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THE EDITOR AT WORK...

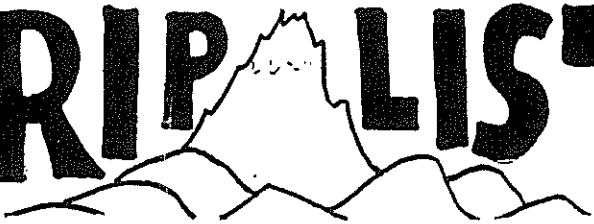
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THE OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
7:30PM

AT 3 YOUNG STREET

TRIP LIST



- AUGUST 11 BOULDER BEACH (E) Sue Levick 473 8427
Well, not quite Boulder Beach, as DoC have closed it, but somewhere nearby.
- AUGUST 17-18 XC SKI OLD WOMAN RANGE (M FE) Chris Pearson 473 0441
An ideal follow-up to Dave's instruction trip, with a great wee hut. Be in early - numbers may be limited.
- AUGUST 18 MT MCKENZIE - MT TROTTER Peter Mason 473 7636
Note; date change
Another of Peter's "I'll bet you've never been here" trips.
- AUGUST 24-25 SNOW SHELTERS - OLD MAN RANGE (M) Richard Pettinger 487 9488
No, the destination hasn't had a sex change, it was a mistake on the trip card. Everyone should try this at least once - either as an essential learning experience for those with alpine or XCS aspirations, or as 'something completely different.'
- AUGUST 25 BURNS TRACK - SWAMPY (E M) David Barnes 454 4492
note; Date change
The Burns Track is a good alternative access to the Silver Peaks area (10 minutes drive from town) which many people don't seem to be able to find.
- AUGUST 29 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- AUGUST 31 ANNUAL DINNER (FE)
- AUGUST 31 - SEPT 8 XC SKI CAMP - HECTOR MOUNTAINS (M-FE) Bruce Mason 476 1544
A first for the Club - contact Bruce for details.
- SEPTEMBER 1 GOVERNMENT TRACK (E-M) Laurie Palmer 454 2187
An easy mid-winter trip.
- SEPTEMBER 8 SOMEWHERE (M) David Barnes 454 4492
Obviously the last gap when I was preparing the program. Probably "somewhere" in the Silver Peaks - Jubilee perhaps?
- SEPTEMBER 7-8 CATLINS (E-F) Peter Mason 473 7636
Something for everyone, from coastal walks to epic bush-bashing.
- SEPTEMBER 14-15 XC SKI FRASER BASIN (M-FE) Neil George 476 1638
A more demanding XC ski weekend ie. you will probably be skiing with a pack on.
- COMING UP:
SNOWCRAFT: October 5-6
SAREX October 13
PORT CRAIG/THE HUMP: Labour Weekend

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991

THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

ELECT A NEW COMMITTEE
VOTE ON CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION
VOTE ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINEE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE POSITIONS OF:

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Please use the official nomination forms available from the Secretary, Eric Lord. All nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than Thursday 15th August, 1991.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MOTION CONCERNING RULES OR FINANCE NEEDS TO BE GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY 14 CLEAR DAYS BEFORE THE AGM.

FOOTROT FLATS



AN EPIC ON KAKANUI

We 'tried' to climb Kakanui, inland from Palmerston on the Weekend of the 20th and 21st of July. It was more an exercise in survival! We needed chains to get over the Pigroot for starters and then following the South Ridge into what turned out to be a blizzard. We gave it away about 50 metres from the top in nil visibility and waist deep snow. Our exit was made from the storm down the South face into the headwaters of a stream where we camped - 2-3 feet of snow over matagouri! Before we climbed out of the valley the next day and back to the car in occasional patches of sunshine. It's a marvellous area.

Peter Strang for Tim Strang.

Obviously a place of extremes - when I was there it was extremely hot and thirsty work...Ed

XC SKI INSTRUCTION WEEKEND

27-28 JULY

It was a fairly windy morning when we set out for the Old Man Range on the Saturday morning. There were doubts expressed over whether we would manage to ski that day. Huey was on our side and we even managed to get a long way up the road. A short stroll and we were into the skiing. It was fairly windy so most of us spent the day playing around in a gully off the ridge. Some of the others took off for a short tour with Bruce in the afternoon.

