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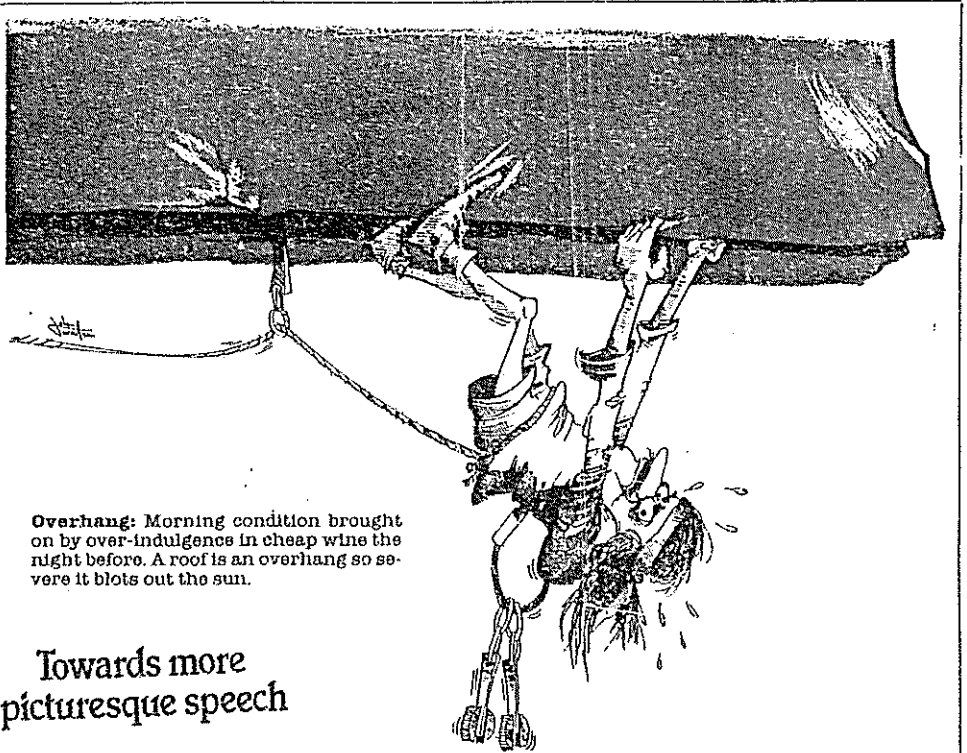
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Overhang: Morning condition brought on by over-indulgence in cheap wine the night before. A roof is an overhang so severe it blots out the sun.

**Towards more
picturesque speech**

An Alphabet For Mountaineers

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

Good to see some imaginative contributions coming in. However, where are the Easter trip reports, club social commentaries?? Do I have to resort to the usual editorial tricks of threats, bullying, arm mangles and abusive phone calls ... Anyway, a reminder of your role in the production of your Bulletin. I'd like the Bulletin to get feedback on the recent SAREX exercise. Happy tramping.

Editor-in-Chief



NOW SHOWING!!

O.T.N.G. TRIP PROGRAMME

MAY

- 26: **the mystery** TRIP!!! Ian Sime 36-185
- 19: Haungatuas (Family Group) Nancy Strang (89) 6394
- 18-19: Takatimus (M-FE) Richard Pettinger 772-010

Richard sent in a note asking me to do a SPECIAL RAVE about his FANTASTIC TAKATINUS TRIP. He wants to try to get enough of you Bods for a busload to go to Princhester Hut, Whare Creek and Redcliff Creek, with potential for F.E. type crossings, and also easy trips into valleys themselves. Richard promises trip previews two weeks prior to this expedition. So how about it folks ... Cheers,

Richard P.

- 12: Hill Stream (E-M) Mike Float (89) 5349

JUNE

- 1-2-3: Queen's Birthday: Waitutu David Barnes 738-223
- Visit "Bellamy's Country" and go and explore the place where all the controversy is about - the last remaining area of low and coastal bush. Port Craig, the Hump, and Horoko are all possibilities.

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N.B.: Please note interchange of Mystery/Hill Stream Dates.

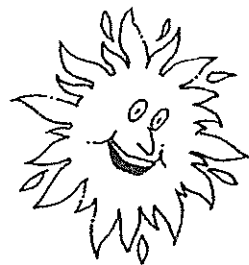
SKI WEEK! SKI WEEK! SKI WEEK! AUGUST 11-17. Sign up now if you want to be sure of a place. Cheeseman looks like a possibility - venue to be confirmed.

IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME...

MAY

Jan Hudson, our Social Convenor, continues to crank out excellent Thursday night entertainment.

- 9: Talk on climbing in Russia.
- 16: Olivines: Ross, Richard and others who have been in the area will be talking and showing slides. Also, Richard's rave on the Takatimus.
- 23: B.Y.O. evening. A chance to show off those Easter slides.
- 30: Club Debate.



