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MEETINGS are held each Thursday night at the clubrooms of the Otago Motorcycle Club, at 3 Clark St, at 7.30 pm. All people are welcome.

EDITORIAL

In the Red!

I don't know how many of you kmow, but the club is badly in the red. WHY??? Because of unpaid trip fares. The Club is not a money-lending agency! For this reason the committee has decided to crack down on the payment of trip fares. All non-members MUST pay for the trip in advance or they will not be eligible to go. Members must pay for the trip within one month. For every month after that a surcharge of$1.00 will be added. This surcharge covers the postage of reminder notices, 13% inflation and the amount of work it takes to chase you up. There is probably 40 hours of work coming up for a committee member in checking thru the trip attendance book and payment reciept book to see just whO hasn't paid their fares in the last few years. Alot of work, but it is going to be done. Because quite frankly the committee is sick of the way some people are using the Club. You get alot out of the Club (have you ever considered the amount of work it takes for just one weekend trip??; Trip leader, party leaders, transport officer, treasurer, Chief Guide, gear hire and food buyers are all involved. Then you've got Club Contact, SAR, police help etc when something goes amiss.) But, DO YOU CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS YOU GET ??? Prompt payment of trip fares is one way you can help!

This club at the moment is atreasurers nightmare. But with effort from you it can get back on an even keel and run smoothly. That means pay your dues.

Between you and us, the club is somewhere in the $1000 region in the red!!!!! This is serious enough to suggest that the Club is in danger of folding financially.

Dont! Let it happen!

THINK ABOUT IT.

CLUB CLIQUES Another issue of concern.....

HOW does the newcomer break the ice? We all have our groups of friends within the club. Can you imagine being new to the club and not being a part of these groups. We've got to step out and make the new people welcome to our club. New people are what keep the club alive. Now's the time of Bushcraft - many of these people will return to continue tramping with the club. Will you welcome them into the ranks of dedicated trampers??? OK, we all know the best way to get to know people is to tramp with them. But Thursday nights are important too. It was alright in the old clubrooms cos newcomers had the maps on the wall to look at when noone talked to them. They got to know the areas they wanted to tramp in by these hours of study on Thursday nights. But now there's no such maps - no photos - no cartoons - no posters, and the library is down stairs.

What do they do when nobody talks to them now? I know what I'd do! Either sign up for a trip or never come back, probably the latter as alot of them don't know how to sign up and are to afraid to ask.

If you see a new face around the club - why not introduce yourself and encourage them to go tramping. After all, that's what they've come along to get into. Make them WELCOME.

LETTERS TO THE TWO FOOLS

THESE APPEAR ON PAGE TWO.....

1 Irmo St
Green Island
OTAGO
Friday 34th

The Scribes

Dear Scribes,

I read with interest the latest bulletin. Now that February has been cancelled it will be necessary to draw up a new calendar with eleven months in which to allocate the 365 days of the year. This I have done. Now 365 days ÷ 11 months = 35. So there are now 35 days in every month. None of this rubbish about 30 days hath September.... Now every month has 5 full weeks. This means no need for calendars since every month is the same ; and every month is now called JaMAMaJuJASOND.

WAND	FRI	SAT	SAT	SAT	FRI	WED
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
7	6	5	4	3	2	1

INSTRUCTIONS

1/ This is a special calendar which has been developed especially for the weekend tramper. With this calendar it is not possible to be overdue, therefore no search and rescue call outs are required. In fact, it is now possible to start a tramp on the 28th of the month and finish on the 21st, to be due out on the 21st and arrive home early on the 17th.

2/ Normally tramps start on a Friday. Everyone looks forward to Frid So now there are two Fridays in each week, two days on which to start tramping.

3/ Saturdays are the only full day weekend trampers have away, so there are now three Saturdays every week.

4/ For those trampers that dread the thought of returning to work or school on a Monday- good news- there is now no Monday.

5/ Since there is no Monday, there is no need for Sunday, for that used to be the day that trampers had to go home in order to go to work or school the next day.

6/ Wednesday is payday, so that day will be retained. And in future everyone will be paid weakly. ((Is this for real?))

7/ 'WAND' Day is a special day each week for performing 'MIRACLES'. If lost , wait until WAND-DAY and all will be well.

8/ Some months used to have five weekends. Now every month has five full weeks, therefore every month has five weekends.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

THanks to Tree Shepherd for pointing this out. In my previous term as editor I did this, but let it slip this time, for reasons unknown. However, here's a summary of what the committee has been up to in the last 5-6 meetings (5 months)

MEMBERSHIP- We discussed pre-payment of subs. A 2 year limit was suggested and any greater length of time would be looked into as it arose. Bills outstanding from subs amount to $300. From September till February we had 9 new members and 2 resignations.

