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TRIP'S LIST

AUGUST 14: Hermits Cave (M) Bill Robertson
877-519

Join Bill on this day trip, where you will be led to the intamous Hermits Cave. Departs clubrooms at 9.00 am.

AUGUST 20: Silverpeaks (M) David Peacock
779-855

Here is a chance to go on a trip led by the President, which is quite a rare happening. Don't be disappointed - keep this day free.

AUGUST 19-20 Snowcaving (M) Arthur Blondell
897-633

This weekend is a must for anybody who goes tramping, climbing or skiing in winter or when there is a lot of snow. The course will teach people, through participation how to build some sort of shelter in the snow in case of an emergency. You will build a shelter in a small party and then spend the night in it. So if you are a winter sportsperson sign the list in the clubrooms now! Trip list closes 10 August.

AUGUST 27 There & Back (To see how far it is) (M)
David Barnes 44-492

I've no idea where David intend's taking this trip, so if you want to find out you should be at the clubrooms at 9.00 am.

AUGUST 26-27 X/C Skiing Instruction John Robinson
741-193

Here is another chance for people to learn and practice Cross Country Skiing. Indications are that this trip will leave on Friday night. For more info, come to club or give John a ring.

SEPTEMBER 3 Track maintenance (Possum Hut) Doug Forrester
876-416

The club hasn't held a workparty for some time, so Doug kindly offered to lead one the day after the Annual Dinner. He intends doing some work on the Possum Hut track, so it would be good to see a lot of people there. Meet at Clubrooms at usual time.

SEPTEMBER 10 Hindon Little Mt Allen Teresa Wasilewska
776-685

There haven't been many day trips recently, that go to the Hindon end of the Silverpeaks. For those that don't know the peaks very well here is your chance to see more of them. Will leave the clubrooms at 9.00 am and travel to Hindon.

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10 Mt Luxmore - Kepler Mountains (All) (Cooking Competition)
Bill Robertson 877-519

All the budding chef's in club, get out your aprons and favourite recipes. This year the Cooking Competition will be held in Mt Luxmore Hut will run on the same format as last years. This trip promises to be heaps of fun so don't miss out and sign up now.
Trip List closes 31 August.



Presidential Doodles

by



This is my last month as President and an appropriate time to reflect on the past Club year. Before I do that, I would like to comment on the success of the Club Auction a couple of weeks back. It was a great night with lots of fantastic bargains and it was one of the fun nights of the year. I think many of us were a little apprehensive that it would be a flop but it was turned out to be a great event. And it raised a very reasonable amount for the FMC Forest and Mountain Trust. Congratulations to Doug Forrester, David and Anne-Marie Barnes and Ross Cocker for making it such an entertaining night.

But now to the past year. The Club is in good heart. We still have a full Trip Card with a good turnout on most weekend trips. There is a steady stream of new faces and, although many are just passing through, there is a good number who remain and become active in the Club. Once again, many of those who stay attended Bushcraft. And Bushcraft itself went marvellously. Antony Pettinger did an excellent job and the whole thing went like clockwork. Except, possibly, the memorable Ohau weekend!

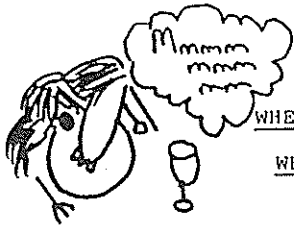
Another issue of considerable importance to the Club is that of owning our own Clubrooms. David Barnes, as convener of the Clubrooms subcommittee, has been actively investigating suitable properties but, unfortunately, nothing as yet has been satisfactory. Another property is being inspected at the moment but it is too early to say if it is a feasible prospect. Following last year's Special General Meeting, there is obviously considerable interest in the possibility of having our own place and David and his crew deserve our appreciation for the work they are doing.

On the Trip front there have been few problems with most people satisfied with the variety and standards offered. Once again, there has been some dissatisfaction amongst Party Leaders having to lead unsatisfying trips. This has led the Committee to adopt the proposal that there will be no "Easy" trips on long weekends as we just do not have enough people who are happy to lead them. There have also been some hassles with the late payment of trip fares, non-members being the main offenders.

