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Every Thursday night at 7:30pm, the OTMC meets socially in the Clubrooms of the Otago Motorcycle Club, at 3 Clark St (1st street on the right up High St from the Exchange). All are most welcome to attend. 30c at the door, please

EDITOR'S RAVE

PARROT-TALK: A GUIDE TO IDIOT LOOPS Example 1. "Oh No! Not THE GUNGE! Can he answer the Question...? No! But he does know the Secret Word -and what is his score? 30!! BUT he needs; 31! Oh No!: Not THE GUNGE!"... ...(Repeat until satisfied).

Well this year is winding out fast. Where has it gone to...? What have we done with all the opportunities which presented themselves...? Probably missed a few of them. Hope you've all had a good year and are full of plans and things for a hectic, hazy, holiday summer. Those of you who've had Exams to drag you down these past few weeks, will probably have them all behind you by now. All the best then: hope you get good tidings in the new year.

Feels strange to be back in town again: Codfish is one fantastic magic isle -I could stay there forever...but putting selfishness aside and a bit of modesty, I came back to get this magazine into the breach. THERE'S dedication to duty for you! If you ever get the chance to help the Wildlife Service -jump to it! Seems I missed out on a Slide Competition to end all Slide Competitions. More on this hot spud later.

Well, the summer months are busy ones for the OTMC. There is a wad of stuff coming up for you all to participate in; i.e. the Xmas Social at Tautuku, the Xmas Trip, Tramperama, the Festival Week Procession, an Outdoors Display at Berwick Forest, and...:"BUSHCRAFT '82","BUSHCRAFT '82" "BUSHCRAFT '82"... That should keep our little butts busy for a while. Because of all this, the OTMC takes a bit of a break for a while. The last Clubnight for 1981 is Dec.10th, and the first Clubnight for 1982 will be Thurs. Jan.21st. Righty-Ho then; have a good safe holiday and keep an eye on yourself when exposing ya surfaces to The Big Bright Yellow...! And if the female swimwear I've seen in the shops makes it to the peaches on the beaches, then yours won't be the only eyes playing body scanner...!

-MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir, What's new or repaired, say even cut down? I don't know if you can answer this question but maybe the Committee can.

There has been a great lack of work-partys on Club huts and tracks. The Silverpeaks are the most neglected area of our activities in the tramping world. Our huts need repairing, windows replacing, roting wood cut out and new to replace it. But alas these things have not been done. What are we doing, trying to run down our interests.

Leaning Lodge and 25 Mile Hut shouldn't be forgotten either, plus all those tracks we use. So how about it Committee, more workpartys.

Yours In Need Of Repair.

(Dear In Need Of Repair,

To put this bluntly without being rude; Why not get up and out and do it yourself, if it needs to be done. Must we always leave it to a committee...? O.K. sure, as regards major hut work the committee should arrange the expertise for this. But with trackwork I think that if anyone sees where such needs attention, then next time you are going up there, then take a Club slasher with you. A little bit here and a little bit there. We all help each other...no? -Ed.)

Dear Sir, A comment that came up 2or 3 times in the Slide Competition was Doug's "You should have presented this slide back to front -you see the eye moves from left to right." My Chinese upbringing makes me say "Piffle!" A slide must always be presented sideways.

Anyway, for one thing who's going to carry a mirror for me for photos that don't look right when right to left? And another thing, can one really put a back to front Mt. Cook in a slide competition and still call it "Mt. Cook"? "Mt. Kooc" possibly would still be acceptable, but what about "Ffatsgalf"...??! Doesn't work see.

Slide Competition judges are crazy, see? Plant more trees.

-Mao tse Slides.

TRIP PROGRAM FOR SUMMER

5th DECEMBER MARATHON : SILVERPEAKS One here for the real K-E-E-N types. 35 miles in the blistering sun... Anyone to better the 9hrs record time...? Add all the uphill bits together and you have the height of Aspiring -from sealevel...! Put you off yet? No? Then phone Brian Davies 52 748.(FE)

6th TRAMPERAMA 81 Flagstaff-Ben Rudds-Pineapple Track. A bevy of 'tea-ladies' are required to be brewing up goodies at Ben Rudds Shelter. A 'flurry' of fit and handsome Guides are required to attend upon assorted groups of the Public. Details are in the ODT adverts. Meet at Clubrooms BEFORE 9.00am Sunday. Ph. Bevan 710 678 or Richard 771 060.

