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MEETINGS 7.30 pm at 3 Clark St., Thursday nights. All Welcome!

EDITORIAL -Colin

A warm welcome to Bushcraft members who have decided to stay on and tramp with the club!!!! We're happy to see you joining in on the weekly tramps that the Club has to offer. Even if you don't continue tramping with the OTMC we hope that you have gained alot from the Course, and that what you have learnt will not only make you a more competent tramper, but also help to increase your enjoyment of the hills. Joining a club is the best way to take advantage of the skills that more experienced people have to offer. But more than that the club offers fellowship, where people of various ages and interests can share a love of the mountains. Joining the OTMC is also a contribution to an organization that does a great deal to look after the interests of trampers, mountaineers and skiers.

New members, the annual subscription fee, and member's ENTHUSIASM are what keep the Club alive. I, and I'm sure the committee also, encourage the three to their fullest.

HAPPY TRAILS

TRIP PROGRAMME FOR APRIL AND A LIL-BIT-O-MAY.

APRIL 5th LOCAL HILLS; phone Mike Woodley for details. Remember that we have day trips every weekend (not Easter)and they always leave at 9am from the Club-rooms, turn up and the chances are you will go for a pleasant stroll.

11th PRE EASTER SOCIAL : It's aaaallll on!!! Complete with LIVEband. Buy your tickets on Th rsday night. Cost is $5 and this includes the band and a gourmet supper. It's at Lee Downs, and for info on how to get there ask Evelyn Knewstubb - ph 737488.

12th WICKLIFF BAY (E) Derik Mess Ph 44208.

EASTER 17th - 21st DART - REES REGION There are tremendous possibilities in this area for Easter trips. A Beansburn-Olivine-Hidden Falls-Routeburn is a classic. Or Routeburn-Greenstone, or Dart-Rees, also Rees-Lochnagar-Shotover saddle-West Matuki-Cascade Saddle-Dart-Rees is a trip of great value. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE CLUB GET A BUSLOAD FOR THIS EASTER - in order to keep down the transport costs - so please support the Club Easter trip this year by signing up immediately. Please make this year's Easter trip a success by showing your support of the Club trip. Geoff Jackson is the leader, and Bruce Jackson is giving a hand. Direct enquiries to the Jacksons at 879236. IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE THIS YEAR, GO ON THE CLUB EASTER TRIP!!!!!!

26th SILVERPEAKS WORKPARTY We need old mattresses and corrugated iron for our huts. Bring them along to the Clubrooms on Thursday nights. The workparty will leave at 9 am.

MAY!!! 2nd SAR EX Code for "Search and rescue exercise." Details given on Thursday nights.

3rd LOCAL HILLS Phone Geof Markby and yodel. 35 641.

09-10th MATUKITUKI The trip of the month. Come on all you people who haven't been blessed with the chance of walking up this valley, treat yourself to a weekend of superb scenery and guaranteed fine weather! Geof Jackson strikes again ;;;;: Ph 879 236.

LETTERS TO THE EDS

Dear Eds,

How come you haven't got no letters this month?

Yours,

THE HAPPY WANDERER

Dear Happy Wanderer,

We ain't got no letters cos no-one won't write no letters to us, mate. Wish they would,.....

LOVINGLY

Eds.

AN EXPLANATION

IN THE RED: The $1ooo that I talked of in last months bulletin is made up by 800 dollars borrowed from the Transport Fund last AGM, which must be paid back, and $300 in outstanding subs. It was pointed out to me that the club is not in danger of folding financially because of the existence of $3300 in the Transport Fund. This fund should not in theory be used for general purposes, but it could be if an AGM decided to. The club therefore has a good reserve of money to fall back on. That does not mean that we are in a good financial state! The general fund must be self reliant and should never need to borrow from the transport fund. OK, the club may not be in danger of winding up financially, but it sure needs to get the money owing to it. Trip fares continue to go unpaid, and surprisingly it is club members who neglect payment most.

Again I say, find out how much YOU owe and cough up!

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS AT ANDY HODGSON'S PLACE, 24 Sheen St, at 7.30 pm and all interested persons are invited to attend. Please keep in mind that you are a guest at these meetings and are therefore not eligible to vote, though contributions of a helpful nature are appreciated. Date; Mon 13th April.

