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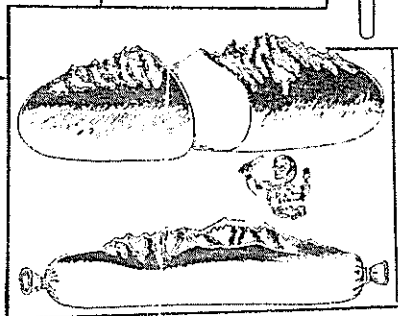
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The O.T.M.C meets socially in our Clubrooms, 261 Stuart Street
every Thursday at 7.30 p.m

ALL welcome - 30c at the door please

THE ALPINE AFFAIR

Welcome to the month of NOVEMBER. This month's effort is full of full of all sorts of facts and figures but too much is never enough so keep those contributions rolling in.....

CHEERS JAN

P.S If I left your name; address or any other vital statistic out of last month's bulletin all I can say; in the immortal words of the Netherworld Dancing Toys:.....
"THINGS CAN ONLY GET WORSE"

THIS WEEK

O.T.M.C TRIP PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 17 3 O'clock Creek (M) Graeme Buchanan 730-553

 17 Burns Saddle (Family G) Lyall Campbell 710-545

16-17 MT Cook (M-C) 579 Lori Meyer 42-530

 24 Yellow Hut-Gap (F) Irene Pow 730-351

30-1 Temple-Maitland (All) Ross Cocker 45-995

He's not just a pretty face folks! (from the lips of the Chief Guide). Guaranteed good trips into the Maitland, Temple or Huxley.

DECEMBER 1 Organ Pipes-Grahams Bush Yvonne Greer 72-8043

 8 Mystery Trip (M) Graham Johnstone 36-837

7-8 Hollyford-Darrens (M-FE) John Pohl 738-427

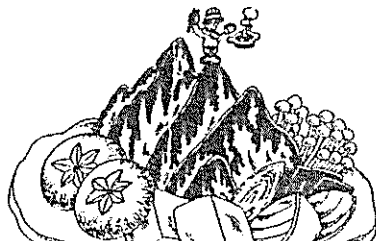
14 PRE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL Alison McPherson

Dec. 7-8th Hollyford -Darrens:

This is your last chance to get out of town for a weekend

in the hills before Christmas-Great tramping for all grades.

THE CHRISTMAS TRIP: Dec. 26th-2nd (7th) January Arthurs Pass-Lewis Bruce McKinlay is leading this trip and wants some ideas about trips that people want to do etc....so either sign this list on the board at Club or give Bruce a ring on 772-836.



ON THE COMMITTEE SCENE

Don Greer will be replacing Tony Preston as Huts and Maintenance person. You may well ask why?...Well, Tony is turning "professional" and is going to work as a guide on the Greenstone Track.

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES FROM US ALL

SITUATIONS VACANT

Treasurer: Dave is leaving us at the end of the year (boo hoo!). This job is a vital one—any volunteers please ring Mike (89-5349) or Dave (63-215)

Publicity: We haven't had one of these since the A.G.M. Any volunteers contact Mike or any committee member.

Committee Telephone Numbers Left Off Last Month's List:

Richard 774-737
Bill 710-594
Don P.C.-8043
Irene 730-351

The Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club are running a
ROCKCRAFT COURSE

On the 16-17th of November Simon Cox will be running a rockcraft course for the N.Z.A.C. This course is designed as an immediate course for people who have done a little rockclimbing (i.e. those who can lead a grade 14 or higher, and know how to belay, place protection, etc) and want to improve their technical ability.

WHO TO CONTACT?

Ring Simon Cox at Dunedin 73 7-512 between 6 and 7pm or write to him c/-The Geology Department, University of Otago, P.O. BOX 56, Dunedin.

Applications should reach Simon no later than November 10th, and people will be contacted on November 12th. Numbers are limited and pupils will be selected in order of receipt of their application.

WOODSMEN'S ANNUAL EXAMINATION SECTION 12: NATURAL HISTORY.

QUESTION 2:

I AM A PRICKLY CUSTOMER.
I SLEEP ALL DAY,
LIKE TO DINE OUT AT NIGHT
AND LOVE EATING SNAILS.
I AM A CHARMING CREATURE,
BUT A NUISANCE ON THE ROAD.
WHAT AM I ?



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TRIP REPORT

MOON TRACK TO SWAMPY SPUR ON THE 3rd of November

Sunday dawned fine (the way it usually does when you've had a hard night out, too much food and a hangover) which is okay-except when you're leading an O.T.M.C. day trip. So, nothing less than a holocaust is going to stop this one-might as well get up.

