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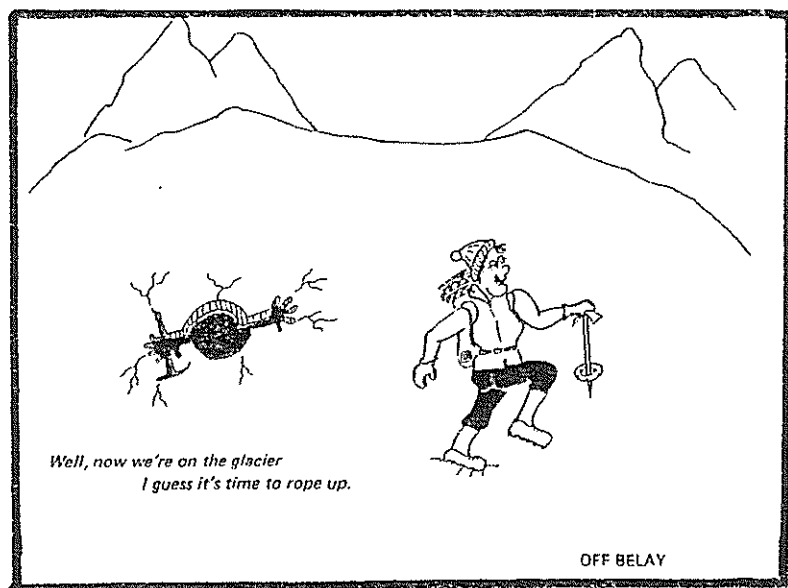
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SNOW 1



The O.T.M.C. meets socially in our Clubrooms, 261 Stuart Street

every THURSDAY at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome - 30c at the door please.

Hello Folks! (Resurrection really happens!)

This isn't my death knell - your committee has given approval to continue funding the bulletin production in the present manner. Your ten bulletins a year will cost out at approximately \$2.00 per person. The introduction of advertising may further reduce this cost (or keep it at the same level and offset price increases). I'm really rapt about this - hope you are. That's all this month. Lotsa contributions - heaps of them. Thanks.

Miriam Vollweiler

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NOW SHOWING!!

O.T.M.C. TRIP PROGRAMME

JULY

14:	Jubilee Hut (M) (144)	Janice Fitzpatrick	771-516
13-14:	Herbert Forest (ALL) (S146)	Mike Floate	(89) 5349
21:	Silverpeaks (M) (144)	Graham Johnstone	36-837
21:	Graham's Bush Walkway (FAMILY GROUP) Careys Bay through Graham's Bush to Organ Pipes on Mt Cargill. Meet at the end of Hall Road, Sawyers Bay at 1.00 p.m.	June Ferguson	34-026
20-21:	SNOW ONE - Rock & Pillar. (S145)	Spen Walker	771-813
28:	the mystery Trip (F)	Bruce McKinley	30-816
27-28:	Downhill Ski Instruction (ALL) (S124)	Alister Metherall	63-215



AUGUST

4:	Evansdale Glen (E) (144)	Mike Floate	(89) 5349
11:	Rocky Ridge (M) (144)	Anthony Pettinger	879-440
11-17:	Ski Week - Cheeseman (S66)	Greg Harman	(89) 5348

IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME...

From your "Queen Street Social Snoop" - Jan Hudson

JULY

- 11: Stewart Island Revisited - a look back at Easter slides (B.Y.O.)
- 18: Ron Keen from Lands & Survey talking on the Sub-Antartic Islands - should be good.
- 25: Alister, Janet and Michelle - talking on their overseas experiences.