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TRIP REPORT

MT COOK / HOOKER HALF

A party of 5; Louise Freeman, Linda Harkness, Cecily Wood, Tony Dowden, and their indominatable leader, George Crossland, detached themselves from the mass of assorted bods sprawled around the Mt Cook picnic shelter and set off up the Hooker Valley to the hut. As the sun rose higher, various shuffling stumbling typed boot marks could be seen vaguely following the track,(possibly a legacy of two looneys an American told us about that had arrived at the Hooker hut at 2 am the night before.....) . After a gradual climb, novice-botanizing and sampling of exotic scroggins; we ariveed at the Hooker hut to a George lunch (featuring herrings in tomatoe sauce, cheeze and honey, depending on what combination took your fancy.)

Huey misbehaved in the afternoon - with some fierce squalls of wind and rain down the valley. As a consequence Richard and Grant didn't get far up Mt Turner - although Grant managed to leave about a yard(?) of skin on an ice-wall while abruptly returning to zero feet. George and Tony continued up the Copland Ridge to about 6000 ft(after the 3 girls went down at about 4500 ft) before numb fingers, wet and extreme winds convinced them that warm huts were good places to be.

A night of 500 and conversation with French Canadians ~~ensued~~ and other foreign bods ensued. A smiling eyed bard from Tiperrary (sp?) Ireland with a beautiful accent and singing voice turned out to be really erudite in kiwi-culture - singing "If it weren't for yourr gum berts whherrdya be?" and warning top bunkers getting all shooked up by the shaking, wind buffeted hut not to count sheep (there being several zillion of them). We also aquired a Swiss hitcher for the ride back to Dunedin (Klaus was most recently reported to be at 83 Clyde St.,).

In the morning Cecily, Louise & Linda climbed up the gully above the hut to the first ice and spent some time looking at ice-caves. Tony and Dougal (a sort of white wooly thing with scabby knees and no kilt) meanwhile made a determined ~~effort~~ ascent up the Copland to the shelter and the glacier beyond. After initial dangerous gusts of wind the rest was easy as the next ridge sheltered us to some extent. A play on the glacier followed - we excavated an iceberg (so that's what ice axes are

for.)and clambered down into a bergshrund. Then lunch, a tantalizingly short view of sunny Malte Brun (Dougal needs to practice his"camera draw")and the weather crudded in, but not down in the valley as we soon found. A rapid rock hop and scree-ski later and we arrived back at the hut to help eat other peoples lunches. George had raced across and back the Hooker Glacier including an icewall with one ice axe in his 50 min sprint. Also he did the dishes and tidied the hut in the interim. Apparently Reinhold Messner parted with his schlaf-sac long enough to do the "ironing" (consisting of sadwiching sheets between two boards and jumping on them).

Seven trampers then wandered back down the valley to the shelter - some got tea at Omarama at six while some wondered when they'd get back ..... The early home people say a bi TA to Dave for his driving.

Tony D for Louise, Linda, Cecily, Dougal cum Grant Fletcher, George C, and Reinhold Pettinger?!

THE MUELLER TEAM

Mueller is a fine place! Better than Hooker. The glaciers tumbling off Sefton and The Footstool muttered at us all weekend, with occasional outbursts of downright violence. The wind whipped the cosy Mueller Hut throughout the night, putting pangs of fear into the imaginative. Was that crash the Mueller Ghost? Was that whistle his howl? Did that full moon pierce the racing stormclouds to foretell some fateful destiny for the ten? Apparently not....

For we all descended with a greater or lesser degree of success.

On Sunday it was really quite a peaceful feeling to be on top of Mt Ollivier in a cold and brisk wind, looking down at lake Pukaki in shafts of sunlight. Mueller is a place that I will remember for it s desolate landscape of jumbled rocks, it s delightful patchwork of Alpine plants nestled in the most inhospitable of crevices, it s fierce and invigourating wind, and it s commanding view of Mt Cook area.

A neat place, I feel sorry for you who missed it.

