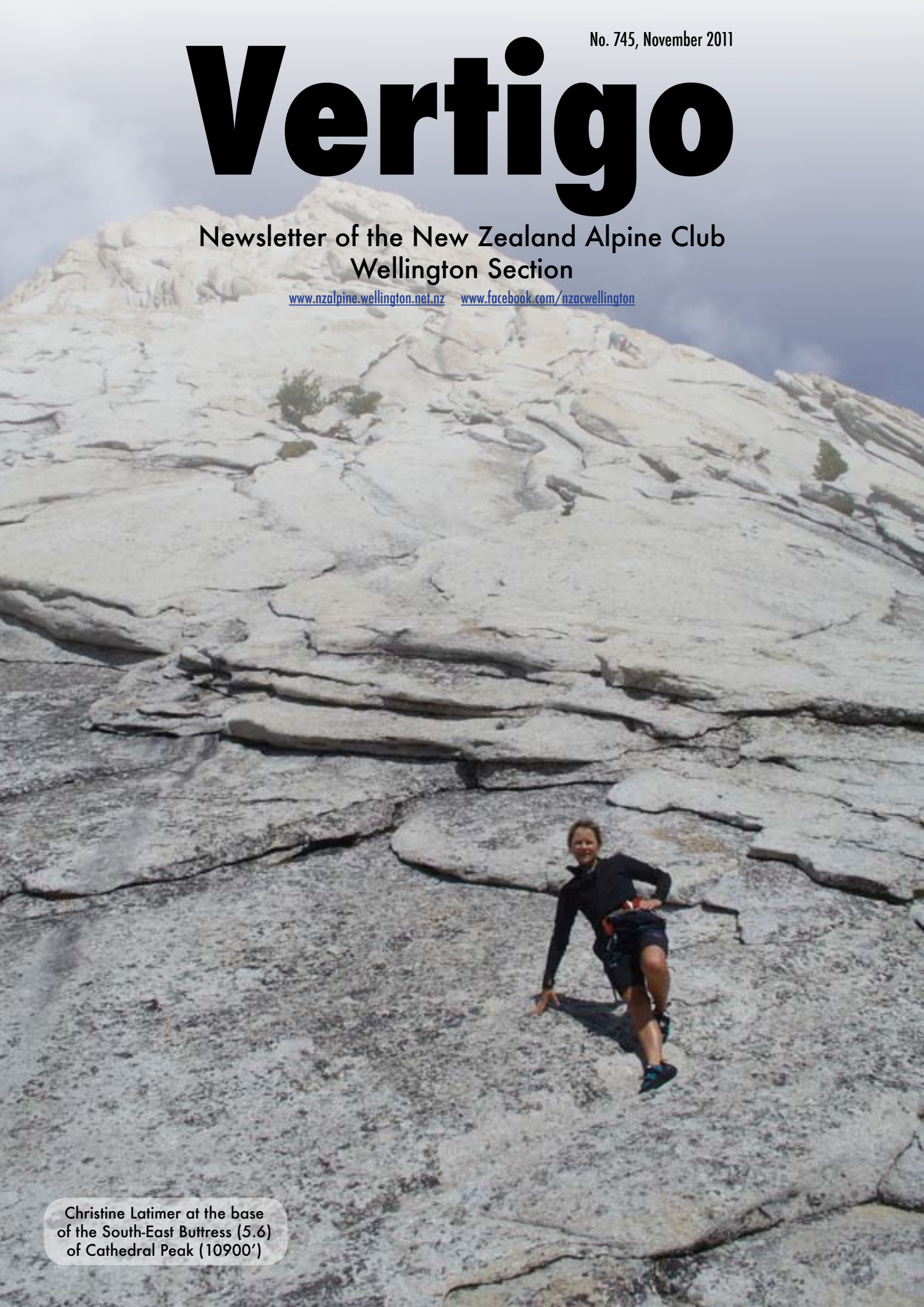


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Christine Latimer at the base  
of the South-East Buttress (5.6)  
of Cathedral Peak (10900')

# Next section night: 7 November, 2011

## The Siren of San Lorenzo, by Stu Gray

"The Siren of San Lorenzo" – Patagonian posturing by four passé poseurs. A jaunt to Chilean Patagonia.

Wikipedia claims that in Greek mythology, the Sirens were three dangerous bird-women seductresses who lured nearby sailors with their enchanting music and voices to shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island. [Ed: I was unable to find anyone who passed sixth form Classics, so I was unable to confirm this.]

Stu Gray is the incoming NZAC President. Stu's climbing heyday may well have been the '80s, if only he could remember.... Since then he has climbed in New Zealand, the Andes, Tibet and a few places in between. He claims to be part of the new golden age of mature climbing.



