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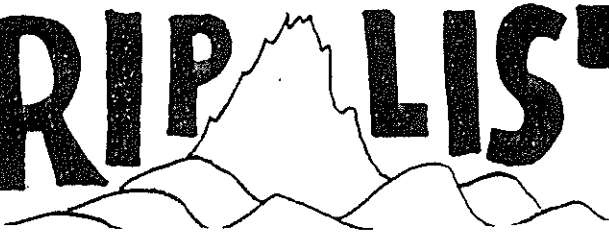
THE OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
7:30pm

AT 3 YOUNG ST
(clubrooms)

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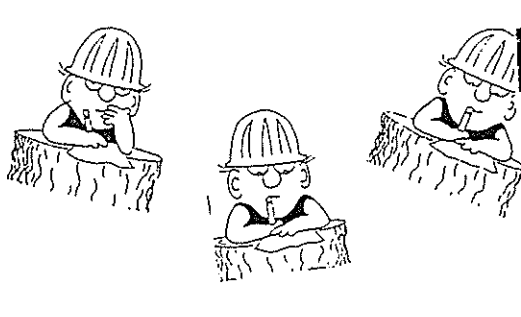
TRIP LIST



- OCTOBER 13 POLICE SAREX (M-F) David Barnes 454-4492
This will take the form of a simulated search and is aimed mainly at people with previous SAR or SAREX experience. Phone for further details.
NOTE: No ordinary day trip this week.
- OCT 19 & 20 BEN RUDD'S REVEGITATION Richard Pettinger 487-9488
Plenty of work to be done, come for one day if you can't make both. Meet at the clubrooms 9am each day, or make your own way there.
- OCT 26-28 PORT CRAIG / THE HUMP (E-FE) David Barnes 454-4492
Chief Guides choice. Something for everyone, from coastal wanderers to tussock tops.
NOTE: No day trip at Labour Weekend.
- NOV 2-3 ROCK CLIMBING INSTRUCTION - Mt Horrible
Don't let the destination's name put you off. Everyone should try rock climbing at least once. Our instructors will make sure you can't fall off. Further info from Arthur Blondell (before Labour weekend) ph 489-6733 or David Barnes (after Labour weekend) ph 454-4492
- NOVEMBER 3 NICHOLLS CREEK - SWAMPY (M) Mike Float 473-9780
See the once famous falls which Bracken Waxed lyrical about.
- NOV 9-10 MT PISGAH (ALL) Peter Mason 473-7636
Those who remember the sunrise panorama from Mt Kakanui that was on the noticeboard earlier this year will be starters for this trip.
- NOVEMBER 10 MYSTERY TRIP
Rumours abound about a battle with the Waitati Malitia. Further details as they come to hand on Thursdays. The other option is Sharon's 3rd attempt at a Maungatua Traverse.
- COMING UP MT COOK November 23-24
CLUB SAREX (Introductory) December 1
AHURIRI December 7-8

SPECIAL INTEREST

October is a good month to visit the Rhododendrons on Flagstaff. They are 20 minutes down the Jim Freeman track from Ben Rudds.



EDITORS' DIARY

Well, it's that time of the month again, and rumour has it I'm the new editor.

"What's in store for the Bulletin this year?" I hear you ask, well that all depends on the input I receive from you the club members, and even the non-members can contribute. Trip reports, letters to the Editor, stories, cartoons, drawings (always needed), hot gossip, word puzzles and quizzes, I will even print poetry. All these things go together to make an interesting and informative Bulletin.

This year I am looking at running a Dear Hilda column, where you can send in your problems to Hilda and she will try to suggest a suitable solution. So if you have a problem, no matter how trivial it may seem, send it to Hilda c/- The Editor and Hilda will reply as soon as possible.

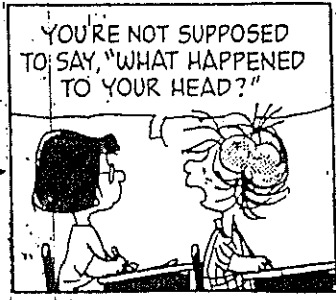
Of course I am always open to new ideas and will consider anything.

Spring has sprung once again and now that the weather is warming up and the days are getting longer you will be seeing me on more and more trips, when I can find the time. I look forward to getting back in to the hills and I look forward to seeing you all in the hills (and on the flats) too.

Well, I'd better not write too much, I have a Bulletin to produce so until next month...

...HAPPY TRAMPING

N. M. H. H. H.



NELSON LAKES TRAMP

On Saturday (the day Otago beat Auckland) we made our way to Kaikoura via wineries and markets. Kaikoura was a very friendly and positive place. We had an enjoyable night at the Blue Pacific before an early start in the morning to go whale watching. We also saw Hector dolphins and seals.

