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THE OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
7:30PM

TRIP LIST

- SEPT 14-15 X C SKI - FRASER BASIN (M-FE) Neil George 476-1638
A weekend for the intermediate and advanced XC Skiers.
(You'll need to be able to ski a couple of hours with a pack on.)
- SEPT 15 SILVERPEAKS (F) Arthur Blondell 489 7633
A slightly longer romp through the peaks. Note: 8am start.
- SEPT 22 MAUNGATUAS (M) Sharon St Clair Newman 453 6317
A great day trip - end to end traverse of the range, with good views.
- SEPT 28-29 X C SKI - ROCK AND PILLARS RANGE (M-FE) Eric Lord 454 4043
The last official XCS trip. Stay in the Club's biggest hut, (sleeps 50) and ski out the door. Suitable for skiers from beginners to experts.
- SEPT 29 FLAT HILL - SHAG RIVER (M) Peter Mason 473 7636
Another of Peter's infamous "obscure destination" trips.
Note: 8am start.
- OCT 5-6 SNOW CRAFT INSTRUCTION (C) (fitness level - MF-FE) Arthur Blondell 489 7633
Learn the basics of snow travel, including ice-axe and crampon techniques. Destination will depend on snow conditions. Numbers may be limited by the availability of instructors. For this reason, priority will be given to Club Members. NOTE: List closes Sept 19.
- OCTOBER 6 BOULDER HILL (E M) Hugh Dickson 489 5662
A short walk with good Taieri views.
- OCT 12-13 COMBINED CLUBS WEEKEND Ian Sime 453 6185
Organised by the Southland Tramping Club. These occasionally annual events are a great chance to meet trampers from other clubs. There's usually some day tripping on the Saturday, and a hooley at night and various antics (including STC's bizarre ritual of prune stone spitting on the Sunday.)
- OCTOBER 13 SAREX David Barnes 454 4492
Run by the Police, these usually involve a realistic mock search. Hard work, but fun and a great way to sharpen those skills. Bonuses include the chance of a helicopter ride, and probably a few beers at the Police club. For those on the SAR list or with relevant experience. Contact me nearer the time for more details.
- OCTOBER 19 & OCTOBER 20 BENN RUDD'S REVEGETATION Richard Pettinger 487 9488
Come on Saturday or Sunday or both. There's lots to be done.
- LABOUR WEEKEND
OCTOBER 26-28 PORT CRAIG / THE HUMP (E FE) David Barnes 454 4492
One of the perks of planning the trip card is a trip to your favourite place. This is (probably) it! Something for everyone (except rock climbers - see Outdoors 85-87 for more on that story) - coastal trips, historical relics, rolling tussock tops, amazing granite tors, epic bush bashes.

No day trip at Labour Weekend



EDITOR'S DIARY

No, it's not the new Editor, it's me again! However it's not all bad news, we do have a new Editor waiting in the wings, Neville Mulholland, is willing and able, so this is definitely my last Bulletin (this year anyway).

The AGM has seen a new Committee, headed by Elspeth Gold who is going to lead the Club for another year. Congratulations, and I hope you all enjoy getting involved.

I've heard several people saying that it's too cold to go tramping in the winter. Well, spring is here and it's time to drag your boots out and give them their annual Dubbin treat. David (putting in another year as Chief Guide) has organised heaps of trips to your favourite places for the next few months (trip card with this Bulletin).

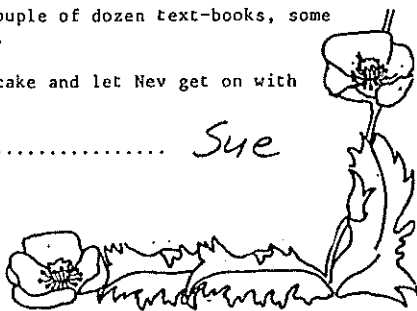
The Annual Dinner was a big success. Everyone had a good time with good numbers attending (in the end). Some of our "older" members were there, ie those we don't see so often around the Club, mainly because of their little ones.

The trip reports in this month's Bulletin are mainly to do with Snow-caving and Skiing. This reflects the enthusiasm for these trips. Dave organised a good instruction weekend, with most skiing quite well by the end of the weekend. Snow-caving is a very social sport. Richard organised brilliant weather and a relaxed social time was had by everyone. We also learned how to snow-cave!

I'll be submerging for the next month or so. A couple of dozen text-books, some towering piles of notes and a horde of exams await.

