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The O.T.M.C. meets socially in our Clubrooms, 261 Stuart Street
every THURSDAY at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome - 30¢ at the door please.

Dear Folks

It's great to be overwhelmed with articles for this month's bulletin. Thanks for all the good comments - really gets me enthused. Please - this is your bulletin, so let me know what you want. A final plea - Bulletin Workparties are on the 2nd THURSDAY of each month at 6.30 p.m. in the Clubrooms. See ya there!

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O.T.M.C. TRIP PROGRAMME

MARCH

23-24:	Eyre Mountains (All Grades)	Dave Crow	739-400
24:	Haywoods Point (E)	Gaye Davies	(72)8723
31:	Rabbit Island Goat Island	Linda Mehrtens	(22) 695

APRIL

5-8:	EASTER - Stewart Island (E-FE)	Don Greer	(72) 8043
14:	Sarex	Stuart Mathieson	34-359
14:	Beaumont Railway (E-M)	Kathy Woodrow	(89) 4893
21:	Mt Charles (Family Group) Otago Peninsula - meet for lunch at Allans Beach.	Ken Allen	877-787
28:	Jubilee Hut (M)	Julie Cadzow	43-547
30:	Combined Clubs Rivercrossing Exercise	See Don Greer	

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Convenor - Jan Hudson

MARCH

4:	Easter Trip Talk.
11:	Bring Your Own Slides.
18:	Hydroslide.

**HEADING FOR
THE BUSH**

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NEWSFLASH!/NEWSFLASH!/NEWSFLASH!

Pre-Easter Social - Premier Social Event Of The Year

Date: MARCH 30. 7 30 pm FANCY DRESS
Venue: to be announced - see noticeboard.

NOTICE REGARDING O.T.M.C. WEEKEND TRIPS

There has been some confusion recently about the use of the Trip List system on the Club Notice Board, and the following points should be noted when signing up for a trip:

1. Notice of future trips is usually posted 3 - 4 weeks in advance.
2. Trip Lists close on THURSDAY Club nights, 8 days before trip departure - to allow trip organiser and party leaders time to make their arrangements.
3. Before signing Trip List, intending participants should talk to trip organiser about possible destinations and grade of trip.
4. Signing the Trip List commits you to pay the trip fare, if you withdraw after the closing date.
5. The first 13 places on the List are usually for a rental van, and later names on the List may be asked to make up car-travel groups, if there are not enough for another van.
6. Trip fare is indicated on the List, and should be paid to the Treasurer BEFORE departure. All non-members of O.T.M.C. must pay the fare, plus surcharge, before departure.

The Committee asks all O.T.M.C. members and non-members to co-operate with these points, to ensure the smooth and fair running of the Trip Programme.

Mike Floate
(Chief Guide)

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A WORD FROM SPEN WALKER

Gear Hire Convenor

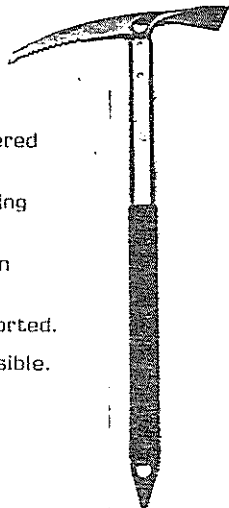
(Please Note Spen's New Phone No: 778-813)

The Club carries a range of items - tents, flies, packs, ice-axes, crampons, and a few slashers. At the moment, replacement flies for the blue flies are being looked at; this is a long-term project as, at the moment, running repairs keep the flies available for use.

GEAR HIRE RULES:

1. Hirers are liable for loss and damage to gear.
2. Gear hire hours are 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
3. Gear hire officer may demand a deposit on gear, if considered necessary.
4. Gear hire officer may charge call-out fee for people wanting gear on other than THURSDAY nights.
5. Impose an extra charge on those who do not return gear on other than THURSDAY nights.
6. Gear **MUST** be returned in good condition, and defects reported.
7. Tents and flies must be refolded **NEATLY**, with item No's visible.
8. Hirers pay for gear in **ADVANCE**.