Three passé poseurs posture in Patagonia

Club nights are at Turnbull House, on the first unimpeded Monday of every month. New and prospective members are welcome. Meetings and talks start at 8.00 pm with club business and tea & coffee afterwards. Meet for dinner at the Backbencher public bar at 6.30 pm and on to Turnbull House at 7.30 pm for a catch up.

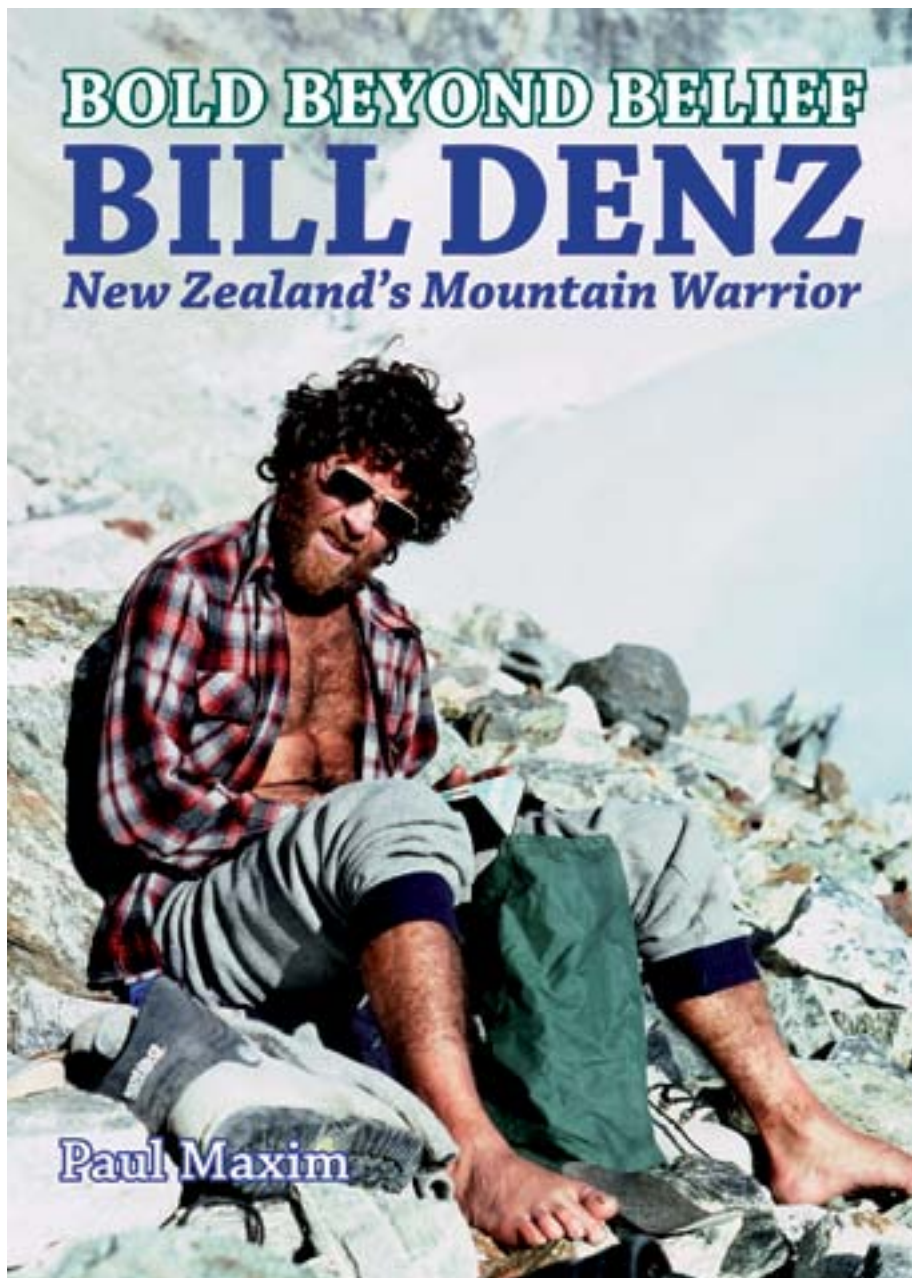
# BILL DENZ IS BACK

Twenty-eight years after the original hard man of New Zealand climbing was killed in the Himalaya, the story of this legendary mountaineer has been recorded in a book titled *Bold Beyond Belief: Bill Denz, New Zealand's mountain warrior*. The book will be released and available for sale at the section night on Monday 5 December 2011. MAKE SURE YOU'RE THERE!

Paul Maxim has spent the last three years painstakingly researching and writing this biography. Written with the full co-operation of Bill's family, the biography traces Denz's life from his formative years through to his final expedition to Makalu. The book covers, in Denz's own words and from recollections from friends and climbers throughout the world, his ground-breaking years in the Southern Alps, the rock walls of the Darrans and Yosemite, and his epic mountain adventures in Alaska, Patagonia, Nepal and Tibet.

