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General Communications

All members are encouraged to communicate their opinions and to drive CNI forward. Share your ideas via:

- [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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Events:

Monthly Meeting - New attendees are encouraged!	
Date	2015-09-09
Time	19:30
Location	Good George 32A Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton 07 847 3223
Organiser	NZAC CNI
Other	Menu
Agenda	No planned agenda. Come and have a drink, some eats, share some war stories or just listen to some, talk to someone new, find a new partner in crime, and plan a new adventure.



American Alpine Club International Climbers' Meet 2015	
Date	2015-09-27 thru 2015-10-03
Location	Joshua Tree National Park
Organiser	Carol Kotchek <icm@americanalpineclub.org>
Reference	https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/2015/09/27/american-alpine-club-international-climbers-meet-2015

The American Alpine Club would like to extend an invitation to participate in the annual International Climbers' Meet (ICM). The ICM is held the week of Sept 27th - October 3rd, 2015 in Joshua Tree National Park, California. The goal is to host a diverse group of climbing abilities from a multitude of countries, and American Alpine Club members from all parts of the U.S.A.

TO BE HELD IN WORLD RENOWNED CLIMBING DESTINATION OF
JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK
SEPT 27TH - OCT 3RD

- 7 nights / 6 days of camping at Joshua Tree Lake Campground w/ showers and wi-fi
- Three organic catered meals per day by Sierra Gourmet Catering
- 6 days of climbing in world renowned Joshua Tree
- Climb w/ knowledgeable locals and participants from around the globe
- Evening entertainment includes slide shows, live music, trips to hot springs, and the Star Show by Southern California Astronomy

Application and fee received by July 20th: \$435 USD / person.
Application and fee received after July 20th: \$485 USD / person
For info and application, go to: americanalpineclub.org/p/internationalclimbersmeet
or contact icm@americanalpineclub.org

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Tukino Ski Touring Meet

Date	2015-09-18
Location	Tukino Lodge Tukino Access Rd. Tongariro National Park, Manawatu-Wanganui, 4691
Organiser	andrew@mackintosh.org.nz
Reference	http://www.aucklandclimber.org.nz/new-events/2015/9/1/north-island-ski-touring-meet

The North Island Ski Touring Meet is a fun and sociable weekend to get out and do some ski touring. Check out this [article](#) in [Climber](#) magazine for an account of the 2012 meet. This year we're having a mountain "Mexican Fiesta" themed Saturday night (costumes are encouraged!) This meet is about organising people to get to the mountain and meet like-minded people, but once you leave the hut the individual groups are basically on their own and need to be able to look after themselves. Based at Tukino Lodge, explore the wild side, away from the busy ski fields.

Alpine climbing can be dangerous! You need to have the appropriate skill for any trip that you wish to attend!

BMC International Winter Climbing Meet

Date	2016-01-24 through 2015-01-31
Location	Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore, Scotland
Organiser	Becky McGovern <becky@thebmc.co.uk>
Reference	https://webforms.thebmc.co.uk/events/bmc-international-meets/federation-application-form-bmc-international-winter-climbing-meet-20

The BMC is pleased to announce that next year's BMC International Winter Climbing Meet will be located in the Cairngorms (Scotland) which has some of the finest winter climbing in Britain. Your federation is invited to put forward two experienced winter climbers from your country. Preference will be given to climbers who have not attended a BMC International Meet before. Please note that if the meet is oversubscribed, places will be reduced to one per country. Please complete the [online application form](#) by 2015-10-19. Becky McGovern will contact all applying Federations by email by 27 October. Please do not make any bookings (flights, trains etc) until you have had confirmation from the BMC. The BMC International Meets are truly memorable events and we hope your federation will be able to take part.

Please note that I am out the office from 2015-09-04 2015-10-12.

Snowcraft 2015

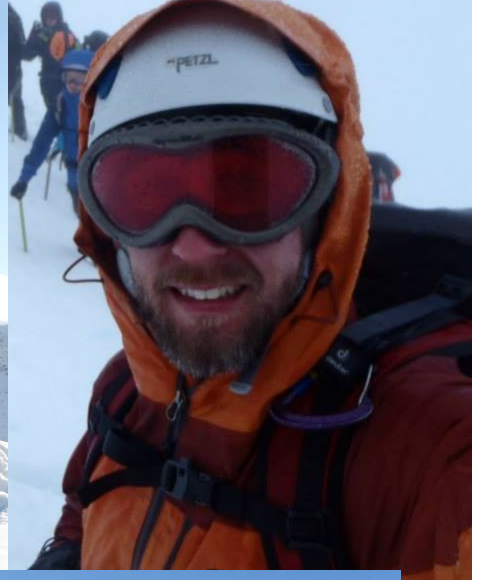
This year the NZAC CNI was lucky enough to have two snowcraft courses offered. Good fun was had by both teams of alpine students. Here are a few photos:



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Notices:

- **Small Eruption Possible, but Unlikely on Mount Ruapehu**

Cooling temperatures in the Mt Ruapehu Crater Lake has resulted in DOC and GNS Science keeping a closer eye on the volcano.