We still have a wide variety of Instructionals from Bushcraft to Snowcraft to XC-skiing to Rock-climbing. Stu Mathieson is keen to have an Advanced Tramping Skills course which is an attractive idea. XC-skiing seems to be a growing sport and Bruce Mason gave his annual talk on the basic techniques followed by the foots-on weekend. The Rock Climbers are developing their skills and have an enthusiastic following. The only potential problem was the number of new people wanting to give it a go. For this reason, time for training has been reduced a little as otherwise the more experienced were getting little opportunity to do their own thing. However, if you're keen, they'll do all they can to help you.

The Social Programme has been an inspiration to us all.

So, in conclusion, I think that things are going well. I have enjoyed my time as President, it's the easiest position on Committee. And I thank the hard work and dedication of all the other Committee members for making it so pleasant. And thanks to all the Trip Leaders who make the Club such a success.



THE ANNUAL DINNER

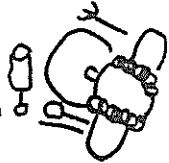
WHERE: GLEN FALLOCH HOMESTEAD

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 2ND 7.30pm

COST: \$26



The meal consists of a buffet style dinner courtesy of the Savoy. The hall is amazing!! There is more than one floor available which means we can cater for those who wish to dance without disturbing those who wish to talk, or gossip.



For more information please contact either Chris Pearson (894-893) or Doug Forrester (876-416).

SEPTEMBER 3rd.

Track clearing Possum Hut. It's two years since the OTMC has organised a track clearing party. If you've been on the Burns Saddle track lately you'll see what a great job has been done in that direction. Steve Aimes and a group of very enthusiastic trampers have got that track looking pretty good. Neil Donaldson and plenty of supporters have cleared the possum ridge track and it also is in great shape. So what say we start about the camping area at the foot of Possum Ridge and work on past Possum Hut. So right oh all you OTMC bods lets do our bit towards track maintenance. A trip list will be on the notice board at the club rooms, so lets support it!!

Thanks Doug Forrester....

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

My final bulletin, Yippee.....

Actually I've really enjoyed being Editor. I have learnt heaps and also had the pleasure of seeing my efforts in print. However I wouldn't ever take it on again as it takes up heaps of time, and can be quite frustrating. I hope you will be as helpful to our incoming Editor as you have been to me. I would also like to, on behalf of the club thank Doug Forrester for the excellent job he has done as Social Sec. Well done Dougy....
Good luck to the incoming committee.

Sue.....

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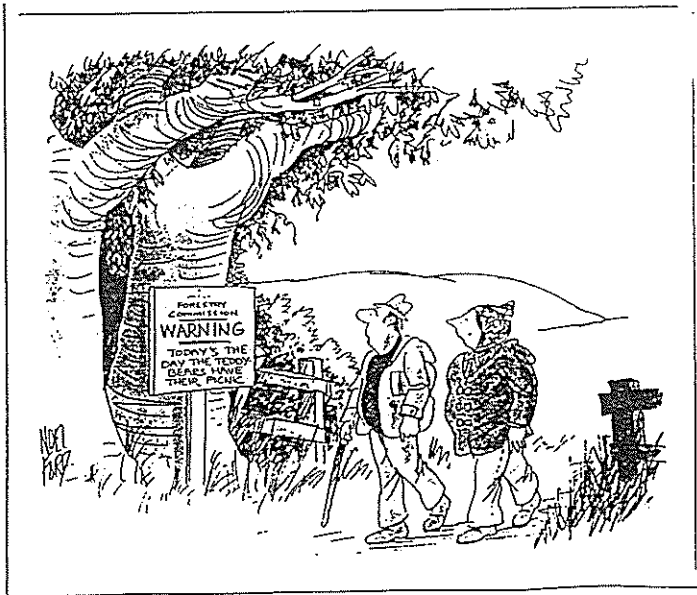
A) I wish to make a donation to the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust.
I enclose a cheque for \$.....
(payable to FMC Mountain & Forest Trust). Please send the
receipt to the address below.