The NZAC is proud to support this biography of Bill Denz. Running to 328 pages, with over 100 B&W and colour pictures, and a foreword by Greg Child, *Bold Beyond Belief* is the story of a kiwi climber whose attitude, passion, drive and vision are unique in the 150-year history of New Zealand mountaineering.

Check [www.billdenzmountaineer.com](http://www.billdenzmountaineer.com) for more information.



# "Lit Up" on Cathedral Peak - Yosemite

Kevin Patterson and Christine Latimer

In our last month came the crown jewel of USA, if not the world, climbing – Yosemite! Yosemite can be viewed as two quite separate and distinctly different world class rock climbing arenas – Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley. By road these two areas are about 50km apart, but only 10km in a direct line.

We visited Tuolumne first. Tuolumne is based at 8000' (2700m), consists of granite domes, is 10° C colder, has a large range of intermediate climbs including some interesting alpine routes and is less crowded. The South-East Buttress of Cathedral Peak is a popular five pitch 5.6 which tops out at 10,900' (3300m) with a 90 minute approach. This route has a number of layback and slab challenges, plus a nice little chimney at the beginning of the fourth pitch. It was busy with five other parties on the route plus two solo climbers.

The day we climbed it started off fine in the low 20s. However the weather man had other ideas, and halfway through the second pitch we got sprinkled with hail! Thunderstorms were building up around us and the wind started to pick up and the temperature plummeted. All of a sudden what started as a five pitch route ended as a seven pitch near epic as we shortened the pitches so we could still hear each other over the wind. All the time the mountains around us were booming to the sound of thunder. In the last 10m of the last pitch the rope started to squeak and the metal started to sizzle with the buildup of static. I became very aware that as I started belaying from the top that I was now a prime lightning rod as I was on the highest point for 2km!

As Chrissy seconded up she called out 15m from the top "Which way did you go?" to which I replied rather uncharitably "I don't care just get your butt up here ASAP before we both get fried!". As Chrissy topped out I abruptly dispatched her straight past and down the 20m cliff behind us to a ledge, and quickly rapped down myself. After which we got off safely, phew.

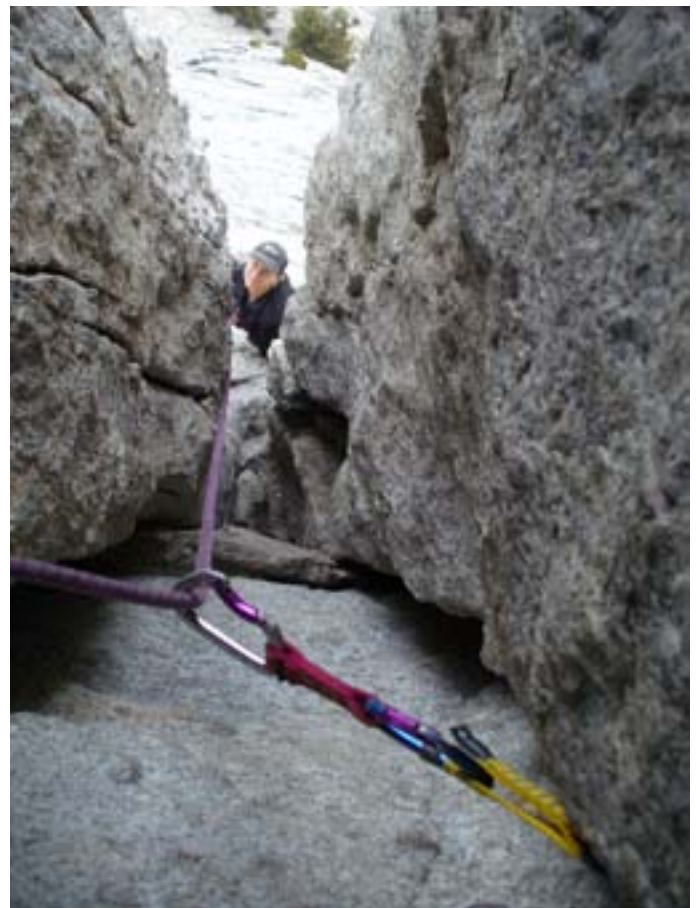
Later on when we looked at the pictures we had taken with our digital camera, we were amazed

to see that all the ones from around the top 20m had been fried by the static – ooh, now that was a close call. Can't complain though, out of the 90 days we were there we only had six bad weather days.

Returning to camp we found everything had been drenched, it was cold and it continued to rain on and off. Season over for Tuolumne, time for the main event, Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite Valley has Camp 4 – need I say more? Oh all right then, it has the big 3000'+ walls, extreme soloists, hard climbing which starts at 5.10 and can't be top-roped blah, blah, blah.