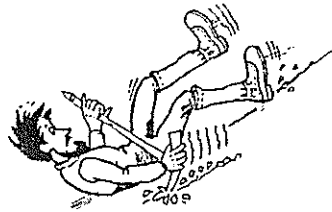
AUGUST

- 1: Club Cooking Competition - Yes Folks, a great night out!!
Get out those aprons, recipe books and wooden spoons This is a free-for-all - use your imagination, get out your best clothes. No restrictions except your imagination. Winner's recipe published in the Bulletin - WOOH!!!
- 9: Cycle Touring Talk.
- 15: B.Y.O.
- 22: Chinese Auction. Clear out under the bed folks, in the fridge, on the bed, in the sink There's a rumour that "cold tea" of your B.Y.O. variety is to be auctioned in large quantities!
- 29: Annual General Meeting. Interested in becoming a Committee Member? Interested in forming/debating club policy? All you stirrers out there - the A.G.M.'s your big night.
- 31: (Saturday) - Club Dinner. Yum! Yum! Keep your eyes open for details on this extravaganza - see next issue.

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SNOWCRAFT



During 1985 the Club will be organising a series of four weekend courses, from basic snowcraft for beginners through to alpine climbing techniques and glacier travel. The Club has good instructors, who have recently attended an intensive instruction weekend. We are hoping to have one instructor per party of four people, so you will get individual attention.

The four courses are outlined as follows:

Some specialist equipment will be needed. Interested people are advised to contact the course convenor prior to putting their name forward.

NOTE: SNOW ONE participants must bring their boots and crampons to Club on Thursday 18 JULY to ensure that they are correctly adjusted. ALL INSTRUCTORS - note that you are responsible for ensuring that crampons are checked prior to weekend of SNOW 1.

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snow 1

Course Convenor - Spen Walker (771-813)

An excellent opportunity to learn basic snowcraft techniques - self-arresting, walking on snow, using an ice-axe, using crampons, basic knots and ice-axe belay. If your tramping takes you over high passes which may mean some snow travel, this course is for you - a chance to have a great time.

Destination depends on snow/accommodation. The tentative plan is to go to Cardrona. This will be confirmed at Club as soon as possible. If not Cardrona, then the Routeburn.

Equipment Needed: Ice-axe, crampons, good windproof parka and leggings, gaters, mitts, sun-glasses, sun cream, and anything else you can think of to keep you warm. Equipment can be hired through the Club, or contact Spen Walker.

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snow 2

Course Convenor - Peter Egan (738-103)

To be held at the Old Man Range, and will provide an opportunity to learn how to build a snow cave, a snow igloo or a snow mound. SNOW 2 will be preceded by a talk on survival techniques in alpine conditions. This is a great fun weekend, and is a chance to find out how warm it is in a snow cave.

Equipment Needed: Winter storm gear, shovel/digging equipment, plastic ground-sheets.

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snow 3

Course Convenor - Ewan Patterson (772-010)

Probable destination - Gertrude Saddle, Darrens. Instruction of more advanced climbing techniques, and an opportunity to put into practice all the snowcraft skills you have learned but under more demanding conditions. Instruction will be given in snow stake belays, rope climbing and knots needed for this. Climbing with use of two tools - ice-axe and north wall hammer.

Equipment Needed: Ice-axe, north wall hammer, harness, karabiners (3-4), snow stake, slings, hard hat, crampons, climbing boots preferred, basic alpine clothing.

Please contact course convenor regarding equipment if you have difficulty obtaining it.

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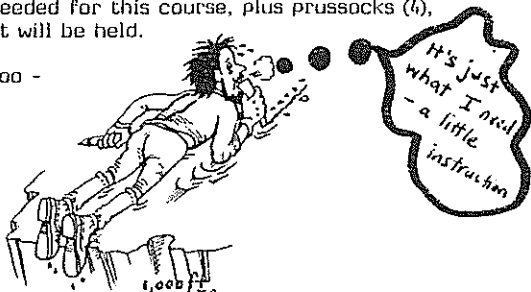
snow 4

Course Convenor - Ewan Patterson (772-010)

Destination - Barren Saddle, for three day weekend glacier travel instruction (there's a lot to learn!).

Equipment Needed: All equipment from SNOW 3 needed for this course, plus prussicks (4), and six karabiners. Pre-course instruction night will be held.