So now I'll really say, see you round like a cheesecake and let Nev get on with the job

..... Sue



TRIPS:

COMING UP:

Rock Climbing Intro Weekend
Mt Pisgah
Mt Cook
Christmas Trip - Stewart Island

Nov 2-3
Nov 9-10
Nov 23-24

Snow Caving Weekend

And now for something completely different. Who in their right mind would slog up a bloody great big hill just to dig a hole and sleep in it. Everyone had their own technique and many a palace was created. It is but a vicious rumour that I had a presidential palace dug for me, there was so much snow being thrown out of the entrance by Arthur and Wayne that we couldn't get in.

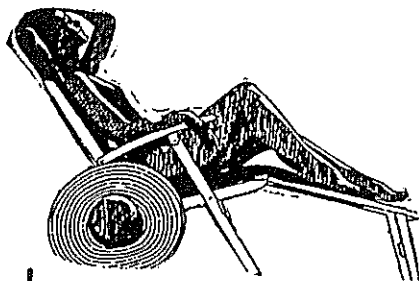
Mark swept the prizes for silliest hat (it once belonged to Mickey Mouse) and the shortest lived shovel handle (10 mins).

The beans didn't have the required effect so the cave wasn't warmed by hot air. I'd been told some stories about beans and snowcaves, but I don't reckon they're true.

A car load of us headed away early on Sunday to catch the rugby match, leaving the rest in their snowcaves to sleep in.

Been there done that.

Elspeth for Arthur Blondell (architect extraodanaire), Sue Levick, Wayne Redmond(chief apprentice) and Mark Spittal.



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Howdy Folks, this year's AGM went very well with 50 full members turning up. Elspeth remains as El Presidento (surprise! surprise!), Antony Pettinger is our new President of Vice and yours truly becomes Treasurer. Which begs the question, who is Secretary? Any volunteers would be welcome as we did not fill this position on the night. *(Now filled by Funa Buchanan.)*

A vote was required for the 5 Committee positions and congratulations go to David Barnes, David Levick, Peter Mason, Peter O'Driscoll and Dean Peterson. Due to anomalies in the Club's rules, both Justin Calder and Mike Floate still become full Committee members.

Motions 7.1 and 7.2 were passed without much discussion needed. Motion 7.3 required a lot of discussion to clarify the wording and was passed after two amendments which were "both" rules 8 & 9 and that each additional fee to equal the "difference between the single membership fee and the married membership fee." Motion 7.4 passed with everyone understanding the need to clean up the business of electing Committee positions and the importance of Chief Guide.

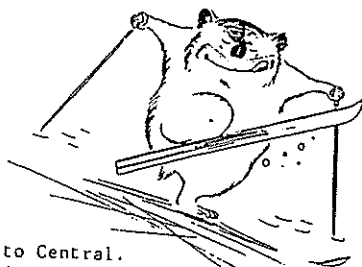
Congratulations to Peter Mason who was elected a Life Member by a clear majority. Commiserations to Richard Pettinger as his motion was clearly lost.

Well that is it folks, I've enjoyed my year as Secretary, it has been fun (most of the time) so don't be shy and come forward if you have the urge to become Secretary. For now I'm looking forward to the new challenge of Treasurer.

Cheers Eric.



CROSS-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION WEEKEND 27 & 28 JULY



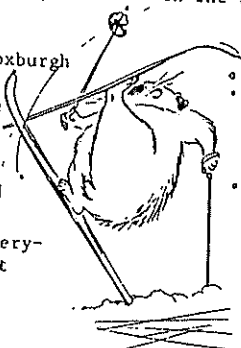
We left on Saturday morning and had a quick trip to Central. Fortunately, the road was frozen, so we made it right up to the snow in the vans. Some of us put our skis on straight away, others just plodded up the road on foot.

It was a fairly windy day, so we spent most of the day on a reasonably sheltered slope. Some of the group disappeared for a tour for the afternoon, with Bruce and the rest of us carried on falling down and getting up (same as in the morning).



We were booked into the Roxburgh first it was a visit to Creek Pub. We hogged the it was the best remedy

We were virtually the only probably just as well as at once to cook their thing for the OTMC that every- various concoctions without



Motor Camp for the night, but the very warm and welcoming Shingle pot-belly stove just a bit, but after pounding (literally) the slopes.