Then it was onward to Lake Rotorua where the real trip was to begin. We took the water taxi up the lake to D'urville Hut. Now there is a story - the old couple that ran the taxi service were real characters. They were both probably 50 years old but due to the hard life looked at least 75. There was machinery all in bits all through the house - bits of which were removed so that we could sit down and have a cuppa. Its a different pace of life around there. The boat needed to have the motor held on initially - that was her job.

We arrived at D'urville Hut to find 2 fisherman, and 2 Hunters set up (very well with luxuries such as 2 litre bottles of milk and 3 bottles of whisky). We were offered coffee as soon as we walked through the door, this was followed by a social night with a new alcohol called Kirsh (cherry brandy) - very yummy. These guys were great they did our dishes, offered us coffee in the morning in bed - with Kirsh in it of course. They insisted on taking us over to Sabine Hut by boat as it was raining and hey we would get wet. They offered to take my car (my pride and joy) over to St Arnard for us - and I wouldn't let just anybody drive my car but I had no hesitation with these guys. Their final gift to us was a trout which just melted in our mouths. This brings up the question: WHERE HAS CHIVALRY IN THE SOUTH GONE???

So it was a stroll without packs up the sabine valley for about 3 hours. Back to the hut to find it full of the 4TC club from Auckland. We took them on at 500 in which Otago won again. This brings me on to the rat incident - The Aucklanders had read in the hut book that there were rats in the hut and so they took the top bunks. Elspeth and I were on the bottom bunks. Elspeth had taken a mug of water to bed in preparation of being thirsty in the night. She lodged it securely between the mattresses. When she woke up in the morning the cup was empty - it must have been a powerfully thirsty RAT and only inches from Elspeths face!

It was away early on Tuesday morning to Speargrass via Howards track and then through the eternal bogs (about 47 of them). To relieve the monotony of yet another bog we took to naming them here are a few:

- So you thought I was a log bog
- Loose a boot bog

- I'll take your other boot bog
- the bog before we are really pissed off
- that's it we're pissed off bog
- Lost our sense of humour bog
- the bog of eternal stench
- break our spirit bog
- the last straw bog

So synchronised bog hopping became the order of the day which got a little depressing. The break our spirit bog was the last straw, hysteria broke out just short of the hut. Which was built on a bog. Tortelline for tea lifted our spirits along with a medicinal Jim Beam/whisky/port.

It was another early start - we wanted to leave the bogs far behind. Our destination was either Coldwater or John Tait. Coldwater won as the fire was going, the scenery terrific and a cask of red wine, and a bottle of port visible. We spent a most enjoyable night there, the hut has character and its own resident possum. We played 500 with two lads from Picton (originally from Dunedin) who were good sorts giving us wild pork for our sweet and sour. They also cooked us bacon and eggs for breakfast as they lost the game of Black Bitch.

The next day we swam/walked our way up to John Tait where we met up with the 4TC guys. On the last day we walked to St Arnard for a Speights and a shower - Human again!!

All in all it was a great trip. Thanks Elspeth.

Fiona Buchanan

INTERNAL SHUFFLES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE

After the AGM we had the position of secretary vacant, Fiona Buchanan volunteered so at the first committee meeting we appointed Fiona to the vacant committee position.

However Antony Pettinger came forward and asked to be considered for secretary as he was more familiar with the club, Fiona stepped aside in favour of Antony. Antony subsequently resigned as vice president. Fiona felt uncomfortable with the suggestion that she could fill the roll of vice president as she hasn't been in the club for long. So this left us with a secretary no vice president and a keen person who wants to spend this year learning and fulfil a more active role next year. We as a committee decided to appoint Peter Mason as vice president which leaves a vacant committee position of which we appointed Fiona to.

We have read and reread the constitution and we feel we've followed a correct procedure. If anyone in the club is unhappy with our internal shuffle please approach myself or Antony or put your concerns in writing to the committee.

Thank you

Elspeth Gold
President OTMC

Teresa Wasilewska alias "The PENGUIN LADY"

Teresa's time with the O.T.M.C. is up. What a live wire she was around the tramping scene, always good for a laugh. She got behind the O.T.M.C. in lots of different projects, Bushcraft, First Aid, Skits, Treasurer etc. Notrouble to Teresa to organise a party and being in one of her parties meant enjoying yourself with good food, sipping liquers and laughing anywhere in the mountains. What a great antidote for combatting the worries of civy street! And the penguins, would it be possible to find a stauncher supporter of the penguin cause than Teresa. The Xmas parties, penguin emblems everywhere, what lovely memories. Sadly, no penguins in Ireland. And that old bugger in the club who reckoned they were smelly little creatures, you were right to ignore him. Thank you for your concern and time (lots of) towards bettering the penguin colonies of Otago. The missing penguin emblemed knickers, could it be that one day someone will see a little yellow eye strutting out of the breakers proudly wearing them.