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GEAR HIRE FEES:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Week</u>
Pack	\$3.00	\$6.00
Tent	\$3.00	\$6.00
Fly	\$3.00	\$6.00
Ice-axe	\$3.00	\$6.00
Crampons	\$4.00	\$8.00

FOR THOSE WANTING THAT LITTLE EXTRA SPECIAL ADDITION TO YOUR LUGGAGE

"M.S.C. has produced a large orange heavyweight plastic bag (2m X 8m), which it envisages would be used as a party bag. Larger than a packliner, it could be used as a survival bag, a fly sheet, a ground sheet, or an improvised stretcher. Available from M.S.C. at \$2.00. Our Club's complimentary bag is held in Gear Hire."

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COMBINED CLUBS RIVERCROSSING EXERCISE (M.S.C.)

A tramping exercise in rivercrossing techniques is to be held at OUTRAM GLEN, upstream from the Taieri River bridge, on SATURDAY, 30 MARCH. O.T.M.C. has agreed to provide the instruction for this event. Anyone interested in assisting, contact DON GREER. The Otago University Tramping Club is arranging a bus, which is to leave town on SATURDAY morning after the prior showing of a recently made local video on rivercrossing. Plenty of places are still available on this bus. After the conclusion of this tramping exercise, a barbecue and general get-together will be held. Should be lots of fun, and lots of people.



A hypothermia workshop will be organised for sometime during APRIL/MAY. It's likely that this will be held in the field - possibly in the Flagstaff - Swampy area, and every effort will be made to provide, as convincingly as possible, real life conditions. More details later.



A tramping mountaineering First Aid workshop will be held later this year. This also will be a field event - possibly a full weekend, and again the accent will be a simulatory real event type condition. Further details later.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Your big chance to buy, sell and exchange folks ... looking for that something special? Selling off to finance an O.E.? CLASSIFIEDS could be for you!

- Macpac Wilderness Torre Down SLEEPING BAG. Top model, full length zip with shoulder and head draft stoppers, very warm. Phone: Spen - 778-813.
- Cross Country SKIS AND BOOTS: All \$100.00. 215 cm Fisher Europa with metal edges and heel locators. Dolomite light touring boots. Dolomite plastic downhill boots - size 8½ - 9. Phone: Stu Mathieson. Home: 34-359 or Work: PC-8097.
- SLEEPING BAG: \$130.00. Lightweight Dacron, Mummy style. ¾ length zip. New.
- ICE AXE: \$80.00. Italian Chivined, 70 cm. As new.
- CRAMPONS: \$50.00. German Salewa - size 3. Fully adjustable. Phone: Tracy Abbot - 775-461.
- SLEEPING BAG COVER: Japara - as new. Phone: Miriam - 737-636.
- TRAMPING BOOTS: Size 6½ - 7. Phone: Jenny Mitchell - 741-414 or 772-438.



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The Powerful Leaf



On 9 February, five Club members spent the day on noxious weed control at Ben Rudds. This work was in response to a letter received last year by the Club, from the noxious weeds inspector from the Silverpeaks County. The inspector was concerned about the spread of gorse and broom out on Flagstaff Scenic Reserve.

Well, after a few good hours work of cutting broom and cutting gorse, and painting the stumps with Tordon, we'd made some headway on the weeds above the track from the Bullring.

However, there are still many hours work to do, and if the Club does not keep up the work, we may find someone else doing it for us.

BIG BILLS. Some of the work could possibly be contracted out, but this would only be appropriate on areas of dense infestation. Straggling spreaders should, and can be controlled by Club members.

The work on 9 February brought home a couple of points to me:

1. It's hard work and there are a lot more plants up there than is at first perceived.
2. It's expensive. Our little effort cost:

Rentals: \$4.00

Tordon: \$78.00

Total = \$191.00

Shears: \$60.00

Misc: \$15.00

Some of this is now Club property, like most of the two litres of Tordon and nine new pairs of shears. The lesson is that, to be a landowner requires commitment, even just to maintain the status quo, let alone make forward movements on it. My thanks to Bruce Mason, Dave Levick, Eric Lord, Ewan Cadzow and John Pohl. To those who missed - your turn will come, I suspect!!