12th OTMCPRECHRISTMASSOCIALATTHETAUTUKUYOUTHADVENTURECAMP details on separate sheet

13th DAYTRIP Somewhere in the vicinity of Tautuku. Good value if you have a head left intact for it.(E)-(M)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

17th JANUARY WORKPARTY : Silverpeaks Huts. Not sure just yet as to where or what. Just keep this date in mind and wait for further details later.(E).

24th PAINTED FOREST(E) This is getting to be a bit of a popular spot for Sunday strolls. A cute little piece of beech forest near Silver Peak. Phone Grib 730 553.

26th FESTIVAL WEEK FLOAT PROCESSION Yes, yet again the OTMC goes all out to make a real big Spectacle of itself. We need all hands on deck for this one. Much to be done son. A truck to be 'Floated' with bits of bush. Please appear at the Clubrooms as soon as you can to 5pm. Come dressed in full tramping gear. This is our main advert drive for BUSHCRAFT '82 participants and you will be handing out leaflets for this.(E).

31st CHALKIES-LONG RIDGE-POWDER RIDGE(E-M) Bit of a long up along up down along down up and a long down sort of a pleasant grunt. Nice formula for a short working week. Glenys Rankin is the leaderess on this one. Ph.710 484.

6-7th FEBRUARY HOLLYFORD & EGLINTON VALLEYS(ALL GRADES)
1.GRAVE-TALBOT PASS(E-C) 2.LAKE MAVORA-EGLINTON(F)
3.LAKE ADELAIDE(M) 4.ROUTEBURN(E-M) AND LOTS MORE!
This is the First Big Away Tramp for 1982 -and it'll still be Summer to boot! Really 'gunn'area this SO lets plaster the place! GO FOR GOLD...! Howzah bout 3ree big bus loads on this. Sign up with Peter McKellar when you phone 770 088.

7th SILVERPEAKS A Day Trip with Patsy Mason Ph 62 494.

HAPPY TRAILS THEN HAPPY TRAILS THEN ME AND HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

OTMC SLIDE COMPETITION RESULTS

There was some indecision, due to a multitude of factors, over who were(and who should have been) the winners in the various sections Despite the disagreements among judges, entrants, and spectators, the following results have been compiled:

HUMOUR Judged By Gillian Brockie
1st "Most People in the Tramping Club think I'm a Clown"
By EWAN PATERSON
2nd "Glorious Mud" By BEVAN BLACKMORE

LANDSCAPE Judged By G.Brockie and Doug Gill
1st Equal "Destiny" By ANDI HODGSON
"Moonlight Mists" By COLIN HARRIS
2nd "Sand Forest" By MARK HANGAR
3rd "Sleeping Village" By RICHARD PETTINGER
A close 4th was Ewan Patersons "The Track back out from the North Borland Valley"

PORTRAIT Judged By Gillian Brockie
1st An untitled photo of Brian Craig By COLIN HARRIS
2nd "The Bookworm" By ANDI HODGSON
3rd "Portrait of Boredom" By BEVAN BLACKMORE

NATURAL HISTORY Judged By Doug Gill
1st "Frozen Falls" By RICHARD PETTINGER
2nd "Ranunculus Lyallii" By COLIN HARRIS

GENERAL SECTION Judged By Gillian Brockie
1st "Fertilizer Fog" By BRIAN DAVIES
2nd An untitled photo of a yacht By ALISTER METHERELL
3rd "Morning" By COLIN HARRIS

Perhaps the most difficult and controversial judgments were of the Outright Winner.

Judgments By Doug Gill:
1st "Destiny" By ANDI HODGSON
2nd "Sand Forest" By MARK HANGAR
Colin Harris' slides wouldn't even feature a distant 3rd by Dougs judgments, -they should have thumbs put through them according to some spectators.