WELL Teresa we tried hard to keep you here, but I guess the call of distant shores was the stronger in the end. "Thank you for sharing a prat of your life with us, we have lots of lovely memories and photos to remind us of you." One old bugger in the club was overheard to say "Thank god she has gone, now my pack will be back to normal weight, all that food and alcohol was killing me in two ways" but we don't think like him Teresa. And so Teresa wherever your tracks take you have happy days and lots of nice thoughts. I guess that's the end of the pantry raiding for me.

Anonymous



A Night At The Hotel California.

It was an early start on Saturday morning. 6:30am was when we met at the clubrooms, I slept through my alarm which was set for 5:00am and so did 1½ hours of packing, eating breakfast, showering and getting to the clubrooms in the space of 30 minutes.

We drove the vans up the Waikaia Bush Road until we struck a patch of snow across the road and after putting chains on the vans and having several attempts at getting through the snow decided to continue on foot.

We reached the big snows sometime before lunch. We surveyed our section of snow and commenced caving. I discovered that it was warmer and more fun digging inside the cave than it was sitting outside or clearing snow from the entrance, so I tried to spend as much time as possible on the inside.

Our cave was large and spacious inside as we had catered for five people but ended up with only four attending.

While I was outside the cave clearing snow from the entrance, I built a large patio for sunbathing, and sculptured the entrance, which was where my plastering trowel came into use.

We christened our cave the Hotel California and that was where we spent our night in warmth and comfort. Certain other parties used alcoholic beverages for artificial warmth, but not us.

On Sunday Brynley and I spent about four hours building an igloo, but were unable to finish it as several bystanders and onlookers started a masive snow war which seriously depleted our workforce, which responded to their onslaught.

3:30pm Sunday and it was time to leave our frozen paradise and head back to the vans and home to Dunedin.

This was written by Neville Mulholland for Peter Vollweiller, Anne Shmach and Brynley Crossado.



CATLINS TRIP REPORT

The trip started with a tour of the more appealing night spots, Waiholo Tavern, South Otago for a toasted sandwich then the Catlins Inn before adjourning to Mary Browns Cottage Purakanui Bay.

The tent was erected in the rain and we settled in for the night, but there was one of those annoying drips that no matter how much you ignored it and pretended it wasn't there it wouldn't go away, so it was out into the rain to adjust the fly and all was well.

Saturday dawned overcast and a breakfast of wait for it!!!! crossiants filled with bacon, cheese and pineapple, gently heated thru was devoured. Once everyone had been told what we had for breakfast (I didn't miss anyone did I?) it was onward by car to Papatowi to start the coastal stroll.

The weather improved considerably and it was a pleasant walk via spectacular scenery, new born lambs, seals and coastal birds back to Purakanui Bay in time for a swim ??? (someone suggested it but there were no takers).

Tea was devoured then it was post dinner drinks and socialising in front of the fire in the cottage.

Next morning some headed over the cliffs in the opposite direction from the day before while others had a quiet morning fossicking in rock pools seal and paua spotting. After lunch it was home via Purakanui Falls, Jacks Bay The Nuggets and a coffee at the pink place on the hill at Kaka Point.

A most relaxing enjoyable weekend, Thanks for organising it Pete and Miriam.

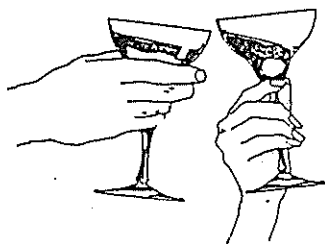
Elsbeth for Lillias and Jim

HOT GOSSIP

GOSSIP COLUMN

Seen on the Catlins Trip a new breed of Yellow Eyed Penguin, all white with a yellow beak. The rare goose penguin we think.

Ask Jim about his do it fast policy when it comes to bogs (an ancient technique handed down from Eric Lord)



Congratulations are in order for Sue Harding and John Robinson who were Married on Saturday October 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hilda's Agony Page.

Dear Hilda

I need a recipe for muscle definition in the legs, I've tramped and I've tramped and I've tramped but to no avail, do you think there's a floor in my technique?

Yours in Desperation

Desperation.

Knowing not who you are or what your legs look like I am unsure how to define your problem. Maybe there is a floor or even a flaw in your technique.

While regular tramping will be doing a world of good for your legs, you might also consider some other form of exercise for toning your muscles, such as jogging, or even a work out program at your local gym. The fitness advisor at your local gym would be more than happy to advise you of a suitable program to restore that shape and form to your legs which you so desire.