With Mt Ruapehu in its current state, there is a small chance a minor eruption may occur sometime in the next few weeks. It must be noted the likelihood of any eruption is not high and normal operations for visitors to the area were continuing.

“Operations at all three ski areas, roads and areas surrounding the mountain are not affected,” says Paul Carr, Conservation Services Manager.

“Eruption Detection Systems on the mountain are fully operational and other precautions have been taken at the Far West T-bar area,” says Dr Harry Keys DOC’s Volcanology Advisor.

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<http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2015/caution-advised-for-people-climbing-up-to-ruapehus-summit-craters-area/>

- **Cactus Annual Donation to NZAC Expedition Fund**

Thanks to Cactus for its annual donation to the NZAC Expedition Fund.

A reminder that members, receive a 10% discount (excluding discounted and promotional items) at Cactus - in-store (using your NZAC membership card) at 90 Fitzgerald Ave, Christchurch. Members can apply online to become pro-team members for online discounts. Cactus also donate a percentage of sales profit to NZAC for the club's Expedition Fund. We thank them for this ongoing extra support.

- **Donation to Club Hut Fund – Splitn2**

A grateful thanks to Richard and the team at Splitn2 for their annual donation to the NZAC Club Hut Fund. We value their ongoing support.

[Splitn2.com](http://splitn2.com) give members a 10% discount online and donate 1% of the purchase price of any product to the Club Hut Fund. Members require a code to apply the discount online.

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

- **Ruapehu Over Snow Shuttle / Taxi Service**

Mt Ruapehu is offering an over snow shuttle / taxi service to and from Club Lodges at Whakapapa that have over-snow access again for 2015. This service will start running as soon as snow conditions allow and will be announced on the Whakapapa snow report.

Prices for one trip are as follows. Children under 5 are free. No Cash. EFTPOS only.

Adult	\$25
Youth	\$15
Family	\$45 (2x Adults + up to 3 children)

Please check the Whakapapa Weather Report to see if this service is running on the day. This service will only be available as snow and track conditions allow. A shuttle runs every Half Hour on Friday Evenings 5:30PM – 9:30PM. Pickup is on the snow road alongside LBC/Customer Services building.

No advance bookings required.

<http://www.mtruapehu.com/winter/product/?product=whakapapa-oversnow-shuttle>

From The Desk of the General Manager

Dear NZAC Member,

What a winter! Lots of snow and ice all over the country. It has been a benchmark season for skiers and ice climbers alike. I have even been told that the cold temperatures have resulted in some great rock climbing for those who consider friction a major consideration. (Unlike me, who considers gravity a far more pertinent factor.) Unfortunately, I missed out on all of July, as I selflessly undertook a Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Study tour of Europe. The heat was insufferable! I am looking forward to my first on-piste ski this weekend.



NZAC – punching above its weight

Firstly I need to thank the Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the FMC Forest and Mountain Trust for giving me the opportunity to visit the Alpine Club (UK), the Italian Alpine Club, The German Alpine Club, the Swiss Alpine Club and the UIAA. My task was to discuss common challenges of Alpine Clubs such as environmental impacts, the legal and risk environment and promoting youth and female participation. I met some fascinating people and learnt far too much to detail here. Suffice to say that as impressed as I was by the sheer scale of the European Clubs – my overwhelming impression was that NZAC stacks up really well, especially considering our size. Of course, this is largely due to the work of volunteers who have contributed, both now and in the past, to make NZAC what it is.

Homer Hut Winter Climbing Meet

Continuing a fine tradition of motivating and inspiring winter climbing in the deep south, The NZAC Darrans Winter Meet was held again in July. Conditions conspired to deliver some of the best ice climbing conditions seen for a long time, with several lines forming up for the first time in years. A report of the new and repeated climbs can be found [here](#). The meet coincided with the launch of the climbers guide to the Darran Mountains in winter – an e-guidebook written by legends of the grim game, Alastair Walker and Steve Skelton. It is an excellent publication, available [here](#). Once again, a huge vote of thanks to Alastair Walker for organising the meet. Long may it continue.

