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Club Meetings

Usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 7.30 pm, CMC Clubrooms, upstairs at Pioneer Leisure Centre, Lyttleton St.

Thursday 3 November – CMC/NZAC combined event: Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust base visit and information evening

Time: 6.30 pm

Location: GCH Aviation, 73 Grays Road Yaldhurst. Onsite parking available.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/637536197996687>

CMC has been invited by the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust to visit their base of operations in Harwood. Come along for a tour of their base, machines and equipment, and learn about how their rescue services operates!

The CWC Air Rescue Trust provides a huge service to the mountaineering community and it will be awesome to see what goes on behind the scenes to keep us safe and how we can support them in turn. See the Facebook event for further details.

Upcoming Club Trips

5-6 November - Footstool

February 2023 – Gardens of Eden and Gardens of Allah

Editor's Note

Hopefully everyone has been making the most of the this winter, with some of the best snow conditions we've seen in years. It's been an active few months for the club with some highlights including Ruari Macfarlanes fantastic talk, the NZ mountain film festival (\$1,831 funds raised for the CMC Centenary book) and the Kennedy Lecture. We also had our film and awards night where the Mountaineer of the year and Mahi Aroha were awarded and a further \$2,055 were raised. There's been another fantastic set of CMC winter courses this year and a bunch of awesome trips too. There's heaps of great write ups and photos in this edition of the CMC news so please read on to see what our members have been up to.

Cover: Sunset from a campsite just below the summit of Tutoko (Photo: A McDowell).

Trip Reports and News

Mt Armstrong Trip

Lateef Ahmad

From an initial party of 10 strong, covid isolations and uncertainties of weather/conditions left us with a compact party of two. We had faith in the weather and snow conditions and so we left from Maccas Yaldhurst at 7am on Saturday. When we got to the carpark our concerns of high levels on the Waimakariri were appeased and we had easy and fast travel up the river to Anti-Crow and Carrington Huts. We got to Carrington Hut around midday where there was about 10cm of snow still present. The track for the Upper Waimakariri Valley Hut was pleasant and well signposted and when we got to around 900m elevation the snow started becoming continuous. To our dismay, as we headed further up the valley the snow got deeper but it didn't get any firmer. As the snow got deeper and the post-holing harder, our pace plummeted to a few hundred metres an hour.



Photos: Left: Snowy Carrington Hut, Right: Night crossing of Waimak Falls Bridge.

Locating and getting on the bridge was a mission in itself with a precarious position to get onto the bridge without slipping off the snow. We had almost committed to climbing up a cliff that the hut sat on when Byron spotted a marker pole that indicated we had to sidle a small basin to get to the hut's location. We were very happy to be in the warm hut. The expectation was to have a good night's rest and then return back down the valley the next morning using our post holes from the night before, however, the forecast pulled through and we were treated to a great freeze and upon my morning condition check, found it was well supportive! After a late start we continued up valley towards Armstrong and the weather was looking great and the cramponing kept on getting

better and better the further the closer we got to Waimakariri Col. We dropped off our bags around the col between Pt.2005 and Pt 1845 and head on up the slopes of Mount Armstrong.



Left: View up the valley from Waimak Falls Hut, Right: Rolleston side of Waimak Col

A relatively easy walk up to a clagged in, windy summit around 11am and after a selfie or two, head back down the Rolleston River. What an adventure the Rolleston River has to offer. We didn't check the route description that recommended we should sidle high on the true-left of the river, so after seeing tonnes of avi debris in the gorges, we tried for a direct path down the river. Taking advantage of all the avi debris that were bridging waterfalls meant for some quite fun and stimulating travel down the gorge, however we eventually hit waterfalls twice where we would have needed abseils so out and back in of the steep gorge walls we went. There were awesome views of Mt Philistine's West face – definitely a climb to come back to in future months.

We finally joined the cairned track – this however did not signal the end of the adventure! The track along the true right of the Rolleston River was slow and arduous as tree roots and snow don't mix well... We got to the riverbed by sunset and then had to descend another 2 km along the Rolleston riverbed in the darkness – lots of scrambling, slipping around, and floundering in the dark. The railway bridge and its service station was a sight for sore eyes! One very lucky hitchhike back to the car to complete the circuit.



Photos: Left: Avalanche debris in the gorges, Right: Climbing out of the gorge.

CMC Mid Winter Dinner at Kennedy Lodge

Graeme Jacobs

Club dinners are the stuff of CMC legend, this years mid-winter dinner and climbing weekend at Kennedy Lodge was no exception. The lodge filled up steadily on the Friday night and plans were made for an outing the next day. One group were keen on Temple Basin while Al suggested Mt Bealey as a safe and skier free destination. My son Oli and I decided to join this group of eight.

The next morning was cold and overcast but the report looked like we would have a reasonable weather window to complete the climb before the forecast rain and snow around 3.00pm. As often happens with ascents out of the Bealey Valley clothes were shed as we warmed up quickly with the steep climb. The snow was well down into the bush and near the bush line the temperature really dropped. We wrapped up warm and headed on up initially without crampons. As the snow firmed crampons were required. The ridge was in great condition with the large amount of snow filling in what is often a rocky scramble. Al gave the group some impromptu avalanche awareness training and the variety of snow type, orientations and gradients provided a great teaching resource.

I was enjoying the day and while feeling fit enough to keep walking steadily I was suffering from the ability to suck enough air which was very cold. I think I was still feeling some of the effects of Covid. I was last to reach the summit and enjoyed a quick lunch in silent solitude. The day had a rather ethereal feel with the cloud cover giving a soft light. At one stage Franklin was bathed in a warm glow that really highlighted this magnificent mountain. We descended quickly and as we came out of the bush at Rough Creek it started to rain.

Back in the lodge preparations were made for the group dinner and outside rain turned to snow and we watched with interest as it built up on

the outdoor table and deck. The potluck dinner was a real success and turned into three courses with a soup, large variety of mains and several desserts. There were some comments about how much better potluck dinners get as you get older and you don't end up with everyone bringing chips and dip. Al had suggested a Pecha Kucha style talk where we could show some images of our recent climbs, but nobody had volunteered to speak. Hopefully next year we can have some people to share what they have been up to in the hills.



Photos: Left: View down into the Waimak at Crow and Anti-Crow junctions, Right: Hilux on the Waimak Bridge looking up the Waimak

After dinner those with skis could not resist a run down Brake Hill Road. The non-skiers filled in the bare patches under the beech trees for them. Hopes of skinning up the main road were dashed as the grader came through the village from the Pass and within a short period returned to clear the other half of the road. A group of skiers and walkers headed up to Avalanche Creak and soon the snowballs were flying. It was great to see a group of adults behaving like little children. The snowball fight morphed into making a giant snow ball about 1.5m in diameter which was rolled up the disable access ramp of the DOC visitors centre and left as a present for them right at the front door.