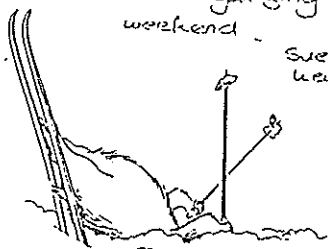
ones at the Motor-camp. This was everyone crammed into the kitchen meals. Perhaps it says some- one managed to cook and eat their resorting to fisticuffs (at last, a chance to use that word!)



We were awoken by the dulcet tones of a six foot rooster and were soon on our way up the hill again. The wind had reduced, so most of us had a tour of some descrip- tion. Then it was a ski or otherwise down to the vans and we were on our way home.

Thanks everyone for a great fun trip. Thanks to Dave for organizing the weekend.

Sue Weir



Sleeping Under Water. (Snowcaving 1991)

It was a chilly start - 6.30am at clubrooms. Vans loaded, mattresses installed and away by 7.00am. Picked up Mosgiel and Milton contingent and, with a swerve or 2 in the Manuka George, and a wee stop in Roxburgh we hit the Waikaiti Bush Road.

After a little struggle with ill-fitting chains vans were parked and Neil Duncan's 4WD Subaru did some portering of packs a little further up the road, we finally set out on foot in glorious sunshine. Soon the brown bits of road disappeared and XC skis were donned by some. One & a half hours from the vans a suitable gully was found, checked and a start made by the very enthusiastic.

After lunch the rest of us joined them and digging started in earnest. 5 entrance holes were soon disgorging some snow as digging changed from in to up, then the volume increased to a torrent as the benches were cleared. First cave (RP) finished in under 3 hours, last one (NG) in over 6 hours. (Country Cottage v. Long Driveway.) And so to dinner (interesting and filling) and, as the light faded, into the cosy sleeping areas. After a raging booze up in cave 1 (EG), a tot of rum (or was it two) in cave 2 (RP), a CASK of mulled wine in 3 (NG), more wine in cave 4 (PV), with a dollop of Sambuka in 5 (BM), some fell into a deep sleep - at least 12 hours to make up for early start!!



Bright and early next morning most were still asleep but the early risers were up and away back to town. I do hope the game was worth it Anne; ha ha Ha Ha HA HA HA HA HA. What you missed was - at least 50 miles XC skiing (PV, RP and NG), or a stroll over the tops (most others), some igloo building (BG & NM with help (hindrance) from MS, MaB and others). After lunch further XC ski, stroll, igloo building ensued until Maryanne decided she wanted a snowball fight. She got one! A multi-handed, multi-sided snowball fight ensued, the highlight being the ambush of XC skiers. Best victim was Richard (he fell over as soon as he saw what was happening!!). A bright, mostly sunny Sunday, with plenty time to explore, ski etc.

Soon time to tidy up, pack up and make for the vans. A lot less snow on the way down a very soggy WBR. Vans left at 4.30pm; back in town by 7.00pm.



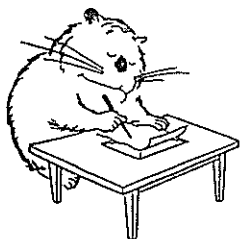
Caves:

Country Cottage (Q&D)
Chauvinist's Manor (or
- Girls can't dig)
Maryanne Trap (2am)

All a Facade (or
Hotel California)
End of the Line

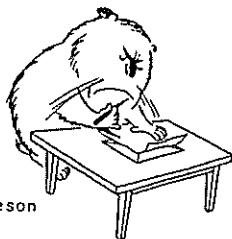
Richard Pettinger, Judy Maguire, Neil Duncan,
Peter O'Driscoll.
Elspeth Gold, Arthur Blondell, Sue Levick,
Wayne Redmond, Mark Spittal.
Neil George, Dean Peterson, Maryanne Blue, Ken
Powell, Jonette Service.
Peter Vollweiler, Brynley Crosado, Anne Schmack,
Neville Mulholland.
Bruce Newton, Fiona Buchanan, David Saunders,
Mike McCartney.

Many thanks to Richard for a very enjoyable, very instructive and very safe trip. One Skill you didn't pass on - how do you organize the weather??
P.O'D.