CHIEF GUIDE- This is Richard Prttinger's job. The club Easter trip is going to Arthurs Pass rather than the Eglington area.

PUBLICITY- The 4Xo Bulletin Board is to beused for this purpose. Irene Pow organised the Festival float and and a display in the Govrenment Tourist Bureau. If you have any ideas see Irene.

OUTDOOR RECREATION- Beven Blackmore. Our nomination to the Parks and Reserves Board is Roger Barrowclough and we pledged our support to the nomination of Mrs Tilly. Next meeting Thursday 12 March 6pm at the clubrooms.

LIBRARY- Remember this is downstairs and it's there to be used! The NZAC Journals are now covered- thanks to everyone who helped. Andi hodgson is librarian.

EDITOR- Colin and Andi are the two eds. The length of the bulletin was

questioned and it was decidedto leave it to the Editors discretion. An attempt will be made to hand out bulletins on Thursday nights to save postage. There was some controversy over the last bulletin. Apparently it was not a suitable introduction to newcomers. There was general dissatisfaction with the fact that Feb was cancelled. I expect that those who objected must have had their birthdays in that month. As I was away at the time all I heard were the rumours of outrage but I didn't see anything wrong with it. OUTDOORS articles are requested as soon as possible. The Eds want to type them as they arrive so there won't be a huge amount of work to do at the edd.

GEAR HERE Steve Milne ; The tents and flys are all repaired except one. Steve is thinking about charging a call out fee for those wanting gear on anything other than Thursday nights. It was suggested that the club buy material to make flys.

PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE Geof Jackson The problem of gorse on Flaggy still remains. Stuff is missing from the clubrooms changeover. Items misplaced include the Club Clock and the cups. Mattresses are wanted for the Peaks Huts and iron is needed for the Green Hut bog. Poplar Hut needs a new tree (Mark Hanger is to be asked about it). New windows are needed for MT John, Yellow and Green huts. Perspex ones were considered best.

SOCIAL Colin Harris ; I'm looking for people to volunteer their services for the making of supper. A list will be put up so you can put your name up for the Thursday you'd find convenient. Evelyn Knewstubb is organizing the pre-easter social. If you can help with Bushcraft suppers then ring Colin at 771 504.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NATIONAL PARK AIR ACCESS It was said that air access should be kept to a minimum and not be used for tramping. Fixed wing aircraft are to be phased out by not retaining airstrips. No aircraft in Wilderness areas. The Tramping Club sh uld support the park board in its stand on no flying in the parks.

Motion ; "That the committee supports the Mt Aspiring NPB policy on aircraft access to National Park." CARRIED.

BOUNDARY CHANGES Colin Todd Hut would have to be demolished if the area in which it stands is classed wilderness.

Motion ; "That the club supports the inclusion of Mt Aspiring and the surrounding glaciers in the Wilderness zone of MANP." CARRIED

That is about the size of things from your committee. Remember this is only very brief. A full copy of the minutes is available from Pam Cardno. Every month the committee meets and club members are most welcome to attend. If you're thinking of becoming a committtee member it would be a good idea to attend one or two. Committee meetings are boring unless you get involved.

NOTICES

1- There are 20 spare seats for the final Bushcraft weekend going to the Eglington Valley at 18 dollars per seat. See Rob Archibald.

2- Maps are available of the Silver Peaks and Eglington at the discount price of $1.25.

UNTRUE →

%3% MATTRESSES

4334 Outdoor Recreation Group meet at the Clubrooms at 6.30 pm next Thursday (12th March).

THE SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT MONTH

MARCH	19th	The second First Aid lecture by the St Johns. Please be at the clubrooms at 7.30 and 50c at the door.
	26th	The Editor will be giving an illustrated talk on the Christmas trip he did with the other Ed and the Pres. It was an 18 day trip to the Olivines with a spot of rain.
APRIL	2nd	ANTARTICA Dave Craw will be speaking about his experiencs of The Frozen Continent. He spent 4 months of the summer down there. WILL be a really worthwhile night!
	9th	BYOS of the BUSHCRAFT ccurse. (BYO Slides and grog)
	16th	NO MEETING Easter trip leaves this night.

COME ALONG ALL YOU PEOPLE TO THE Great OTMC Pre-Easter Social. APRIL 11th BYOG.

(Enq. to Evelyn 757488)

At Lee Downs. A band(live!)to dance to,lots of prizes & good times to be had. Dress up as Pioneers or Bushwhackers! See You There.

MAKARORA TRIP

Well, well intrepid tramping readers here is a beginers tale of his first tramp. Assembly point was the OTMC club rooms on Friday 27th of Feburary for the weekend Makarora trip.