Eric McKay

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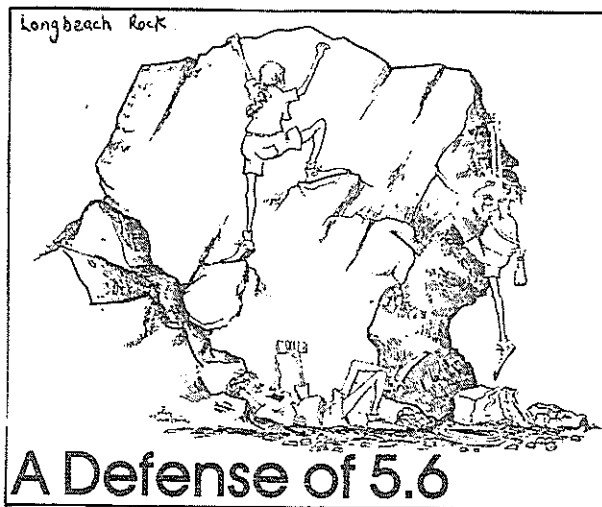
BOOK REVIEW

"Rockclimbing Guide to Long Beach and Mihiwaka"

compiled by Graham Love

Graham's guide provides information to route locations, names and first ascents. Detailed diagrams are included. This book has to be a must for the Club's 'rock jocks' and makes interesting reading for us other humble folk who have shakely crawled up 5.6 routes - maybe the Peach, Dumpkin or Rhubarb!!

Graham's book is available at the wilderness Shop.



A big welcome to our new Club librarian - Peter Egan.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP REPORT

PROPOSED SILVERPEAKS SCENIC RESERVE

A recent Clubnight on 28 February was spent discussing the proposed Silverpeaks Reserve. Ken Mason presented an interesting photographic view of the proposal, and Richard Pettinger gave a description of the geography of the area. This gave a good insight into the changes over the years. For example, Richard pointed out that the Silverstream catchment was almost entirely tussock one hundred years ago, and has regenerated to it's present bush-clad state in that time. The implication is that this sort of change could occur to other areas if they were left alone, i.e., without grazing, burning, etc. Imagine that! Bruce Mason led the discussion through a wide range of issues. The general feeling was that reservation will be the best approach for our recreational purposes.

The possible boundaries were discussed, and it was felt that a fairly large reserve would better preserve the area. The possible inclusion of water catchment areas was looked at, and perhaps the only clear conclusion would be that the issue needs to be looked at in greater detail. Lastly, ways in which the Club can contribute were discussed briefly, and these included guided walks, and historical and natural history guides. There is a lot we can do, and should do, and we will keep you informed of developments.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Submissions were made strongly, favouring establishment of a Ministry of Environment having legislative authority in matters of planning, controlling, and management of natural resources. This is seen as one of the more important issues of our time, being central to most New Zealand conservation issues.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

The following management plans will be discussed at our next meeting, so if you are interested, please come along:

- Fiordland National Park
- Westland National Park
- Hooker/Landsborough

MT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK

At our next meeting, we will also be looking at Mt Aspiring National Park management planning issues, and hopefully Roger Barrowclough, the F.M.C. nominee on the Board, will be able to attend.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be 7.30 p.m., WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH, at Bruce Mason's place - 9 Chapman Street, Wakari. Meetings are open to all Club members, and others by arrangement with the convenor.

Ross Davies - Convenor
Phone: 728-723
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BRADFORD'S HOLLYWOOD

To all those lovely folks out there who wrote me the glowing reviews of course I'll print them!!!

Dear Bradford

I love it!

D.J.B. (Ex-Ed)

Dear Bradford

Excellent!

Signed: Mike Drake, Heather Spence, Spen Walker

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Dear Bradford

A much more professional publication, promoting a better image for the Club.

Signed: A.J. McPherson

Well folks, there were just too many to print, so I'll include Ian Sime's winning note By the way, did you hear about the Prune Spitting Inter-club Competition at Locklinee Station, Kingston? They say that Lori is still suffering the effect from it!!

Dear Bradford's Hollywood

Congratulations on the new style February Bulletin. It is a compact eight pages, clear to read, and looks really professional. I hope you can continue with this format.