Intro to Back Country Skiing Courses

The IBSC course was full, but due to a cancellation there is now one space available - be quick! 6-11 September. [Course Info](#) – [Register Here](#)

Summer High Alpine Skills Course

Most of the summer HASC courses already have only a space or two left, so we've added an extra course in November. [Course Info](#) – [Register Here](#)

- November 15-20 – New date
- November 22-27, 2015 – 3 spaces left
- Nov 29 - Dec 4, 2015 – 1 space left
- December 6-11, 2015 – 1 space left
- January 4-9, 2016 – 2 spaces left
- January 11-16, 2016 – 2 spaces left

Peak Performance Course

The Peak Performance Courses (PPC) are a brand new initiative from the NZAC, aimed at giving club members the chance to attain the skills to achieve significant objectives in the hills from some of the top guides in New Zealand. Courses can focus on one of the following. [Course Info](#) – [Register Here](#)

Alpine Fast & Light | Alpine Trip Leadership | Ski Mountaineering | Alpine Rock | Big Wall

- Nov 23-27, 2015 - Aoraki Mt. Cook National Park - *Full*
- Dec 7-11, 2015 - Aoraki Mt. Cook National Park
- Dec 13-18, 2015 - Aoraki Mt. Cook National Park - *Full*
- March 7-11, 2016 - Fiordland National Park
- March 14-18, 2016 - Fiordland National Park

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Mountain Skills for Youth Course

26-27 September 2015 - Arthur's Pass

We are pleased to announce that for the 2015 MSY course we will be offering two full scholarships thanks to a grant from the NZ Mountain Film Festival Charitable Trust!

This course is an initiative of the New Zealand Alpine Club to encourage young people into the mountains and inspire them to become alpinists. [Course Info](#) - [Register Here](#) - [Apply for Scholarship](#)

NZAC Membership discounts at skifields

It has been a great year for skiing with regular dumps of snow for all ski fields. I hope you have been taking advantage of the significant discounts NZAC membership gets you at [Tukino Ski Field](#), [Mt Lyford](#), [Porters Ski Area](#), [Roundhill Ski Area](#), [Mt Cheeseman Ski Area](#) and [Cragieburn Valley Ski Area](#). Remember to take your NZAC membership card up the mountain for a cheap days skiing!

FMC Youth Scholarship

Two grants of up to \$1,000 are open to any NZAC member under the age of 30 and NZAC members have been very successful in their applications in the past. Planning on leading a decent trip? Fill out an application form [here](#) and contact me at sam@alpineclub.org.nz for the requisite endorsement. The grant can be used to contribute towards travel costs, trip food, accommodation or the hire of mountain radios, PLBs, or transceivers. Get amongst it!

Homer Hut – 50 year anniversary

It has been fifty years since the Southland section of NZAC 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. Please join the section in celebrating the anniversary of this popular and much loved hut. [Registrations](#) are essential.

BMC Winter Climbing Meet, Scotland

If you happen to be in the UK in January next year, the BMC is hosting The BMC International Winter Meet 2016, at Glenmore Lodge in the heart of the Cairngorms. This event is a great opportunity to experience Scottish winter climbing and to meet a varied bunch of climbers from 25 countries from around the world. As an international guest you will be paired with UK host climbers who will take you out during the days and show you the full delights of Scottish winter climbing. There will be presentations in the evenings. Flick me an e-mail at sam@alpineclub.org.nz if you would like to take one of NZACs two spots.

Volunteer Instructor Development Course – Temple Basin

28 Volunteer snowcraft instructors from various NZAC Sections came to Temple Basin for a weekend in July. Four professional guides gave the benefit of their skills and experience, with the aim of developing the instructional expertise of the volunteers. The Instructor Development Course at Temple Basin is an annual affair, but really only the tip of the iceberg. Outside of that weekend, NZAC volunteer instructors undertake free Avalanche and First Aid training all over the country. It is also pleasing to see that many are taking up NZAC's offer to partially fund the pursuit of NZOIA qualifications. The end result is that NZAC volunteers instruct around 100 novices in basic snowcraft each year. Well done everybody!

Entertainment books

Last thing: many of you will be aware of this fundraising mechanism from your local sports clubs and community groups. An entertainment book contains hundreds of discounts, freebies and two-for-one-deals in your area. 20% of the purchase price of every one sold using [this link](#), goes to the NZAC Club Development Fund.

Thanks for being part of a great club.

Since 1891,

Sam Newton
General Manager
New Zealand Alpine Club

<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=23ea7cb21f4882cf3f0d4f15c&id=841f3c9608&e=c28e014ecb>