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BRADFORD'S HOLLYWOOD

News from Matt Sillars to say that he shifted to Blenheim several weeks ago, and is now Manager of Whitcoulls Blenheim branch. He says "Hello" to O.T.M.C. members and his address is now - 7 Grant Place, Blenheim (80-410).

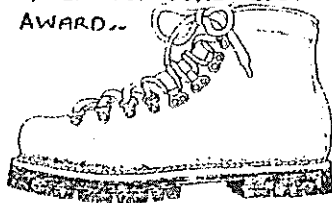
Overseas Section: Barry Wybrow and Andrew Powell are back in London - both are working there and having a great time.

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WET TEE SHIRT or design a Club tee shirt logo competition is still open to receive entries. Your last chance to create a design and win a free tee shirt. Contact LORI for details.

Club Cooking Competition - 1 AUGUST. A chance to try out some gourmet recipes and have some fun.

THE SICK JOKE BOOT AWARD..



(Prize awarded to all those folk lazing in the pit at one Snow Instructors weekend, Leaning Lodge!)

Q: What is the difference between an Aussie and yogurt?

A: At least yogurt has an active culture.

Q: What is the difference between true love and herpes?

A: Herpes is forever.

Q: How do you keep an idiot in suspense?

A: Answer next week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am rather disappointed with the new trip programme. I realise that most members do not want easy day trips, and can understand why there are not as many as previously. What is disappointing is that out of only nine easy trips, six are on the first Sunday of each month, which is the day that the Over Thirties have their monthly trip. This rather curtails the tramping activities of older and not so fit members. It would have been nice to have had the easy day trips on another Sunday - preferably the second or fourth, as the Family Group have theirs on the third Sunday. At one time, it was Club policy to try and co-operate with the other groups where possible.

Jean Pettinger

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Dear Bradford

Thank you Dave Barnes for the constructive letter in reply to BUGS. The nom de plume is a nick-name of long standing for Irene, hence that is why it was used - not to crawl into the woodwork, as was assumed (perhaps it's a sign of my age, and my length of time in the Club, that it is not commonly known - moan and groan!!). I wrote to the Bulletin 'cause I wanted to find out how other people felt about the rebate being increased to \$5.00.

Lots of love

Signed: Irene (alias Bugs!)

Dear Bradford **BODY WEAR**

I would just like to note my "disgust" at the rather pointed comment in the last Bulletin about the Club debate. All I can say to that rather rude person (besides, "pull in your horns") - just where were you when we needed you?

Jan Hudson SOCIAL
CONVENOR

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CLASSIFIEDS

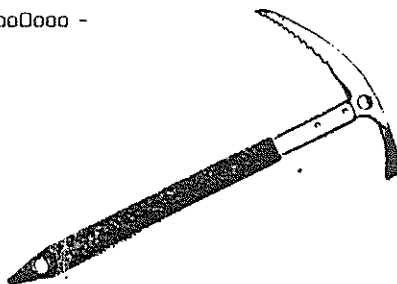
Flatmate Wanted: Good tramping flat in Belleknoves area - see JOHN ROBINSON or BRUCE McKINLEY. Phone: 30-816.

Flatmate Wanted: To share a desirable residence at Ravensbourne. Must have a sense of humour, and like doing housework. Ring BILL - 710-594. By the way, the rent is only \$30.00 oh, all right then, make it \$25.00.

Flatmate Wanted: Flatmate or couple wanted. Sunny room with a view in friendly Opoho house - furnished. Rent \$30.00. Non-smoker, in mid 20's or older preferred. Don't have T.V., but do have a veg. garden and a piano. Phone SUE or Graham (730-479), morning/evening.

For Sale: Trojan Tramping Boots. Almost new - only worn for one tramp (they are too small for me, and I've been offered another pair which I've worn for several tramps and fit far more comfortably). Size 4 - \$70.00 o.n.o. Contact ELLIE FOSSEY - Phone: 740-498 (Home) or 741-865 Ext 770/872 (Work).

