Village, with the job of welcoming & helping guests, and helping manage the lodge facilities. Guests do most of the work, but need some guidance.

Hours are light, and you can ski or climb during the day. A room, food, and cash allowance is provided. We can also help with a ski pass at Tukino depending on how long you are signing up for.

We are happy to receive enquiries covering any amount of time. The warden's room can fit two, so couples / pairs welcome to apply.

Skiing is a big deal at Tukino. But we are also affiliated to the NZAC and ice climbing, mountaineering, and backcountry skiing are a big part of the scene.

What is essential? You must love mountains, and like people - or is that the other way round? It's a beautiful place. A practical bent and some previous experience would help too.

Contact secretary@tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz if you're interested and for more info on the lodge visit <http://www.tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz>

(The New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) has a partnership agreement with the Tukino Alpine Sports Club (TASC) that allows NZAC members to book the lodge at member rates.)

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/news/2015/tukino-lodge-winter-lodge-manager-required-2015>

- **NZAC Cap**

NZ Alpine Club cap in navy blue with Club logo. One size fits all - adjustable.

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From the Desk of Sam Newton NZAC General Manager (sam@alpineclub.org.nz)

Dear NZAC Member,

Events, events, events.....this month's e-mail is packed with various events, meets, courses and competitions. No rest for the wicked! Not mentioned is the NZAC photo competition, but it is coming up, so get outdoors for some snapping and back indoors for the processing. We always look forward to seeing the results.

Simon Middlemass spent a week up at Pioneer Hut supervising some Field Engineers from 3 Field Squadron, New Zealand Royal Engineers carrying out maintenance work. The Royal Engineers built and assembled the current Pioneer Hut in 1999, so it was great to have them back. Over 3 days of pretty mixed weather, they managed to replace the stable door, fix a leak in the roof, install a grill plate at the front door, paint the window sill and seal numerous gaps in preparation for winter. They also scoped out future repairs and maintenance tasks that they might take on next summer. Thanks, guys!

- **Basic snowcraft instruction courses**

It is in winter that most section of NZAC carry out their basic snowcraft instruction courses, utilising their volunteer instructors. If you, or anyone you know of, wants to get a good basic introduction to those fundamental skills, get in touch with your Section (<http://alpineclub.org.nz/community>) Course coordinator. These courses generally fill up pretty fast, so be in quick.

- **NZAC Winter Instruction Courses Finalised**

Course info and registrations are now open for the winter national instruction programme, including, for the first time, a glacier skiing course!

- **Leading on Technical Ice Course** (July 10-12)

Course Info: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/LTIC%202015%20Course%20Info.doc.pdf>

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JjCH9PdOI2zzJphYdV1a4PW9xMe6UOvqyqXX2JllboA/viewform?usp=send_form

- **Intro to Back Country Skiing** (September 6-10)

Course Info: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/IBSC%20Course%20Info%202015.pdf>

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1um1yMg8t1cJQoRQw-4UjVzPekq3Nx27f5nvY410rp_4/viewform?usp=send_form

- **Glacier Skiing Course** (September 15-19)

Course Info: https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/GSC%202015%20Course%20Info_0.pdf

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kKurkOibI2jx_a9g5W5v3GKtWLoEn99eNL4uPPYA-p4/viewform?usp=send_form

- **Darrans Winter Climbing Meet** (July 10-19)

This year the meet is running from July 10 until July 19. Registration of interest sooner rather than later would be appreciated - there is a practical limit to the number of people the hut, its facilities, and the immediate environment can handle in winter. When we ask for confirmation closer to the time, space will be allocated on a first come first served basis. E-mail [Alastair Walker <mealluaine@yrless.co.nz>](mailto:Alastair.Walker@yrless.co.nz) to register.

If you're considering coming, you do need to be aware that the Darrans in winter can be a dangerous place, and you might have to wait out bad weather. The road can be blocked by avalanches. Bear in mind also, that there is no nearby rescue team. Essentially, you have to take responsibility for yourself.

- **Kachenjunga – 60th anniversary of the first ascent.**

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first ascent on the world's 3rd highest peak by Joe Brown, George Band, Tony Streater and our own Norman Hardie. NZAC is holding an event at the Cashmere Club to mark the occasion on Wednesday the 6th of May, in Christchurch.

11:45am – Doors Open

12 noon – Buffet Lunch served

1:00pm – Presentation and Slide Show by Norman Hardie

3:00pm – Afternoon Tea served

A cost of \$25 per attendee includes both Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Please RSVP to [Narina Sutherland <narina@alpineclub.org.nz>](mailto:Narina.Sutherland@alpineclub.org.nz) via phone 03 377 7595, by Thursday the 30th of April.

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- **Unwin Easter Rock Meet – Aoraki Mount Cook**

It was almost a full house at Unwin Lodge over the Easter Weekend Rock Climbing Meet. Some fine weather allowed for good amount of cragging and bouldering from all those who attended, amongst a good social atmosphere. Simon and Pip were great hosts at Unwin and Paul Rogers gave a very good slideshow one evening. The Easter Rock camp at Unwin is firmly establishing itself as a tradition now, so pencil it in for next year.

- **Bold Beyond Belief – the Bill Denz biography**

The 2011 1st edition sold out within a year and so the author Paul Maxim has printed a limited 2nd edition in 2013 that featured new input from overseas climbers plus a few updates and edits. This popular book again sold out quickly and has recently been reprinted for 2015. NZAC is proud to support this biography of Bill Denz. Running to nearly 300 pages and over 100 images, Bold Beyond Belief is the story about a kiwi climber whose attitude, passion, drive and vision is unique in the 150 year history of New Zealand Mountaineering.

Make sure you get your own copy before it goes out of print here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/bold-beyond-belief-bill-denz-nzs-mountain-warrior>

- **Banff Mountain Film Festival**

The new website www.banff.nz has been proving very popular, so much that most of this year's screenings will sell out well in advance. Don't say we didn't warn you. 20 screenings in 11 cities this year!

- **National Indoor Bouldering Series**

NZAC is once again organising this Series, with competitions being held in Christchurch (May 23rd), Wellington (June 27th), Hamilton (August 1st) and Auckland (Sept 27th). The NiBS is a fun, all-abilities series of bouldering events held at climbing walls around New Zealand between May-August every year. Entry is just \$15, and there are thousands of dollars of awesome category and spot prizes from our generous sponsors ChalkyDigits, Uprising and Bivouac/Outdoor to give away. Check out www.nbs.org.nz (<http://www.nbs.org.nz/>)

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Thanks for being part of a great club.

Since 1891,

Sam Newton
General Manager
New Zealand Alpine Club

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