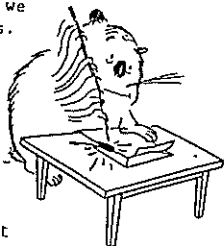
OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP
REPORT 1990-1991

The Committee appointed me to be the
ORG Convenor to take over from Stu Mathieson



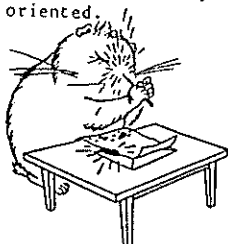
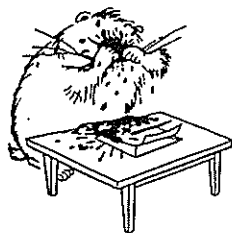
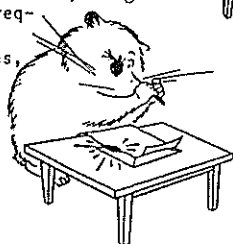
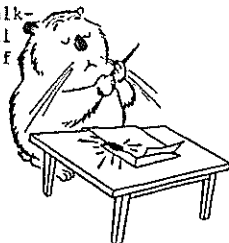
Since this time, my main job has been to organise regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm. To get bigger attendances, we decided it would be better to hold meetings at the Clubrooms. This seems to have worked as attendances have improved, with sometimes 8-10 people present.

The last few months have been very busy with both written and verbal submissions. I addressed the DCC about the Draft Annual Plan which was lacking in walking based recreational opportunities.



A large number of Club Members attended the Public Meeting at Macandrew Bay about the DCC Draft Plan for walking routes on Otago Peninsula. The Plan was seriously lacking in walking routes. Public pressure enabled three recreational users to be appointed to the Joint Working Party, one of whom is Elspeth Gold, our President. We can look forward to increased walking access on the Peninsula as a result.

Major submissions have been made on the Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan. This required a great deal of input from many ORG members; in particular, David Barnes, Richard Pettinger, Bruce Mason and the typing job by Sue Levick. We were very concerned that the MANP is very much development oriented.



Allied to this I wrote at short notice the submission on the Otago Air Access Strategy using Mike Floate's excellent FMC submission as the basis for the Club submission.

In an about face the Central Otago District Council stated that the Waikaisa Bush Road would "not normally be closed" in winter. This was only after FMC and the OTMC took them to a High Court Judicial Review. We are currently seeking

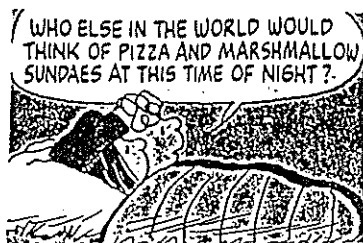
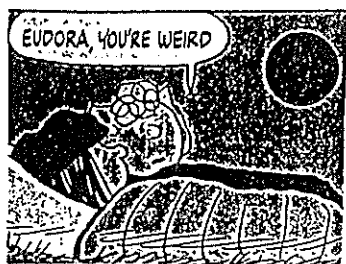
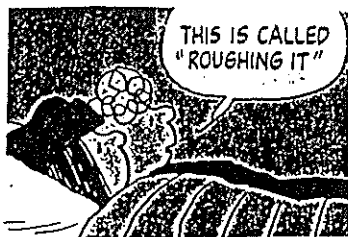
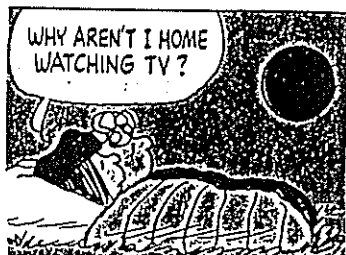
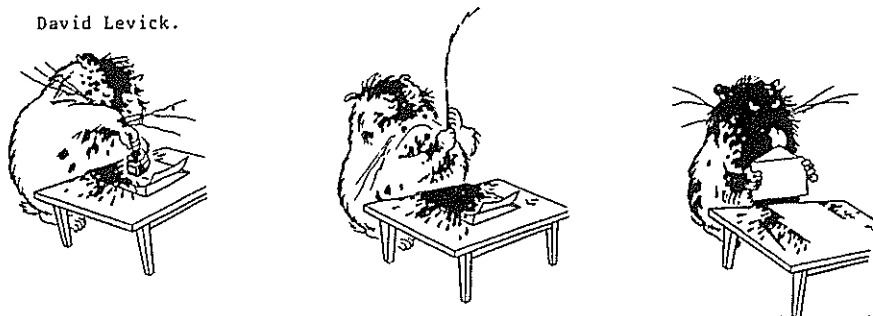
a legal declaration to keep the road open. This road has been used by the Club for X-C ski instruction, snow-caving as well as many private ski trips to the Bain Block.

There have been a wide range of submissions written regarding concessions, most of which have been written by people such as Mark Planner, Spen Walker and John Pohl.