It was absolute pandemonium in the Roxburgh Camping Ground Kitchen it was amazing that 7 parties could all cook a meal at the same time without getting in each other's way. Perhaps it says something for the nice people in the Club?

A few of us looked slightly worse for wear in the at the apres ski at the Shingle Creek Pub, but the locals didn't bat an eyelid.

Next day dawned bright and clear and we headed off again. We got up to the same place in the vans and car and headed off a bit further this time. Most of us managed a tour of some description along the range and a good time was had by all.

Some of the interesting/weird/downright peculiar things that happened were;

Andy and his hand-crafted patchwork human torpedo hat.
Judy had a knack for slow motion snow ploughing.
Ross 'cornice bomber' Cocker showed his true colours as a speed freak.
Hugh decided to finish the day's skiing on Sunday with a very impressive face plant. I saw a few during the weekend, but this was a beauty.
For some reason Robyn was carrying a sausage around in her pocket!?
Mike took the record for the largest number of falls of the weekend.

Perhaps some of the others on the trip could put down their impressions on paper - see the next Bulletin.....Sue Levick





OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP

NEXT MEETING...Tuesday 13 August

This meeting is very important to all Club Members. The main business of the meeting will be to complete the OTMC submission on the Mount Aspiring National Park Management Plan. This park is the area where the Club has most of its trips that go to the main divide. This plan is the most important document about tramping for many years.

Dave Levick.....473 8427

(It's not really like this!)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the year is almost over. I've really enjoyed leading the Club this year. It has been both a privilege to guide this Committee for the year.

The Club has been going from strength to strength and the atmosphere at Club nights lately has been marvellous.

Thank you to all who have supported me over the last year. It's great to see so many people supporting our Club nights and regular trips. A special thank you to a dedicated hard-working Committee, without which, things wouldn't be running so smoothly. I'll be sorry to see some step down, thrilled to welcome some new faces to the new Committee and even more thrilled that some have expressed a desire to stay on.

If you're remotely interested in standing for a Committee position, all are up for re-election. Or if you are interested in helping out in any way, please let some one know.

The Club is what you make of it, so get behind it.

I hope to see a huge turn-out at the AGM; if you're not there to vote or express an opinion, you can't complain over the next year.

I've had a marvellous year, thank you.....

Elsbeth Gold.



THE COOKING COMPETITION

As a judge I knew the standard would be high in this years cooking competition. One other detail gave the game away (as to how high the standard would be). Mr "I can make anything edible quickly" Forrester was first on the trip list.

As he had swooped the prize of fastest prepared meal two years ago, it was decided not to include that category in this years competition. This allowed others a shot at the prizes.

It was with anticipation, trembling tastebuds and a bloody heavy pack that we headed into the hut. Doug was the only one who offered to lighten my load, he assured me there was no grovelling or bribery involved, just that carrying heavy packs definitely wasn't women's work.



Once in at the hut, a civilised sail was the order of the day. With no sail and no oars on the yacht, the sail was some-what short-lived, but civilised all the same.

Then it was into formal attire. I didn't recognize some people they spruced up so well.

The prize for the tackiest tramping wear was awarded to Ann Schmack, a particularly tacky number was awarded to her to wear with her tasteless trousers.

The competition was on and the standard was exceptional. Tables were adorned with lace, serviettes, place names, crystal and silver. While I got on with the serious task of judging my two co-judges seemed more concerned with the serious task of drinking (never this judge). Bribes aplenty were offered, but accepted only once the offerees knew there would be no bonus points.

A particular mention has to go to Doug. His particular "creation" was astounding to say the least. This man has to be seen in action to be believed. How can you say cooking is women's work?

Prizes were awarded to:

Best gourmet meal and meal that least resembles a tramping meal - went to the Butcher's team - Chris, Megan, Mary-Anne, Mark. A meal which defied description.

Best One Billy meal - went to - Kate and Margaret for Cajun Seafood Soup.

Doug did sweep a prize for ask him, he loves to tell the tale of his speech.