JUNE

- 6: Mountaineering Talk
- 13: Ewan Patterson talking on the History of Photography
- 20: Skiing Talk
- 27 B.Y.O.

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JULY

- 4: Trip to the Observatory with a talk on Stars and Hoies and things that "go bump in the night!!"

Well folks, CLUB DEBATE time is coming up. "Fibrepile and Polypropolene - the latest and greatest in tramping gear." Be prepared to polarize your opinions and be "shoe-horned" into a team. Jan would welcome volunteers to oppose or support this topic.

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Easter social reports are all good. A great evening was held at Waitati, with everyone in imaginative fancy dress. The winner, Graham Johnston, was unable to be described - a cross between a "muskateer or something!". Nurses, Punk Rockers, Cloons, 6½ foot Arabs, etc. No wonder no one got home to bed that night! A ragey evening was had by all.

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BRADFORD'S HOLLYWOOD

Well, it sure looks like the O.T.M.C. has taken over the Mountain Safety Council, with Ross Davies as President, Jean Pettinger as Secretary, Ewan Patterson as Course Convenor and Lorri Meyer as Publicity Officer. Great to see Club members getting in at the decision making levels.

Big news, however, is the Club's WET TEE SHIRT Competition! A breakthrough in Club sexism ... ? Well, not really. It's Graham Johnston and Lorri Meyer organising a Logo Design Competition for the new Club tee shirt which they want to produce. So you design a slogan, and submit your entry to Lorri or Graham by the end of May. You could win a free tee shirt, and put the Club on your ~~map~~, sorry map!!

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Dear Bradford

As I've recently been typing up the Club Bulletin, I've decided I get to be first up this month!! Firstly, my apologies for having to use a lesser machine than my zappy little electronic this month (it's been pilfered by my No 1 daughter to type some student's boring assignment!). Secondly, a plea to Bulletin contributors - please help me lower my electricity bill by submitting copy for the Bulletin in neat writing/ printing on ruled paper, then I may be able to do my Cinderella act and not have to burn the midnight oil into the wee sma!! hours to meet the printing deadline. Many thanks (in anticipation!). By the way - you sound like a fun bunch of people who know how to really enjoy yourselves. Please sharpen up your penmanship for me, and I'll not only be truly grateful, I'll think you're wonderful!!

Margaret

Dear Bradford

I was really distressed to find that the Club does not give refunds, unless it is \$5.00 or more. Heck, that is a quarter of my rent, half of my food kitty, one meal at the Palms, over half my bill for rental of the phone, four swims at Moana Pool, heaps of chocolate bars!!! When one is surviving on a burs'y and a part-time job, I get slightly annoyed that a NON PROFIT-MAKING ORGANIZATION is going to rip me off. Don't know how others feel about it, but if it gets under your skin - have a stir, and write a letter to the Bulletin or the Committee. Maybe we can do something about it.

Signed: Bugs

Dear Bradford

What's all this, when I go on a tramp and find two folk in my party who don't have the basic gear which they need? I get a bit resentful lending out my cup and spoon! Don't party leaders have a responsibility to ensure that new people know what to take?

Signed: Brassed Off

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Nice to see Matt Sillars name featuring in the Southland Tramping Club Bulletin. He is now a committee member, and has been leading a few F.E. trips ... must be Anthea behind it all!

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NEW MEMBERS:

The O.T.M.C. welcomes:

Philip Jenkins	1 Kirkland Street, Green Island	882-861
Peter Egan	PO Box 6324, Dunedin	738-103
Jane Ferguson	340 Kenmure Road, Dunedin	34-026
Nichelle Williams	2 Trafalgar Street, N.E.V., Dunedin	737-814
Joan Merrilees	Akatore, RD 1, Brighton	777-840
Garry Nixon	29 Malvern Street, Dunedin	771-583
Daryl Thorburn	7 Featherston Street, Macandrew Bay	761-672
John Bevin	55 Tyne Street, Dunedin	741-111
Pam Cocker	3 Challis Street, Dunedin	45-995
John Robinson	66 Roseberry Street, Dunedin	30-816
John Pohl	428 Pine Hill Road, Dunedin	738-427

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Vicki Wicks	128 Waimairi Road, Ilam, Christchurch	
Barry Flamank	" " " " "	
Lawrence McKay	" " " " "	
Linda Mehrtens	371 North Road, Dunedin	
Lenore Jansen	35 North Road, Dunedin	738-131
Margaret McManus	31 Kelvin Road, Dunedin	737-848
Gaylene Wait	70 London Street, Dunedin	
Iain Middleton	" " " " "	
Tony Bunting	8/146 Kew Road, Invercargill	82-247
Bevin Blackmore	6 Bowler Avenue, Dunedin	36-125
Henri Rawling	" " " " "	"
Trevor Pullar	4/9 Albany Street, Dunedin	
George Crossland	8C Nile Road, Milford, Auckland	469-099

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O.T.H.C. sends its condolences to Glenda Swift, whose mother passed away recently. Glenda, our thoughts are with you.

