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PRESIDENT: Nobody knows at president. Steve Milne is acting Pres until Janet returns.
SECRETARY: Pam Cardno. Phone PC 8239
TWO FOOLS: Colin and Andi . Ring 775 52o to abuse and complain.

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MEETINGS are held each Thursday night and anyone is likely to turn up from about 7.30 onwards. Usually it is in the vague vicinity of 33 Clark St and occasionally a newcomer has been known to be made welcome, so don't be bashful cos even though us trampers are a strange brew we like to see you along. The best way to get to know us (which you may just regret) is of course to go TRAMPING!!

THIS IS A LONG WAY OF SAYING ; You are most welcome even if it doesn't appear that way.

EDITORIAL

HOPE YOU HAVE A LOUSY NEW YEAR. I hope that it rains. Especially on you. Let's face it - you deserve it. I have been told that I use too many words to say what I mean. But if I abuse you in a sentence I feel I have failed miserably in my efforts to inform you of who and what you are. I could put it in a word I suppose. Hey look, what am I saying this to you for. You are a tramper. A good thing to be. Really I love you when you treat me right. I mean some of you just don't treat me with the love that I've given to you. I'm young but I've got a few years on all of you - a few million in fact. Now that I've told you what you are I'll tell you who I am - a mountain. And I like you to visit me when you show the respect I've earnt. Over these last months you swarmed at my feet, climbed me and stood at my summit.

I want this. But why do you hurt me with your carelessness? You leave your campsites not as you found them, charred fire places are on the increase, litter is everywhere. Do you carry out all your rubbish??? Do you carry out the rubbish that your "friends" have left??? DON'T answer that cos I know that most of you do not - cos if you do then why are my slopes littered with rubbish?

If you are however one of the few that not only doesn't drop litter but also goes to some trouble to carry out stuff then I thank you and wish you every joy whenever you visit.

PLEASE!!! More of you are using me every year for your pleasure. I am very sensitive, hurt easily, and take a long time to recover. Look after me as well as yourself.

EARNSLAW ED.

STOP PRESS URGENT MESSAGE TO THE NATION. TRIPS FOR THE NEXT MONTH HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A LACK OF INTEREST. IN FACT FEBRUARY HAS BEEN STRUCK OFF THE LUNAR CALENDAR BECAUSE NOBODY IS INTERESTED IN IT ANY MORE. ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN FEB MUST REGISTER IN ANOTHER MONTH. THEIR NEW BIRTH DATES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY COMPUTER. IF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN "%. & .....23.49 00 HOURS THEN YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE CANCELLED. SUBMISSIONS AND OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE FILED IN WRITING BY JAN 31 IF THE ABOLITION OF FEBRUARY IN ANY WAY UPSETS YOU. THE SELECT STUDY MONTH COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE MEETING NEXT MONTH TO CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS. SUPER DUPER FAST TRACK LEGISLATION WILL ENSURE CANCELLATION BEFORE FEBRUARY STOP

LETTERS TO THE EDD

Dear Eds,

The Pre Christmas Social was held this year at Pleasant Lodge, Wanaka. Brian Kirk, the new owner, went out of his way to make his facilities available to the Club: he prepared a hangi; provided us with room for a Barn Dance and gave us full use of the

amenities. These included a swimming pool, an adventure playground and a camping area with good kitchen and toilet facilities. We were given the use of these facilities for the special price of $1 per head as a favour to the club. I would like the club to know that the people who went to the prechristmas social got a very hospitable welcome and a good deal from the Kirk's and I would recommend Pleasant Lodge to any club member who needs a camping ground in the Wanaka area. Brian also has on-site-caravans which are available all year round especially during thg ski season.

Pleasant Lodge is on the Mt Aspiring Rd and phone number is 207 Wanaka.

Rob Archibald.

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Prechristmas Social wonder: CARRONA TO ROARING MEG

The Thursday night before I'm deluged with comments.
"Its 19 kms"
"I'ts too far"
"Can't be done"
"The Sunday Tramp is off"
I can't find anyone in the club whose done it but Bruce Mason says 5 hours, the farmers say 6-7. I'ts therefore definitely on.
The social didn't go too late - finished at 1 am so no one really sleeps in and we're away from Cadrona about 10.00.
The climb to Tuohys saddle is a long hot grind where we take the right branch of the track and descend to meet the Roaring Meg.
The 4 wheel drive track ends here and we have lunch and watch the hogs backs. There's no obvious track from here to Plankcreek but we made our way down along the true right terrace, crossing a number of dry irrigation ditches until we came to the first major creek. Some people investigated the old gold mining equipment just past the large rock outcrops in Plank Creek. We crossed the Roaring Meg here and located the Parek?? Track ((sorry Rob - couldn't read your writing)) and followed it doun to Skeleton Stream. The waterfall at Skeleton Stream allows everyone to cool off. Prince Charming in the form of Mark Hanger lent his slipper to an ugly blister and is walked out bare foot. The Roaring Meg road is rough, no place for buses so Mark had to walk the whole distance. He ground to a halt part way down the road, but yet another Prince Charming appeared. He kneels. Will they fit? Yes! Away goes Mark again clad in two Ian Sime socks. We all arrive at thhe coach, 6 and a quarter hours after starting and; long before the bevitching hour. We even had time to stop at Marina's private pool in Cromwell to swim. A good finale to the weekend.