Rolling into Yosemite Valley you are immediately overwhelmed by the sheer, then overhanging walls of El Capitan. Off in the distance you can see Half Dome, dominating the top end of the valley. Across from Camp 4 towers the 2000' faces of Sentinel Rock. You constantly hear the stories of the pioneers Royal Robbins and John Salathe and Yvon Chouinard and Lynn Hill who



Christine Latimer belaying at the chimney base, start of the third pitch, South-East Buttress

unlocked the secrets to climbing these massifs. This truly is the Mecca of world big wall rock climbing, where it all began.

Camp 4 is still the must-be place to stay if you want to share that atmosphere. Sites are limited (210 persons) and queuing for places often starts at 4am. While the new seven-day stay rule has destroyed the "long stay culture" of Camp 4 (this ain't the Arapiles!), after 15 September this rule is relaxed to 28 days. As it's a little cooler then (daily highs of 25–35°C versus 35–40 in July) this is probably the optimum time to climb as well. In the evening the campfires were going and languages from all over the world were spoken. Musical instruments of all sorts came out including a clarinet and a harp.

Unfortunately if you are a low grade climber there is not much for you here. And what there is has lots of traffic because 90% of people can't lead more than 5.8 here. 5.8 here is a hard 5.8, more like a 5.10 anywhere else, because of the under-grading that happened in the early route development days when 5.9 was the hardest climb you could do. This is similar to what has happened in the Arapiles, however unlike the Arapiles, low graded routes are extremely short in supply.

But there are some exceptional adventures to be had including After 6 / After 7 (5.4–5.8) and Nutcracker (5.8) on Manure Pile Buttress, both seven-pitch classics (adjacent to El Capitan, and sharing the same descent route). The start of After 7 is intimidating, with a tricky vertical hand jam in the first 10m, and a finger jam on an otherwise featureless slab in the second part of the first pitch. But after that the next six pitches are pure 5.4–5.6 joy with lots of shade at each belay station. The adjacent Nutcracker (5.8) is legendary and has an intimidating mantle move on the last pitch. This route was named by Royal Robbins who used it as a demonstration of nuts as protection.

Munginella (5.6) is an easy three pitch route on 5 Open Books behind Camp 4. While Snake Dike is an eight pitch 5.3–5.7 on the south-west face of Half Dome. This has the benefit of avoiding the tourist route up the cables on the north-east face, however the approach takes several hours. The Grack, a three pitch 5.5–5.6 on Glacier Point Apron, took us five or six hours to get on due to its popularity. The approach took an hour and a half from Camp 4 as well. There is also Swan Slab near Camp 4 where four 6m face crack climbs in the 5.8–5.11 can be top-roped for some hand / toe jamming 'fun'.



Christine Latimer toe jamming up The Grack (5.6) on Glacier Point Apron



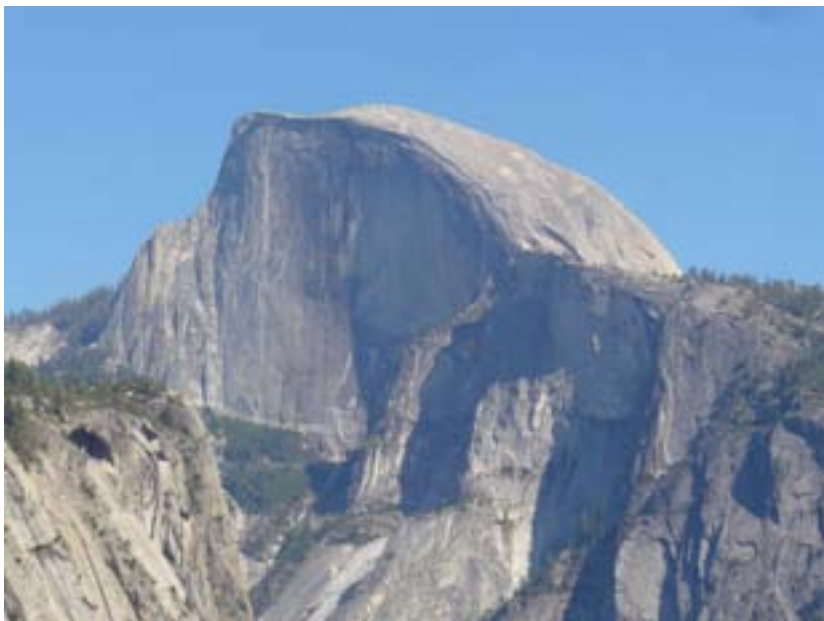
Sleep out, anyone? The queue to get into Camp 4

Also watch out if you've brought your Australasian rack with you. The cracks here are so parallel that it is difficult to place nuts. But these cracks just eat cams. So easy. With my 22 nuts and 5 cams I was feeling somewhat overnutted and undercammed, but hey, you make more friends that way.

We also did a few one to three pitch base climbs on El Capitan in the 5.8-5.9 range - Little John Left / Right, and La Costella. All three involved strenuous laybacking and toe / hand jamming and I would not recommend any of them unless

you can lead at about grade 20. Many of these climbs are greasy from having so much traffic across them, so that when you come to jam or layback in a crack the friction often isn't there. So we eventually left Yosemite feeling well spanked!