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SNIPPETS

ACCESS TO LEANING LODGE - Rock & Pillars. Runholder, Matheson Kilmory, has recently upgraded the roadway, and he should be contacted prior to use of this access.
Phone: 024-26454.

BOOZE BAN LIFTED!! Mike Floate apologises for the error (hic) in the trip card - it should read, "Alcohol is not permitted on Club transport", rather than "on Club trips". (Yippee!!)

IRON MAN CONTEST Interested?? Entry forms available from noticeboard. OCTOBER 5th & 6th, Mount Hutt. Climb 500 vertical metres. Ski 500 vertical metres. Run 1,000 vertical metres. Kayak seven kilometres. Cycle 16 kilometres. (It's GOT to be good for you!)

STEINLAGER COAST-COAST Entry forms available from noticeboard. FEBRUARY 1st & 2nd, 1986. Run 800 metres. Cycle 60 kilometres. Run over 26 kilometres of mountain terrain. Cycle 15 kilometres. Kayak 67 kilometres. Cycle 70 kilometres. Interested?! (It's got to be REALLY good for you!)

N.Z. ALPINE CALENDARS 1986 Special discount for Club members. See noticeboard to obtain order form for 1986 calendar. You can purchase the calendar for \$8.50 - and save \$1.45.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY TRAMPING CLUB The O.U.T.C. have generously sent us a copy of their songbook and "ANTIC'S '84" magazine. These are in the library, and are available for lending out. Should any O.T.M.C. member wish to purchase the songbook, the cost is \$2.00, and they are obtainable from our Clubroom.

SOUTHLAND TRAMPING CLUB Trek to Nepal - the Southland Tramping Club are planning a trip to Nepal in 1986. They have sent us some preliminary details, and ask us to let O.T.M.C. members know that they would be welcome to join them. If interested, write to BARRY SMITH, 4 Arundel Crescent, Invercargill.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE JULY 13-14 - Cardrona Skifield. The course is being run by PAUL SCAIFE. Details available from EWAN PATTERSON - wilderness Shop, Dunedin. Apparently, this course is being run along the same lines as the Tekapo course, and is open to any interested persons.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY TRAMPING CLUB O.U.T.C. are holding a Snow Instruction Course on 11-17 AUGUST. Full instruction given in snowcraft/climbing instruction. Cost: \$90.00 for the week. Contact DAVE CAMPBELL - Phone:

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10th Anniversary Appeal Native Forests Action Council

FUNDRAISING

ENFAC'S 10th anniversary is coming up, and it's an excellent time to review the amazing achievements of this organisation. Did you know that 115,000 hectares of native forest has come under protection due to ENFAC'S hard work?

ENAFAC Urgently Needs Money. Their headquarters in Nelson are inadequate, and the lease expires shortly. They have the opportunity to buy a house in Nelson for \$75,000. ENAFAC invites you to contribute, by responding to their Jubilee Appeal. You can contribute by gift or loan.

Write to: Freepost No. 7, Native Forest Action Council, PO Box 756, NELSON. (Ross Davies, in our Club, can also provide further details and information.)

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OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP REPORT

1. SILVER PEAKS

Lands and Survey have confirmed the purchase of the area around ABC Cave, and the O.T.M.C. can take a lot of pride in this decision.

The fire-break road around Flagstaff from the carpark through the top of our property has been upgraded and may be improved further.

Does anyone have a photo of the Mountain Road area from Green Hut or Green Hill?

Possible routes for walkways in the Chalkies area are being looked at.

Draft Management Plan for the Reserve is still several months away.

2. HERITAGE N.Z. DEPARTMENT

While the Ministry of the Environment will go ahead, the Heritage N.Z. Department, intended to manage all Crown owned native forests, and non-farming tussock and alpine areas, is under serious threat. See elsewhere in this Bulletin.

3. CROMARTY HUNTING LODGE

Initial approval has been given for the building of this lodge at Cromart, in the heart of Fiordland at Preservation Inlet, despite the Club's objection.