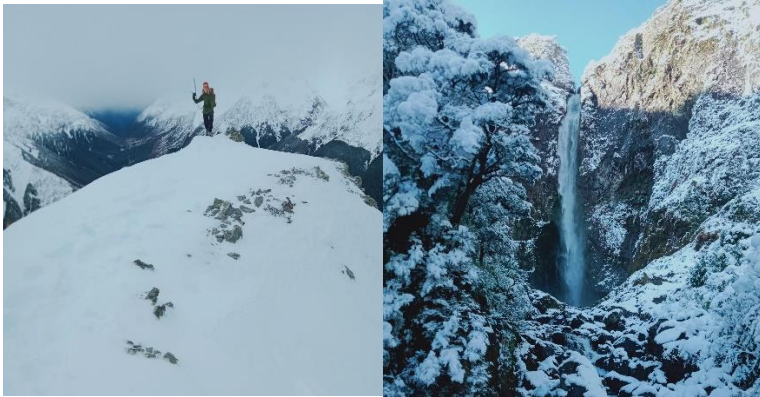
Photos: Left, a snowy Kennedy Lodge, Right, Sorry, not sorry DOC.

The next morning, I was woken by Al. Initially I thought I had been snoring but instead he was asking me to drive him and Stevo to Cass for the rescue of a skier who had gone missing on Hamilton Peak the previous evening. I really didn't want to get up, but Oli and I were soon both out of bed and making a plan to get my Hilux ready to go. We had to clear a lot of snow off the windows and get the chains fitted. Luckily Stevo who works at Mt Hutt and installed chains daily took over this task. The other issue was we were behind another car and I gave Al the task of waking people up until he found the driver. This car had to be cleared of snow as well and being two-wheel drive we had to clear a path to the driveway opposite to get it out. After all this digging I was stuffed.

Powering out onto the road I dropped the front right wheel into a hidden culvert and put a big curve into the running board, at least the door was not damaged. Once onto the highway we removed the chains and headed to Cass. The highway was closed but a few farmers were traveling the road in their four-wheel drives. We drove into Grasmere Lodge to get Al and Stevo as far up the Cass as possible. The farmer came with us to show us the way and open gates. Al and Stevo headed off up the Cass with a brief from SAR to go as far as the hut.

We headed back to Kennedy stopping at the passing lane on the Waimak bridge to admire the winter wonderland. After a late breakfast we headed up to Punch Bowl Falls while others walked to the bush line on My Bealey track and some to ski at Temple Basin. The falls looked very spectacular with all the snow and the day was warm and sunny.

After packing and cleaning the hut the various groups headed back to town. The rescue had a happy ending with the skier surviving a cold night out. Thanks to Al for organising a great weekend and for all who attended contributing to a fantastic potluck dinner and enjoyable outings into the mountains. I can't wait to do it all again next winter.



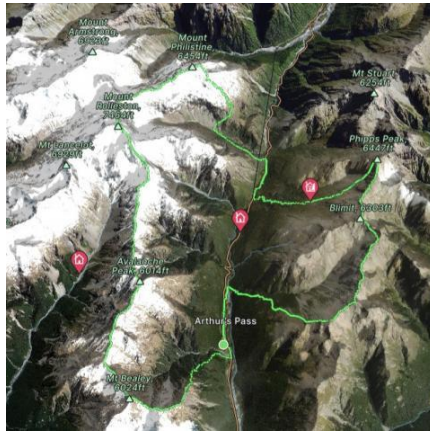
Photos: Left: Oli Jacobs on the ridge of Mt Bealey, Right: Punch Bowl Falls.

Arthurs Pass Round

Alastair McDowell

The goal of a "Round" is to climb all of the most prominent peaks in a mountain range, starting & finishing in the same place. The idea comes from British fell/mountain running culture, with challenges such as the famous Bob Graham Round, Ramsay Round and Paddy Buckley Rounds. Each of those loops were established with the aim to climb the greatest number of peaks in 24 hours. A day in the mountains.

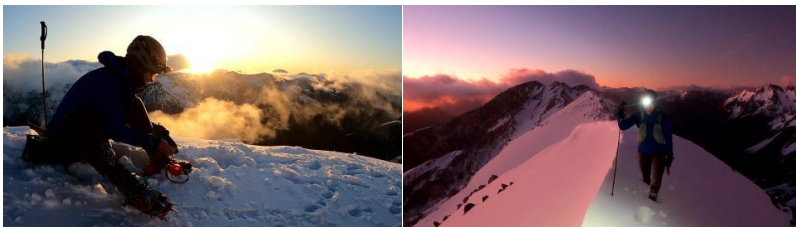
The *Arthur's Pass Round* takes that great British fell running tradition into the alpine zone in the form of a 48km loop, starting and finishing in Arthur's Pass Village, summiting 9 peaks and clocking up 5500m vertical gain. That's no small amount of mountaineering. The *Round* had only been done once before, by Troy Forsyth in mid-summer conditions, in a respectable time of 17.5 hours. How would it go in "winter" conditions?



The route

This year a long winter has lingered, gifting the Arthur's Pass plentiful snow cover into October. A near perfect full moon, clear weather and reasonable snow conditions... The three stars had aligned. To be a competent alpinist, it's not just about steep technical climbing. You also need ultra-endurance and massive amounts of mileage on easy and moderate ground, and Arthur's Pass has this style of terrain in abundance. The *Round* would be the perfect training.

We set off from Kennedy Lodge at 12:25am, first bound for Mt Bealey. At bushline the full moon illuminates our way ahead. What a magical journey! Thunk. The sound of falling waist deep into a snow drift. An Antarctic blast earlier in the week had deposited a foot of cold dry snow across the mountains. Not even at our first summit, I don't rate our chances of success highly. But, we persevere. What else is there to do?



Photos: *Left, Sophie donning her crampons, Right, Dawn vistas beyond avalanche peak.*

Lyell Peak, Avalanche Peak, pass by in the blur of night time snowy footsteps. Rome Ridge approaches, headlamps on the ridge, dawn

coming. Mt Rolleston's most classic ridgeline spurs us on, and the snow conditions improve. Mt Rolleston High Peak. Four peaks done!

Onwards to Philistine into thickening mist helps us focus on only the next hundred metres, that's all we can see. A few tricky scrambles around the final buttresses keep us on our toes.

Midday on Philistine's summit, 12 hours in, silhouettes appear. Hallucinations? No we are not that far gone (yet), these are real people - a group of CMC climbers & skiers. "G'day!" We offer to buy their skis, the powder run into the valley looks delicious.



Photos: Left: *CMC climbers on Philistine*, Right: *Rolleston-Philistine traverse*.