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SNIPPETS

This article was in your recent M.S.C. Bulletin. Thought it was worth reprinting for notice, and to hear other Club members views on it.

SLEEPING BAGS

HOW TO CLEAN AND CARE FOR YOUR NEW BAG

Buying a Sleeping Bag can be a complicated and difficult process. With such a wide variety of styles and manufacturing techniques to choose from, you'd be well-advised to become an informed consumer - which calls for a lot of checking into such details as quilting, batting, baffles, and scrim. It should come as welcome news then, that the care and cleaning of sleeping bags is very simple.

The best method for cleaning any sleeping bag is simply to wash it. Use a front-loading commercial washer, cold or lukewarm water, and a mild soap. (Down bags may come out extra-nice if a "down soap" is used.) No matter which soap you use on a down bag, give the bag a second run through the wash for a super-thorough rinse.

Synthetic bags should be drip-dried, though they can be fluffed in a tumble dryer on very low heat. Down bags, if drip-dried, will have their down hopelessly clumped. So tumble-dry a down bag on low heat. It should take about three hours. If you are drying a large bag in a small home dryer, you should transfer it to a large industrial machine for the last hour, so it can attain full loft. Clumping should not be a problem, but if it happens, you can run your hands through the bag and gently break up the clumps. Then return it to the dryer for a short fluffing.

Do not dry-clean any sleeping bag. Dry-cleaning hurts synthetics by attacking their component resins and by stripping away the silicone finishes of the best synthetic insulators. Dry-cleaning severely cuts the life of a down bag by stripping the down of its fats and oils, resulting in oxidation and loss of resiliency. The bag will look lovely when it first comes back from a dry cleaner. But stuff the bag a few times, and cold spots will start to appear - because the down is no longer able to loft back to its original volume.

Between-trip care is simplicity itself. Put the bag where it will remain cool and uncompressed. Storage bags are available, though I prefer to let mine graze on top of my bed.

[Mike Scherer, writing in the March/April 1984 issue of the Sierra Club Journal.]

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It pays to enrich your word power

JESTING apart, there's no substitute for mastery of the language. Try this test of your skill with words, and then turn to page 16 to determine your score.

IT PAYS TO INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER

Ever felt that your climbing/tramping jargon wasn't impressive enough!? Here's a chance to phase any Ocker you meet at Muller Hut. Circle the correct answer. Results next month.

Scroggin

- a) Australian version of a scrum
- b) Something that used to have good value before it got to you

- c) A luxury you can't afford any more
- d) A mixture of nuts, raisins and so on

Tetrodactyl

- a) Pre-historic dinosaur
- b) New type of fibrefill mixture
- c) Something you can't afford any more
- d) Type of ice-climbing tool

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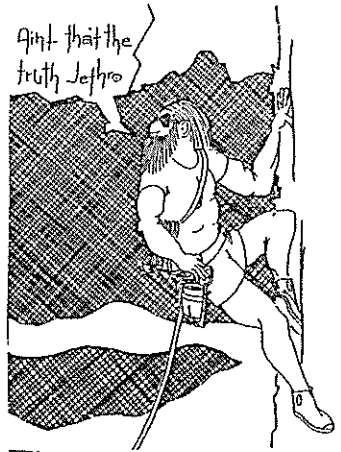
- a) A not-so-polite noise you make grunting up a pass
- b) A crevasse
- c) German daschound
- d) Something you can't afford any more

Arête

- (said in a high pitched tone)
- a) Don't know
 - b) Unidentifiable noise when unable to find a toehold while rockclimbing
 - c) Narrow ridge
 - d) Can't afford it anyway

Vibrans

- a) Climbers orgasm
- b) New brand of cereal
- c) Brand of rubber bootsole
- d) Still can't afford it



Vocabulary ratings

20-19 correct.....	exceptional
18-16 correct.....	excellent
15-13 correct.....	good
0-12 correct =	bloody awful

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hi! You lot,

What a terrible bunch of people you are to catch up with! If you have not shifted house/fla!t this year, then you are among the few.

But then again, if you have NOT PAID YOUR 84 - 85 SUBS, then you are 1 of 75 -(seventy-five!!). Anyway, your month should be nearly up by now (if you received an account last Bulletin) so, if for any reason you have not paid up by 10 MAY, please contact me on 772-010 and discuss it.

From my point of view, we have a bit of weeding out of the membership roll to do (regrettably). Some have not paid subs since '82 - '83! If you wish to end your Club membership, please send me a note of your resignation. The Club cannot financially afford to have non-paying members. Financial members have been supporting those non-paying ones to the tune of Bulletins, outdoors etc, postage, F.M.G.levy for up to 3 yrs.

As you can see, we have many new members coming on to the scene - welcome to the O.T.M.C. Heaps of address changes too (of course!). If you do change your address, please send me your phone number as well. The Post Office hands out little white cards for such purposes, and they make life easier than scrawled messages on backs of hands. Bye for now.