And on the topic of alcohol at the Clubrooms - I agree with Dave Barnes' reasons for opposing it. Also there are other reasons I believe why we shouldn't have it. Our Club is one which parents of young people can have every confidence in, because of the responsible way it is run. Smoking doesn't occur at our meetings, nor on buses on our weekends, and the same situation applies with alcohol. Nowadays, this is quite rare in sporting clubs, and must be a big plus for us. I'm sure the reason we have so many University people at the O.T.M.C., when they could more easily join the O.U.T.C., is just this same difference.

Congratulations again on your good work.

Signed: Ian Sime

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NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

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28 January 1985

Dear All

At last a long overdue subscription and letter. The cheque for \$30.00 should cover both the sub. and airmail postage of the bulletin. It would be good to have up-to-date news, and be able to enter things like the slide competition. Could you also let us have an O.T.M.C. song book - Ainslie is pining for a few N.Z. ditties! If the cheque does not cover this, let me know.

Since coming back here, I've been doing a lot more orienteering than for many years, though not with all that much success. There's lots of good terrain within easy reach, so the local club puts on a lot of very small events. We've also been doing a lot of canoeing - we've both got Nordkapp sea canoes, and use them around here, both on the lakes and sea. Problem with that is that it's very tidal, with hundreds of sq km's of mud exposed at low tide.

We've really done very little tramping, except for short trips with Kiwi visitors. Janet and Michelle stayed for a while last summer, before getting jobs in Scotland. This was followed by a phone call from Tony Bunting, who purely by chance, was staying with relatives of Helen in Ulverston. Since then, Helen has stayed with us quite a bit, though has now got a job in Oxford. Kiwi visitors are much appreciated, especially by Ainslie, who does feel a bit homesick from time to time.

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Our main trip last summer was in the canoes, on the west coast of Scotland. We set off from the Kyle of Lochalsh by the ferry over to Skye, and over the next few days, went up the west side of Raasay round Rona and back via the Crolin Islands to Kyle. The south through Kyle Rhea to Sandaig was made famous by Gavin Maxwell in RING OF BRIGHT WATER. The main tidal flow up the west coast is channelled through Kyle Rhea, giving a current of 6 - 8 knots!!! Needless to say, we went through with the tide each way, but even so, it does get a bit turbulent.

The skiing hasn't been too bad around here this winter. The autumn was very mild, with no snow at all until Boxing Day. However, since then it's been coming and going, but we've managed a couple of good days in the hills, and a lot of pottering about locally. It's great to be able to put the skis on at the front door and ski over the fields (paddocks!) to the pub. The landlord (of the pub) is fascinated by this continual stream of Antipodians - (especially since they are mostly female! - Joe's gone to answer the phone! I notice he doesn't tell of our paddle on Boxing Day on Lake Coniston, and the fact that he had to do a roll - intentionally!! Had better give over - boss man back!!!)

TRIP REPORT



Day Trip in the Cairngorms - Mid-October 1984

Janet Girvan, Helen Giles, Ainslie Lamb and Joe Sherriff.

Walked up Carn Ban Mor from Glen Feshie by the Allt Fhearnagan, watched by a large herd of red deer on the slopes of Car Ban Beag. On over A'Chailleach to Sgur Gaoith and Sgoran Dubh Mor in a cold northerly wind, with a bit of hail in the air. Down over Geal Charn past Creag Mhigeachaidh and Creag Ghiubhsachan. Janet was somewhat non-plussed by the lack of spaniards and matagouri, but made up for it by getting stuck in the heather. Leg length deficiency being diagnosed with confidence. Michelle chickened out of the whole trip, making the feeble excuse of having to work!!
----- You folk with the Scottish ancestry should be able to pronounce that lot!!!

Must finish off, as we're expecting Janet back again after her trip to Europe with Michelle, and I'll get thumped if she reads this! Also expecting Michelle and Alistair in March.

Looking forward to hearing from you lot. Anyone else travelling over here is more than welcome to stay. We're probably the only house in Cumbria stocking Vegemite and Silverbeet!!