I have been pleased to see more Committee Members present at ORG meetings and hope in the 1991-1992 year more will attend as well as more ordinary Club Members. We all have a responsibility to protect and conserve the areas in which we tramp and ski. This Club has a proud record in this field and I hope it will continue.

A large number of people have helped with information and one-off submissions, my thanks to you, because ORG could not function without you.

David Levick.



SNOW SHELTERS - OLD MAN RANGE

AUGUST 24-25

We set off on Saturday morning at the crack of dawn. There was a good frost on the Taieri as we burned along the Flood-free.

arriving at the bottom of the Waikaia' Bush Road, I had my fingers crossed that we would get a long way up the road, due to my well-developed degree of unfit.

However, it was not to be. We only make it past the second gate on the road. Despite vigorous digging of snow with shovels, we made it no further. Neil gave us a reprieve however, by driving our packs up higher in his fantastic vehicle.

It took a few of us quite a bit longer than others to make it up the hill, we decided we had reached a new fitness level - Blob. When the snow-caving site eventually hove into view, Arthur and Wayne were already hard at work. Elspeth, Mark and I decided we deserved a rest. Our cave eventually turned out to be a de-luxe model. Our interior designer, put some final festive touches in place and it was ready.

Elspeth cunningly cooked a meal designed to bring us all down to the same level. Not long afterwards it became apparent that our party were hardened drinkers. There were at least three spirits, plus a mug of wine each! Exhaustion prevented us from drinking it all, however.

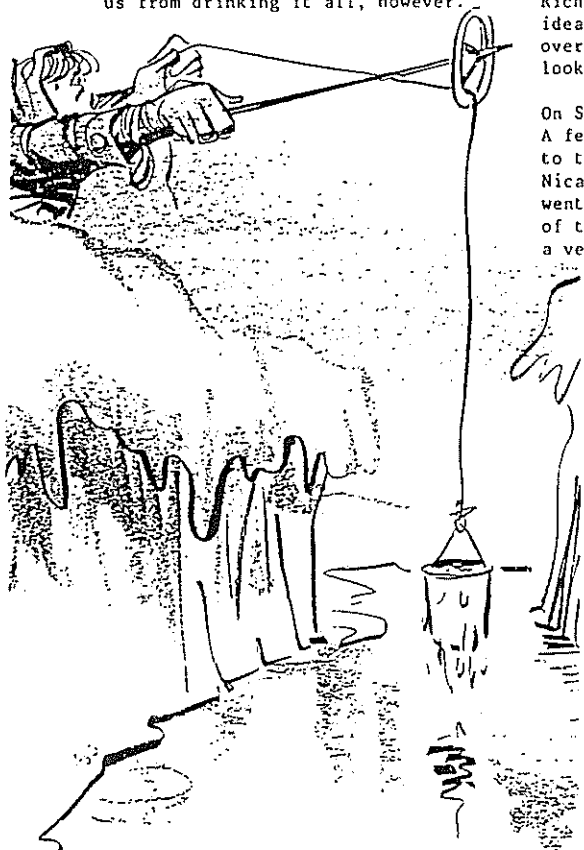
Richard's party next door, had a similar idea. I went visiting and wasn't nearly overcome by the rum fumes. They all looked very happy.

On Sunday, the weather was even better. A few of the crew departed to rush home to their tellys to see the Samolians vs. Nicaraguan Rugby game. The rest of us went skiing, iglooming, lazing and some of the more easily led were involved in a very childish display of mindless snow-ball throwing. (Is it fair to pelt a woman when she's down??)

Eventually we had to leave our little village and walk back down the hill to the vans. It seemed a long way because the snow had melted back a long way.

Thanks for a good introduction to snow caving - Arthur, Wayne, Mark and Elspeth.
by Sue (scribe and experienced shoveller).

We went back for a days skiing the next week and all the caves were still intact. I was also amused to see my ski tracks down the hill with great big scrobby holes about every 20 feet!



A BRAIN TEASER FOR COLD WINTER NIGHTS

This test does not measure your intelligence. your fluency with words and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will however, give you some guage of your mental flexibility and creativity. In the years since the test was developed, few people have been able to solve more than half of the 25 questions at their first try.

Instructions: Each question below contains the initial words that will make it correct. Find the missing words.

