

CMC Club nights are normally held on the **third Thursday of every month** in the Clubroom upstairs at the Pioneer Sports Stadium, Lyttelton Street, Spreydon. A varied programme of speakers includes club members, overseas climbers and exponents of other adventure sports. **The start time has changed to 7.30pm to allow a half hour to socialise among members before the lecture begins promptly at 8pm.**

Events Calendar

May

- 1 **Veterans' Trip: Little Mt Peel.** Contact Gordon Habgood on 325 6233 or Robin Muirson on 357 4800 or 027 434 4122.
- 20 **Club Night - Annual General Meeting.** Pioneer Lounge, 7.30pm. All welcome. Followed by DVD 2009 Expedition to Gasherbrum 4 with Guy McKinnon.
- 29 **Club Trip - Aicken - Blimit Traverse.** Guy McKinnon is leading this day trip to Arthurs Pass. Give him a call on 355 9527 or email him at: theorus9@yahoo.com

June

- 5 **Veterans' Trip: Mt Herbert from Gebbies Pass.** Contact Gordon Habgood on 325 6233 or Robin Muirson on 357 4800 or 027 4344122.
- 5-7 **Club Instruction: Intermediate Skills Course.** Arthurs Pass. Cost \$150 to members. Contact Nick Moyle, ph 03-351 2193 or moylen9@yahoo.com
- 12-13 **Club Trip - Mt Franklin.** Mark Flintoft will be leading this trip over Goat Pass and up Good Luck Creek to tackle this Arthurs Pass peak. Will be two long days. Contact him on 328 8887 or at: mjflintoft@gmail.com
- 16 **Veterans' Mid Winter Dinner,** Hoon Hay 88. All welcome.
- 17 **Club Night - Mountaineering in Tibet** – Guy McKinnon. Pioneer Lounge, 7.30pm.
- 19-20 **Club Trip - Thesis/Packard Peaks.** Jeremy Parker is leading this trip into the Black Range. Call Jeremy on 027-220-4828 or email: jeremy_m_parker@hotmail.com

July

- 3 **Veterans' Trip: Mt Karetu-Okuku Pass.** Contact Gordon Habgood on 325 6233 or Robin Muirson on 357 4800 or 027 4344122.
- 15 **Club Night - Ice Climbing** – Johnny Davison. Pioneer Lounge, 7.30pm.
- 17-18 **Club Trip - Mt Guinevere.** Steve Marcham is leading this trip up the Waimak to this stunning peak. Steve can be contacted on 021 0241 1522 or at: stevemarcham@hotmail.com.

August

- 7 **Veterans' Trip: Adderley Head.** Contact Gordon Habgood on 325 6233 or Robin Muirson on 357 4800 or 027 4344122.
- 8 **Club Trip - Mottram Peaks/Mt Damfool.** Nick Moyle is leading this trip up the Waimak. Good trip for beginners. Contact Nick on 351 2193 or email: moylen9@yahoo.com
- 19 **Club Night - Sea Kayaking around Stewart Island** – Mat St Martin. Pioneer Lounge, 7.30pm.

Suggest a Trip: If you have any suggestions for a trip that you would like to see the club lead, call the Trip Coordinator (Mark Flintoft 328 8887) and he will be happy to arrange leadership and a spot on the calendar.

President's Note

The Club's Annual General Meeting is next month and this will mark the end of my term as President. I have enjoyed being President and achieved some, but not all, of what I wanted to get done. Despite the difficult economic times my business has been very busy and being President has added to my workload so a number of my goals are yet to be achieved. This situation is not limited to me with a number of the committee having considerable work commitments. I really appreciate the effort all the committee put into the running of the Club. We need to find a new treasurer as Jeremy Parker is unable to continue in the position and would appreciate a volunteer prior to the AGM.

During Club nights a number of new members have asked about the Library and have wanted to borrow books, particularly those on climbing techniques. I had hoped to reopen the Club Library however, we have not had anyone step forward to be Librarian. One of the Committee has expressed an interest in taking up the position this year so hopefully this goal will eventually be achieved.

The Club also has a number of trophies in the cupboards at Pioneer, some of which are for the Club photography competition. This was another club tradition I had hoped to reinstate. Nick Moyle has arranged such a great socials and lectures programme there has been little space for a photography competition. However, I will keep the photography competition on the agenda. It may be that we use the website to run the competition as part of the gallery section of the website.

The Committee is always looking at ways to attract new members but have recognised we need something to attract them too. We have worked hard to achieve an excellent lectures, trips and instruction programme. The website continues to be developed and we aim to have a lot more lecture reviews and trip reports published on the web. Greg Ewing is working on an electronic copy of the News. We also hope to return to the News as an A5 booklet in colour with advertising contributing to the small extra cost. This I know will be welcomed by older members who lament the change in News to its current format. The Club is active and now it looks active on the web, in the News and at Club nights. We can now look at marketing ourselves to young people who are the future of our Club. We would like to have someone on the committee to coordinate with high school outdoor education and tramping clubs to achieve this goal. If you are interested please put yourself forward for the AGM.

The thoughts of the Club are with the family and friends of Ed Sai Louie whose body has been recovered following his accident on Mt Rolleston last year.

It is also with sadness that I advise my uncle Harold Jacobs past away in March. Harold was a club member and prominent climber in the Darrans. He completed many first ascents and climbs in record time such as Tutoko in a day and a traverse of the Darrans in a day following an ascent of Underwood. Harold was climbing with Ed Cotter during the 1964 Andes Expedition when he fell and broke his leg on the east ridge of Alpayayo. The account of the fall and the many other articles he wrote for the Mountaineer make great reading. Harold's former climbing partners and Fiordland National Park staff spoke fondly of him at the funeral. His climbing exploits provided inspiration to his brothers Warren and Terry (my father) and his nephews who also became climbers. We gave him an ice axe guard of honour as his coffin left the funeral.

I wish to thank the Club for giving me the honour and opportunity to be President. The Club is in good shape and will, no doubt, continue to move forward under Nick Moyle's Presidency. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM.

Graeme Jacobs
CMC President

"Tramp the Ned" in Marlborough

We are writing to let the Canterbury Mountaineering Club know about "Tramp the Ned," a fundraising event that is currently being organised. On **Sunday, 23 May 2010** (rain date 30 May 2010), Tempello will be opening up its property for people to "Tramp the Ned," a fundraiser for the Fairhall School ICT Programme and the Biodiversity Project. As you likely know, the Ned is one of the highest peaks in the Blenheim area (at 909 meters or 3,000 feet) and offers stunning views to the sea and of the Awatere Valley. The track is not normally open to the public. The cost will be \$15 adult and \$10 child, or \$30 for a family. There will be a BBQ and other food/drinks for sale after this challenging and rewarding tramp. The difficulty level is moderate, with the last 200 meters being very difficult (but not necessary to enjoy the tramp and views). Sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing are required, and it is not suitable for children under 10.

Please pass this along to your members and anyone else you think would enjoy this event, and let me know if you are interested in receiving additional information about this event. For more details please feel free to contact us:

Jeff and Stacey Spurlock on 03 577 7098