So that was us. Would we go back again? You betcha! There is so much to see and do, the weather is fantastic and the camping is cheap. All we got was a tasta. I hope you got the benefit of that too.



Half Dome - the Snake Dike route (5.7) runs up the curving SW face on the right.

# Be Influenced

Dylan Clark (AIC 2011 graduate)

I am the type of guy who has been highly influenced by a number of exemplary outdoor role models from a young age. I don't remember who was the first, but I do remember being fascinated watching David Attenborough, Steve Irwin and Gerald Durrell on TV. I was so influenced by these figures that my answer to the question "what do you want to be when you are older?" was "I want to be a park ranger in Africa." In fact, that remained my dream until I was about 15 when my social science teacher told me there were no more forests and that I would probably get shot... Another childhood dream crushed by high school.

Nevertheless, my collection of National Geographic and zoology books were not to go to waste as I readjusted my sights from exploring Africa to exploring New Zealand. However, before I could really travel around New Zealand I received an offer to study abroad for a year in Japan. I had the honour of living with the boy scout master of the Chiba district and we often went on camps and talked about the wilderness.

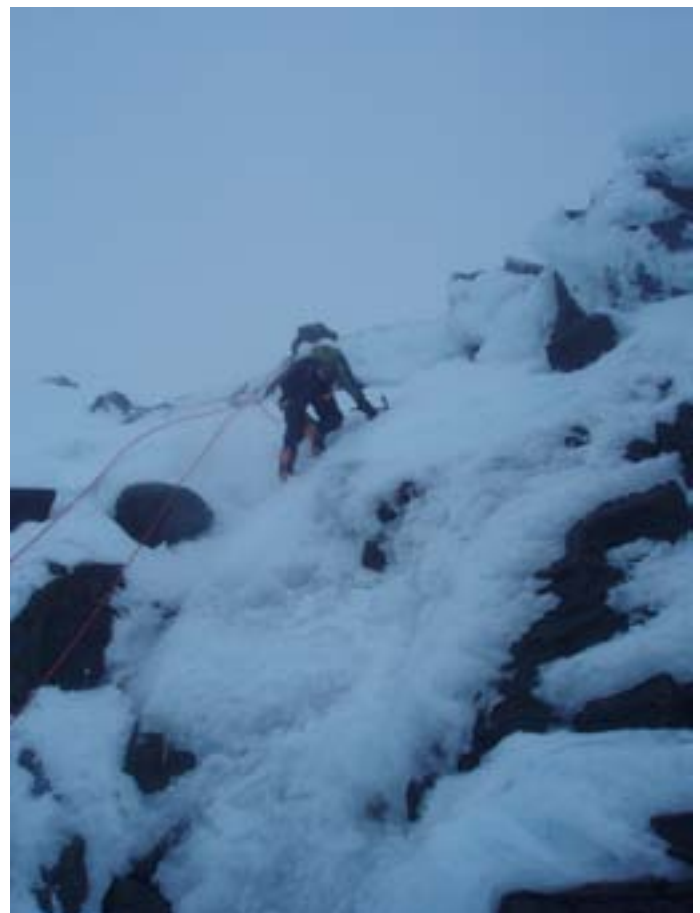
He had a second house which is a traditional mud-straw roofed hut in the district of Nagano. It was here that I had my first real encounter of a wild animal while out walking in the forest on my own. I had been walking for several hours up a river darting in and out of the snow when I came across a Japanese serow (mountain goat) standing in the path. We stood and stared at each other for a couple of minutes until he gracefully galloped away.

However, that connection instilled within me the beauty and the mystery of nature. I knew then why my role models had dedicated their lives to exploring the serenity of Mother Earth. Another mystical experience on top of Mt Fuji on my seventeenth birthday sealed the deal that I also would walk the path of the great outdoors. Since then I have been influenced by

several new role models including my fiancée Sandie who introduced me to rock climbing, various YouTube videos from which I got the idea to start tree climbing with ropes, and my now favourite outdoor survival expert Bear Grylls whose expeditions have encouraged me to begin mountain climbing. I

It is because of my role models that I joined the New Zealand Alpine Club and completed the Alpine Instruction Course. Here I met more great people whose skills and knowledge I have eagerly absorbed.

From my first role models to my first steps on Mother Earth's path, I have been influenced by the drive to experience. It is here in the mountains and in nature with my friends and mentors that my role models turn into reality.



Dylan hits the ice near Delta Corner

# Backcountry avalanche course – September 28 to October 2 2011

Lorraine Johns

Five Wellington Sectioners recently completed a backcountry avalanche course on Ruapehu. We were looking to do a more comprehensive course to deepen our understanding of avalanches, and become more skilful in applying our knowledge on actual slopes. We were also mindful that a two-day avalanche course is a minimum requirement for instructing on the AIC from 2012.