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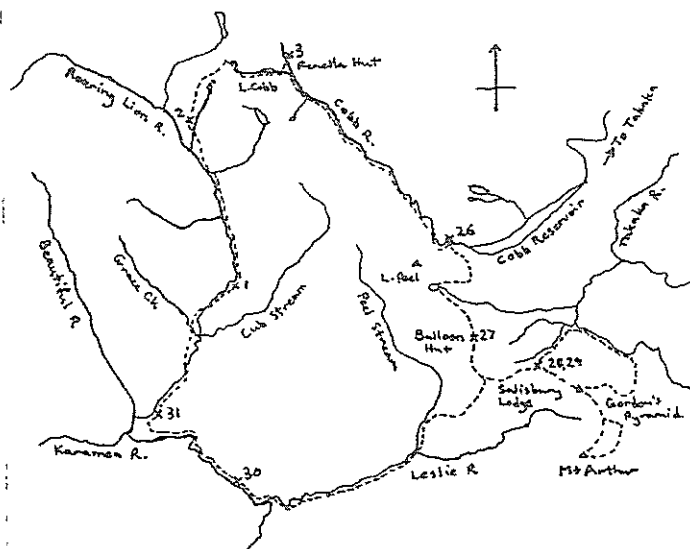
Spem Walker:	/15 Cumberland Street.	Phone: 771-813.
Linda Mohrtens:	136 Reservoir Road, Sawyers Bay.	Phone: PC-8878.

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TRIP REPORTS

ROARING LION AND KILLER SALAMI

N.W. Nelson - Tasman Wilderness - Larm Line



Christmas Trip - 26 December '84 - 4 January '85

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| Dec 26 Arrived at Cobb Reservoir | Dec 31 Three bends up Roaring Lion |
| 27 To Balloon Hut - first encounter with "Killer Salami" | Jan 1 To bend beyond Cub stream |
| 28 To Salisbury Lodge & up Mt Arthur | 2 1 hr up ridge opposite Discovery Creek |
| 29 Around Dry Rock & Gridiron Shelters | 3 Over to Fenella Hut via Round & L. Cobb |
| 30 Down Leslie to Karamea Bend | 4 Out Cobb Valley & heading home |

Nine days of fine weather and tramping, was the Christmas trip. People arrived at the Cobb Valley Reservoir Camping area after a long drive from Dunedin, which was to take it's toll. That evening, Trilobites were searched for, in vain, at the Trilobite Rocks.

The next day we set off to climb out of the reservoir onto the Mt Arthur tablelands (Recreational hunting area), via Mt and Lake Peel, to arrive at Balloon Hut early afternoon after a slow, hot travel with heavy packs. We had plans of reaching Salisbury Hut, but 'matter over mind' meant staying the night, due to an exhausted Kathy finding that Scroggin can come up as fast as it goes down! At dinner we had our first encounter with the Killer Salami. It was lurking in the risotto, cunningly disguised as ordinary, vaguely tasty Salami, but two minutes after eating, there was fire in our mouths and cold in our hearts, at the thought of more to come!

The huts in the area are free (N.Z.F.S.) and are equipped with gas. We then tramped over to Salisbury Hut, where we dropped our packs and Kathy, and went on a day walk to Mt Arthur (5090ft), which dominates the tablelands and is home of the Vettlebed Caves, the area being predominantly limestone, and so packed with potholes which drain all water, that this must be carried.

Next day, taking Kathy with us, we spent a day in the Flora Saddle area. The tracks are old gold mining trails, which are now major routes to the tablelands from Nelson for trampers and cavers. Time via Flora Saddle, Mt Arthur - 3 hours; Tablelands direct. Salisbury Lodge - 3-5 hours.

Heading off the tablelands, we descended to the Leslie and its confluence with the Karamea at 'K' bend, and camped below the bend. Sandflies at this point of the trip made their intentions plain, making life interesting till sundown. Several rocks partially block the Karamea causing damming, providing excellent swimming holes.

New Year's Eve was spent travelling down the Karamea on the True Right, to confluence with the Roaring Lion; this provided us with good views of the limestone bluffs along the river and the Garabaldi ridge, a prominent and impressive feature. Three bends up the Roaring Lion we celebrated New Year's Eve with Drambuie and fireworks! Trout, slippery rocks, wasps, N.Z. Railway tarpaulins, deer and goats, route-finding errors - always after lunch - and Killer Salami were features of the Roaring Lion.