Down to Otira Valley carpark and our pre-stashed food drop. Treats! Caffeine, sugar, fat and salt, all necessary for a healthy diet in the mountains. Fully jacked, we are in no mood to quit now. It's 4pm but we are barely past halfway. Next comes the Phipps-Aicken traverse.

Past Temple Basin ski field we aim ourselves towards Phipps South Face, which still holds good ice in the central gully, leading directly to our 6th summit. Now comes night. Phipps-Temple traverse by torchlight, wind whips our faces. Ominous clouds surround us in gloomy sunset. Sophie is oblivious to just far how we have ahead of us, I neglect to divulge details, it won't help either of us. One rock, one ridge, one peak at a time.

"Have you reached your B'limit yet?" I ask Sophie as she reaches peak 8, high on midnight. She appears unphased, perhaps delirious, enjoying the the sensations of pushing beyond 24 hours of mountain travel, tasting a new flavour of endurance.

Maybe that question on B'limit was asked too soon, the most difficult climbing was yet to come. With the strengthening gales came a thin layer of snow, coating the rock with a slippery veneer. Scrambling endless

exposed terrain in the evil hours can exhaust not only the body but also the mind. But our systems are wired for survival. In the midst of challenges somehow we always find enough juice to keep on going.

Aicken, peak 9. Enchainment. Time to go down, home, hot drinks, hot food. Friends are waking up for a new day, but we are heading to bed. That was 29 hours on the Arthur's Pass Round. That was a long day in the mountains. A good day in the mountains.



Photo: Heading into an ominous night from Mt Phipps towards Temple, Blimit and Aicken.

Jagged-Upham Couloir, Arrowsmith Ranges

Sophie Jenkins

Jagged-Upham Couloir is an awesome little ice and mixed gully in the Arrowsmith Range within weekend striking distance of Christchurch. The route is around 500m long with steps of waterfall ice and snow slopes interspersed with a few WI3-4 steps then a final tricky mixed pitch with some slightly loose rock that is around M4-5. Overall it is given a MC5. Depending on the amount of snow the slower half of the route may be filled in with snow reducing the length of technical climbing by about a half.

Rose and I opted to tackle Jagged-Upham as an early mentoring trip together, given Rose's fond memories from an earlier ascent, as a chance for me to put my winter experience cragging at the Remarkables and general mountain experience on various winter MC1-3 mountains together on a technical mountain route. In the conditions we found it, it provided a

great place for me to put my limited experience leading ice in Wye creek into practice on an alpine route.

As we weren't planning on breaking any speed records, we decided to bivy at the base of the route and start early before walking out the same day. Three days would make for a more relaxed itinerary! This worked well for us, and we had an awesome time with interesting climbing. We can't recommend the route highly enough as a mid-length winter line in easy access from Christchurch. Checkout our beta (based off a few different ascents).



Photos: Left, the couloir. Right, the bergschrund at the start of the route.

Beta

The Arrowsmiths are like the smaller brother of Aoraki Tai Poutini National Park, tucked away in the Canterbury region, only a couple of hours drive from Christchurch. The remote-feeling yet accessible routes from the Cameron Glacier provide some excellent climbing in late winter and early spring.

There are loads of classic winter routes in the area ranging from the MC3 central couloir on Mt Arrowsmith (the largest peak in the area), to the classic main couloir on Couloir Peak, to more technical lines on both the South Face of Mt Arrowsmith and the South Face of Jagged Peak. For all except the South Face of Mt Arrowsmith, the Cameron Hut is a great option for a pre-climb bivy. Jagged-Upham Couloir is the dominant feature splitting the South Face of Jagged Peak and is arguably the most reliable and classic ice route in the area.

Access

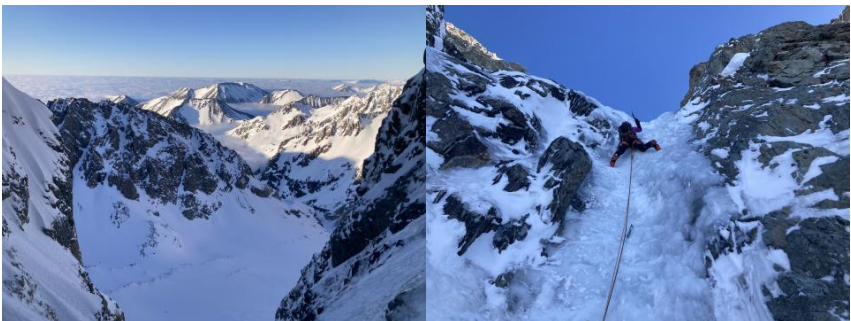
Walk to Cameron Hut (4-6 hours) and then head up the North Cameron Glacier (2-3 hours). We bivvied in the middle of the glacier, near the base

of the couloir, and started climbing around 1.30am the next morning. Given the route is entirely south facing, on a cold forecast it can be climbed at any time. Other options include sleeping at Cameron Hut and leaving such that you arrive at the base for dawn, or if you expect to be quick you can walk in from the road end drop your overnight gear and ascend the route in the afternoon before returning to Cameron hut for a snooze. Plenty of options for any party and forecast :).

Route

The South Face of Jagged Peak has a few winter lines including Jagged-Upham Couloir and Whiplash (a narrow gully exiting Jagged-Upham Couloir at half height to the climbers right). Jagged-Upham Couloir is the most obvious feature - the deep groove can be seen even from the drive to the roadend. We had a few good freezes, a clear night (and chilly bivvy!) then cold weather all day as we climbed. The route was in fun condition, with ice steps starting very soon after the schrund at the base of the couloir. Rose had climbed this route in another winter and the first 300m of ice steps were banked out with snow.

Most of the couloir involves many steps of easier water ice, and a few WI3-4 steps then a final tricky mixed pitch with some slightly loose rock that is around M4-5. We chose to do a combination of simul climbing and pitches where needed for the entire route. The mixed step at the top was probably the crux of the route, and appeared to have loose rock that was luckily somewhat stuck together by ice. The couloir ascent and descent took us around 12 hours, though travel in the lower sections would be faster (but less interesting!) with more snow.



Photos: Left: Sunrise from the Arrowsmiths and Right: Sophie on one of the fun ice pitches.

Season and conditions

This route generally forms best in late winter. We found mixed quality ice throughout the route, often climbing quite soft sn'ice that gave easy sticks but was hard to protect convincingly. We had cold temperatures and no sun on any part of the route throughout the day, meaning we could continue climbing well after dawn.