The evening then deteriorated into serious dancing and talking. Lucky no-one else was in the hut.

A thank you to all who participated. The standard was exceptionally high. I couldn't believe some of the creations (chicken and tarragon crepes spring to mind.) A superb evening in great company. I particularly enjoyed the rock'n'roll lessons.

Same time, same place next year.....

Elper.



OUTDOORS.....OUTDOORS.....OUTDOORS.....OUTDOORS.....OUTDOO

Please start writing your articles, trip reports etc, etc.
Especially needed are some photos - also one suitable for the front cover.

Please see Mark Planner for any further information....ph 473 741

THE GREAT MOTURAU COOKING COMPETITION

It was a proud moment for me when it was announced that once again I had won an award at the Annual Cooking Competition. Actually, I won another one but not for my cooking, can't remember the category, I was pretty hyped up with my first award. A lot of distractions, but it didn't deter me from my task, which I did methodically in a very business-like manner.

Making a lot of noise at the other end of the table was a group led by a butcher. (I think he was a butcher, say he was good with a knife.) They seemed to spend a lot of time buttering up the judges, but that's not how I won my award, no sir! Two years ago at the annual bash, I won an award for fastest prepared meal. I noted that the organisers didn't have that class this year, further evidence that they didn't want me hogging the prizes.

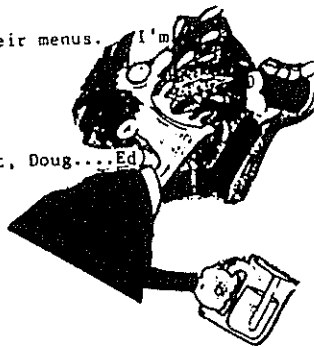


My menu was a three course dinner, SOUP; Fungii Moor Moor - a delightful mix of skim milk, mushroom, wheat flour, potato puree, onion puree, salt, cornflour, animal fat, flavour enhancer, soya sauce, maltodextrin and spice extracts. ENTREE; Edmondii li luncho - a very nourishing dish of fried noodles, starch, vegetable protein, chicken, peas, sugar, salt, shortening, curry, carrots, onion, flavours, monosodium glutamate and yeast. MAIN; Spuds Nuds - a high carbohydrate, protein and flavour enhanced dish that really got the judges talking.

I hope this encourages other contestants to give forth their menus, particularly keen to hear from Chris the butcher.

Until next year..... Doug F

(I'm not surprised you were hyped up after eating that lot, Doug... Ed)



WEEK CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP - HECTOR MOUNTAINS

The trip list closes for this trip on the 15th (Thursday) of AUGUST. There will be a trip planning meeting in Clubrooms Wed. , 21st at 7:30pm.

There is also a personal survival and snow camping gear list on the wall by the trip list. Please make sure you have (or can borrow) all these items.

BRUCE MASON.....PH 476 1544

ADVANCED**BUSHCRAFT****COURSE**

OTMC and the Dunedin Mountain Safety Committee are jointly organising an advanced bushcraft course in September - October 1991.

WHO FOR: Anyone who has done a bushcraft course, preferably holds a first aid certificate, has some knowledge/experience with ice axe, and who wants to increase their leadership skills and experience in back country travel and pass-hopping. i.e. somewhere between Bushcraft and Mountaineering.

WHEN: Four Wednesday evening sessions starting at 7.30 on September 4, followed by a fifth evening session (expedition planning) plus a four-day expedition over Labour Weekend (you will need to be able to take Friday off work).

WHERE: At OTMC Clubrooms, 3 Young St, South Dunedin, around the corner from the St Kilda Pub.

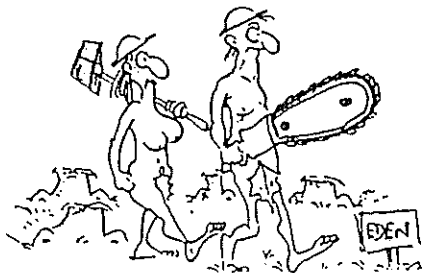
COST: Approximately \$75.00 including travel for the expedition, and all instructions, but excluding gear (provide your own) and food.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Can be obtained from Ian Sime (453-6185) or at OTMC Clubrooms, and should be returned to -

Ian Sime
Dunedin Mountain Safety Committee
PO Box 1461
DUNEDIN



with a deposit of \$25.00 by the end of August





EDITOR'S DIARY

Well, the time of the AGM is now upon us once again. I hope that quite a few of you are thinking of giving Committee a go this year. (See Eric and get yourself nominated).