It's not often that you have scheduled multiple days off that turn out to coincide with a massive high lingering over the central plateau area. Before departing, we watched, with some consternation, the avalanche advisory trend to "low" - and even to "no rating". We drove up wondering how informative an avalanche course would be when there was pretty much no chance of striking avalanche conditions! Not to worry - the first key focus of the course was to identify avalanche terrain - and it's best not to see avalanche conditions while you're in the thick of them.

The good weather break meant we got to travel over all sorts of territory, identifying avalanche terrain as we went, as well as safe, but efficient, travel paths and methods of travel. One matter that a lot of people remarked upon was how small, yet dangerous, an avalanche path can be. We were given various scenarios and were tasked to be realistic with our route finding. We also discussed how heuristic traps might be just as dangerous as terrain traps, when negotiating the backcountry.

A second key objective, assessing avalanche terrain, was slightly hampered by the excellent weather and clear overnight skies. It's very hard to dig snowpits in icy conditions - though there was little sympathy for the less "enthusiastic" (aka fit) diggers. As for layers failing? Mostly the snowpits withstood even the most vicious assault from a burly spade-wielding assailant. We also stood a little wistfully under the south face of Girdlestone, busy hacking out our snowpits in wonderful climbing conditions with



no avalanche hazard. However, we soon felt we could properly identify red flags and had a better understanding of how to interpret and apply them.

The other significant course objective was learning to deal with the consequences of getting it wrong. The focus was on finding a single victim, though we were also given multiple burial scenarios. The course included a requirement to undertake a test where you had to "strike" a "victim" (an avalanche transceiver under a shovel) within two minutes in a 20x20m area. To make sure we all passed we spent an evening hiding/finding a transceiver in our accommodation (Massey Alpine Lodge), which had some very amusing moments. As time was of the essence, one thing that we had to quickly accept was that we could not carry our probes and/or shovels inside the main compartment of our packs, if we cared about the extra couple of minutes someone would lie buried while we fumbled with our gear.

Apart from boosting our knowledge, the course provided us with some food for further thought. It turns out that the professionals consider it a matter of luck, rather than skill, that more skiers and climbers are not dying in avalanches in New Zealand. They consider this luck a product of our rapidly stabilising snowpack. There is also little knowledge about the extent to which and why non-fatal incidents are occurring (and perhaps thereby, what additional educational

activities might be important for outdoor enthusiasts). Our instructor encouraged us to report any incidents to MSC using MSC's reporting template.

All up, we had a great four days on the mountain. The course was very worthwhile – both fun and fulfilling. Our stay on the mountain was even a little action packed. On the third night, a snowboarder became lost on the mountain with naught but his board and a mobile phone. It turned out that he was very close to our lodge (when the Police asked us to turn off the generator, we could hear him yelling). As it was, a rescue chopper had already been dispatched. We discovered this happens a fair bit – another group of lost snowboarders got a stern telling off from our instructor the next day, as they had wandered through the ski area boundaries and had no idea, despite the perfect weather, about how to get back to base. Luckily for them all, the weather was great and the avalanche conditions were on low!

We would like to thank National Office (in particular, Ollie Clifton) for the support we received to undertake this course – it was very helpful for us and we hope it will also benefit our climbing partners and AIC students next year.

Participants: Nina Sawicki, Mark Henson, Mariusz Drozdowski, Simon Bell, and Lorraine Johns (scribe).

# Congratulations to the AIC graduates 2011

Congratulations to the AIC graduates 2011 Lindsay Turner, Dylan Clark, Robert Dudley, Mark Traveller, Charmaine White, Phillip Wheeler, Sandy Zhou, Aitana Forcén, Ricky Tipper, and Michael Dasey.

A huge thanks to the instructors who set a large amount of their free time aside to impart their knowledge and skills:

Fraser Crichton (Chief Instructor)

Mark Henson (Transport Officer)

Mariusz Drozdowski (Gear Officer)

Lorraine Johns (Administrator)

Yibai He

Julie Deslippe

Mark Hooker

Vincent Zintzen

Blair Hiscoke

Matthew Bennett (OPC)

Nina Sawicki (Accommodation Officer)

Hinrich Schaefer (Communications Officer)

Gary Scott (head instructor – mountain weekend three)

Jesse Bailey

Scott Taylor (alpine)

Diane Drayton

Scott Taylor (rock)

Thanks also to the following people who generously gave up their time to support the AIC both on and off the mountain

James Wright

Don French

Ollie Clifton

Peter Crosland

Margaret Beale

A special thanks goes to James Wright who worked tirelessly with a small team of four (which included Fraser Crichton and Scott Taylor – alpine) so that AIC 2011 could happen.



