

How have you been? We hope that you started the year very well and had ample opportunities to play in the outdoors?

March is beautiful in Wanaka and this year the hot and dry conditions just keep on coming. Alpinism & Ski's 13th year in business was another cracker, so 2013's first newsletter starts with THANKS for your support! We look forward to the future alpinism adventures and have already a couple of trips on the planner for 2014. A photo post card of some of the best moments during the last year: we've certainly been having fun and count ourselves extremely lucky to be able to share some adventures with great people, both in the Southern and Northern Hemispheres.



- There are a few good weeks to come for [alpine expeditions](#) into the Southern Alps of New Zealand, are you keen?
  - Gary Dickson in person is free some dates, [just ask](#) about availability but

- right now, **YOU** have the pick of the weeks in [Europe](#), starting 23<sup>rd/24th</sup> June until 30<sup>th</sup> August, be it for a Pure Alpinism experience, or a [technical mountaineering](#) course or a combination of both. If interested, get in touch soon as the chief otherwise gives his time to [ISM](#).
- For those of you planning well ahead, [ski touring](#) and winter mountaineering in NZ are on the program again from 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. onwards
- The more soft recreational activities with discovery of fauna & flora, local history, [bird watching](#) and [guided walks](#) continue until end of May.

When not busy in the mountains, our base in Wanaka gets more attention and another [sustainability](#) project was completed with an external rock wall, a step further towards the insulation of our house. The chief has been starring on TV NZ with his search and rescue involvement, you can watch [here](#) but sorry, TVNZ on demand is only if you are in NZ. He found a new passion with flying... and if you want to know more, check out about his first '[job](#)', aerial shots in Wanaka for an awesome home which is for [sale](#). For the accommodation side of our enterprise, we are currently still offering the [studio](#) for [short term holidays](#), but it is available again for the whole winter from approx. May/June until maximum mid October. Winter accommodation at our base in the main house while we are in Europe is also available, [ask for details](#).

Let us know if you no longer wish to receive our news and/or pass this on to your friends interested in joining us for alpinism activities.

Happy Easter holidays and best wishes for lots of fabulous times, many good trips and adventures

Iris & Gary

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