I would like to say that I have enjoyed this year as Editor. Generally I've had heaps of contributions, even if they were quite often at the last minute! My thanks goes out to those regular contributors of trip reports and other items. This Bulletin is a permanent of the many happenings around the Club, so it's a good chance to get yourself immortalised.

Apart from the AGM there's plenty of fun things happening around the Club this month. By the time you receive this Bulletin the Auction will have been and gone. Half the proceeds are going to the Waikaia Bush Road Appeal and half to the photo archives, which Ken is setting up.

On the 1st of August we had an interesting talk from Les Coxhead and his many and varied trips by canoe and kayak around our Southern Lakes. A different perspective on the places we must tramp around. Especially Jack's Blowhole from the inside out!

There are plenty of 'snow' trips coming up this month also, so get into the real winter weather. There are probably a few more XC Ski converts lurking about the Club after the Instruction Weekend.

Well, it's time for me to sign off and hand over the typewriter to some other keen 'would-be' Editor.....

Sue



PRE-TRIP PHONE CALLS When you've been given the details by the trip leader, ring each member of the party. Make sure they know when the trip leaves (discuss any special pick-up arrangements), trip fare (non-members to pay before the trip leaves), and the name, phone number, and purpose of the SAR contact. Discuss arrangements and plans for route, food, and gear. Check that inexperienced people are adequately equipped. Ascertain any medical problems, food allergies or serious food dislikes.

EN ROUTE Your job is to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable trip. Depending on the experience and personalities of your party members, this could involve nothing different from a trip where you're not the leader through to a really hands-on leadership style where you need to be constantly organising people. Usually it's not too onerous but sometimes you have to actively ensure that the food is distributed fairly, that the party keeps together, that people get out of bed at a realistic time, and so on. Resist the urge to get individuals go off ahead, or on a side trip, unless it's well planned and thought and you're convinced that safety isn't compromised.

Be on the lookout for problems such as blisters, injuries, hypothermia, exhaustion. Remember that some people will not let you know they've got a problem unless you ask.

Unless major problems occur, aim to be out on time - even if it means skipping an objective.

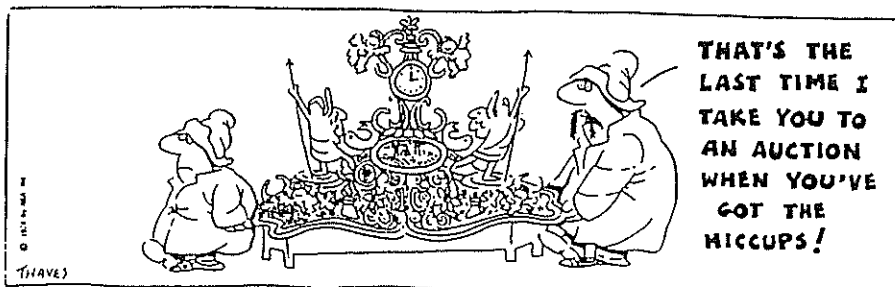
PROBLEMS If the weather closes in, a river is high, there's an injury, or someone isn't coping well, you have to make a decision. Consult the other members of the party, draw on their expertise as well as your own, but don't turn it into Parliament! If a consensus can't be reached, you have to make the decision, and then everyone has to work at putting it into action. Remember that "Safety in the Mountains" is full of tips and memory aids for problem situations. Don't take unnecessary risks. "I'd rather be a live donkey than a dead lion" - Ernest Shackleton

AFTER THE TRIP Let the trip leader know how it went and if there were any problems. In particular, if anyone in the party was poorly matched with the rest of the party tell the trip leader. Write a trip report for the bulletin (or delegate). See that the person who bought the food is paid, and collect and pay any hut fees. Return borrowed or hired gear in the condition it was received (or better).

