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

every Thursday at 7.30 p.m

ALL welcome-30¢ at the door please

THE ALPINE AFFAIR

Well, it's only fourteen days to go until Christmas is truly upon us and what a good year it has been!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
With a bit of luck year will be even better, I'm assured by the Cheif?-
Guide that there are heaps of good trips organised for the new year
so get those boots out and be in.....

Cheers Jan

P.S MERRY CHRISTMAS

P.S.S HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO WISH YOU THE P.S....

THIS WEEK

O.T.M.C TRIP PROGRAMME

The next trip card is well under way so i should be in the mail very soon. It contains some (many) interesting trips and here are but a few.....

JANUARY 19 Roseella Ridge (M) Richard Pettinger 774-737

An easy grovel or a medium walk or a bit of both is promised. Come along and discover the meaning of bush bash....seriously folks it's a beautiful bit of wilderness available to Dunedinites on a day trip. So, come along and see the Parakeets this ridge is famous for.

25-26 Routeburn-Caples Area Bill Provan 710-594

This is the first Club weekend!!!!!! trip for 1986 to a very scenic and is suitable for all grades. Get rid of some of that Christmas excess...

26 This is the moment that you have all been waiting for!
WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE A (THIS) DAY TRIP...If you are keen see
Or ring David Barnes 770-560

FEBRUARY 2nd Mountain Madness (M.A.D.) and Club Picnic (E)
Richard Pettinger 774-737

A fun run with a fancy picnic to follow-what more could you ask?
A Barbeque etc will operate after the M.A.D. at Bethunes July!

9th Silver Peaks (M) Martin Conell 54-374

8-9th Garvies Spen Walker 771-813

Where he hangs out 90% of the time)The Club rarely visits this area in summer so now is your big chance to see the winter wilderness in the sunshine.Again suitable for all grades.

16 Silverpeaks Marathon (F.E.) Michelle Metherall
63-215

This trip will start earlier than 9am-exact time to be announced at Club.

If you are fit this is a good opportunity to see a large part of the Peaks in a day....IT IS NOT A RACE.....

CHRISTMAS TRIP CHRISTMAS TRIP CHRISTMAS TRIP CHRISTMAS TRIP

This year's Christmas trip is fast approaching and already some keen bods have sold their Christmas puds for the chance to come on this trip.

We are going from Arthur's Pass to Lewis Pass by as many routes as people are interested in.The trip organisation is very flexible as good public transport exists at both ends.

People who want to go should spea get along to Club and get in with like-minded people to go with

ANY QUERIES SEE BRUCE MCKINLAY
772-836

Portrait of A SOCIAL CONVENOR

Well,the team have been at it yet again and have come up with an exciting list of events.....

JANUARY 16th Quiz
23rd Pineapple Track-come along for a jaunt over this neat walkway
FEBUARY 6th Trip to Preservation Inlet
13th Car Rally with David Barnes(NO,YOU USE YOUR CAR SILLY!!!!)
20th Lyall Campbell
TRAVELS IN EUROPE&&&&&&&TRAMPING IN SWITZERLAND
27th B.Y.O
Here's your chate to drag out all those slides snapped over Christmas...

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL...BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ALØSON.

FEED BACK FEED BACK

I'm so excited as some one wrote.....

Dear Editor

I'm an O.T.M.C. member who's willing to be chased by Miriam V. with a big stick if she's willing to come to Club and collect annual subscriptions;

YOURS IN ANTICIPATION,

SPEN M??? WALKER

P.S I'll be waving my '?????.....checkbook

All I can say is watch out Spen...ED.

This following letter was borrowed for the Pack and Paddle magazine and was donated to the Bulletin so please take note.....

Dear Editor

I am disappointed! ! ! Every overnight trip that I was going on this year has either been cancelled through lack of support, or changed to day trips. Come on members, no use getting the moths eat your sleeping bags, wear them out!

There is nothing like sleeping under the stars listening to the silence, tasting the fresh air, or even if it is pouring down and you're getting a bit like a drowned rat, a cosy bag, rain on the fly, and good companions makes getting into wet clothes in the morning a breeze. Or one can console oneself by knowing that in wool, you'll soon be warm, or that you're going to get wet anyway. One of the long stading members of the Club has often said "That it is only he overnight trips one has a chance to get to know the other members, as there is so much to chat about (AND TIME TO CHAT) around the campfire, making and breaking camp, and doing the chores together."