B) I am interested in the possibility of providing a legacy for
the Mountain and Forest Trust. Please send me further
information regarding this method of helping the Trust.

NAME

ADDRESS

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WANTED: One medium size pack. If you have one for sale please
phone Roanne - 730 351.

WEST MATUKITUKI TRIP 5-7 MAY 1989

After an uneventful trip from Dunedin by van we arrived at the car park to set up for our first night. Ian had a fly, large enough to accommodate a small circus if required, so we spent the night in spacious luxury, or rather four of us did, as one of our party decided the van looked more comfortable. The rest of us were treated to "Savoury Toast" for supper, just a sample of what Diane had lined up for our food for the weekend.

We woke up to a cold but fine morning and after the usual preparations and breakfast we set off for Liverpool Bivvy. After a fairly leisurely walk up the valley, taking time out for photos and taking advantage of Ian's seemingly inexhaustible supply of local knowledge, we arrived at Aspiring Hut about 11.15am for an early lunch.

We sat in the sun admiring Mt Aspiring while we feasted on more of Diane's fare - individual salad rolls, marinated chicken nebbles, followed by home-made Muesli Square. After a longer than usual lunch break (due mainly to the amount we ate coupled with the company of other parties and the sun) we set off once again. This turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon, with beautiful sections of forest follows by small river flats, and a very warm, windless day.

After a rest at Shovel Flat for more photos and a snack we set off for the climb up to Liverpool Bivvy. In spite of warnings as to the "bit of a grunt at the end" we found the climb fairly acceptable. This was mainly due to the occasional stop for mini moros and scroggin. Some rather nasty schist rock near the top required a bit of care but once negotiated we found ourselves only a few minutes from the bivvy. This turned out to be a pleasant surprise, quite small but adequate for 8-10, with foam rubber sleeping mats provided.

The view from the top was worth the climb. We seemed to be within touching distance of Mt Aspiring, and down the valley Aspiring Hut was to be seen neatly tucked into the Hillside.

If we thought lunch was good, tea was even better. Not the usual Maggi soup for us! Ours was supplemented with grated carrot and onion. Next, the main course. Boiled rice with smoked fish accompanied by lightly boiled fresh vegetables spiced with chilli and served with a savoury sauce. To follow - gingerbread loaf and prunes served with a delicate custard. (All that was missing was the wine.) Each course seemed to be followed by a hot drink and for those who could manage it, a final hot drink with toffee pops.

At this stage Ronda was forced into her sleeping bag as she was unable to sit with her legs folded into her stomach any longer. By 7.30pm dishes were finished and stomachs packed to overflowing so we all opted for bed. Diane had a few rounds of Patience by torch light and Jim spent some time with his walkman.

After a very comfortable night and more early morning photos we set off once again for Aspiring Hut for lunch. The trip down was easier than expected and we were soon sitting in the sun at Liverpool Stream, although a cold wind chased us down the valley.

A stop was made at Geoff Wyatt's Hut on the way back and 12pm saw us at Aspiring Hut for lunch. Food we had left there escaped the mice, so once again we over indulged to save carrying out what we couldn't eat! After an enjoyable hour in the sun we made our way back to the vans to meet up with the other parties.

A good weekend was enjoyed by all due mainly to Ian's competent leadership and valuable knowledge, Diane's amazing cuisine and great company.

Sharon St Clair-Newan for Ian Sime, Diane Nees, Ronda Robinson and Jim Webster.



MATUKITUKI WEEKEND 6-7 MAY 1989

On Friday the 5th May about 6pm everyone on the Matukituki Weekend left Dunedin in two vans. We arrived at the end car park after midnight. The next morning we left about 8.30am in the morning. We headed up the West Matukituki. Our first climb of the day took us past Bride's Veil Waterfall, up to tarns immediately below the Shotover Saddle. We took photos and had scroggin stops on the way up. We climb to about 5000ft.