(For example: 16 O in the P Answer: Ounces in the Pound)

1. 26 L of the A
2. 7 W of the W
3. 1001 AN.
4. 12 S of the Z
5. 54 C in a P (with J's).....
6. 9 P in the SS.
7. 88 PK.
8. 13 S on the AF.
9. 32 DF at which WF.
10. 18 H on a GC.
11. 90 D in a RA.
12. 200 P for PG in M
13. 7 S on a FFP.
14. 3 BM(SHTR)
15. 4 Q in a G
16. 24 H in a D
17. 1 W on a U
18. 5 D in a 2C.
19. 57 HV.
20. 11 P in a FT.
21. 1000 W that a P is W
22. 29 D in F in a LY.
23. 64 S on a CE.
24. 40 D and N of the GF.
25. 76 T in the BP.

SOLUTION: NEXT
MONTH

YOUR VIEWS

Dear Editor

The Club Auction is over for another year. This year instead of spending much I decided to do an exercise I called "observing Member reaction to the Auction." I was very disappointed. What an education it was. They just sat there. That's all they did, just sat there. No way were they going to enter into the spirit of proceedings and help to encourage others to participate and keep the ball rolling. No, they just sat there. Were they drugged? Were they mesmerised? Were they threatened not to take part? No, they weren't, they just had no intention of contributing to the occasion to make the Auction even more successful.



They don't seem to understand that for their social nights to continue that they have to participate. Come on Members, for God's sake have a go kiwi. So what if there is a bit of junk at times? In 1989 I bid 3 or 4 bucks for some de-hy food. Had a few laughs as well. Got it home, expiry date 1979, straight in the bin. But my money went to a good cause.

Were you one of THEM?? If so, we need your support next time.

"The Phantom"



Hot Gossip



it is rumoured that "the old fella" was seen at a Otago vs Canterbury rugby match dressed in Canterbury colours, could this be bad dress sense or is the tide turning.

What have pig shit and snow-mobiles got in common? !
Ask Stu Mathieson (it's a long story).

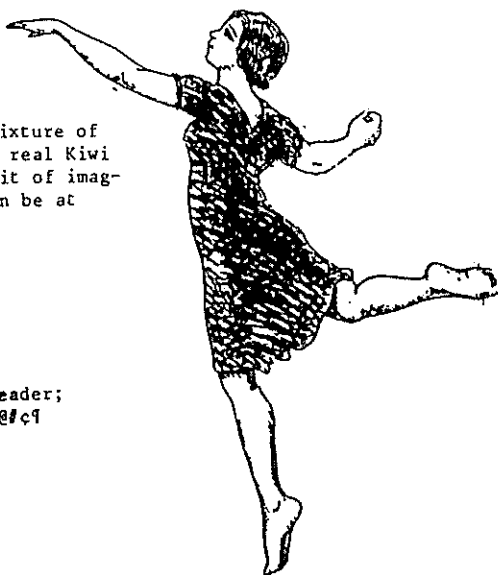


It's goodbye for now to Rhonda and Dennis. They're off overseas travelling for a few months, they'll be back in the New Year.

Barry Wybrow has returned to Dunedin - it's great to see you back Barry. However he's a well-known stirrer, and he's already cooking up some excitement. (look out Doug).

Peter and Ann McKellar send their best wishes to all at OTMC. The Brain Teaser (Rotorua) in this issue is courtesy of Peter and Ann.

On the snow-caving weekend, Anne was a mixture of sophistication, (hot red ski suit) and a real Kiwi shiela (matching bush-shirt). With a bit of imagination and careful shopping, you too can be at the fore-front of tramping fashion.



A pearl of wisdom from our fearless leader;
Never stick your willy in a blender! *@#%&



WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S

SOCIAL PROGRAMME



The programme for the next few weeks....

- Sept. 5 **Walking on Water** - Antony Hamel will be speaking on the history of the Silverpeaks.
- Sept. 12 **B.Y.O.** Slides, photos and plenty of gossip.
- Sept. 19 **South America/Patagonia** - David Green to chat about his experiences.
- Sept. 26 **Rambling with the Pettingers** - Richard & Tracy to show more of their overseas travels.

Kind regards Julie

ANNUAL DINNER - I would like to thank everyone who came to the Annual Dinner. It was a great night enjoyed by all.

GOODBYE NOTE - I would like to thank all those Club members who did talks, lectures and shows on my programme during the past 12 months. Another thanks to all members who have attended the Thursday meetings.

ATTENTION:

Call for nominees - Trustee for the FMC Mountain and Forest Trust.

Role of the Trustee is to help raise funds, make decisions on allocations and manage the finances and affairs of the trust.

If interested please ring Elspeth 453 0644
NOMINATIONS CLOSE 10 OCTOBER 1991