4. ROCK & PILLARS

We are making submissions favouring a scenic reserve status for the top of the Rock and Pillar Range, and supporting surrender of the top part of one expired lease on the range.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 31 JULY, at 9 Chapman Street (Bruce Mason's place). All Club members welcome, but if you are not a regular, please let me know first. Others who would like to attend, please contact me also.

6. THANKS

Thanks to Miriam for the good coverage given to O.R.G. throughout the past year, and for chasing me up when needed. The June meeting was attended by twelve keen people - our best turnout for the year. It is good to see so many willing to help (or is it just the suppers?!).

Ross Davies - Convenor
Phone: 728-723 (home) 779-151 (work)

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

"KONGUR - CHINA'S ELUSIVE SUMMIT" Chris Bonington

Central Asian areas have long been the ambition of many Himalayan climbers. In the 1980's, the Chinese Mountaineering Association started to open some of the many peaks to foreigners.

The British Mt Kongur expedition was the first to be allowed into China; it's choice was a 7.719 metre peak in southern Xinjiang province. It's purpose was two-fold - to combine a four man alpine-style ascent of one of the world's highest unclimbed peaks with the research of a four man scientific team into oxygen-lack related illness. Well, that's the hype from the dust jacket. To be honest, this book is good reading, well laid out and presented with excellent photos (for those of you who cannot read!). Chris Bonington gives us an insight into the people of the region, the cultures, animals, plants and history, and naturally, the climbing. Great bedtime reading. - Yes, our Club library has it, as does the Public Library.

Spec Walker for Chris Bonington -

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SNIPPETS

from "ELECTRONICS" Australian magazine - April 1985
sent in by John Robinson

Talking rope for climbers



A mountaineering rope that carries an integral communications cable has been developed by a British manufacturer. The Elite Contact 2000 talking rope system utilises a climbing rope, tested to 2200kg, in which is a spirally coiled cable, allowing it to be stretched knotted and shocked loaded without loss of transmission. The basic system consists of two individuals linked together via the rope. Each man wears a throat microphone and a hardhat with a built-in headset. Communication is possible up to 4 kilometres.

Ropes come in lengths of up to 300m and are joined electrically by special linking connectors.

The communications system can be extended by special junction boxes which allow two-way communication between a team of workers. And several teams can be linked together through a terminal unit which allows a central supervisor to oversee the operations.

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STOP PRESS.

O.T.M.C. COMMITTEE NEWS/ACTIVITIES

Your hardworking Committee met on MONDAY 10 JUNE, and got through lots of business.

Mike Floate, Chief Guide, has compiled an indexed folder with 173 tramping leaflets. An excellent resource to find out details and information on tramps in areas which you are thinking of visiting. The folder is held in the Club library.

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The Committee sent the following telegram to P.M. Lange:

"The D.T.M.C. (271 members) is deeply concerned as to the intention indicated by a N.Z. TIMES article not to proceed with the Nature Conservancy. We remind you that the proposed measure is part of your party's election policy, and urge you to honour this election pledge. We regard it as an essential part of the Nature Conservancy that management control of indigenous forests be removed from the N.Z. Forest Service and vested in the Conservancy, and that this Conservancy also has control over non-pastoral Crown Lands."

Jan Hudson is busy organising the Annual Dinner, and is exploring interesting-sounding possibilities, with a difference in style from latter years.

Don Greer advised the Committee that the M.S.C. will now fund instructors on courses to a present level of \$800.00.

Bulletin costed out at approximately \$2.00 per Club member, with 10 Bulletin postings per year. The Committee approved costing and the continuation of the present Bulletin production methods.

OUTDOORS IS OUT The committee is raving over results, and congratulations made to Gabrielle. Gabrielle's hard work in finding advertising, has meant that all Bulletin costs were covered - that's a tremendous achievement.