Quite often overnight trips are more leisurely because of the time taken in setting up of camp etc. and are not so strenuous as some day trips. After all one is only carrying a little more, bit of extra food, sleeping bag and a billy or two. Think about it, and I'll see you under the stars next year.

Disappointed

Sorry about the length but it is certainly food for thought!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Spen I hope you are reading closely.....

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE FOLKS-Once G.S.T. Comes in you'll be cutting it fine

If you are changing address please let me know.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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PEOPLETALK

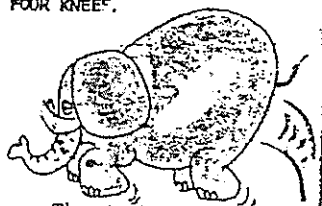
BEARE WHO EVER YOU ARE WE NEED THE POSTAGE STAMP BACK...IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN THE CLUB WHO BELIEVES IN EDITOR INIATIONS- MIRIAM AND I HAVE BEEN COMPARING NOTES AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH SOME INTERESTING SIMILARITIES SO TAKE NOTE.....

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Metherall and best wishes for the future

Beware D.B. letter boxes bite

DID YOU KNOW THAT ⇒

THE ELEPHANT IS THE ONLY ANIMAL THAT HAS FOUR KNEES.



ON THE COMMITTEE SCENE

We have had an offer for the sit. vacant of Treasurer-Thankyou to Bevan Blackmore who's services will be gratefully recieved.

Gearhire

Please return gear to Irene in person.

THOSE MAKING USE OF GEARHIRE MAY BR CHARGED FOR GEAR NOT RETURNED.SO IF YOU HAVE ANY LYING AROUND ETC. PLEASE GET IT BACK.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:

People are reminded that intending members are required to do two trips with at least one being a week end trip.

TRIP REPORT

24 November Yellow Hut

The 24th turned out to be a day and a half-turned the corner to what seemed like heaps and heaps of bodies waiting to be led up the garden path (What better person to fulfill that role).Welll, organising cars was the first obstacle-it took ages! At least we had enough cars to fit the 24!!!! The day wasn't the best weather wise but at least there wasn't rainin the air which kept the moans at bay.

Up the Tunnel Track at a very impressive pace had us too early for lunch at Yellow so we were forced to move onto the Gap. THANKS FOR THE MUFFIN DOUG.

The weather was the deciding factor for the return trip home-some via A.B.C. and others the way that they had previously trod. All returned safe and sound feeling the better for the wander. Hope the cars :O.K. Gabrielle and that the running shoes cleaned up O.K. Katherine I'm not jinxed believe me.

Many thanks to those that really enjoyed my day,

Cheers and heaps of smiles,

BUGS

O.R.G NEWS

THIS IS SILVER PEAKS MONTH FOR THE OTMC

The Outdoor Recreation Group is hoping that heaps of Club members will get and read and write submissions on the new draft management plan for the Silverpeaks Scenic Reserve. If nothing else, tell Lands and Survey how to spell Silver Peaks!!

What do you think about the government telling us how to run OUR Jubilee, Green and Yellow Huts?? Or the Forest Service planting 10 000 Eucalypts right up to the reserve boundary near Possum Hut? What should Lands & Survey be going about that? If you care about such things, get prepared and front up to an informal discussion with Lands & Survey staff in the Clubrooms on the last Club night of the year, the 19th December. After that, you've got 22 days to write your submission and have your Xmas trip.

MERRY XMAS!

THE LATEST IN RASTUS BURN NEWS FROM O.R.G AND MARTIN CONELL....

ANYONE IN THE REMARKABLES/RASTUS BURN OVER SUMMER

The ORG says "Take Photos!" May the destruction of this fine mountain not go unrecorded. The skified operators need to know they're being watched. What's more, feed all keas you meet, they need all the support they can get. No, seriously folks, we need to know how things are shaping up, and we need convincing that things are going according to Plan, as it were. With a review of the management plan coming up, we need to feel secure that the government won't weaken the conditions and let the company away with too much (such as their resited carpark).