Gabrielle Oswald - Membership Secretary

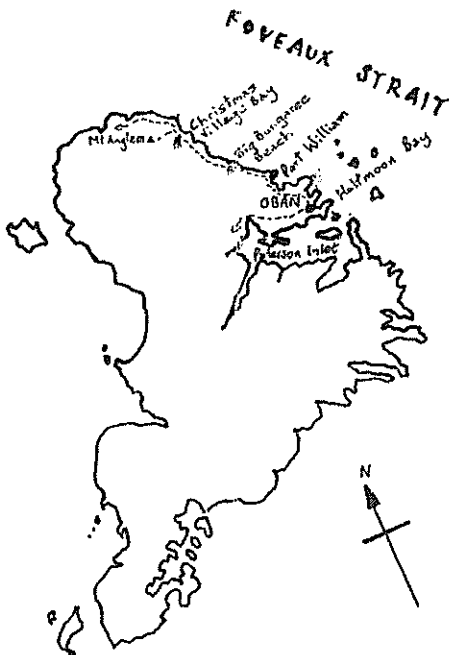
P.S. Has the Club always been Nomadic?

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TRIP REPORTS

STEWART ISLAND EASTER TRIP

STEWART ISLAND



The mention of Stewart Island led to woeeful tales of chin-high mud, endless rain and moth-sized sandflies. To those prophets of doom who didn't go on O.T.M.C. Easter trip, you missed out on a great time.

About 23 of us arrived at the [Invercargill] Showgrounds to be greeted by Tony Bunting, and real bunks in cabins, instead of the grandstand floor! Thank God for calm weather and pleasant crossings!! Normally a vile green at the hint of any wave, even I managed to keep my muesli down (!!) and enjoy the crossing. Then it was off to the northern reaches, after being told by the Forest Service that other routes were flooded and impassable. As for the mud, it didn't even touch my ankles - and that's pretty low! Our party decided to plod along at a leisurely pace, so took half the day to get to Port William, a pleasant hut near the beach, complete with wharf.

Next day, Big Bungaree hut was the destination, and many of our parties stayed there. What bliss to lie in the sun, and later watch a full moon rise above the sea. I!!! never forget the hut for its continually smoking fire; also the toilet, which was on an amazing lean (good aiming and orientation was needed by all!).

At this stage our party split; Sunday. Stefan and Bridgitte started heading back, while Fritz and I headed for Christmas Village (following rumours of fresh fish, paus and other gastronomical delights being obtained by Don Greer's devious means!). Like many, however, we got a bit off the track, and wasted some time finding it again, so only made it to lovely Murray Beach to inscribe "O.T.H.C." in the sand dunes.

Monday, we sauntered back to Oban to spend the night in a picnic area. On Tuesday we got a superb view of Patersons Inlet, poked around the museum, and of course, joined the crowd for a bit of ale supping in the local. Over the strait we sunbathed on the ferry, compared sandfly bites and swapped tales (did those parties really go up Anglem?!).

Lori Neyer for the Easter trip

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OKARETA

This Easter was a real change for me, as usually Easter presents an irresistible challenge to tramp into some remote part of the country. Not this year though, as I felt like making no set plans or schedules.

First, I borrowed the farm truck, amassed heaps of good food, a tent, some good maps and historical books of N.Z., and set off up the West Coast.

That's how I ended up in Okareta - a beautiful remote beach community on the West Coast. A couple of folks I've talked to, say this is one of N.Z.'s loveliest places, and I have to agree. Okareta is 12 km from the Fox Glacier township. There are few houses and bachs there, but the place has got such a good feeling to it. There are large tidal lagoons at Okareta, and they are the breeding ground for white herons and many other species of birds. Excellent day trips can be made along the coast to Three and Five Mile Lagoons. All this area is steeped in history - less than a hundred years ago, Okareta was a thriving boom gold town with 2,000 people and three hotels. It's hard to believe that ever happened when it's so isolated and peaceful now. Apparently, ships used to call at intervals, and the townspeople dug at the lagoon to form a port-type harbour. Wandering along the beach, collecting mussels and shellfish, fires on the beach and clear starry nights - has to be heaven!

Accommodation can be got at the Youth Hostel, which is an old school house, or at the Enfac. Hut. It's a neat bach with all the basics. To find out about the bach, you see the motel owner, who has the key. Okareta really is worth a visit.

Miriam Vollweiler

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BUSHCRAFT REPORT

"O.K. Irene, here's your party, so and so, and so and so, and so and so. It's a fit one, O.K?"

"Fine - no problems" ... hell, will I be fit enough? Better drag out the running shoes.

"S.A.R. is so and so. Leaving Clubrooms at 6.45. Arrange a meeting to organise food, where you're going, etc. So and so much for food. Give Spen a ring to let him know where you're going."

"Fine, see you later."