About 1.30pm we left our packs and tramped up to Red Rock and continued on the rocky, gravelly scree ridge to a high point which was approx 6700ft. This was a flat ledge on a ridge below Mt Tynhall. Looking beyond, you could see Forks Hut and the Shotover river.

We arrived back before dark to set up camp and cooked tea. It was a stary, frosty night and the keas were out in flight. We awoke to frosty boots - couldn't wait to get going. We climbed an unknown peak between Tyndall stream and Tummel Burn. At the top we saw jagged cliffs that looked like the Organ Pipes. Looking down into the Tummel Burn we spotted five thar. On the way back to the tarns we saw two N.Z. falcons, also gold finches.

Approx 10.30am we arrived back, had breakfast, packed up and travelled back down the mountain. We had lunch below a little creek I called Dribble Fall. We arrived at the vans before 4.00pm.

A great weekend both weather and company.

Darcy Espie for Chris Pearson,

Geoff Aimers and Garth Brown.....

THE F.M.C. MOUNTAIN AND FOREST TRUST

In 1985 Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc established a charitable trust with the aim of enhancing the recreational use and protection of New Zealand's mountain and forest lands. In terms of the Trust Deed, the objects and purposes of the Trust include the funding of:

1. Research and/or projects relating to mountains, hill and forest recreation, e.g. climbing, skiing, hunting, caving, canoeing, rafting.
2. The provision of recreational; and/or educational facilities for such sports in New Zealand.
3. Instruction courses for such sports.
4. Support for the conservation of New Zealand's wild or natural lands e.g. hills, mountains, forests, tussock lands, rivers, lakes and sea coasts,
5. New Zealand and/or overseas study courses.
6. Conferences, lecture tours and publications relating to mountain or forest recreation and/or conservation.
7. Scientific work or research relating to the mountain or forest environment and its conservation.

The Board of Trustees comprises the President of FMC, and five other members appointed by the FMC executive. The present Trustees are Dave Crawford (FMC President), Hugh Barr (past president), Trevor Jones (life member HVTC), Barney Butchers (Wgton), R Bennett (Auckland).

In its formative years, the Trust has had no shortage of suggestions for projects which would justifiably claim sponsorship, but until a reasonable capital fund is built up, the scope for the Trust's disbursement of funds for worthwhile projects will be necessarily limited. The Trustees have set a medium term objective of building up a capital base of \$100,000 within the next five years, so that an appropriate annual income can become available for financing worthy projects.

The Trust is aiming to acquire capital assets from two principle sources; direct donations of money or other assets such as property, and bequests.

It is through direct donations that the Trust should accumulate its initial capital. As a charitable trust donations made by individuals are tax deductible, and the names of donors will be acknowledged in the FMC bulletin (unless anonymity is requested).

To those members who have experienced years of past enjoyment from New Zealand's back country we commend, in particular, this opportunity to make a donation now and/or provision in your will for the Mountain and Forest Trust to be a beneficiary of your estate.

David Crawford
Chairing Board of Trustees.

BARRY WE WILL MISS YOU!

Barry Wybrow joined the OTMC after Bushcraft '82 and regrettably (for us OTMC-ites) he is being transferred to Christchurch with his firm Donaghys. Here are just a few comments from his smelly mates!

Well Barry, it seems it's moving on time for you. We've had lots of laughs and some jolly godd trips since that Bushcraft. I will especially enjoy remembering the custard pie at the pantomine. You've been great value around the OTMC and you'll sure be missed. All the best for the future mate.....Doug

Revenber Nelson Lakes Xmas trip in 1986, when I first met you! Since then I've had many an enjoyable trip with you, and shared a lifetime of fun and laughter that you have given to me. I'll miss you deeply when you have gone.....Michelle

We'll miss you Barry, that's no joking,
You're a great friend when out walking
And your Club contribution
Was not an ablution
And of your exploits we'll keep talking.....David



When Doug rang me the other day and asked "Have you heard the news about Barry?", for one second I thought you had departed this world. Reassurance came quickly; you had not gone to heaven but were moving to Christchurch for professional reasons. Needless to say I am sad to see you leave. You are the first person I got in touch with when I rang you about Bushcraft '88. You thought I was from Krartland. It didn't take me long to be most impressed by your outstanding skills. You are a fantastic leader and all the trips I have done with you have been great, very scary sometimes but still great. For together with being a first rate tramper you are of course a fantastic person by all accounts. And last but not least you appreciate French movies. I wish you good luck and let's keep in touch.