Seven bods thus headed up to the top of Leith Valley to where Nicholls Creek is. Once packed and booted we headed off up the track till it went in one direction and we decided to follow the creek gorge. A pleasant surprise was to come with a steep, high sided bushy gorge which in places was a most enjoyable grovel till we reached the falls and the track proper.

Ruth was heard to say-"And this is a 'E' trip!"; along with John-Bevin who was recovering from his broken leg who declared -"That it was good that we did what we had just done as I certainly wouldn't have done it on my own"-or something like that.

A mixed day of gorse grovelling, tussock tripping and bush bashing was accomplished during our circ round swampy to swampy spur (lunch) and down thru bush to the edge of the motorway.

Two fellow bush walkers hitched to of us back to our cars to save a four mile road walk. We returned (lucky for them) just as the rain started to fall on the others.

It was back to town and for two of us a booze up, tea at the Palms and a double feature at the Civic.

HERE'S TO GETTING UP EARLY

Gabrielle for Phil Jenkins, Ruth Brown, Jean Pettinger, John Bevin (the big cheese), Steve Cathro and Richard Pettinger.



WARNING: "MOUNTAIN MADNESS"

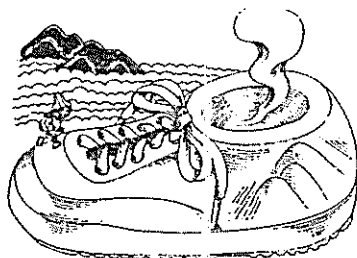
On Sunday February the 2nd (Club picnic day) we're running this Summer's replacement for the Marathon:

"MOUNTAIN MADNESS"

It's simple (according to D.B.)-run like quote "hell" from Bethunes Gully to Graham's Bush (via the Organ Pipes) and BACK!!!!-with your boots on..

T.L. Beggs are putting up a pair of boots so there will be a draw amongst the finishers for this prize.

The snag: the winner has to evaluate the boots and let Beggs know how they go!



Tells All

SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

The team have been hard at work and have come up with heaps of neat ideas such as.....

NOVEMBER 7th First Aid with Graham Johnston

14th First Aid with Graham Johnston

Come along and see "Dr." Graham in action and learn how it's really done.

21st Eva Ning is to talk on China. Sounds like a great talk so see you there.

DECEMBER 5th B.Y.O-Your chance to put those "tips" into practice.

AND NOW THE NEW S THAT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR.

The Pre-Christmas Social is on the 14th of DEC.
at the Pukekura hall.....Further information
re.times etc. is on the way.

P.S.The hall is directly opposite the turn-off to Larnach's Castle.

P.S.We have permission to pitch tents so come prepared for a long night.

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This is once again empty..Please ,please ,PLEASE ..Some feedback would be nice!
To all you letter writers in the Club I charge you to get cracking and put those pens to paper.

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THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE



WAIKAPUWA TRAILING SOCIETY

FOR RUNNERS,
TRAMPERS,
ORIENTEERS,
OUTDOOR
ENTHUSIASTS
22/23 February 1986

A two day test of route finding and stamina with competitors, in pairs, making their way around a course in mountainous terrain, either on or off tracks through some of New Zealand's most scenic bush, tussock tops and river flats.

Four courses with one to suit your fitness and ability from 2 hours per day (estimated winners time) to 6 hours per day.

For entry form and further information send to:

Name:

Address:

NZ Mountain Marathon
Waikapuwa Orienteering Club
24 Rauturly Street
Masterton

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The membership secretary is busy getting all those lists of changes of address etc etc etc etcetc together.....so make sure that all your statistics are up to date.

P.S HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS YET?????IF THE ANSWER IS NO BEWARE AS MIRIAM WILL BE AFTER YOU WITH A BIG STICK!!!!!!

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SICK JOKE SECTION....

What do you call blue tack (besides blue tack)?....SMURF POOH

C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE-ROLLEI MINATURE 35mm CAMERA- NO BIGGER THAN A PACKET OF CIGARETTES!!!

TAKES FANTASTIC PHOTOS MANY A SLIDE COMPETITION HAS BEEN WON WITH THIS LITTLE BEAUTY.SUPERB 40mm F 2.8 LENS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THIS AMAZING BARGAIN CONTACT EWAN ON 710-594 Or contact the Wilderness shop.....

PEOPLE TALK

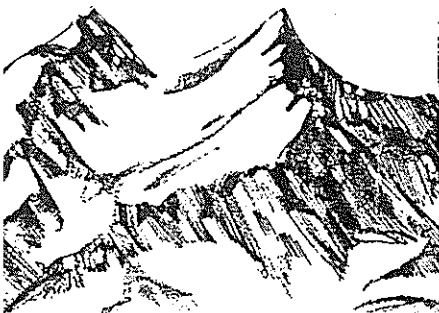
Congratulations to Ross and Pania who got married on the 19th of October.