Hazards

During the night there was a stream of spindrift straight down the couloir that made climbing a bit tricky. There were moments where Rose and I hung around on tools heads down mid-lead waiting for the river of spindrift to stop! If the couloir was less bare this could have turned us around. The route is subject to falling ice and rocks. We had cold enough conditions that we didn't get bombed by anything that we didn't knock off ourselves, but in warmer temperatures this could be a much more serious problem. It was difficult choosing a well-protected belay for the loose top pitch of rock

Descent

We rapped off a rock spike at the top of the route and then around 10 V-thread abseils to get back to the shrund at the base of the route. There is an alternative descent over Jagged Peak to Jagged Col, but it looked pretty loose and complicated from the top of the couloir. Descending the couloir was quick and had no unexpected surprises. We took about 3 hours to reach the Cameron Glacier from Jagged-Upham col.

Rack

- 12 ice screws: 1x 10cm, 3x 13cm, 5x 17cm, 1x 21cm
- A light rock rack of 5 smallish cams, 8 nuts and a couple of hexes
- 10x 60cm quickdraws
- 2x 120cm quickdraws
- A microtraxion & tibloc each
- 2x 4m of 6mm cord for anchors

Murchison Ascent, CMC Trip

Lorna Johnston

Meeting at Klondyke corner, we lugged our bags onto our fresh shoulders for the anticipated walk up the Waimak valley to Barker hut. I knew from the topo map that the walk in was going to be a fairly long hike but when the well marked trail quickly turned into a line of best fit up the Waimak river bed I soon realised it would be a long day. After multiple river

crossings, the group was soon assorted in order of backpack weight. The stoked skiers at the beginning of the trailhead soon faded into the distance as they clambered under trees and boulders. "It better be worth it" - they repeated with a nervous laugh.. we soon passed the Anti Crow hut and the Carrington hut marking half way with the home straight up to Barker.

Reaching Barker in the late afternoon, we were rewarded with a beautiful view down the valley in the direction we had come from and Mt Murchison in the distance. To the delight of the skiers, 26km in and we had reached the snow line! Some with more energy than others, fresh turns were put into the bowl above Barker Hut in anticipation for tomorrow. As with all Backcountry huts, we had the delight of meeting a solo hiker who would be in the area for a couple of days. We could tell he was quite the character after he had fashioned himself the most lightweight and effective hut slippers possible using electrical tape and the insoles of his shoes.



Photos: Left, Slow grind up the Waimak with skis, Right, Stylish hut slippers.

After formulating a game plan for the following day, the group soon became CMC + 1 happy hiker from Wellington. This led to much deliberation over what time to set the alarm with the added confusion of daylight savings. As the teams prepped their bags, our + 1 proceeded to create a makeshift harness using an old sling and a carabiner which resembled a sumo wrestlers nappy or some very small underwear.

We woke up at what we thought was 3am but it also could have been 4am or 2am.. (still unsure) to a howling wind which ceased as we prepped our breakfast and gear. The skiers set off up the skin track from the previous day whilst our group traversed up the ridge towards the white glacier. As the first light slowly filled the valley, it became apparent that our +1 was

wearing a bicycle helmet and hiking boots. This was shrugged off as we witnessed a spectacular sunrise above an inversion with views to the west coast, Arthur's pass and Aoraki. Gaining the saddle and a small navigation error we set off up what was meant to be a short grade 1 gully but slowly turned into being a longer grade 2+/3 climb up soft snow and loose rock which did not instil confidence especially with +1 following up behind with one axe.

We summited Mt Murchison where we met the skiers who had correctly navigated their way up a lovely gully only to meet us on top a little shell shocked and concerned over how our new friend will be getting down in hiking boots. We followed the skiers tracks back to the gully which we were meant to come up in the first place making sure to kick steps into the ice slope for our new team mate who was unable to front point. Watching the skiers descend Mt Murchison in approximately 2minutes and looking back at our +1, we realised we had a long way to go. The descent was slow and made worse by the sun softening the snow so we punched through to our thighs in places.

As we arrived back to Barker with the skiers having arrived an hour or two earlier, we debriefed the day and congratulated our +1 for sending it up Mt Murchison with gear that would have added an extra grade to the difficulty. The skiers said the walk in was worth the descent of the white glacier but forgetting we had another 26km to get back to the cars. We descended back to Carrington hut where we stayed the night and back to the trailhead the following morning. All in all a successful trip!

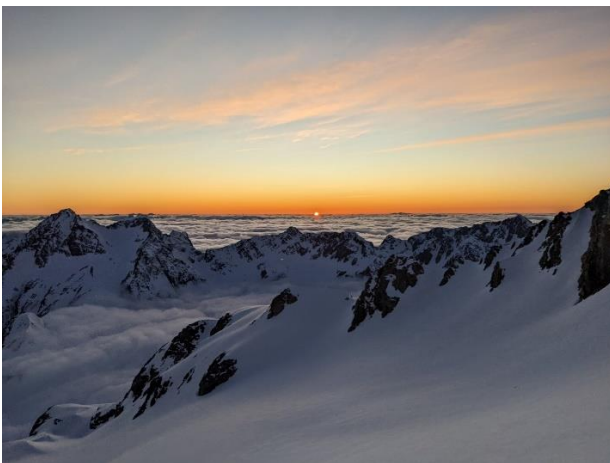


Photo: Glorious morning sunrise from the White Glacier.

One with the Chief - A Winter Traverse of Tūtoko

Alastair McDowell

To be one with the chief, you must walk with the chief, eat with the chief and sleep with the chief. Mount Tūtoko was likely named after a Maori chief who lived at Martin's Bay, on the west coast of Fiordland, close to the mouth of the Hollyford river. Mount Tūtoko is a massive peak in the Darran Mountains which dominates high above all else in Fiordland.

Escaping the grip of a storm-filled winter, we craved an immersive mountain experience in a new arena. Tūtoko, the chief of Fiordland, had been a goal for many years and a five-day weather window in late winter offered a perfect opportunity to start our journey to becoming one with the chief. I teamed up with Sophie Jenkins, one of the new mentees of the Alpine Team. Sophie was full of energy & motivation to explore this remote place and improve her all-round alpine skills along the way.

While a repeat of Guy McKinnon's 2013 route on the mighty 1900m tall West Face was very alluring for Sophie and I, alas the lower cliff band of the face was not coated in sufficient ice to inspire confidence. The route requires a good amount of snowfall to low levels to form up, given the starting altitude of 800m. We shifted tack to our Plan B.



Photos: Left, Alastair McDowell polishing off his dinner, Right, snowy belay station on the route.

We set up our first camp at the head of the Tūtoko valley, with steeply ice-streaked Darrans granite faces rising all around us. While disappointed about the West Face being out of our condition, I realised a traverse of Tūtoko via the north face and down the south face would be excellent alpine training for Sophie, covering such a variety of terrain. I was also

quite excited to be climbing Tūtoko. What a mountain, and what a way to see it for the first time.

At first light we began the 1200m ascent of the Grave Couloir. The couloir can be a funnel for rock fall in summer, but in winter it is a peaceful white carpet up to a high col below Paranui Peak, albeit with some hefty step plugging.