Too often the Club has lost tramping opportunities by the same procedure: an application is made to a government agency for a concession, or development, of a certain scale, which is accepted. Once up and running, the developer applies for extensions to his operation. There is no end to what some will apply for to improve profitability, and you really can't blame them. However they squeal like mad if strict conditions are imposed or if their "livelihood is restricted" when an application for extension is declined. The Club is seen as a pretty negative bunch, objecting sometimes to even minor applications. But the Club would be failing if it didn't take this cautious attitude.

The Remarkables is the most obvious recent case of the major loss of a traditional favourite weekend trip venue. If the Club had got its wish, there wouldn't be that damned Regrettable road. Today, we can expect the company will want to increase the skified operations even further, where will it all end?

Martin reports after a recent visit to the areathat.....

There is an extensive program pf regenerative planting of tussock tillers being carried out on the batters? to the upper aeea pf the road except that the cut batterthat are too steep to walk on have not as yet been planted as this would require the use of a ladder or supporting frame. There is a continuing program of fencing above batters to keep stock off the new planting. Lower down the road the batters have been seeded with grasses and these are starting to grow. Developments around the base building and the lift bases are continuing and they appear to be developing a new carparking area in front of the base building.

They were in the process of bulldozing an area directly under the Shadow Basin chair line at the halfway station. The building is not completed on the inside or outside and much of the underground wiring associated with both chair lifts is incomplete and needs tidying up. The whole development at this stage appears to be being carried out according to the management plan and could probably be used as the model for any future ski field development.

However the development is not yet finished and as things could happen very fast over the summer there is a need for frequent monitoring to ensure that everything is completed according to the management plan.

To this end I would like any Club member who will be visiting this area over summer to see me before they go and we would like photographs to compare with ones we have.

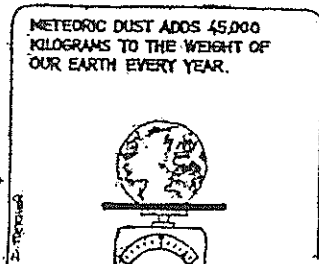
I enjoyed my day out on the Remarkables-it is almost 19 years since I last visited Lake Alta and the only thing that I missed was the keas.

batters? Sorry Martin I couldn't read the script?

AND THAT =>

NEWS FROM OUR MOUNTAIN SAFETY REPS.....

Several Club members have recently been nominated as F.M.C instructors and some others at present have applications to fill in or under MSC consideration. The basis for nomination by the Club has followed more or less past practise, i.e. The Club's M.S.C reps and the previous year's Bushcraft directors (have approached members likely to be interested and who are suitably experienced). The list formed is considered to be no way exclusive or final and anyone who has not been approached and who feels that they would like to be nominated should contact either: MIKE FLOATE, IRENE POW OR DON GREER. the thing to remember is that M.S.C instructors are expected to instruct not only in and about the Club but also in the community at large. They are likewise expected to avail themselves of the various instruction programmes arranged from time to time F.M.C. That helps to develop and improve teaching skills and knowledge of current techniques etc. (next such event 18-19-20 April at Berwick)



SNOW FOUR-Glacier Travel

The Club will now not be holding this instruction event. Instead a few places will be made available on the proposed O.U.T.C./O.T.M.C Glacier travel course to be held in the Homer region in February.

Only 16 places in all are available on this course, some of which will be offered to the public. Only those with suitable level of existing skills will be considered, so if you are interested please make that interest known now. Contact Mike Floate or Don Greer.

Don Greer lent someone in the Club the book "Beyond the Southern Lakes" AND IF THAT PERSON HAPPENS TO BE YOU PLEASE RING DON 72-8043 as he would love to know who you are.....

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NEWS AND VIEWS.....

Jim Freeman has delivered the library F.M.C. bulletins that date from 1964. These are very interesting documents so make a point of looking at them.

Thanks Jim.

I am still looking for some bod to help out with bulletin work parties etc etc e,g Organise them.....CAN YOU HELP

The next bulletin will be the February one so material must be in by the end of January.....and the work party will be on the of February

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...

The last Club night for the year is the 19th of December and we will be back in action again mid-January.....

If you have any jokes or recipes ,even trip reports that can be put on the Bulletin send them this way...

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