Judgments By Gillian Brockie:
1st "Moonlight Mists" By COLIN HARRIS
2nd An untitled photo of Brian Craig By COLIN HARRIS
Distant 3rd "Fertilizer Fog" By BRIAN DAVIES

These results graphically show how subjective the judging of slides is. It's very much up to ones personal opinion as to what is a "good" slide. So those who did not gain places should not be discouraged (cheer up Bri.), but rather place bigger bribes next year.

General comments by the Judges were:

"Overexposed" "Underexposed" "Too much sky" "Too much water"
"Too much ....." "This photo needs a person in it"
"Not enough ....."
"Boring" "Wrong Section"
"Holiday snapshot" etc, etc, etc.

More positive comments were:

"More imaginative use of filters would improve many photos"
"Do not cut off the legs of people in photos unless taking close up photos"
"For Portraits, the person should be the main focus of the photo"
"Pay attention to composition, avoiding large, uninteresting, blank portions in the slides"
"Subject matter should be interesting(something to capture the viewers emotions) with feeling and atmosphere"
"Put some art into your photos"
"Closer attention to the basics, such as focus, exposure, shutter judder and subject matter should be made"

Well that about wraps up the 1981 Slide Competition. If you want my opinion, for what it's worth, I feel "Sand Forest" by Mark Hangar, was the best slide in the competition. The exposure was perfect, subject matter interesting, focus excellent, showed artistic flare and above all showed perception and imagination to take the photo. I say well done, Mark! To all the winners' I say congratulations, and to other entrants I say you all took some really neat slides which I enjoyed seeing immensely.

TRIP REPORTS

MT WATKIN - NENTHORN Day Trip November 15th

The local hills were topped with cloud, but north of Mt Cargill the ceiling was much higher. Nine of us rendezvoused at the road gate on Watkin's north shoulder and ambled up the tussock slope in 20 minutes. It was almost calm, but a little light cloud drifted round us on the summit, temporarily obscuring some of the view. Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Karitane all lay at our feet.
We continued downhill and across the North Branch of the Waikouaiti at El Dorado homestead, then up a farm road to rejoin the Nenthorn road at Townsend's corner.

We lunched at the Nenthorn Stream on Billy's Flat, but returned to the ridge to spend an hour at the side of the Nenthorn village; finding 2 stone buildings, signs of several other dwellings, several paddocks and yards, and one water-filled shaft.

A very pleasant day with the Family Group.

Ian Sime for: Bruce and Lyall Campbell, Gordon and Marie McDonald Graham and Lora Fyffe, Ian Fleming, and Vic Simmiss.

A DAY WITH THE PHOENIX CLUB November 15th

The Phoenix Club is an organisation which provides rehabilitation for heart surgury and heart attack victims by means of exercise. One such means is with walking and tramping. Initially short walks are taken and then a gradual build up to the "Big Trip" which this year is away to the Routeburn.

Their most ambitious trip so far this year, was to get to The Gap, and they asked for help from the OTMC as they didn't know a suitable route. A good turn out from the Club -10 of us and 11 of them. We started from McDonalds Road gate and then up Yellow Ridge in warm sunny weather. I must admit I was a little worried about some of the pink faces but with a few short rests we all got to Yellow Hut for lunch.

The rest was all very pleasant there but we encouraged them away and it was off to the Gap. Unfortunately mist came over, however it cleared enough for everyone to get a view. Soon it was off down the ridge to the Waikouaiti River where the ladies received a wetting from Tony and Graeme. The trudge up the last hill to the cars took the last of our energy. It was great to see the success of these people and they obviously got a kick out of a good hard tramp to somewhere new.

Many thanks then to the Phoenix Club for inviting the OTMC along on your outing.

-Ann Smith.

COOKING COMPETITION RESULTS! COOKING COMPETITION

There was a good turnout for this gourmet evening but only of vultures eager to get their fingers into the pickings. A poor number of only 4 entrants. The resulting fare however did more than redress the balance. You will do well in the pudding line on future tramps if you wind up in the food-partys of Ian Sime, Fay Cruickshank, Paul Olsen/David Barnes, or Ann Smith.
Here then are the winners' winning recipes. Many thanks then to Yvonne & Don Greer who adjudicated the event.