.....Gilbert

Best wishes for your new job and life in Christchurch. It is sometimes said that one persons loss is anothers gain and whilst we in the tramping club loose among other things a friend with personality and experience we know that whoever you associate with up North will similarly gain. We have enjoyed some great trips tramping together and I learnt a lot from your experience. Hopefully we will still get to revisit Aspiring with more success.....Arthur

Barry you will always be remembered by me for your sense of humour and your enthusiasm within the club. Nobody will ever forget your contributions to the club particularly your organisation of Bushcraft '88. However what I'll miss most are your fantastic epic trips, with both you and Billy gone who is going to take me on those crazy adventures!.....Sue



SNOW AVALANCHE SERVICE

MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK - 1989

During July the Park will provide a five day week INFORMATION SERVICE. The information is issued twice daily except Saturday and Sunday and includes data on current snowpack, recent avalanche activity and current hazard.

From Monday 31st July to Friday 27th October the Park will offer a seven day week DAILY AVALANCHE FORECAST updated as necessary. It provides an avalanche hazard prediction for the following 24 hours plus the usual current snowpack information.

Both information and forecasts will be displayed at Park Headquarters, Alpine Guides shop, Unwin Hut, Mount Cook Airport, and the Youth Hostel. It will also be transmitted daily on the radio sked. to the mountain huts at 7pm.

Enquiries relating to snow and avalanche conditions are welcome at Park Headquarters prior to your trip. You can also telephone and ask for the avalanche forecaster or the duty officer: Mount Cook (05621) 818 or 819, Fax 895.

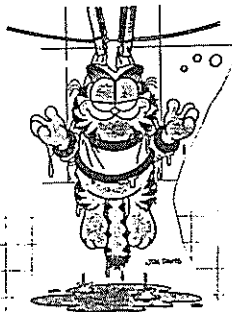
The Park welcomes contributions such as weather, snowpack, and avalanche observations which can be radioed back to Park Headquarters between 8am and 5pm or reported to Park staff at the end of your trip. We encourage feedback on the service including its content and accuracy.

This service will only continue at this level if mountain users avail themselves of it. So it is up to you. Good ski-mountaineering this winter.

Regards

Ray Bellringer

Ray Bellringer
Senior Ranger



CONTRATULATIONS must go to Mark and Marina Hanger on the arrival of their new, wee son on Thursday 3rd of August.

Congratulations must also go to Kirsten Mueller and Jürgen on their fore-coming wedding. We wish you much happiness for the future.

Trotters hut wine and dine 89

With another mid winter wine & dine behind us I would like to thank those who came for supporting it. 26 was'nt too bad I guess, we would have liked more, perhaps next year. Special thanks to David El Presidente for organising everything. Thanks also to Peter Mason, a very handy and obliging Fella is Peter, nothing seems to be a problem. He did a "Crumpy" with his ute and delivered the wood, coal and incidentals. lam Sunday and no doubt about it he was the brightest light around, spotted him again about llam and the light seemed to have dimmed considerably. I suppose I've got to thank the Chief Guide for piggy-backing me through the fords, even though he and his girlfriend went a bit funny about me leaving my pack on. There's certainly some strange people around. Trotters hut is good venue, it's cheap, it's roomy, it's warm and it's handy. The weather was perfect. The volleyball was of a very high standard (the best team lost). The night was also very good for throwing! And most important of all the company was terrific. I was particularly impressed with Arthur Blondell's "Broomstick on the wall" trick. I think we need to look a bit harder at the music we have. I worked out the average age on Sat night to be 30 (boy they'll be scrambling for pen and paper on this one). Admitably I had to give some of the ladies the benefit of the doubt of a few years. So surely we need more popular songs, perhaps some enterprising bod might tape the best of "topnine at 9", 4X0 over a few weeks. You young ones must realize that we are not all into heavy metal. There has to be a compromise guys. It's not a bad dancing area, so lets encourage it and all enjoy the music. And so to next year, what about it, do we go back or look for somewhere different? We need some feedback on this so tell your committee. Also, how about a summer b.b there, a great spot in the summer, perhaps instead of the club picnic in February, bring kids Ma-in-law or your local M.P. Stay the night and amble off home in the morning. We need your thoughts so tell us.