Here south became north; the sun glared on to the rimed north face of Paranui, littering the hanging snow slope with ice-bombs. Afraid of being knocked off our feet with cliffs looming below us, we used the rope to secure ourselves to the cliff face in a long simul-climbing pitch.

The Ngapunatoru Plateau is another of those holy grails for transalpine types, of which Sophie and I can both count ourselves party. The Kaipo Wall, NZ's tallest cliff, drops off just to the north more than 1000m into the Kaipo valley, but our attention was squarely focused towards the north face of Tūtoko, rising as a pyramid of rock & rime still a good distance away. Hence we set up our second camp in a saddle on the edge of the Ngapunatoru Plateau and set in for another cold night.



Photo: Left: The final mixed ice pitch on the north face, Right: Beautiful camp near the summit of Mt Tūtoko.

Our many cold nights of camping under a sodden wet sleeping bag inspired Sophie to compile some tips for winter alpine camping, both for her own good and for others. Alpine camping with some degree of comfort really is something of an art form.

Grey winds vibrated the tent at 3am, spoiling our dream of the beauty-bomber high. Never to fear, we waited an hour and began the remaining journey to the north face. Team mates Rose & Steve has soloed the rock

buttresses in summer, but as we drew nearer we realised a winter ascent would not be so simple.

Thick southerly clouds surrounded us all day, precipitating light snow over our clothing, obscuring our views. Normally this would invoke fear and perhaps retreat, climbing into the mist in such a remote place. But we quested upwards slowly, through eight interesting pitches of moderate alpine ice & mixed terrain, arriving one pitch from the summit at 430pm, still bathed in clag.

Here we appreciated our full bivouac equipment. Given the long and tricky descent via the unfamiliar Southeast face, instead of pushing on into nightfall, we decided to pitch our camp just 100m below the summit. At dusk the clouds cleared to reveal amazing scenes across Fiordland in golden sunset. What an evening to savour!

Following morning, the final pitch to the summit ridge provides a “stirring finish and is prone to icing” according to the guidebook, and sure enough provided a fantastic finale towards the summit of Tūtoko.

In winter conditions it is possible to ascend the Southeast face following the Age glacier, skirting below the three rock steps of the Southeast ridge. Due to the steepness of the glacier and variability of the winter snowpack it was preferable to stay un-roped, despite many crevasses around. It requires judgement to determine which poses the greater risk.

We reached Turners Bivouac in late afternoon with not quite enough time to descend to Leader creek, so we opted for a fourth camp at the Turner's Biv site. We decided to sleep in the tent again rather than in the cramped rock biv which was lined with snow.



Photo: Sophie getting a brew on at Turner's Biv, Tutoko's south face behind.

The descent to Leader creek is intricate and it helps to have good beta. See [Jaz](#) and [Danilo](#) photos for reference.

Later at the car that afternoon, after a caffeine-fuelled exit through Tūtoko's bush valley, we revelled in the view of the Chief's proud snow ridges and craggy escarpments, the view always sweeter after knowing that we had just been up there.

After spending five days with the chief - walking with the chief, eating with the chief, sleeping with the chief - we started to feel a little closer to becoming one with the chief.

Tūtoko, the chief of Fiordland.

CMC Trapline – Winter Update

Hamish Reid

After a relatively successful autumn trapping season, the CMC trapline efforts went into winter mode in June. A final trip to rebait the trapline

before the snow arrived was just in time, with four large male stoats being removed. All the traps were rebaited with fresh rabbit, eggs and mayonnaise and promptly buried under the big snows of mid-June, where they remained until August.

Stoats don't hibernate in winter and are very adept at moving around under the snow, which acts as an insulating blanket protecting them from the worst of the weather. Being long and thin to enable "tunnel" hunting, means stoats don't carry much body fat. A consequence of this is that they must eat around 30-40% of their bodyweight each day. Some of this may come from cached prey, but generally they rely on fresh kill. Death by starvation and hypothermia is a very real prospect, especially for those choosing to live in the alpine environment.

The visit in August was short and sharp. As any who braved the climb to ski above the Mueller Hut would have found out, all the traps above Sealy Tarns were still well buried, while those on the Sefton Biv line were under about five metres of avalanche debris (see photos). Those traps that could be checked yielded a further three stoats, including one female and one full ermine male.

Stoats have the ability to change coat colour from chestnut brown in summer to winter white (ermine). In New Zealand full coat change is rare because nearly all stoats sent to NZ in the 1880s were captured in England where winter whiteness is not common. Most do not change colour, while a few show a sprinkling of white hairs.



Photos: Left, Au revoir stoat, Right, avalanche debris in Stocking Stream.

Catching female stoats is important. By their nature they appear to be less inquisitive than males (or perhaps more wary), they tend to have smaller home ranges, and do not quest in the same manner as males during the mating period. This means their interaction with our trap lines tends to be less. Most female stoats have been mated by mid-summer (young female

stoats are usually pregnant before they leave the den). Delayed implantation gives any female stoat surviving until the following spring a good chance of producing offspring, even if there are no surviving males in the locale. Sexist I know, but catching females stoats is the way forward.

Septembers visit was cold but in glorious sunshine. 20cm of fresh snow fell at Wyn Irwin overnight. Although the snow higher up was slowly receding, the high traps are still buried. No catches were recorded in the traps that could be accessed.

Officially into spring, and daylight saving, our trapping efforts are about to shift up a gear. The Stocking Stream traps will need to be located and almost certainly repaired. The traps up round Mueller Hut will be cleaned and reset, and our trapping visits will shift over to twice a month as we try to catch hungry stoats before they nest and give birth.

If you think you might like to help with our lines at Aoraki-Mount Cook, get in touch. Drop me (Hamish Reid) a note at trapping@cmc.net.nz and I'll be in contact.

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Tuia te Taiao*

You can also head to <https://cmc.net.nz/traping-line-sealey-tns/> for more information.

CMC Winter 2022 Instruction Courses

George Hedley

Its a been a busy winter of instruction for the budding mountaineers of the CMC. There has been a total of 14 intro to mountaineering courses, 6 intermediate mountaineering courses, 5 avalanche awareness courses and 2 intro to skimo courses with 110 participants! From the middle of June until mid-September Kennedy Lodge has had some great usage with knowledge and memories being shared from our enthusiastic instructors, as well as new friendships being forged between keen, up and coming mountaineers.

No matter the weather every single weekend saw a course being run, in either crisp winter conditions or torrential rain which may have required a bit more imagination from our instructors who were well up for the task. No matter what, all participants ended up practicing safe travel in the

winter alpine environment, gaining confidence in cramponing, pitching or skiing. Lots of laughs were had, stories were told and new plans to tick off objectives were made with enthusiasm. Look out for new instruction courses running through the summer months on the CMC website or Facebook pages.