Roaring Lion is now an in route, and the only area we tramped in that is in the wilderness area, though on its border. Well tracked along its banks by use and orange blazes left by the local possum trapper, whose N.Z. Railways tarpaulin-roofed abode we found.

Wasp nests should be avoided, especially by those following the trailblazer, who step on the nest and excite them for the next person along - sorry Jane!! I wondered what all the noise was about when you ran past - until I was stung! A night above Cub stream, then one hour up the exit ridge opposite Discovery Creek, led us out to the tops above Twin Lakes and on to Round Lake, Lake Cobb and Fenella Hut in the Cobb Valley, for our last night in the area.

The views from the tops to the head of the Roaring Lion, and the centre of the wilderness were exciting - a lot of good trips in there, and maybe Kakapo. Fenella Hut is interesting, architecturally, but is not very functional with a lot of people in it. Out the Cobb Valley in a Nor'wester the next day to the cars, and to make our way home after a most enjoyable trip, and we were glad to escape the last of the KILLER SALAMI!!

Spencer Walker for Jane Bruce, Kathy Woodrow, Jeff Aimer and Ken Mason.

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BURNS TRACK DAY TRIP - 17 FEBRUARY

The trip was a replacement of Roger James' Silverstream, and we might still have gone there, except that Jenny's car's exhaust-pipe condition was a bit delicate for metalled roads. Cloud rolling in from the north made for a mist that lifted and fell, but didn't seem bad enough to panic over. The track is well-defined, and those standards are still holding up well, and have made all the difference in keeping one reassuringly on course. On the return trip, the mist settled in more thickly, but with the standards we were never in any danger.

Must say the gorse is encroaching on the track, and we have the legs to prove it! Also, that wretched grass that hangs over a track and attaches its fish-hooked seeds to hairy legs, has badly infested the bush part of the track.

As it was a grade easy trip, we stopped for an hour and a half's lunch on the side of Hightop, and caught up on sleep lost the night before from watching 'War and Peace' and other activities. Sheltered by the flax and tussock, with the sun fitfully shining through the cloud streaming by around us, it was a pleasant time out from the week's activities.

Ian Fleming for Alan Eccles, Peter Gascoigne, Jenny and Keith Olliver, Janey Ross and Russell Stark.

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BUSHCRAFT '85 REPORT

Twenty-eight people enrolled on Bushcraft, and the Tirohanga weekend went very well. General consensus is that the smaller group "clicked" more quickly than any of us have noticed in other years. We hope the good weather continues for the rest of the course.

From Heather, Spence and Irene.

Ed's comments - be nice to hear reports from all you Bushcrafters.)

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INTERCLUB SOCIAL WEEKEND - LOCHLINEE STATION, KINGSTON

An excellent weekend was held by members of the O.T.M.C., Balclutha, Hokanui and Southland Clubs. Lovely hot sunny weather in a prime location overlooking Lake Wakatipu - great swimming. Saturday was spent in blistering sunshine, and several of us climbed James Peak for a marvellous view. Sunday, all pretence of friendship was gone, as we fought it out in interclub sackraces, volleyball, tug-o-war, boil the billy and last, but not least, prunespitting!! What a wonderful sight, but sad to say, the competition shield went to Southland, whose prunespitting has to be seen to be believed!!!! We limped into second place, with Hokanui loudly protesting about unfair rulings. Wait till next year, you lot!

Miriam Vollweiler for the O.T.M.C. sports crew.

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ALISON'S COOKING CORNER

A tasty morsel to complete our March Bulletin issue ...

PORK WITH SPICY ORANGE SAUCE

675 g Pork - cubed and packed at home in plastic bag
Margarine
1 small Onion
1 Green Pepper
2 Oranges
1 tbsp Worcester Sauce - take in small container
Beef Stock cube



Melt margarine and fry chopped onion and pepper for five minutes. Add pork cubes and fry for a further 5 - 8 minutes, or until evenly browned. Stir in juice of two oranges, worcester sauce, 150 mls of water and beef stock cube. Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes.

If wishing to cook a one-pot meal, add potatoes and other vegetables as desired, or cook separately if able.

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