AIC students head down from Delta Corner Hut

# NZAC Wellington AIC 2011 Reflections from an Assistant Instructor

Nina Sawicki

This year's course came together after some final machinations between the Wellington Section, Head Office and with the careful revision of a risk-management plan after the tragic death of Paul McLauchlin last year. We moved from a position of no course, to the three week-end dates being finalised efficiently and speedily by our capable administrator Lorraine Johns for the ten students eagerly awaiting instruction.

Fraser Crichton moved into the Chief Instructor position whilst re-creating a life again for himself in Wellington. For me, moving from student to assistant instructor after one year has been an opportunity to discover one's own knowledge gaps and has added an impetus for consolidating learnings and skills. It has also increased a desire to keep climbing. Some educators have suggested that the experts occasionally struggle with teaching as they are "unconsciously competent" whilst novices may be still rehearsing a new found skill so intently that they may be "more consciously competent" of the new skill therefore perhaps more empathic to students. It has worked well to have balance of both experts and new climbers in the course instructing bringing with it a source of inspiration to learn and consolidate alpine skills. We were blessed with mostly inclement weather giving students an almost instant awareness of hypothermia and wind chill on their first foray in the new Tukino Alpine Sports Lodge. Sleeping bags and gloves were whittled away whilst students discovered frozen numb hands after the 50 m walk to the lodge from the cars. We owe thanks to Don French for his amazing effort to get the lodge up and running in one year. Students also experienced the challenges of navigation in a "white-out" on a summit attempt. However despite the

weather, this did not detract from the strong sense of camaraderie and support amongst instructors to share knowledge and debate teaching styles.

Matthew Bennett from OPC provided a background of expert advice for instructors and students where needed and Ollie Clifton from NZAC head office joined us for one week-end with and shared his good humour and "financial treats" offering to part-fund four of us on an Avalanche Awareness Course

So who will keep climbing? There will be surprises!



# Upcoming Club Trips

## Wellington Section Trips

Trips are a key part of the Wellington Section. Trips can be of any length, any level of difficulty, and any size. Simply email us or approach us at the monthly meeting, and we can help you get going. Send your trip ideas, no matter how vague, to [trips@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz](mailto:trips@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz)

And remember we love to hear about your trips – send stories to [newsletter@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz](mailto:newsletter@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz)

## November 18–20: Castle Hill

Trip organiser: TBA

Nobody who is serious about rock needs an intro to bouldering and climbing at Castle Hill. We'll head over to the South Island and and pull, crimp, balance, dyno, smear and hook as long and as hard as you want.

## December 3–11: Mt Tasman

Trip Leader – Rob Hawes

Yes this will be a rewarding and challenging Climb of NZ's 2nd highest peak, for views up and down the main divide, incl. Mt Cook summit, west out over the Tasman Sea and East to Mackenzie Basin and beyond. We depart after work on the Friday and fly to Pioneer Hut on the Saturday. (back up will be Porters Lodge if weather prevents us from getting in). After smaller warm up climbs clearly the main objective is Mt Tasman. This will be a long day (15+ hrs) to climb the traditional route; a high level of fitness is a must. The route takes us across the glacier up to Marcel Col, over Mt Lendenfeld (a 10,000 ft peak!), and up the North Shoulder to the summit ridge, usually a knife edge at the last. Lots of pitching and protecting the knife edge ridge require good climbing skills.

All intending participants on this trip will need to provide experience details and the organizer needs to reserve the right to limit who participates in this trip for safety reasons.

Contact Rob Hawes Wk: 04 474-1277; Cell 0274 470 461 or by email to [roberth@tfg.co.nz](mailto:roberth@tfg.co.nz)

For general info: Hinrich at 04 386 0316 or by [hs@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz](mailto:hs@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz)

## Wellington Section library – be where the action is



The Wellington Section is in need of a new librarian. It's a simple enough role that puts you in the heart of the action:

- Manage the Section's exciting library of books, DVDs, and VHS video cassettes
- Take charge of the library's budget, and buy whatever takes your fancy. New books! New movies! The choice is yours.
- Opportunities abound to meld your interest in climbing with the thrills of librarianship (pictured left).
- Applications are now being accepted – please email Catherine at [secretary@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz](mailto:secretary@nzalpine.wellington.net.nz) for details.

The Wellington Section library is also missing a number of items which may be sitting forgotten on members' shelves – please scan the list below, and if anything sounds familiar it would be appreciated if you could check that it isn't on yours...