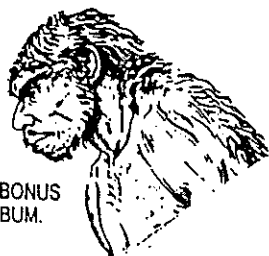
Have a great trip.

David Barnes (Chief Guide)

Copies of this article will be available from me or my successors.



Hot Gossip



WHICH JUDGE IN THE COOKING COMP WAS HEARD TO SAY HE GIVES BONUS POINTS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF WALKING ALONG BEHIND A LOVELY BUM.

WHICH SOUTH DUNEDIN WESTPAC MANAGER SPENT TEN MINUTES SEARCHING FOR HIS CAR KEYS, ONLY TO DISCOVER THEY WERE IN HIS OTHER POCKET, AND NOT TEN MINUTES LATER HE WAS SEEN TO GO INTO A DAIRY AND PURCHASE A TEA TOWEL THEN BORROW THE PROPRIETORS SCISSORS AND PROCEED TO CUT IT INTO STRIPS.

WHO WAS IT WHO SWEEPED THE PRIZE IN THE COOKING COMP FOR "IN THIS CASE COOKING IS DEFINITELY WOMANS WORK."



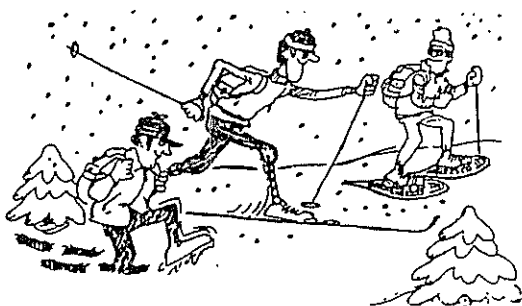
Who was the man who was seen to lovingly place his team's prize of silk flowers in water overnight, so they wouldn't wilt (at the cooking competition)???

Pam must have learnt some flamboyant cooking techniques at the cooking competition. At the Roxburgh Motor Camp Kitchen flames were seen shooting about 2 feet in the air from her fry-pan.

Seen in the Lawrence Fish & Chip shop - a 'Houdini' style act. Could you take off your bra in public without attracting a crowd????

A remark was passed by Bruce M about Women's work in the Club kitchen the other night. He received a good flick of soapsuds in the ear for reward! (Surprise, surprise - nothing to do with Doug!)

Who was the chap with the sagging elastic in his long-johns that had to resort to blue braces??



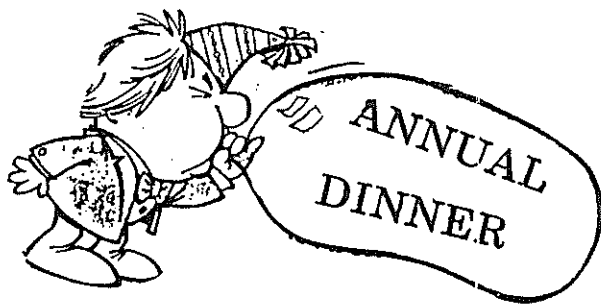
HAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The programme for the next few weeks....

- Aug 8 **AUCTION** - an OTMC annual event.
- Aug 15 **Snow Caving** - Richard Pettinger will be showing slides and talking about his coming trip.
- Aug 22 **A Tropical Dessert** - Eric Lord will be giving us Australia (Part 4), the concluding chapter.
- Aug 29 **Annual General Meeting** - come and hear what the current committee has done and appoint a new one.
- Aug 31 **Annual Dinner** - Bagdad Cafe, 7.30pm.
- Sep 5 **Walking on Water** - Antony Hamel will be speaking on the history of the Silverpeaks.
- Sep 12 **B.Y.O.** Slides, photos and plenty of gossip.

Kind regards Julie



Saturday, August 31
Bagdad Cafe (Licensed)
\$30per head (excluding drinks and coffee)
Numbers attending, along with money required NOW!

ROCK AND PILLAR STORM

Ice screaming through
the air
Howling at us
to stand clear
We fought against
on hand and knee
we crawl our way
so as to be
free.
7.7.91.....Mike Gillies