Photos: Various CMC Instruction courses held over winter 2022

Mountaineer of the Year and Mahi Aroha Award

Congratulations to Alastair McDowell and Hamish Fleming for receiving the mountaineer of the year award for their 3000m mountain enchainment achievement. See the latest CMC Mountaineer for a full write up of their adventure.

CMC Mahi Aroha award 2022

Robin Muirson and Grant Hunter, nominated Ian Gardiner for the Club's Mahi Aroha Award 2022.

Ian joined CMC in 1964. He was President from 1976-79 and a committee member for many years. However, we consider his volunteer roles of various and diverse forms, extending over 50 years, rather than as an office-holder, have been his stand-out achievements. Remarkably, his volunteer contribution to both the CMC and the wider mountain community seems largely undiminished over the last two or three years.

They include, over decades but emphasising the recent:

Hut maintenance

- Active in hut maintenance as far back as at least 1990, probably further, and most recently at least 10 days working on Lyell Hut. Special contribution included installation of LED lighting in some club huts before LEDs were commonplace.

Mountain Radio Service

- A founding member and secretary of volunteer-based Canterbury Mountain Radio Service (1966), the first of its type in NZ. As an electrical engineer, co-responsible for radio design/development. Ian continues in a leading voluntary role, and is Secretary.

Digitising major club records

- Digitised the full set (1934-current) of the club's signature journal, Canterbury Mountaineer and undertook all steps to ensure it was made available on-line to members and the public in 2019 (?) This was entirely Ian's initiative, to the extent that had he not decided to do this, it is highly unlikely the club would have made any progress at all towards a digital journal. (This work has immense implications to individuals building their knowledge of mountain history, and for research.)
- Likewise, digitised the 380-page Kennedy/Anderson Alpine Scrapbook, 1925-1952 (this year).
- Converted up to 30 pre-existing audio interviews with prominent members from cassette tape to digital. (About 5 years ago)

In earlier decades Ian contributed service beyond CMC to the wider outdoors community:

- Search and Rescue. Involved with implementing SAR c. 1964 and joined new Face Rescue Team. (Awarded Royal Humane Society Bronze medal for life-saving involvement in the 'Mt Rolleston search' June 1966.) In 1974 Ian became a SAR Advisor for the Canterbury Police, a role he kept for 15 yrs. In the early 2000's, became a member of the National SAR Comms. advisory committee (10 yrs)
- Conservation. Joined FMC Executive about 1965 and served on its Accident and National Parks sub-committees. In 1979, appointed to the Arthurs Pass National Park Board and served on the North Canterbury Parks and Reserves Board for a further 10 yrs.

Overall, Ian has shown and continues to do so, a strong willingness to engage in many worthwhile aspects of the club, (e.g. he is currently active on a club anniversary book advisory group), and is himself a strong initiator of ideas and actions. Both of us find Ian a highly reliable and responsive go-to person for advice and a sounding-board for ideas.

We thank Ian for these contributions.

Sincerely, GH and RM

Congratulations to Ian and many thanks for your contribution to the CMC over the years.

Obituaries

Brian Pattrick recently passed away, Brian was a member of the CMC and was CMC President in 1972 and 1973.

Don Church, long-term Erewhon branch CMC member died 18 August aged 84. A full obituary for Don will be provided in the next edition of the Canterbury Mountaineer.

Bruce Henry Naylor 1934 — 2022



Bruce Naylor suffered dementia in his last three years and died of an aortic aneurism in a Blenheim nursing home in February, aged 87. He was born in November 1934, in Hamilton, New Zealand. Bruce's father died when he was about four and his mother remarried in 1946. Bruce was dux of his primary school classes, was an avid reader from a young age, and developed into a skilled writer and a semi-prolific poet. His aptitude for the English language fostered in him an ambition to become a newspaper reporter, but his speech impediment (a mild stutter) precluded this and he became a newsprint compositor instead.

Bruce's mother said that he developed and manifested an adventurous spirit on his walks to school, and during his secondary school years he became a long-distance cyclist, an activity he practised his entire life until dementia intervened and he kept getting lost. Bruce's thirst for adventure took him to Christchurch at age 23 where he joined the Canterbury Mountaineering Club (CMC) in October 1958 and climbed actively with CMC members and others for the next seven years, except for most of the off-season of 1960 which he spent in Victoria and Tasmania, tramping and climbing with local clubs. Bruce was a member of the 1962 New Zealand Andean Expedition to the Cordillera Vilcabamba in Peru, which climbed 16 peaks, made eight first ascents (including four by Bruce), mapped poorly known parts of the region, and was the pinnacle of Bruce's mountaineering career. A very readable account of the expedition was published by Bruce in the NZAJ for 1963, and by other members of the expedition in *The Canterbury Mountaineer* for 1963.

In 1961 Bruce met his future wife, Jocelyn Grant, a physiotherapist at the Christchurch hospital where he was recuperating from a ski injury. Their friendship developed during Bruce's absence in Peru, fostered by poetic letters to her about his mountaineering adventures, they married in Wellington in August 1963, subsequently moving house many times in both Islands, searching for a self-sustaining lifestyle on their own piece of

land, before finally settling with their two sons in Rangiora near Christchurch. Bruce and Jocelyn separated in 1985, having enjoyed many years of family adventures in the mountains of the South Island, a practice Bruce continued with his sons after the separation, as well as embarking on almost three decades of semi-continuous adventure-travel at home and abroad, starting in India about 1986 where he miraculously survived a 'traveller's experience from hell', and travelled the Indian and Nepal Himalayas, lastly in 2004. In 2005, aged 70, he spent three months in Europe, exploring the Alps, the Dolomites, and the Pyrenees, and summing mountains in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, and Spain.

Inspired by his climbing experiences, Bruce often left pithy poems in the visitors' books of the mountain huts he visited. These poems commonly dwelt on existential and metaphysical musings, the raw physicality of climbing, and the spiritual exhilaration of 'being intimately in the landscape'. In addition to literature, poetry, and films, Bruce had eclectic tastes in music, and often frequented musical events and film festivals.

Bruce is sorely missed by all who knew and tramped and climbed with him.

— Patrick Conaghan

General Notices

Hut Fees Reminder

It's easy to forget about payment, however we rely on lodge and hut fees for the multitude of costs (rates, insurance, power, maintenance, building WOF). If you've forgotten, we appreciate if you could please pop on the website and pay.

CMC/West Coast Alpine Club Reciprocal Agreement

We will confirm the full terms of the agreement as voted for by the CMC members during the last AGM in the next news as the finer details are still being nipped out at this stage. At present the WCAC have asked that we don't use their hut unless we have prior approval (arranged through committee) a few days before use.