### Overdue

508	The Rock Warriors's Way	Ilgner, Arno	Book
504	Training For Climbing	Horst, Eric J	Book
502	Cliffhanger		DVD
500	Traditional Lead Climbing	Pesterfield, Heidi	Book
498	This Game of Ghosts	Joe Simpson	Book
494	Revelations	Jerry Moffat	Book
493	Between a Rock and a Hard Place	Aron Ralston	Book
491	High Misadventure	Paul Hersey	Book
486	Masters of Stone VI	Eric Perlman	DVD
479	Into Thin Air		DVD
475	Rock Climbing Anchors: A Comprehensive Guide	Craig Luebben	Book
466	Arapiles, Selected Climbs	Simon Mentz	Book
460	Rock Climbing - Getting Started	Glenn Tempest	Book
458	Kiss or Kill	Mark Twight	Book
442	K2 - A Challenge to the Sky	Roberto Mantonvani	Book
440	First Ascent	Peter Mortimer	DVD
426	Wellington Rock	Kristen Foley	Guide
387	Southern Faces		DVD
388	New Zealand Backcountry Skiing	James Broadbent	Guide
377	Barron Saddle - Mount Brewster	Ross Cullen	Guide

### Missing in Action

481	The Illustrated Guide to Glacier Travel Rescue	Andy Tyson / Mike Clelland	Book
463	Dingle - Discovering the sense of adventure	Graeme Dingle	Book
443	The Boys of Everest	Clint Willis	Book
433	The Darran Mountains	Craig Jeffries	Guide
424	Alpine Skills 34 - Mountain Safety Council	Cathye Haddocjk	Instructional
384	Arthur's Pass - A Guide to Mountaineers	Graeme Kates	Guide
371	High Adventure	Edmund Hillary	Book
370	Avalanche Accidents in Aotearoa	Dave Irwin/Will Macqueen	Book
366	Above the Clouds	Anatoli Boukreev	Book
300	Aoraki Mount Cook, A Guide to Mountaineers	Alex Palman	Guide
299	The Mount Aspiring Region - A Guide for Mountaineers	Allen Uren / Mark Watson	Guide

# Notices

## Six month membership extension

This month's lucky winner of a six month NZAC membership extension is Brian Alder of the

Nelson / Marlborough Section. To be in to win, just renew your membership on time...

## Erica Gottlieb Alpine Scholarship

To celebrate the life and climbs of Erica Beuzenberg and Gottlieb Braun-Elwert, the Erica-Gottlieb Trust wish to contribute \$500 towards the alpine instruction of an aspiring young climber.

Criteria: The applicant must be...

1) Under 30 years old

2) Passionate about mountaineering

3) Enrolled on, or considering enrolling on a NZAC Alpine Instruction Course

For an application form go to: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/national-instruction-courses/alpine>

## Himalayan Hospitals: Sir Edmund Hillary's Everest Legacy

*Himalayan Hospitals* tells the story of the two hospitals Sir Edmund built in Nepal, which were staffed by volunteer doctors and their partners from New Zealand and Canada until they were eventually handed over to Sherpa doctors.

Using letters written by these volunteers, and many subsequent interviews, Sir Edmund's friend and colleague, Michael Gill, has pieced together this fascinating history of a unique aid project.

RRP: \$50.00, Member price: \$40.00. To order, see <https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/himalayan-hospitals>



## High Alpine Skills Courses

The three High Alpine Skills Courses on offer this at Aoraki Mt Cook this summer are now full. However we are collecting names of people who might be interested in taking part in a

fourth course. If you think this is you, contact Pat: [pat@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:pat@alpineclub.org.nz). If enough people express interest Pat will organise this.

## Annual Climbing Camp

The Annual Climbing Camp will be held at Aoraki Mt Cook this summer from the 2nd to the 8th of January, based out of the new improved Unwin Lodge. This looks like being a fantastic camp with plenty to everyone to do,

from high climbing, to walking to fishing and mountain biking.

Registration is now open. For information and a registration form, go to: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/annual-climbing-camp>

## All-new format for the National Bouldering Series

The next National Bouldering Series to be held in February / March next year will feature three competitions in three new locations: Turakirae

Head, Wanaka and Flock Hill. How exciting is that! Watch this space for updates.

## Call for submissions for the 2011 New Zealand Alpine Journal

Have you got a story to tell? Or a great photo, painting or poem to share? If so, please get in touch now with the editor

about contributing to this year's Alpine Journal at [kester@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:kester@alpineclub.org.nz)

## Christmas present ideas!

Getting ready for Christmas yet? Why not be super organised this year by getting in early with your gift buying and then you can be out and about when the warmer weather finally arrives? To help you get started we have limited numbers of the following New Zealand books set up on our online store: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/shop?category=25>

There are only a few of some of these titles left, so it could be your last chance to purchase.

Coming soon...

Just awaiting stock to arrive of Pat Deavoll's new book *Wind From a Distant Summit*, plus the NZAC 2012 calendar has been finalised and will be heading to the printer soon.

Advance orders can be made here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/nzac-alpine-calendar-2012> We expect both publications in stock by the end of next week (all going to plan)

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What is the combined weight of your 2-person tramping tent,  
zero-degree sleeping bag, pillow, 60L+ pack, storm-weather  
clothing and down jacket?

Let us present you with this equation:



2150g



550g



70g



1860g

200g



205g



365g

**Total weight: 5.40 kg**

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