We were: Dave Manson, Michelle Greene, Colin Harris, Hoki, Alison McPherson, Graham George, Ewan Paterson, David Grant,

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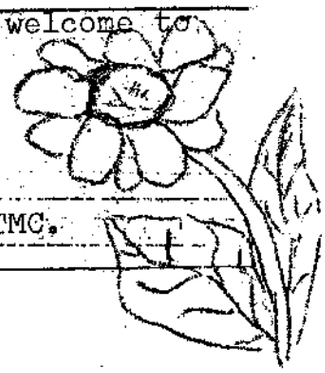
CHANGES OF ADDRESS

T. Oliver (pont) 33 Wottingham St., Karori Wellington.
JULIE TAYLOR : 69 Ajax St Milton.
DONGALA McKELLAR: 165 Te Anau Rd Hataitai Wellington. Ph 863 642.
DONALD McKELLAR : Has also moved in with Dongala in Te Anau Rd.
MURRAY KOKICH : Mackenzie Downs, RD Dipton.

This month the club would like to extend its warmest welcome to the following new MEMBERS:

DAVID GRANT :	17 Blacks Rd N.E.V.	737	981
JOHN KEENE :	91 Forfar St Dn	51	348
BARRY FLAMANK:	28 Tensing St Dn	737	046
MICHELLE GREENE:	7 Bruce St Roslyn	774	834

May you all have many active years tramping with the OTMC.



FMC NEWS - Federated Mountain Clubs that is....

EXECUTIVE

Nominations are called for the FMC exec. They need people who have knowledge and are prepared to work. All members serve on the sub-committee that interests them. The exec meets on three weekends annually.

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT : Dr Ian Shearer has been appointed and FMC welcomes this. He has supported many conservation issues in the past and now that he has ministerial power let's hope that he can continue to look after the environmental issues of concern to the Club.

AGM Sat 23rd May in Wellington at 10am. It will be followed by 50th anniversary celebrations.

LAST PAGE YEH!!!

The Club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Ken, Bruce and Peter Mason with regard to the recent loss of their father.

The Club also expresses its deep sympathy to Mrs Davies, Elaine, Ross, Wendy, Julia and Brian on the recent loss of their father, Arthur Davies.

DID YOU KNOW.....

THAT.....

Within the Mt Aspiring National Park, no person shall obstruct disturb, or interfere with any other person in the use of or enjoyment of the park, or use foul, abusive, indecent or obscene language, or be intoxicated, noisy, or riotous, or in any way misbehave.

The above by-law effectively prohibits the use of the park by OTMC members, so a few people will have to revise their ways before next setting foot in the park!!!!!

THE TRIP GRADINGS - A REMINDER

whinging? wingeing? (sp?)

E = EASY Up to 4 hrs tramping per day.
M = MODERATE 4-6 hrs, though not too strenuous.
F = FITNESS 6-8 hrs, Experience expected, fitness and no winging obligatory.
FE= FITNESS ESSENTIAL Experience in alpine tramping expected, the trip will be long and difficult, definitely no winging and moaning, a high degree of fitness is a must.
C = CLIMBING Competence in ice axe and crampon techniques essential. Rope experience not always necessary, but often handy.

When you sign th Trip List put the grade of trip you wish to do. Signing the Trip List commits you to paying the fare. If you pull out you must write in application to the committee for a refund, clearly stating the reasons ~~kk~~ for being unable to attend. Refunds are at the Committee's discretion.
Trip fares must be paid in advance by NONmembers. It would be better if members paid after the exact fare is set (ie After the trip) cos then the Treasurer won't have to hassle round for refunds, or ~~kkx~~ getting more money if the trip fare is set too low.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

APRIL 2nd Dave Craw will be amusing us with a talk on his goings-on down in the South - ANTARTICA through the eyes of Crow.

9th APICTORIAL REVIEW OF THE BUSHCRAFT COURSE. This is not a BYOS in disguise. Well, it might be.....

?What? Theres no meeting on the 16th EASTER

23rd MYSTERY EVENING This evening starts at 7.30 sharp It has a mystery destination, or shall I say activity, so come along and see what it's all about. Tee Hee.

30th RUMOURS OF A PYJAMA PARTY This evening could degenerate into a fancy dress, but seriously this is really going to be a nighty evening. Bring along your grandma and your naughtiest nighty.

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