Dear Hilda

I've never written to a column like this before, but I'm at my wits end, how can I convince my husband that cooking, dishes, and cleaning can be fun and shouldn't be considered just woman's work, I've even bought him his own apron but he still refuses to budge. Please help me to help him to see the light.

anon

Anon. Re: Husband won't do woman's work.

You have taken a bold and brave step in seeking my advise for your problem. I understand how much of a frustration it is for you to want your husband to join in and enjoy the pleasures that you derive from doing such fun tasks as dishes and cleaning.

A male friend of mine used to also seek refuge from such tasks until he got his hands in to some deep hot water and discovered that he was in a pure extacy of funtimes. Now I have to lock him in a cage to stop him from getting too excited.

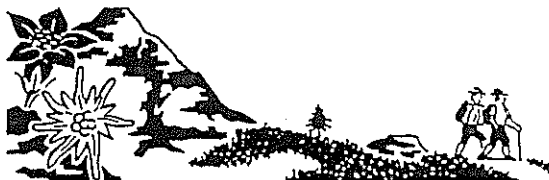
As for your husband. May I suggest you make an offering of some small insentive in return for the tasks you would like him to do. It is amazing the lengths a suitably motivated person will go to to get his reward. For example, start with a small and simple task such as dish washing, for a sink of dishes washed you might offer him a chance to kiss your hand, then work up to a night on the town in return for a complete overhaul and clean up of your entire kitchen area. And if he doesn't enjoy this then I can only suggest you get a new husband.

Subscriptions 1992

A reminder! Subscriptions are due by "the first day of December" so get 'em in. Many people have paid already but some as yet have not. Is this you!.

If so don't panic, come and see me at club night or send your sub in and I promise I'll work very very hard and get it all processed for you!

Dean Petersen,
Membership Secretary.



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Robert Muldoon

Next O.R.G meeting
October 22 at 7:30pm
any queries
phone David Levick 473-8427

BRAINTEASER ANSWERS

1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet
2. 7 Wonders of the World
3. 1001 Arabian Nights
4. 12 Signs of the Zodiac
5. 54 Cards in a Pack (with Jokers)
6. 9 Planets in the Solar System
7. 88 Piano Keys
8. 13 Stripes in the American Flag
9. 32 Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
10. 18 Holes in a Golf Course
11. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle
12. 200 Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly
13. 7 Sides on a Five Penny Piece
14. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)
15. 4 Quarts in a Gallon
16. 24 Hours in a Day
17. 1 Wheel on a Unicycle
18. 5 Digits in a Zip Code
19. 57 Heinz Varieties
20. 11 Players in a Football Team
21. 1000 Words that a Picture is Worth
22. 29 Days in February in a Leap Year
23. 64 Squares on a Chess Board
24. 40 Days and Nights of the Great Flood
25. 76 Trombones in the Big Parade

Home Brewers

Home Brewing Competition.

A home brewing competition is planned for around March next year, so all you gun home brewers out there, get your brews down and start practising and improving. If you are a novice at home brewing, then now is the time to see how good a brew you can create.

The contest will be judged by an expert in this field.

WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- OCT 10 Jim Cotter - Hypothermia in the Outdoors.
Jim is an authority on causes, effects and avoidance of hypothermia
- OCT 17 Elizabeth Slooten - Hector's Dolphin.
Hear the story of one of NZ's endangered sea mammals.
- OCT 24 Bruce Mason - Work of the Public Lands Coalition.
Bruce is the full time researcher for the P.L.C and a well known advocate for greater rights of country
- Come and hear what your F.M.C capitation fee (F.M.C is a member of the P.L.C) does for retaining important conservation and recreation lands in public ownership and improving public access, particularly to pastoral leases (there are heaps in Otago). You may even hear some of the inside story on the 'Great Land Grab' and 'Queens Chain' campaigns that Bruce was intimately involved with.
- OCT 31 Halloween!! Anne & Elspeth special - Watch this space!!
- NOV 7 Wayne Evison - Waitati Malitia (to be confirmed).
- NOV 14 Winter tramping Cross-country skiing BYO evening.

Upcoming Events:

HOME BREW COMPETITION:

An O.T.M.C Home Brew competition will be held in May or June next year. Get those brews going now.

Battle O.T.M.C v Waitati Malitia.

The visit of the Dunedin Wizard on Nov 7th. should precede a BATTLE between O.T.M.C and the Waitati Malitia on Nov 10th at a suitable venue about a suitable cause. Still to be confirmed - watch this space - or better still come to the Thursday meetings.

Don't forget the 50 cents at the door!!!

A wee reminder.....

Trip fees should be paid before the trip leaves. MEMBERS can pay late but there is a late fee. If you pull out, you still have to pay, and then write to the committee explaining why (we're a generous bunch, as long as the explanation is reasonable).

Trip leaders should make sure the list they give the treasurer includes the names of the ones who pull out.