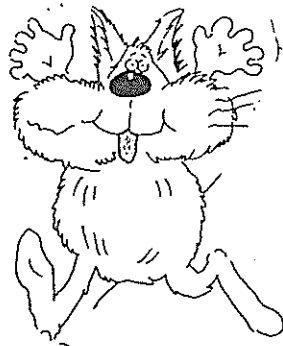
D.F. for all those happy mid winter-nites.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Hi Ed, great news eh, we have got less than a month to go, hoopededo. Say Ed, I was browsing through the new trip list and came across this Mt. Luxmore-cooking competition weekend coming up. Remember last years trip, quite entertaining eh, might be time for another madness trip. Packs are something I've been wondering about, restricting damn things they are. I once knew a chap who had a go at Mt. Cook without a pack and just a bit of bad luck weather wise he didn't make it. I won an award for my menu last year and felt quite honoured and am a bit tempted to defend my title with an even more comprehensive menu this time. We haven't got Alister & Michelle as judges this year but I'm sure an accommodating judge will be found. Luxmore hut is sure a beautiful spot and with Bill Robertson as manager, (wonder if 3 of them will go?) It's sure to be as good as last year....

Signed D.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME...



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AUGUST 10th; Snow Caving (sleeping in the fridge) Lots of fun and pretty important to know how.

AUGUST 17th; NZ Weather and Avalanches with Dr Blair Fitzharris. We sure don't know wnoough about these subjects.

AUGUST 24th; Chris Pearson speaks on tramping and climbing in SW USA. How I learnt to quit worrying and love the bomb. Chris gets around, so come along and enjoy his experiences in Yankee land.

AUGUST 31st; The AGM, Yippee. Always well supported, so once again support your club and be there, lots of good positions available.

SEPTEMBER 7th; Stephen Halloy in Argentina, In 1983 Stephen made a Botanical expedition to a mountain called Ojos-Del-Galado, 7,084 metres. The highest peak in the Andes. This sounds good, Stephen has lots of slides so come along and learn about Argentina.

SEPTEMBER 14th; Mrs Elma Cook from the Dunedin Photographic Society will give an illustrated talk on Westland and north to the start of the Heafy Track. Sure to be good viewing, this one.

SEPTEMBER 21ST; First Aid with Bevan Blackmore. After a first aid demonstration, there will be an opportunity for a hands on situation where OTMC-ites will diagnose patients, (hopefully Red Cross personnel). Should be a good night.

Well the big auction has been and gone, take a bow OTMC members and friends. A very successful evening. lots of laughs and a grand total of \$570, which goes to FMC Trust Fund. Thanks to Auctioneer David Barnes and assistants David Peacock and Ross cocker and receptionist-treasurer, Ian Sime, Ann Marie Barnes and Pam Cocker. Fancy our treasurer Mark Hanger going to \$3.75 to secure a bent spoon. Ken Mason went right out of his tree to buy a hand plaited binder twine string tie, (that's incredible) Ross donated his prize slippers, bidding became fast and furious among the female sector and with superb timing Ross bought them back. If anyone is in for a loan can they have a peek under his desk. Does he wear them to work? Arthur Blondell bought 3 pairs of socks for \$1, thats theft! and so it went on. Oopps nearly forgot, special thanks to those decoy bidders, you did well, he-he-he.