FIRST PRIZE — "PEACH MAREE" — By Paul Olsen & David Barnes

1 tbsp butter
1 tsp cinnamon
1 can peach slices
2 tbsp chop walnuts
1 tbsp brown sugar
½ tsp grnd. ginger
2-3 bananas
½-1 cup cream
1 tbsp sherry
icecream or sponge

Into a frypan measure butter and sugar. When melted stir in ginger and cinnamon. Add entire contents of can of peaches. Cook over moderate heat for 3-4 minutes or until syrup is reduced to half. Slice bananas and add with sherry. Stir to coat bananas with sauce then remove from heat.
Serve hot over icecream and/or sponge. Garnish with whipped cream and walnuts.

SECOND PRIZE — "5 MINUTE PUDDING" — By Ann Smith

1 can fruit salad
1 tbsp icing sugar
1 sponge cake
1 can reduced cream
2 tbsp sherry
2 tbsp choc chips

Empty fruit into bowl and top with sponge. Splash sherry onto sponge. Whisk together reduced cream and icing sugar. When thick, pour over the

A SPECIAL NOTICE

A meeting is to be held on 5th December 8pm at the GLENORCHY COMMUNITY HALL. This is to discuss proposals to incorporate the DART STATE FOREST and part of the RED HILLS area into MOUNT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK. Some support from recreational users of these areas is wanted to counteract some strong opposition to this proposal from the locals.

REMEMBER THE SUCCESS OF DART STATE FOREST MEETING WE ORGANIZED ON BEHALF OF FMC... BACK IN 1979...?

Don Greer is going up to the Routeburn area that weekend and he might have a spare seat in his vehicle...Ph PC-8093.

Also: Geoff Spearpoint 'Hillocks' Glenorchy, or c/- Parks Board HQ in Glenorchy has accomodation if required. Just cruise on in.

MEMBERSHIP AND PEOPLE

New Member: We are all pleased to welcome to our fold one Bill Provan, 14 Leckhampton Court Dunedin, Phone 55 443. This will probably come as a suprise to many of us: Bill's been round so long now we thought he was already a member! Happy Trails mate!

Missing Peoples: The copies of last months Bulletin which we sent out to Tony Bowis and Martha Vosseler have been 'returned to sender'; Does anyone know their whereabouts? If so then contact Henri our Membership Secretary.

Changes of Address: Rod Dickson, Empire Rubber Mills Ltd P.O.Box 19555 Christchurch.

Dave & Karen Craw, Geology Dept, Dalhousie University, Halifax Nova Scotia,CANADA.

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Well folks!; the rumours are confirmed -Graeme Buchanan has been seen working on S.H.1 between Waihola and Milburn. And his job? operating the 'STOP/GO' sign!

So pleased was he to see 'brother' Euan, that Bruce Mason has decided to stay on Codfish Is for a while longer... 2 weeks were not enough time for the lad.

Recently spotted: an arcane entry in the Port Craig Hut book from the pen of Alister Metherell; "Wairaurahiri to Port Craig 3½ -great time! (excuse the pun uh!)" And ever the jester, Alister entered a slide of the Canterbury Museum exhibits in the natural history section of the recent slide competition...!

Finally; A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Henri Rawlings for 1st December and congratulations on getting U.E.Accredited.

MINIMUM IMPACT CODE

The OTMC has its own latest addition to the Minimum Impact Code as follows:

"WHEN TRAVELLING INTO ANY AREA OF SENSITIVE ECOLOGY
WASH ALL SOIL OFF BOOTS & PUTTEES, BEFORE LEAVING HOME."

You've all seen gorse and thistles etc spreading along tracks and now these noxious weeds are spreading into Parks and Reserves.

- R.W.P. and Dave Manson, Homer Hut 14/11/81

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CHRISTMAS
NEW YEAR TRIP
to the

ALBERT BURN = WILKIN AREA

SIGN LIST NOW

Trip Leader: PAUL CLARK Telephone: 771 712

PROPOSED DATES:

DECEMBER 27 - - - 03 JANUARY

Trip Ideas:

WILKIN = CAMPING! ALBERT BURN - WILKIN
WILKIN - SIBERIA - YOUNG

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SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER

December 3rd — SLIDES SLIDES SLIDES