Our group of 13 (a lucky no. ?) piled into the van and we departed around 6.30. Arrived at our camping spot approximately 7hrs later, having had diner at Alexandra on the way. The first 5hrs of the trip were spent singing songs amd trying to get comfortable. The last 2hrs were more comfortable especially if your legs were on top of someone elses (which mine wern't). We bedded down quickly under an enormois beech tree and slept blissfully till dawn.

At around 7.00 our alarm clock flew by, err I mean the deer helicopter, and after a hearty feast (for the sandflies as well as us) we set out.

Leading the party was Don Greer and co-starring in the performance were Katherine Dodd, Melanie Closs, Shelly Kennedy & John Pritchard (of doubtful foreign origin) Australian.

The day was beautiful, clear sunny skies, so it was not suprising that at lunch time up the (Makarora) river we all took advantage of the sunshine, especially Don who sprawled out on a rock near the river, like a lizard warming itself (does this mean Don is cold blooded ?).

Not long after lunch, only a short tramp away, we stopped for the day and set up camp. Again we took advantage of the clear starry night and slept under the trees.

The next morning, after breakfast, Steve Milne's party arrived consisting of : Laurence, Paul and Karen, at 10.30 (an early breakfast) and we all set off. Of course the more experienced party tramped on ahead but we beginerrs showed them, we tramped straight through to the van and then had lunch! Then it was a bit of a wash (a disadvantage as not all of us washed) and loaded ourselves into the van and set off.

We stopped for tea at Cromwell (a sinfull den of iniquity) and arrived in Dunedin around 10.00 that night. Much of us worse for wear because of van ride in which "find your own legs" was the name of the game.

For us beginers it was a relaxing, joyful and informative introduction to tramping with OTMC. A weekend well worth while.

John Pritchard.

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ADDRESSES THAT HAVE CHANGED

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More Letters to the Editee & Editor:

22 Agnes st
19/2/81

Dear Editor,

Imagine this: a bunch of Aero Club fanatics who would like to see all persons banned from areas where they might wish to land their planes, in case they hit someone straying onto or even camping on their runways.
Imagine the other side of the coin: a bunch of Tramping Club fanatics who want to go away tramping anywhere in tranquil surrounds, with planes that might crash on them totally banned.
Now, given that a certain percentage of our population are insane, and that an absurdly extreme case is often put, a Decision Maker might get something like both these views. So what does he do? He pushes for a compromise. Dreams up a concept with a name like Multipule Use. An idealistic thing that sounds dashed decent in theory.
which is fine except for one thing: the planes can fly around without the slightest chance that the tramper on the ground could ever affect it. But not vice-versa. The tramper has no alternative but to put up with what he gets frome those with the money and the means. Who can call the tramper the selfish one if he says "zoning" is a far better answer than "multipule use" ?

Cont'over

We wouldn't want the Remarkables zoned Wilderness, we just ask that it be free from mindless, selfish development by those with money and means. Sure you should be ALLOWED to fly to such places but couldn't we expect the tramping fraternity to stand together in this moral fight: to keep unnecessary machinery from eroding the qualities we expect in our playground?

Yours with one eye peering worriedly aloft,
Richard

Dear Richard,

I do not object to zoning many areas as Wilderness. However there should be a place for those that wish to fly. I don't want to see the Remarkables developed by the Mount Cook Company but I do see that area as one in which flying is acceptable. Keep the remote areas totally free from the aircraft. Enjoy the thrills of choppers and planes in those areas that are close to civilization. Then you can have the best of both worlds and everyone is happy. The tramperget their peace and solitude and the flyer gets his flying and the multiple use person gets his many uses in the appropriate area.

Yours with one eye on purchasing a chopper
Colin.

Andy and COlin,

Maybe I've been in the bush too long but I feel this bulletin should be a forum for ideas as well as a fun letter to club members (not that I don't enjoy reading it - I do). Thus for a while I'm going to raise a few ideas for you folk to ponder. Not all are mine, maybe some are crazy, and others are just old practices which have lapsed and I feel should be re-instituted.
As I said I have been in the bush a hell of a long time but only emerged and joined the club a year or so ago. Yet in this time I have noticed that some things are missing in the club. One is that the club members have little idea what the elected committee is doing or what decisions it has made.
Sure we can go to meetings and listen - but who knows this and more importantly what members other than the committee know where and when meeetings are to be held - besides, most like me are lazy.
Would it not be a simple matter to post the committee meeting minutes on the club noticeboard each Thursday night. This I understand was once the standard practice. In addition how about having the major decisions (such as nominations to the National Parks and Reserves Board, re-direction of finances, and new presidents) summarized in this bulletin.
Well that idea is not too crazy so on to another matter - just as easy.
Everyone in "authority" in the club seems to moan about the lack of money collected at the door on Thursday nights. Answer - have a door person, raise the admission to 50 cents and have free supper. This may solve many problems - It stops the drain on club funds to pay the hall rental . Free supper would mean more would stay after the meeting - ie more socializing, though perhaps fewer at the pub'. Finally supper could be rostered - two per night , by taking the list of Dunedin members and alphabetically going through the list. The duty two could supply supper at a cost of about $2 - but as each person would have this task at the most once a year this cost is easy to bear. This allows the regular supper makers at the present time to mix with other club members. Oh, and another bonus in having a door-person is that this person can welcome new members to the club, give them trip lists, and generally help them feel at ease. ow late and mind is wandering to better things. These ravings get boring.