That's what it all starts with - what it ends up as, is a grunt up to Bodrick Pass - three others in the party without a trace of a blister, and their beloved leader has two beauties on either heel - blimen heck!! And I do this for the love of Bushcraft? - where's my sanity gone these days!!

Actually, it's all a bit of an adventure - will they remember to buy everything on the shopping list? Will we get lost? Will we get back out to the bus on time on Sunday? Will we lose anyone? Not me, please!! Will I be lying on flat ground or at a 30° angle? Will we be miles away from water?? - poor person who has to get it, etc., etc. Can I answer all the questions they ask? Oh well, if not, refer them to the bible - THE WHAT?

The bible - you know, the latest Bushcraft Manual we gave you on the bus on the first night - it's not too paper you know!! Did they remember their personal too paper, or will they use up all mine and leave me in a pickle!!

Let's see, how cold can we get practising the river crossing? This is my chance to drown the lot nad say, - "you see, you didn't believe me, did you?" I know!! I'm not making at all up, honest. I've been through it all before - I've done my Bushcraft - let's see, nine years or so ago!

Actually, to be honest, I had a neat trip with some really neat people, and wouldn't have missed it - could have done without the blisters though! No hassles that we couldn't cope with. Remember laughing, smiling, taking the mickey out of them (Gary), eating gingernuts and drinking cocoa before "candles out". Everything that makes a trip stand out in your mind later on, while reflecting back on trips.

Irene Pow for Katya Kohen, Keith Kendall and Gary Chambers

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HAYWARD POINT DAY TRIP REPORT

It was just the perfect day for a day trip as we set off for Haywards Point. Turn off to the right before you go down the hill to Long Beach, and you find yourself at Haywards Point. A really nice place for a gentle day trip, picnic, swim, or sleep in the sand hills.

We followed the track through the paddocks and the bush, down to the cliffs. There are a few seals and shags, plus a few ships just off the coast, waiting to come up the harbour. We contemplated what the seamen would be doing on such a lovely Sunday while we had morning tea. Wendy even had hot coffee!! Some people have all the luck!

We wandered from there around to Kaitai Beach where we had lunch, and certain people went to sleep. Philip and Wendy went for a paddle, before we headed up the hill overlooking Murdering Beach. It's a very scenic beach - well worth a visit sometime. We investigated an old abandoned house, now only inhabited by bales of hay and a few arm-chairs. We wandered back up the road to the cars, and then drove back to Roseneath for a cup of tea - just the thing to end a very pleasant day trip.

Gaye Davies for Stefan Pollmächer, Wendy Falloon, Philip Jenkins, Jean Pettinger and Ross Davies

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O.T.N.C. LIBRARY

BOOKS IN BRIEF

The Club currently maintains a diverse collection of some 500 books, covering many aspects of recreation in the hills.

Included are a selection of New Zealand Alpine journals - back to the 1920's - other Club journals, books on better tramping and climbing techniques, mountain fiction, and a range of epics covering virtually all continents. Books by most well-known alpine authors are included.

It would be hard to pick the books that should have pride of place, but I was pleased to see virtually every N.Z. mountain book I've ever read, plus a lot of the not so well known stories in Asia, America and Antarctica. There is also a small collection of alpine poetry for those so inclined.

Books are available before Thursday evening meetings, or by arrangement with Peter Egan (738-103).

This library is a real asset to the Club, and is there for all to use. To date, there has only been ONE book borrowed since it has been established, but with the on-coming colder weather, it is to be hoped that people will utilize it more fully.

Book reviews - anyone prepared to review a book for the newsletter? Your contribution would be most welcome.

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A WORD ABOUT DAY TRIPS

We've had a system going for years with our weekend trips, where we have a Dunedin contact person, but we never seem to have done anything about it for day trips.

Because of the way we run day trips - no-one knows who is coming until 9.00 a.m. on Sunday - it would be a bit awkward to tell people in advance who the contact was, likewise, to tell the contact person who is going, so here is what we'll do:

- The trip leader will nominate someone (flatmate, girlfriend, Club member, it doesn't matter who) to be contact person, and advise them when the trip is expected home. If the contact person hasn't heard from the trip leader by a given time, he/she will contact the S.A.R. rep. or some other Club official, who will then sort out some action.
- The trip leader will write the names and addresses of all those on the trip, and also the planned route in the intentions book, which will soon be placed in a meter box in the Clubrooms porch.

Simple, isn't it? There has been some concern expressed about how poorly prepared some people are for day trips. If you're talking to someone who hasn't done many trips, don't just say, "Turn up on Sunday and she'll be right!" Make sure they know what to bring - some people have been turning up on jeans and tee-shirts! Suggest that they ring the trip leader or me, and discuss what sort of trip it is.