Committee will appoint a First Aid Officer for the Club. This person will be responsible for training, and all matters pertaining to First Aid. There will be a feature article about this in the August Bulletin.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY 29 AUGUST, 1985 - 7.30 p.m. at the Clubrooms. Nomination forms are available near the Trip List notice board, or from the Secretary, Ross Cocker. You are reminded that only financial members of the Club can nominate/be nominated. Nominations, along with any Notices of Motion, will close with the Secretary, Ross Cocker (45-995), no later than 14 AUGUST, 1985.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: These people have not paid their subs, and their names have been struck off the Club Roll. If you wish to rejoin - you know what needs to be done. Please check if your name is here.

Gary Abernethy
Bruce Chapman
Ross Flamank
Janene Mussen
Alan Nees

Russell Barrett
Robert Colvin
Chris Knol
Lawrence McKay
Diane Neilson

Kathy Dick
Stuart Lanham
Steve Lewis
Russell Stark

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MYSTERY TRIP - 26 MAY

A fine calm day when eight people travelled to Silverpeaks Station at the end of Hindon Road. After 90 minutes on the up and down 4-wheel drive track, Michelle guessed the three mystery sites to be visited, and shared her choc. block prize around the party.

1. Homestead Hut - old run hut, once lit by electricity, three bunks, windows now all replaced.
2. Jubilee Hut - lunch in the sun by the creek, and a one hour rest.
3. Mt John Hut - window still out.

Home at 5.30 p.m.

Diane Harper, Philip Jenkins, Graeme Loh, Sue Maturin, Ian Middleton, Ian Sime, Gaylene Wait and Michelle Williams.

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ORBELLS CAVE - THE DAY TRIP THAT WASN'T



Sunday 23 June - off to the Clubrooms in the cold and rain; weatherman says it's snow down to 800m, so I'm wondering who will be foolish enough to turn up. Michelle and Philip, that's who!! I'm keen for some fresh air, so after a quick 'doom forecast', we set off. Out the back of Cherry Farm as we approached Buckland's Crossing, rain, and a cold wind, plus more than a skiff of snow could be seen, not to mention a petrol gauge showing next to nothing left, so it was back to Waikouaiti, where the pumps were all closed!!

Our intrepid driver thinks we can make it there and back with no fuel (we'll get some off a farmer, she cries!), but I've lost my appetite for fresh air in exposed conditions, so it's off over the Kilmog (hopefully) to Evansdale petrol station, then over the old Mt Cargill road home, with thoughts of, "why didn't I stay in bed?!" I always thought that Dunedin got the worst of the weather around - now I know it!

Spent walker for Philip Jenkinson and Michelle Williams

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FAMILY TRAMPING GROUP TRIP REPORT - SIGNAL HILL - SUNDAY 16 JUNE

The organisers of the Family Tramping Group have been a long time in lowering their sights to arrange a trip up that large hunk of hill - Signal Hill on the north eastern edge of the city - seen by many of us from our windows at home or work. But last Sunday, 54 adults and children, ranging in age from 79 down to four years, set off up through Palmer's Quarry on a beautiful, warm winter's day to trek up to the Centennial Memorial.

The sea looked inky-black, with the view over the city and distant hills being clearer than on most summer days. It was a free-for-all on the way down, when we split into several groups, each one taking a different track. Our lot touched down near the tennis courts at Logan Park High School.

Marie McDonald



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POWDER RIDGE / CHALKIES DAY TRIP

Sunday 9 June 1985, dawned cloudless, and stayed that way for the rest of the day. I arrived at the Clubrooms at 8.45 a.m. with some trepidation, to lead my first Day Trip, expecting hundreds of people to be milling about on the footpath waiting for me to arrive. I was happy enough to be greeted by a friend, Keith, whom I had invited to give me some moral support. Slowly, the rest of the party arrived, and after checking that everyone had adequate gear, nine of us left for the Waiora Road end at 9.00 a.m.