ROB ARCHIBALD

OTMC '80/81 XMAS CAMP: REES VALLEY

It's always hard to tell how a Xmas Camp will go, as the organisation can only be minimal. But that could be a factor contributing to its success.

Janet got us a landrover ride jacked up and Dave Scott of Rees Valley took 13 of us up to 25 Mile Hut on Boxing Day where we set up our base camp. Most people got up to the Dart at some stage, a Rees/Dart trip was done, a visit to Cascade Saddle, an ascent of Leary, one of Earnslay, and the upper 25 Mile Creek was visited. New Years Eve saw us down at Glenorchy Pub with 4 others who turned up for the festivities and also weren't willing to celebrate amid

Outdoors or at "Bring Your Own Slide" evenings: Lawrence Mackay, Colin Harris, Jean Pettinger, Ian Sime, Janet Firvan, Ralph Loughrey, Mike Woodley, Julia Aspinall, Marina Stringer, Nicki Hodgson, Rod Dickson, Chris Cowan, Tony Bunting, Dave Breen, Alister Metherell, Peter Mason, Jeanne Mason, Steve Innes (put 2 copies of this on your shelves, Steve !), Richard Pettinger.

TIERI GORGE - JANUARY 18th

The first trip of the year, And it was damn hot. We took 1 and a half hours to get to Lee Stream, such was the heat and the lack of track due to rather good scouring 20 feet up the banks from the present water level. Boulder hopping all the way. No longer the bushy routefinding challenge, it was, in the past, so suitable for .

At Lee Stream a halt was called for some mint tea in the old honey tin. Whichh want down rather well. So well that, after a seim or two in the deep , slow water that was warm enough for even ME to tolerate, and after lunch, we had to sunbathe or pass out in the shade and most certainly venture no further. The gorge is definitely not siitable for pleasantly taxing tramping trip any more. As you all know the track on the bush used to occasionally pass close to the river... So I guess its a major work party ahead if it's ever going to be a routefinding trip again. A 30 year old blazed trail could still be used for part of the gorge, but a track will need to be cut in the willow that is just now sprouting thickly amongst the scattered tree trunks and boulders. ° The river crossing site is still ideal for instrucktion however. It isn't so easy to get down to the water on the true right though... lots of firewood!

It was such a nice day that 3 water-buffalos were seen proceeding to the cars via the middle of the river. Their packs and boots being kindly carried (for a small fee!!). Thanks to Steve, Max and Ross F. for provideing transport.

Richard P for Glenys Rankin, Marina Stringer, Steve Innes, Jean Pettinger, Ross Flamank, Irene Pow, Ross Duncan and Max Clark

° for the Lower twenty feet.

TRAMPERAMA - 7th DECEMBER - walkweek '80

This Ranger chap who looks after Dunedin's walkways some way or another, asked me to provide some manpower to help control and muster the Public around the local walks for this Walkweek thing.

We had the Sundayguided walk over Flagstaff with a stop for tea and bikkies for the day trippers at Ben Fudd's just like last year, as a Mountain Safety thing put on by the Club. Club members turned up for all the events and things went smoothly, even when 250 people turned up for one walk; the Tunnel Beach one, which was blest with excellent weather.

The Ranger chap was very pleased with the way it went. If some events weren't well supported that was OK, he said. We did our bit.

Club members seem to be very capable of organising themselves and I'd like to thank those who provided the tea and biscuits at Rudd's and those who guided the groups over Flagstaff and also the radio boys and the "emergencies" who turned up.

The tent pitchers, competing against the most intolerantly expert tent erection teams (such as the Venturers', & the City Fathers team - er "City Mothers" more accurately describes them, who incidentally won.) and expertly arranged adverse conditions. The team of"well known tramping experts plus Jan from the supper room" who might have been needed. The supper people. Wendy. The Ben Rudd working party who tidied up in preparation, and Jim Freeman, whose work was in rather great evidence. Also, what are all those mysterious tracks (&steps cut to the water-hole, now piped for your convenience) appearing around Ben Rudds, but the work of this quiet,hard working life member? Those who worked up on Mt Cargill getting the gravel down to the worst bits before The Opening. John Cook. Jonathan. Stuart M. Alister, with the refreshments nobody stayed for (except me?).

Committee. It's good to know there are so many reliable people in the Club!

R.W. Pettinger.

PS Primus Fuel will remove the bumper stickers.