David Barnes - Day Trip Convenor (738-223)

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Pahhera - Nepal
3.4.85

Dear Friends

Thought I had better give you an up-date. We have now completed our Everest Trek. It took 3½ weeks, and we accomplished our objective of reaching the Kahl Pator, and Bare Camp. Due to altitude, the cold was intense, yet below was a tropical climate. The walk out was quite easy, and we scheduled our stops at good lodges. All of us had enormous appetites, and spent more money than we had been led to believe it would cost. One particularly good feast was at the cheese factory, which had an excellent cheese pie, fresh bread buns and other delicacies. We spent on lunch, including lots of apple cider, more than what we were spending on dinner, bed and breakfast!

All of us were pleased to arrive back in Katmandu, after an amazing bus ride. They allowed us to ride on the roof, so we made ourselves comfortable and sunbathed.

Did a lot of eating and shopping in Katmandu. Unfortunately, as we were ready to leave, Janet got ill. On the trek, Janet, Sue and Andrew were ill for about a third of the time, while I remained healthy (Ed - trust Wybrow!). However, I've been sick for the last 24 hours, though as I write this, I think I'm on the mend.

We met Alister cycling along in Dahlore, but Michelle was flying, and arriving a couple of days later.

Later: Everyone is here now, and currently are relaxing on a boat in the lake - except Alister, who is vomiting and ... Four of them plan to start to Anapurna, while Janet and I may go down to Chitwau National Park, where Tiger Tops Lodge is.

Hope all goes well with you. Keep the Bulletin rolling out - we like the new format.

Regards, Barry Wybrow for Andrew, Alister, Janet and Michelle

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Sick jokes

David Barnes earns first prize in May's Dreadful Joke of the Month Competition

Q. How many Social Workers does it take to change a light bulb?

A. One, but the light bulb has to want to change.

Q. How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb?

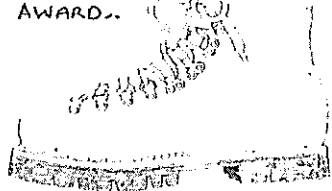
A. Four - one to change the bulb, and three to form a support group!

Dear David

I think you're getting at me.

Ed.

THE SICK JOKE BOOT AWARD..



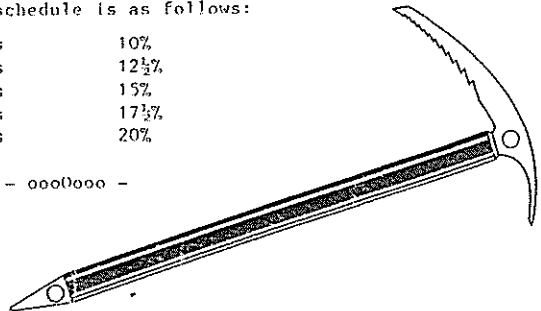
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CLASSIFIEDS

Here it is folks! The chance you've been waiting for. A.I.P. Sports have sent us a letter asking if O.T.M.C. members would be interested in a bulk purchase of equipment from their store. If you are interested, please let Don Greer know, and the Club will organize a bulk but list. Discount schedule is as follows:

Over	\$500	less	10%
Over	\$1000	less	12½%
Over	\$1500	less	15%
Over	\$2000	less	17½%
Over	\$2500	less	20%

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To Sell: One pair of MUMARI Ski Boots - brand new - never used. Soft lining, 2 clasps. Size 9½. If interested, ring STEPHEN GATHRO - 878-684.

For Sale: Double-skinned Climbing Boots - used only once. Have found they are now a wee bit smaller than my feet are. Size 44 (10-10½) - \$130 o.n.o.

PEUGEOT Touring Cycle - 23" frame, 531 DB tubing. Sound cycling for only \$950 o.n.o. Replacement value is over \$1500.

For either of the above, please ring BEVAN on 36-125.

For Sale: Sleeping Bag - lightweight Dacron mummy-style - 3/4 length zip. New - unused. (Macpac Wilderness Equipment) \$130 o.n.o.

Ice Axe - Italian Chouinard (Interalp Camp) - 70 cm. As new. \$80.00.

Crampons - German Salewa DBP -- size 3 (Crampon sizes) - fully adjustable to fit wide size range. Excellent condition. \$50.00.

For the above three items, contact TRACY ABBOT, 9 Grater St, Dunedin - 775-461.

For Sale: One pair solid Tramping Boots - size 6½ - 7. Ring JENNY MITCHELL - 772-438 (home) or 741-414 (work).

Wanted: Tramping Boots - size 7½ - 8. Please ring JANET GREEN - 740-999 Ext 8300 (Bus) 740-999 Ext 3247 (Home).

For Sale: Ice Axe - Annapurna - \$50.00.

Harness - Aspiring - \$30.00.

Both above items in mint condition. Phone TREVOR CHEW - 730-441.

Flat Mate Wanted: To share comfortable (for trampers, that is!) villa in lower Wakari - just over the hill from Highgate. Non-exorbitant rent negotiable. Apply in person to: BRUCE MASON - phone 67-509 (day or night) - no gardening experience desirable!