We soon discovered that Graham knew more than most of us (put together!) about bird life in the bush - later he produced a piece of polystyrene which he rubbed against a piece of wet glass, to produce a squeaking sound that soon had us surrounded with untold species of birds. I was particularly impressed to see four bellbirds trying to shout each other down in a small tree just a couple of feet above our heads. By the end of the day we (he) had sighted Brown Creepers, Grey Warblers, Tomtits, Waxeyes, Bellbirds, Robins, Pipits, Blackbirds, Wood Pigeons, Fantails, heard a Fern Bird (on Long Ridge), and sighted two lots of the feathered remains of Falcon fodder.

It took two hours for us to climb the full length of Powder Ridge, and we spent almost all of this time on a well-formed track tramping through strongly growing natives. We lunched where Powder and Long Ridges join, and although it was quite exposed there, we easily sheltered just below the ridge line in the large tussocks. Our lunchtime vista included Mt Alan, Painted Forest, Silver Peak, Pulpit Rock, Green Hill, some of Green Ridge hightop through to Swampy Summit, and the magnificently forested Silver Stream catchment area. A two hour jaunt took us the full length of Long Ridge Road (which at it's southern end probably only needs sealing and a white line to qualify for Grade 1, two-lane highway status). Such a vast area of pines have been planted by Tasman on the northern facing slopes of Long Ridge, in 2-4 years we will not be able to see any of the Big Stream area over the tops of these young pines.

We were glad to get back amongst the scrub, tussock and spaniard as we bashed our way up the southern side of Chalkies Hill. The area on top of Chalkies has been fenced and de-stocked and the growth of the tussock particularly, contrasts with the neighbouring paddocks which are being grazed by sheep and cattle. The view from above the Chalkies Bluffs was just as magnificent as our lunchtime stop. We could more easily see the length of Powder Ridge which from here appears to dominate as the centrepiece of the catchment area. Further afield, we could clearly see the Club's pine plantation on Flagstaff, Mosgiel and the full extent of the Taieri Plains, the Maungatua, snow-tipped Lammerlaws and snow-topped Rock & Pillar Ranges. Truly a magnificent view point.

A short stop at the small "Bivvy Rock" by the Chalkies, then down the well worn Chalkies Track until we suddenly burst out onto the vulgar scene of a large area of felled and burned off bush, which apparently is soon to be planted out in pine. Down a steep logging track and back at the cars at 4.00 p.m. Those of you who did not accept my invitation to come today, should make the most of any opportunity that comes your way to take this walk before the view from Long Ridge completely disappears below featureless *Pinus Radiata* which has been planted right up to the shoulder of the Long Ridge Road.

Ross Cocker, for those who did enjoy today's walk - Keith Vaughan, Philip Jenkins, Beate Kamrad, Doug Forrester, Gaylene Waite, Stu Mathieson, Gemma Mathieson and Graham Lowe.

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Some tasty morsels to end the JULY Bulletin.

ALISON'S VEGETABLE STEW

2 Med. Onions	3 Cloves Garlic
2 Med. Potatoes	3 Carrots
2 Stalks Celery	1 Eggplant
2 Sm.- Med. Zucchini	1 Stalk Fresh Broccoli!
3 Fresh Tomatoes	½lb Mushrooms
3 Tbsp Tomato Paste	1 Tsp Dill Weed
Salt and Pepper	Butter for Saute
Macaroni	



Slice onions, garlic, potatoes and eggplant, and saute in butter. Salt and pepper lightly. Slice celery, broccoli and carrots, and add when potatoes begin to get tender. Steam until all vegetables begin to be tender, then add zucchini, tomato paste, mushrooms and dill. Add macaroni, cover and simmer for about 10 minutes.

Vegetables can be altered as desired - variety makes the dish more interesting - as does dill.

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AUGUST BULLETIN - Closing date for contributions - 1 AUGUST.

BULLETIN WORKPARTY - 15 AUGUST - 6.30 p.m. at Clubrooms.

(Please come and help - it's fun, and an easy companionable time.)

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