Canterbury Mountaineer Radio Service

Sadly the Canterbury Mountaineer radio service is closing down, this is due to a number of factors, the main being that it has become difficult to maintain the volunteer base so essential for operation. So the situation currently is to keep operational till 30 June 2023. This may require the scaling down of the operation. It is also possible that they may need to

terminate before that date. This will have a pronounced effect on the future of the hut radios. The Service was established in 1968 and has religiously broadcast either three times or twice daily for 55 years, clocking up over 60,000 broadcasts. Surely an exceptional contribution to mountain safety. The Service has provided the mountain radio system for six of the CMC's mountain huts for many years and has communicated with parties using the radios on numerous occasions.

If you or anyone you know may be able to assist with the volunteering needed to keep this important service going then please get in touch with Ian Gardiner at iangardiner2017@gmail.com

Quantity Surveyor Needed! CMC Huts Insurance

We are currently looking into reinsuring the club lodges and need assistance in calculating the true cost of a full rebuild. If you are a Quantity Surveyor or knows someone who may be able to help then please get in touch with huts@cmc.net.nz

CMC Thursday Climbing/ Tech Tips

CMC climbing nights are on Thursday nights at the YMCA during winter from 5 pm. Between 7.30 and 8pm we will go over a rope skills upstairs each week. All are welcome! Talk to Ajmal or Alida with any questions.

Kennedy Lodge Whiteboard

The club has installed a white board at Kennedy Lodge above the wood bin to the right of the log burner. Upon arrival you can check the occupancy of the two bunk rooms and decide where you want to sleep. Write your name on the board so that the next arrivals can see how full each bunk room is. We hope this procedure will reduce the amount of disturbance caused by late arrivals. Remember to rub off your name upon departure. Its important to note you still need to pay online, this is not a booking system. We've also added a portable whiteboard at Kennedy for instructors. Please note the calendar on the CMC website will be populated with larger groups using the Kennedy lodge or Wyn Irwin.



CMC Kennedy Lodges stunning new whiteboard

CMC Committee Updates

Thanks to Oliver Jacobs who has joined us in a new youth development role, aimed at encouraging involvement of high school folks.

Graeme Jacobs has now taken on a more active role in hut maintenance /hut organisation easing the pressure on our longstanding huts secretary Robin Muirson.

CMC Mountaineer 2022 Publication

The eagerly anticipated publication of our 2022 edition of the CMC mountaineer has finally been dispatched! If you are a current member you should have received your copy. If not please let me know at publications@cmc.net.nz and we can get a copy to you.

Southern Alps Traverse

Penzy Dinsdale

Hi all, I'm planning a Southern Alps traverse this summer. Starting at the Milford road on the 31st of October and heading north from there. The route encompasses everything from tramping on tracks to mountaineering in the Aoraki region. I'm aiming to finish at Farewell Spit on the 29th of January. I'm looking for people who would be keen to join me for various sections along the way, so please get in touch if you're at a loss for what to do this summer, should be an excellent time! You can contact Penzy at penziedout@gmail.com



Photo: Summit of Mt Murchison (Photo: L Ahmad).

Seeking the Light Publication

Gavin Lang

This book comprises the most significant collection of modern NZ mountaineering photography ever published, and provides a rare and unique view of our Southern Alps from the perspective of a dedicated mountaineer on and amongst our highest mountains.

But it's not just pretty pictures, it's the story of Gavin's quest to climb all 24 of New Zealand's highest mountains, those peaks in the Southern Alps/Kā Tiritiri o te Moana that rise above 3000 metres. The images, and Gavin's fascinating narrative combine to take the reader on a journey through mountains that few New Zealanders ever see.

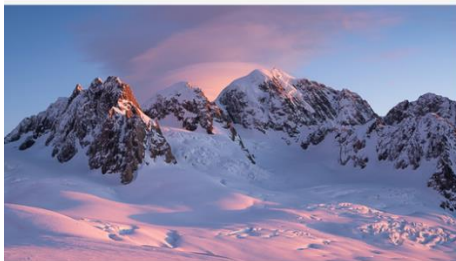
Look out for a review of the book in the next edition of the CMC news. Head to <https://seekingthelight.co.nz/> or most national bookstores to grab yourself a copy.



North Ridge of Mt Sefton



Middle Peak Hotel of Aoraki Mt Cook



Haast, Lendefeld & Tasman



Aoraki Mt Cook Grand Traverse

Trips Register

These trips are known to have been completed since the publication of the last newsletter by CMC members (and their associates).

Add your trips using the easy form at <https://www.cmc.net.nz/climb-log>

Date	Peak	Route	Party Members	Notes
15/10/2022	Mt Stuart	SE side from Pegleg Basin	Chris Tipper, Guy McKinnon	
08/10/2022	The Footstool	Main Divide	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke	
03/10/2022	Pibrac	North Face	Josef Kral	
02/10/2022	Mt Rolleston Low Peak	Rome Ridge, descent Bealey Valley	Jonas Y, Louise Low	
02/10/2022	Mt Hiwiroa	East Ridge	Guy McKinnon, Chris Tipper	
26/09/2022	Mt Foweraker	East Ridge	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle	
25/09/2022	Mt Murchison	White Glacier with ski descent*	Rasool P, Lorna J, Jonas Y*, Byron H, Raphael M*, Lateef A* (Club Trip)	
25/09/2022	Mt Wilkinson	via Locke Stream	Nichola Hanson	
24/09/2022	Mt Haast Middle Peak	New route - Psychoterratica - West Face	Josef Kral, Jake Gray, Gavin Lang	
22/09/2022	The Buttress	New line - Deuce - West Face	Josef Kral, Jake Gray, Gavin Lang	
18/09/2022	Mt Alma	South Ridge	Guy McKinnon, Chris Tipper	
17/09/2022	Mt Hutton	Huxley Glacier Ski Descent	Tanja Rosendorfsky, Justyna Giejsztowt, Ryan Bielenda, Jon Coppi	
17/09/2022	Mt St George	NE Ridge	Nick Moyle	
16/09/2022	Mt Rolleston Low Peak	Rome Ridge, ski descent Otira Slide	Luke Whitehead, Leonard Brockerhoff	
10/09/2022	Mt. Phipps	South Face	Adam Campbell, Clare Logan, Hugh Logan	
10/09/2022	Mt French	Quarterdeck	Roi Gapuzan, Eric Skea	
10/09/2022	Mt Valiant	West face from East Hawdon biv	Ivan Andrews, Scott Sutherland	
08/09/2022	Elie De Beaumont	Anna Glacier	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke	
08/09/2022	Mt Olympus (Greece)	E4	Lorraine Johns	
06/09/2022	Hochstetter Dome	Direct line on South Face - new line?	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Oliver Dowling	