Flat Wanted (Preferably cheap!!): Central City or up to ½ hour walk from Dunedin Public Hospital. Contact CHERYL TAYLOR, c/o Cherry Farm Nurses' Residence - (Can't think of phone No. - just phone and ask for Nurses' Residence)

New River Crossing Video: A new river crossing video, made last year by Otago P.E. students, is available. Copies of this video are available from the Mountain Safety Council office.

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WHAT'S YOUR O.T.H.C. COMMITTEE BEEN UP TO??

Well the Committee continues to have all-night parliamentary sittings. Last month's meeting finished at 10.30 p.m., and that's an early release, I can assure you!

Snippets from Committee Minutes are ...

- Trip Programme for second half of the year is well under way.
- Correspondence received by Committee about inadequate clothing being worn by some people on Sunday Day Trips. Apparently, clothing list for day trips is to be included on Club front window blackboard, and weekly advertising of trips and clothing required will go in the O.D.T. and Midweeker.
- Outdoors will be coming out in May.
- OVERDUE SUBS. Gabrielle to "serve notice" on all those folk whose subs are in arrears.

- Ewan Patterson says climbing still happening on Monday nights.
- Gear hire is now set up in new room.

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PASTORAL LANDS - THE ISSUE

F.M.C. has been working for some years toward management and tenure changes in the South Island's pastoral high country. We are co-operating with the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, N.Z. Deerstalkers Association and the Acclimatisation Societies. F.M.C.'s Executive recently passed a resolution calling on Government to remove all high altitude non-grazed land from pastoral leases.

The Land and Its Uses:

The tussock grasslands on the eastern slopes of the Southern Alps cover approximately 2,600,000 hectares (one sixth of the South island) and in altitude range between 500 metres and nearly 3000 metres. The terrain is rugged and scenic and is used regularly by member clubs. Its recreational uses include climbing, tramping, cross country and downhill skiing, deerstalking, fishing, gamebird and wildfowl shooting, as well as passive recreation. The landscape seems natural with little human impact. Access has not generally been a problem with a few notable exceptions. Members may wonder why F.M.C. is making a fuss.

Tenure:

Most of the area is Crown Land leased to runholders. They have perpetual right of renewal, but are only legally entitled to use the land for grazing. They can cultivate, plant trees, form roads and irrigate the land subject to approval by the Department of Lands and Survey. They have no automatic right to freehold, but a proportion of the land has been alienated by a tortuous process of reclassification from pastoral to farm land and subsequent freeholding. Areas freeholded so far are generally on more productive land close to homesteads. In Otago, some upland areas have been freeholded because it was considered there was no erosion risk. Recreation and natural values were not considered. The Crown has rights to alter lease boundaries and take land for public purposes or Reserves. These rights have rarely been exercised. A number of changes have occurred during the past decade which cause concern and compel action.

The Prospect of Wider Freeholding:

Some runholders want greater rights to freehold. This comes from Government moves to increase their rentals several fold. There is also a trend towards more development of lower land. Farmers want the security of freehold before spending money. Government appointed the Clayton Committee in 1981 to review tenure. Their report favoured greater freeholding, but recognised that recreation and conservation values needed protection. The Land Settlement Board is still drafting policies to this end. These are intended to allow freehold of "land which could safely be used for sustainable farm production after the public interest in conservation and recreation is satisfied." The prospect of wholesale freeholding has receded, but judgements will have to be made about adequate provision for recreation and conservation before freeholding.

The Effects of Development:

Originally, the sole use was rough pasturage for sheep and cattle. Stock is being taken off higher, steeper land to prevent erosion, but lower lying country is being developed. Drainage is reducing wetland areas and use of fertilisers is causing eutrophication. More intensive stocking, especially by cattle, damaged the edges of wetlands, lakes and waterways. The replacement of tussock and associated shrubs with introduced grasses harms native flora and fauna. Farm forestry and plantations will have an increasing impact.

What Do We Want?:

Farming will continue and diversify. There must be a better balance between production and conservation/recreation values. The surrender of high altitude land (especially important to F.M.C.) will have little economic impact on farming. Development needs to be counter-balanced by the provision of adequate reserves (very few currently exist in the high country) and controls on land use close to waterways and lakes. This will have some impact on farm economics. The process of balancing production and conservation will involve value judgements and F.M.C. and its kindred organisations will need to continue advocacy of our interests.

Specifically we want:

- * Removal from leases of high land which is not grazed or unsuitable for grazing (Class VIII and Class VIIe).
- * Establishment of an ecologically and geographically representative system of reserves. There is a Government protected natural areas (PNA) programme to identify remaining Reserve requirements throughout New Zealand, but this must be adequately funded and staffed to be effective.
- * Control of farming practices adjacent to significant waterways, wetlands and lakes, to protect water quality and fisheries.
- * Access must be maintained across run land, not only to the higher land that we use, but also to lower areas important to fishermen and shooters.
- * Freeholding will close options. It should only be allowed after other present and potential uses have been identified and protected.
- * A new Land Bill is being drafted. This must provide a framework for more balanced use. The recent Environment Forum proposed a new Government ministry to administer natural and semi natural lands of the Crown. The pastoral high country should be included.