Tree Shepherd.

DEAR tree shepherd,,

Don't you think that anyone that is really interested will find out such things. Why should the Eds have to pamper you by summarizing and doing all the work for you.? Your other points are being worked on.

Actually, in all seriousness, it's great to see a bit of constructive criticism of the bulletin.

We like to see criticism leveled to us straight, rather than merely directed at us from behind our backs. It's also refreshing to see someone who cares enough to do something positive about the inadequacies that exist. Your suggestions are much appreciated, and I hope that this bulletin is more satisfactory.

I look forward to hearing more of your suggestions, T.S., and I hope other dissatisfied members will do likewise!

YOURS APPRECIATEVELY
ED (Colin)

TRIP REPORTS CONT.....

David Grant, Bevan Blackmore, Tony Bunting, David Elder, Ross Flamank, Barry Flamank, Paul Clark, George Crossland, and I carted 7 mattresses into Yellow Hut on 15th Feb. The hut is by now far the most comfortable & still the best one in the peaks - apart from the lack of window and the existence of a road to it.

We did well, which is more than can be said for the scrappers "working" on Green Hut. All in all - a record ? - we got 34 away on that Sunday on the 3 different trips!

RWP

ps I can't believe the attendances on recent trips.

ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS AND THINGS.....

Congratulations to Ngaire and Rod on their recent marriage!
Helen and Grant have made a move, and are now engaged.
Patsy and Ken (Mason) have also tied the knot recently.
Russel and Rosemary had an "action replay" when they got back, and we apologise for the lateness of these well-wishes.
The Club wishes you all the very maximum of happiness in the future.
REMEMBER : Keep on Tramping.

ANYONE WITH OLD COOKERS OR MATTRESSES TO GIVE AWAY CAN GIVE THEM IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CLUB FOR THE SILVERPEAKS HUTS.

GEAR HIRE Correction to what has been written; A charge of $2 WILL be made if the Gear Custodian is called out on other-than-clubnights.

DO THEY SCRUB UP WELL?

A motion passed by our committee of 1971 "THAT if anyone owed subs for over two years they would be scrubbed off.".

THE TRIP PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND A BIT O' APRIL.

MARCH	15th	BUSHCRAFT RIVERYING	
	"?21-22nd	MT COOK TRIP: Theres still plenty of room so sign up inediately. The Trip list comes down Thurday 18th. This is gonna be a really neat t trip - NOT TO BE MISSED. Colin H	Ph 771 504
	22nd	Yellow	RALPH MARKBY PH 730205
	28--29th	BUSHCRAFT FINALI.	
	29th	BETHUNES GULLY	Alan Hanson Ph 63462
APRIL	5th	LOCAL Could be a workparty?	Mike W. 42051
	11th	PRE EASTER SOCIAL. This is going to be the STIR of the year. If you want to go but don't know how to get t[illegible]ing Evelyn at 737488.	

EASTER EASTER EASTER There has been another change of venue and Geof Jackson is now leading it to the Rees Dart region. This is a cracker area so support your club Easter trip this year. Lets make it a real ripper eh!!!!!

REMEMBER day trips leave from the clubrooms every Sunday at 9 am . If you turn up there will be a trip going somewhere, bring a car or a little money for petrol for the driver.

GO ON THE MT COOK TRIP! WE NEED A BUSLOAD. THE OFFER IS OPEN TO THOSE ON THE BUSHCRAFT COURSE ALSO!!!!!!

Thats it for March. The next bulletin is due out in 2 - 3 weeks so material is due for that now, go well.....

A good thing to ponder upon next time you're lost and benighted in the bush....

Iasked "Give me a light that I might tread safely out in the unknown" and he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be unto you better than light and safer than a known way."

LATE ADVERT

OPTIMUS 8R Stove for sale $30 GOOD VALUE
SNOWSTAKES $3 each see BILL NEED $.

God Bless y'ALL.