



# BULLETIN

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Hello everybody from the new editor, Dave Peacock. This newsletter is to keep you up to date; I'll write something more lyrical, entertaining and witty next month. It's also an excuse to send you the subscription forms for the current financial year! People who joined after June this year or were on Bushcraft '87 have already paid for the '87-'88 year, so you can ignore the form. If you don't intend to renew your membership, phone Mary Hewinson and let her know- it will make her job easier. I look forward to getting your trip reports for the October bulletin. The deadline is Thursday 1st October- if I am not at club, any committee member will pass things on to me. The bulletin workparty is on Thursday 15th October at 7pm, so come early and join in.

The new committee positions are:

PRESIDENT, CLUBROOMS	Spen Walker 737657
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SEARCH AND RESCUE	Stu Mathieson 34359
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SOCIAL CONVENOR	Sue Harding 43215- Mary Hewinson filling in.
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MSC, FMC, CHAIRING CLUBROOMS SUBCOMMITTEE	Mike Floate 739780
GEAR HIRE To be coopted.	
DAY TRIP CONVENOR To be coopted- Antony Pettinger is filling in.	
FUNDRAISING/PUBLICITY Still to be coopted.	
OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP CONVENOR	Mark Hangar 739149
CLIMBING CONVENOR	Garry Nixon 737321

We welcome these new members to the club:

Billy McLachlan 28 James St, Dunedin 778714  
Andy Beecroft c/o PO Box 301, Dunedin 772888 or 739342  
Keith Roberts 23 Marama St, Dunedin 44871  
Chris Pearson 182 Signal Hill Rd, Dunedin  
Bill Allcock 50 Highgate, Dunedin 775196

Change of address:

Ruth Brown c/o 88 Main Rd Governor's Bay, No 1 RD Lyttleton 299879  
Gerry Essenberg 117 Evans St, Timaru

Resignations:

Ian Brooker and Alison Barbour have now moved to Christchurch

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

September 17: BYO slides. Yes, we'd love to know what you did in the holidays!

September 24: O.U.T.C. vs O.T.M.C. debate - "That women are a hazard in the hills". We are taking the negative, of course- there are no women in the hills, only honorary blokes. Everyone bring a plate, please (and some supper as well).

October 1: Basic rock climbing theory...bring a piece of rope and practice your figure-eights. And Mary says she's going to remind people about the slide competition on November 19th so they can start getting ready.

October 8: Lois Galer from the Historic Places Trust will be speaking on historic places in Dunedin and Otago. Come and see whether Possum Hut qualifies!

October 15: We have a speaker from Civil Defence talking about what we would need to know in an emergency. Come at 7pm and join in the BULLETIN WORKPARTY first.

October 22: BYO slides. Bring out your favorites and give us a sneak preview before the slide competition.

October 29: Michelle Williams talking about "My adventures in Australia". Oh, and this is the last day for entries in the photo competition.

## TRIP PROGRAMME

September 13: ABC Cave (M)...Arthur Blondell (Msi 7633) If you were too late to go on the Huxley trip, why not stretch your legs with Arthur instead?

September 20: Little Mt John Hut (M)...Debbie Williams (737814) This is an area of the Silverpeaks that isn't regularly visited anymore- see it with Debbie.

September 20: Sawyer's Bay to Graham's Bush (Family Tramping Group)...phone Lyall Campbell (PC7323) or Pat Brooker (761524) for more details if you haven't seen this beautiful area of native bush. A good track suitable for all the family.

September 27: Michelle's Mystery Trip (E)...Michelle Williams (737814) Yes, Michelle is due back in NZ and has probably forgotten where she was going to take us. Never mind- it's an easy trip and we will probably spend most of the time finding out what she did in Australia.

September 26-27: Spring X-C Skiing (M)...Bruce Mason (67509) This could be a Desperate Skiers Association classic! Subject to snow conditions, this trip could be changed from the Old Woman Range to the Pisas or cancelled altogether. Transport will be by private cars.

October 4: Hermit's Cave (E-M)...Bill Robertson (877519) If you can't afford to pay your tax this year, take a lesson from a previous club member- he disappeared into the Silverpeaks and lived in this cave whenever the Tax Dept became too pressing.

October 4-5: Basic Rockclimbing (E-M)...Garry Nixon (737321) A weekend at Long Beach, staying in the cave and clambering around on the rocks. A good chance to find out how to tie yourself onto a rope.

October 11: Green-Jubilee-ABC-Rocky Ridge (F-FE)...Antony Pettinger (879440) A one-day tour of the heart of the Silverpeaks, Pettinger-style.

October 11: Chalkies Workparty (Family Tramping Group)...phone George Palmer (62462) if you would like to help with some track clearing.

October 10-11: Hut Creek- Mistake Creek (M)...Ian Sime (36185) The start of summer tramping, so this will be a popular trip. If you have already done this round trip, there are a lot of other interesting places to go in the Eglinton Valley.

October 18: Three Kings Rocks (Family Tramping Group)...phone George Palmer (62462) or Harold Nixon (35622) about this walk at the Berwick end of the Mangatuas. A track through manuka and tussock leads to a good viewpoint above the Taieri.

October 18: SAREX...Stu Mathieson (34359) Since Sue Harding is away on her OE, and Michelle Metherell will be in Germany working, this weekend has been changed to a club Search and Rescue exercise. We rely on the SAR system to help us if we get into trouble out tramping- this SAREX is your chance to find out how we can help in return. If you have been tramping for several months, then don't wait to be asked- put your name down on the trip list. Stu will announce further details at club.

October 24-26 Labour Day Weekend: Rees Valley- Earnslaw Burn (All Grades)...Barry Wybrow (737895) Only six weeks away, so start thinking about it now.

## AWAKINO SKIFIELD WEEKEND

Awakino is that club skifield just in from Kurow. Most of us went on the trip because we were curious to see just what it was like. We drove up Saturday morning, arriving at the carpark in good time and stacking ourselves into the skifield four wheel drive. We waited for the driver to arrive and the truck to be filled with petrol, and watched in stunned disbelief as B.... M.... begged crumbs of peanut slab from a completely strange woman. A bumpy ride up a road littered with skeletons of trucks that didn't make it got us as far as the hut. We left our gear where we could- the week party had only just got out of bed- and walked and skied up the road to the lunch hut. The mists cleared halfway through lunch, so we could orientate ourselves- the whole upper tow was a straight 45° face. Some of us puddled happily round the edges all afternoon, and the rest bought tickets and showed off their style in the slush. Back at the hut the kitchen was taken up by people preparing food for the next ski week, so we sat round our primus as Mary prepared a delicious fettucine. We picked out possible traverses on the map- maybe next year with more snow. Potbelly stoves in the bunkrooms gave us a warm night's sleep.

Next day everyone with skins was keen to go off the skifield, so we followed the skifield road up to the ridge and above the cloud. Turning east we had a long trudge up to Kohaurau- Nick on downhill skis and feet went as fast as some of us skinning up. We had lunch on top, with views of Domett and Little Domett east, Hakataramea valley north, Cook incredibly close, the Ida range southwest, and a glimpse of the R&P's. Skiing down was mainly icy, and with rocks waiting to jump out at you to make you take care. The last steep descent from the saddle was soft and deep, and even if you couldn't turn in it, it was fun trying. And so back to the skifield and a pleasant walk back to the cars. Lovely country- Wonder what it's like in summer? Spen Walker, Mary Hewinson, Chris Erhardt, Nick Elvitch, Bruce Mason, Neil George, Rachel Noble, Jane Bruce, John Robinson, John Pohl.