How Will This Affect You?:

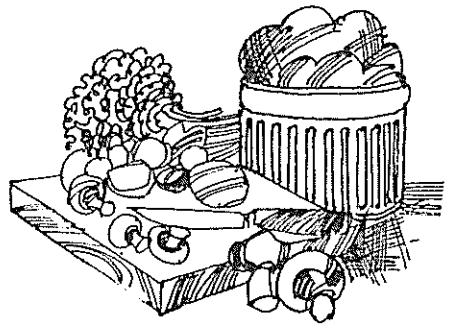
The pastoral high country is a great national resource which should be managed for the public rather than the private interest. Our advocacy may cause friction with run-holders. If you have access problems as a result, please let us know. Changes will occur if there is a clear public demand and support from individual members is important. Keep informed about the issue. Make your views known to politicians, the media and to runholders when you meet them.

David Henson
Pastoral Lands Convenor, F.M.C.

Here's a tasty morsel to end the May Bulletin.

JEAN'S OLIVINES HUESLI

All the goodies needed to give you energy to carry an Olivines' size pack!



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| 4 cups Rolled Oats | 1/2 cup Honey |
| 3 oz Coconut | 1/3 cup Oil |
| 1 cup Chopped Nuts | 1/2 cup Sesame Seeds |
| 1/2 cup Sunflower Seeds | 1/2 cup Ground Millet |
| 1 tsp Cinnamon | 1 cup Dried Fruit (any mixture) |

Mix all dried ingredients, except fruit. Melt the honey - I put the oil in a large cup and add the honey and stand it in a saucepan of hot water to melt the honey - then add to dry ingredients. Spread in a large shallow baking dish and bake at 350° F, stirring occasionally for 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and add fruit. Cool and stir till crumbly. Store in airtight tin.

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TRAMPERS ANNUAL EXAMINATION
SECTION 9: SURVIVAL IN THE FOREST

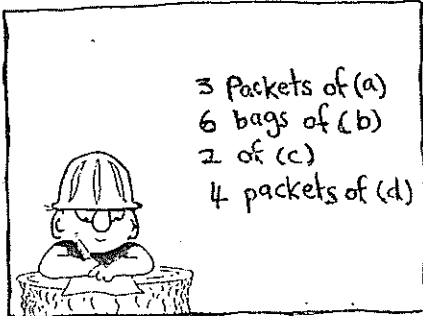
QUESTION 3: YOU ARE ABOUT TO SET OUT ON A ONE DAY TRAMP THROUGH THE FOREST. WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE TO SUSTAIN YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY.



- (a) POPCORN ?
- (b) WINE GUMS ?
- (c) CHEESE SANDWICHES ?
- (d) CHIPPIES ?



- 3 packets of (a)
- 6 bags of (b)
- 2 of (c)
- 4 packets of (d)



LATE NEWSBROADCAST

Wanted By Gearhire:

The return of Club Fly No. 2 (Blue). If you have it, get it back fast - Spen.

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Outdoor Recreation Subcommittee

Next meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 22 MAY at BRUCE MASON'S place - 9 CHAPMAN STREET, WAKARI. Club members interested in conservation are welcome to attend. If not a regular attender, please ring convenor, ROSS DAVIES (728-723) first.

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NOTE: Hypothermia Workshop coming up either 22 or 23 JUNE. See next month's Bulletin for further details.

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Day Trip Discussions:

Committee is looking at day trips, and Ross Davies has prepared an interesting discussion document. It looks at issues such as trip grading, clarification, introduction of trips to newcomers, need for newcomers to have adequate fitness and clothing. This topic will be discussed further at the June Committee Meeting. If you have any ideas/like to read Ross's document - see Mike or Ross.

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Instruction Course For Snowcraft Instructors:

People wanted to teach basic mountaineering to beginners. Possible instructors weekend course 15-16 or 22-23 June. Further details in June Bulletin. See Ewan Patterson - or phone: 772-010.

N.Z. Alpine Club - Alpine Instruction Course:

Queen's Birthday Weekend - June 1-3.

- Three day course of instruction in alpine techniques.
- Three levels of instruction - beginner, intermediate, advanced.
- Venue: Beetham Stream, Mount Cook.
- For further information see: Chris Knuls Wilderness Shop - 773-679
Greg Aimer 777-485 (Bus) - PC 7151 (Home)

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POSTSCRIPT.

Closing date for June bulletin news (views) articles is Thursday, ~~Friday~~ ^{May 30th} ~~30th~~. Please post articles to 42 Signal Rd. if Editor is not at club or phone 737-636 with info.

June bulletin is due out June 14th.

NEXT WORKPARTY JUNE 13th, Thurs. 6.30pm at club rooms. See you there.