Date	Peak	Route	Party Members	Notes
06/09/2022	Mt Murchison	White Glacier with ski descent	Luke Whitehead, Leonard Brockerhoff	
04/09/2022	Mt Grey	Track	Guy McKinnon, Nick Moyle	
30/08/2022	Mt Rolleston Low Peak	Crow Face, Central Direct	Lateef A, Jonas Y	
29/08/2022	Mt Temple	Choked Gut Gully	Leonard Brockerhoff, Luke Whitehead	
28/08/2022	Mt Cloudesley	From Castle Hill Village through Long Spur	Marcelo, Ethan	
28/08/2022	Black Hill	via Peak 2109	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle	
27/08/2022	Mt Rolleston	Rome Ridge	Lorenzo Fasano, Jonas Yang, Ashley Mellow, Emerson Yeoman, Ben Ellis (Club Trip)	
14/08/2022	The Footstool	Main Divide	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke	
14/08/2022	Mt Rolleston	Rome Ridge	Lateef A, Matteo S	
13/08/2022	Carrington Peak	SE Faces via Campbell Pass access scree	Nichola Hanson	
24/07/2022	Mt Rolleston	Rome Ridge	Chris Tipper, Guy McKinnon	
16/07/2022	Trig M	Track	Guy McKinnon	
03/07/2022	Mt Bealey	Track	Guy McKinnon, Chris Tipper	
02/07/2022	Black Hill Route	via Donald Hill	Nina Dickerhof, Cara-Lisa Schloots, Jaz Morris	
26/06/2022	Mt Torlesse	South Ridge	Nick Moyle	
23/06/2022	Mt Sealy	SW Face	Lateef A, Rudee L	
23/06/2022	Mt. Gizeh	Echo Col to Mottram Peaks traverse, via Anticrow	Nichola Hanson	
22/06/2022	Mt Darby	Standard Route from Sladden Gl.	Lateef A, Rudee L	
19/06/2022	Faust	SW Ridge from Boyle Village, descent to St James walkway over pt.1607	Anthony Botha, Rebekah Haughey, Zach Frame, Cole Brown, Scott Sutherland	
18/06/2022	Mt Armstrong	Standard Route	Lateef A, Byron H	
18/06/2022	Castle Hill Peak	Over Fog Pk & return	Adam Campbell, Tomas Brennan, Clare Logan, Hugh Logan	

CMC Information

About the CMC News

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Meetings

CMC Club nights: normally held third Thursday every month in the Clubroom upstairs at Pioneer Sports Stadium, Lyttelton Street, Spreydon. Varied programme of speakers, including club members, overseas climbers and exponents of other adventure sports. Start time 7.30pm for socialising, 7.45pm lecture. Beer and other drinks are usually available for the donation of a gold coin.

Facebook Page The CMC has its own Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92021219861/> to see photos and information about the club. This information tends to be more timely than the newsletter...

Website

The CMC website was overhauled in 2020 and now features a streamlined online payment system linked to the membership database, new and improved layout, and an easy to

use trip log. Keep an eye on www.cmc.net.nz for updates.

Membership Fees

Membership is open to all. Members receive the CMC News which gives details of Club activities and other news from the climbing scene, as well as the biannual Mountaineer.

You can join the CMC online. Subscriptions are fixed at the CMC AGM in May each year. Subscription now runs for a year from the date of joining (it is no longer a fixed 1 June to 31 May period). Current subscription rates are:

- Ordinary Member: \$75
- Student: \$55
- Long Service: (35+ years continuous): Free
- Family: \$120

Once you have forwarded your membership application to the Club, you will receive an acknowledgement email.

Payments to the CMC

The CMC loves to receive money so we can continue to arrange great Club nights, keep the huts in good shape, help publish guidebooks and support other worthy mountaineering causes. That's why our online payment system has been overhauled recently.

But, if you're paying by direct deposit, we'd love it even more if,

when you make a payment, please remember to put in all the necessary details which will help us identify who it comes from and what it's for.

If there is further detail you'd like to pass on, just email treasurer@cmc.net.nz with the date and amount of the payment and what it was for. Thanks!

Membership Payment

Please remember to put your name and membership ID on any direct debit / bank deposit payments to the club.

CMC Huts

The Club owns several huts in Canterbury, which provide a good base for mountain activities. These are available either free of charge or at reduced rates for members. Prices:

- Kennedy Lodge (Arthurs Pass) and Wyn Irwin (Aoraki / Mt Cook) fees: \$15 (members) / \$30 (non-members);
- Cameron Hut, Barker Hut, Park Morpeth Hut, St Winifred Hut, Lyell Hut and Waimakariri Falls Hut fees: free (members) / \$10 (non-members);
- Eric Biv and Banfield Hut fees: free (members) / \$5 (non-members).

A map of our hut locations is on the website.

Hut Access

Wyn Irwin and Kennedy Lodge have combination locks fitted. The combinations are changed regularly. The current codes for each hut will be provided following payment for the hut on the CMC website.

Note: A hut register is kept by key code access holders to track hut usage. Please pay any hut fees promptly. CMC members get first priority in all club huts; therefore the CMC does not take bookings but can let you know the availability for use of their huts.

The Founders Trust

The Founders Trust was set up by Deryck Morse to help maintain the CMC backcountry huts. The trustees are aiming to increase the capital in the Founders Trust to ensure there are sufficient funds to maintain our backcountry huts into the future. If you are interested in making a donation to the Founders Trust, please contact Maureen McCloy mike.maureen@outlook.co.nz.

CMC Club Trips Policy

An important part of the CMC is volunteer-organised trips.

Many members will have had their first alpine experiences on club trips, and many will also have organised trips, helping others 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 Organiser:

Trips should be fun for everyone. They are not 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 help trip participants 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 CMC 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 and leave trip intentions with at least one responsible individual. Intentions should include a latest return time / date

that 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 a situation, it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a solution, where possible. This might sometimes involve everyone turning around.

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

Remember that CMC Club trips are voluntary activities. Mountaineering involves risk and cannot be regarded as absolutely safe. Indeed, hazard and risk are part of the challenge of mountaineering. You are responsible for managing your own safety. The CMC is not responsible for your safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation, it is up to you to let your Trip Organiser, or other members of your group (if the trip has split objectives), 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, the type of terrain, the gear you will need and the knowledge of how to use it.

Get in contact with the Trip Organiser as soon as you are confident that you want to go on the trip and be honest to your Trip Organiser about your level of experience. Accept that the Trip Organiser might not accept you on the trip if they think you are not experienced enough, or they might wish to discuss with you further. Read, understand and return the signed copy of the CMC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

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.

Change of Address

If you change your address please be sure to let the Club know. Contact Sooji Clarkson by email: membership@cmc.net.nz Otherwise, send your details to:

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