Word has it that John Pohl is now engaged-who's the lucky lady?

It is with much sadness that we offer our condolences to Ian Sime and Fay Crickshanks who have both recently lost their fathers. Our thoughts are with you and your families at this time.

Derry Neil,a dedicated Club member,passed away earlier this week. He will be missed by all.

KEEN TO CLIMB?



ROCK CLIMBING - is going ahead every wednesday evening. Beginners and experienced climbers - just turn up at the Wilderness Shop at 5-30pm - Bring any equipment that you have, or just come along for a fun time. See Ewan Paterson at the shop or phone 710594 (home)

Here's your chance to find out the secret behind the word O.R.G...

O. R. G.

If you thought ORG stood for organically recycled greenies you weren't far wrong. No really. There's this bunch in this Club who are a sort of subcommittee whose primary ambition in life is to stop the near-sighted myopic rape of this fair land. This mob has been known to mutter under its collective breath about such things as the Remarkables Skitfield (which even now the keas are having a go at), the proposal to log the Waitutu forests and generally about keeping what we know and love as "tramping country" in good condition and in ample quantity for our collective offspring.

The ORG (actually Omniscients Rehearsing to be God) recommends policy stances etc. and writes stirring and inspiring letters and submissions on behalf of the Club committee so that the world might be a better place for the OTMC.

You too can assist in this remarkable, aspiring process. Come along to Bruce Mason's house (for want of a better name) at 9 Chauman Street, lower Wakari (for want of a better address) on

Wednesday 20th Nov at 7.30 pm.

Issues that may be discussed include: the new Department of Conservation, the management of the Silver Peaks and Rock and Pillar Range, and a number of applications to make amovances in quiet places. If you don't wish to take part in the proceedings you can simply make offerings, sacrifices etc. (for example Bruce likes chocolate biscuits). No really, it can be quite interesting if you get involved. And ORG, by the way, stands for Outdoor Recreation Group (for want of a better descriptive title).

Richard Pettinger, phone 774 737

Further news to last month's blurb on Women Climbing N.Z....

Women Climbing N.Z. is now established as an incorporated society. An annual directory is in preparation and the first newsletter has been issued. Groups meet in Auckland, Taranaki, Tawhiti-kuri, Wellington, Marlborough and Nelson... have held snowcraft, rock climbing, avalanche and pieps instruction and cross country and other ski events. Membership of Women Climbing NZ Inc is by application and \$10 sub (\$5 nonb waged) to c/- Marilyn Staite, 10 Cynet st CH. CH.

P.S. Congratulations to the new OUTC patron for 1986, . . .

For all those memorable B.Y.O.'s-Some useful hints

1. Remember that nobody minds getting home early.

2. Limit your talk time

Most people can concentrate for about three quarters of an hour, less if they're not very interested. Don't exceed time. Everything takes longer than you will. If you aim at a three-quarter hour show, it will last more than an hour. So plan on half an hour.

3. Limit the number of slides

You can make a good show with as few as 10 well-chosen slides. More than about sixty slides and you can guarantee that your audience will be fidgeting and looking at their watches.

4 Only show the best

The fact that it costs us 65 cents everytime we press the button is no excuse to show every slide that comes out of the camera.

5 Don't wander too far away from the pictures

Your slides help you to relive an experience that was probably exciting, or happy, or interesting, or all three. When you see them, there is a temptation to wander outside the picture to left and right, and cover the bits you couldn't squeeze in.

6 Don't toss in extras

Please, never say "Well, that's the end of that trip, but I've got just a couple of dozen more and it's only half past nine. Who'd like to see them?"

7 Use maps and sketches

Provide a simple map of the area you're describing. A slide of a map is O.K., but if you use a magazine you can't refer back to it.

8 Insist on dark projection conditions

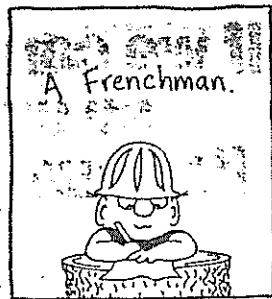
If you're asked to show your slides during daylight saving, decline unless you can arrange total blackout. The best slides are ruined by stray light.

Now, I'd like you to see a few slides from my last trip. There's just a couple of hundred. Turn off the lights, lock the doors....

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ODDS AND ENDS SECTION

Lands and Survey are running an amazing holiday programme this summer and need some volunteers to help with some of their trips/walks.... If you can help Contact Chris Stewart and he will be able to fill you in on the programme etc.....



by BURTON SILVER