MORE CHANGES OF ABODE.

Keith Pollock 76 Shamrock St Palm Nth 63016.

Pud (Rod Dickson)17 Cliffs Rd St Clair Dn.

FOR SALE

Size Six Paraflex boots - suits size 5 foot - Miss Muffet 779 863

JANETS BOOTS Imagine the honour of walking in the boots of our Vice President! 4 1/2³ Falkners $85

RESIGNATIONS

It is with great regret that we recieve the resignation of one of the Davies family, that is Julia. She has been a long standing member of the club and we hope that all goes well for her in future years. Thanks for everything you have contributed to the OTMC in past years Julia.

SECOND HAND TRAMPING GEAR BRING AND BUY.

8.30 pm THURSDAY MARCH 8th OTMC CLUBROOMS.

Get rid of your old but not worn out gear. This gear sale corresponds with Bushcraft 81 and is intended to help Bushcraftees aquire the necessary gear without too much expense.

Organised by Trevor Payton. Ph 737 791. Please park used Yaks OUTside.

XHRISTMAS CAMP DIARY REES VALEY DECEMBER 1980 IAN SIME.

FRI 26

2.10 Walk from Ralph Loghrey's car
3.45 25 Mile Hut

SAT 27

6.10 - 7.45 25 Mile Hut to Big Devil Hut
8.50 Return
9.20 -11.20 25 Mile Hut to Kea Basin Bivvy
12.10- 4.50 Kea Basin to Esquilant Bivvy

SUN 28

5.25 - 6.30 Climb Leary Peak from Bivvy
6.40 - 9.50 Traverse Leary, last hour in fog, to overlook the Lower Hunter Valley - unintentionally!
9.50 -12.00 Walk back south along face to Kea Basin Bivvy
3.00 25 Mile Hut
4.10 - 7.00 Walk to far end of Clark Slip and camp.

MON 29

7.00 -11.25 Walk to Rees Saddle
3.00 Reach Dart Hut and camp

TUE 30

6.15 -11.35 Walk up Dart Valley to Cascade Saddle
12.40 - 2.10 Go round Cascade Basin to Tyndall Ridge overlooking Matukituki Valley
7.30 Reach Dart Hut and Camp

WED 31

7.05 -9.15 Climb to Rees Saddle
9.25 - 4.05 Return to 25 Mile Hut

SILVER PEAKS MARATION DEC 6th 1980.

By 4.15 am ten keen (or extremely silly) people were on their way up the Pinapple Track.

Ahead lay 36 miles of undulating country and a cold Speights type day (meaning it was bloody hot).

Various participants put in slightly different routes but all finished in good time. In finishing order:

BRIAN DAVIES, Dick Brasier, Steve Milne & Alistair Metherall;

FIVE BILLION

Pow and Ian Sime. The times went from approx 11 3/4 to 15 hours.

Cheers B.D.

P.S. The Speights was great.

FEBRUARY - MARCH SOCIAL PROGRAMME :

5th Feb	NO MEETING
12th	Ian Simes Christmas trip.
19th	BYOS
26th	"How to lead TRIPS" - various speakers.
5th March	Bring buy and sell
12th }	First Aid Coursesiin the
19th }	clubrooms - 50c at door please these nights.

AS FEBRUARY IS CANCELLED IGNORE THE FEB SECTION OF THE ABOVE PROG.

Well I suppose if we get any trouble-making knit-picking conservationists who are determined to throw a spanner in the process of the abolishment of February, they are only looking after their own selfish desires trying to preserve a month that has never been any use to anyone. If however this viscious lobby from the vocal minority should be sucessful then it will be necessary for you to have at your fingertips the trip programme for ref.

TRIP PROGRAMME for the merry month of February.

1	LOCAL HILL-DAY TRIP (E) - cf Ross Duncan	63408
6-8	N.Z.DAY: either; MAVORA LAKES (all grades) cf Russell George	33494
	or; ASHTON BURN-JANE PEAK-GORGE BURN cf Kelvin Liggett	772682
8	TUNNEL BEACH (E) - cf Martin Connell	54374
15	CLUB PICNIC; will assemble at Pipikaretu yet once again. cf the Social Committee for details.	
21	SILVERPEAKS BICYCLE TRIP (E) - cf a Hodgson of some sort	775520
22	ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE DAY (C) - cf Adrienne Wooding	PC7205
28-1	MAKARORA HEADWATERS (E-FE) - cf Donald Greer	PC8043
	MT BREWSTER (C) - cf Hank	7a40552

oh dear how can i finish this here little bulletin something witty or philosophical poetry or prose uno i can't think what

CONGRATULATIONS To Robyn Cains and Jeff on their engagement - the Club extends their most heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

QUOTE:

'Oh! Piglet,' said Pooh excitedly, 'we're going on a Expotition, all of us, with things to eat. To discover something.'

Winnie-the-Pooh.