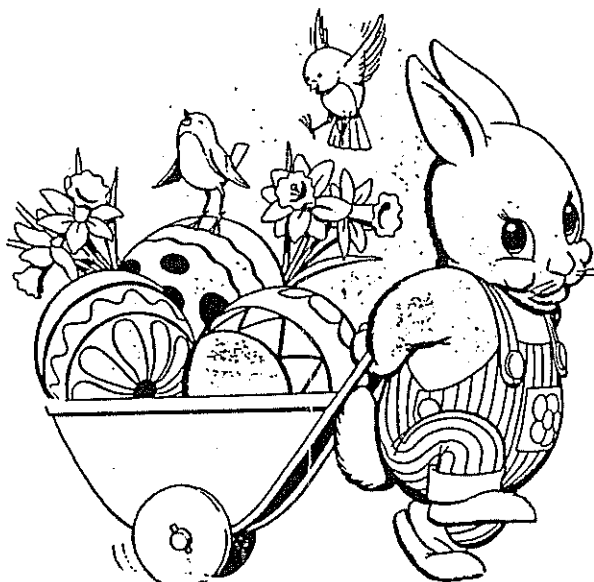


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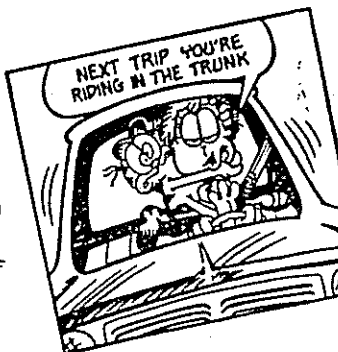
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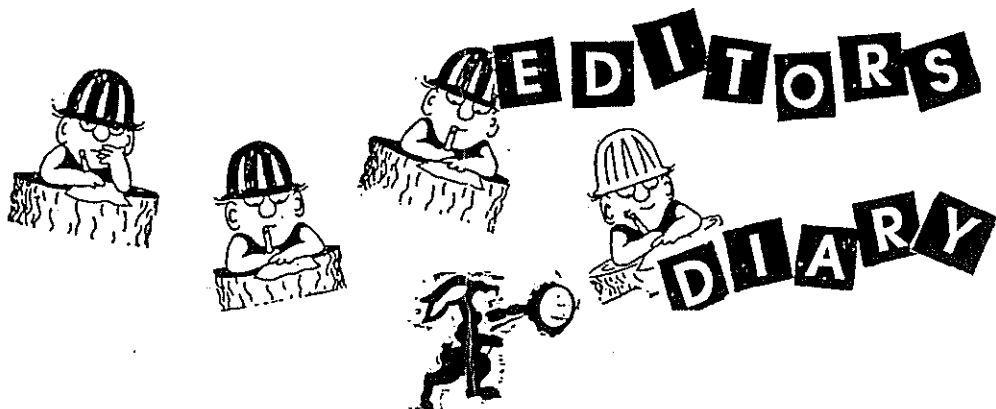
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TRIP LIST

It's HERE THE NEW TRIP PROGRAM!!!

- APRIL 26 ORBELLS CAVE (M) Sharon St Clair Newman 453-6317
A romp in the Northern Silver peaks. 8am start.
- MAY 2-3 CATLINS (E-FE) Mike Floate 473-9780
This years secret trip (ie. no pre publicity). Late entries possibly still taken by phone.
- MAY 3 FLAT HILL (M) Peter Mason 473-7636
The first of this seasons famed 'Mason Obscures'. Almost certain somewhere you've never been before (8am start).
- MAY 10 "EXTENDED OTAGO PENINSULA"(M-FE) Bruce Mason 476-1544
No Bruce hasn't been tinkering with the geography of the Peninsula - he's stringing a series of Peninsula trips together to make a super long one. Options available at M or FE levels.
- MAY 16-17 GREEN LAKE - BORLAND (E-FE) Neville Mulholland 464-0187
Always a popular destination. (Southern Fiordland for those who were wondering where it is). Also a chance to go hunting for the Green Lake Monster, or perhaps a chance spotting of a Southern Crested Grebe.
- MAY 17 POWDER RIDGE (M) Doug Forrester 487-6416
A track that relatively few people know of that's relatively close to town.
- MAY 24 SAREX (M) David Barnes 454-4492
An introduction to SAR for those considering joining our SAR list, or for those already on it who haven't done a SAREX.
- MAY 30 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - KEPLER TRACK (M) Eric Lord 454-4043
A chance to do this still-new 'loopy track' when there are very few other people on it. Huts are welcome at this time of year. Other options in the vicinity could be available.
- JUNE 1





Well here we are - another bulletin. There's a lot of really great things happening in the next few months, and some great things happened last month. Congratulations must go to Arthur Blondell and Teresa Wasilewska who were married on Saturday April 3rd, may they be happy together. Also in the O.T. Matrimonial C. this year are Peter Mason and Miriam Vollweiler who will be getting married on Saturday 23rd May 1992, congratulations to you two too.

The Third Annual Great Maniatoto Tavern Trek is on again this year and the date has been set for June 7th. This' as in previous years will prove to be an excellent trip for enthusiasts.

There is a cooking competition coming up on May 14th for those gourmet chefs out there, show us what you like to cook when you're in the hills, you never know you might win a prize.

The Home Brew and Winemaking Competition that you've waited so long for will be on June 25th. You never know there might be a new Speights or DB label to come out of this.

There is a rumour that Elspeth may have another pantomime in the pipeline. I never saw the first one in 1988 but if past reviews ring true then this will probably have the makings of a classic.

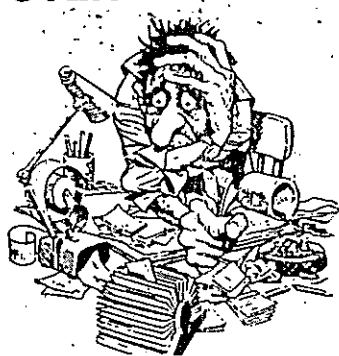
Here's a date for the diary. The Annual Dinner will be on August 29th with Tapestry BYO Restaurant in Moray Place being the probable venue.

The new trip card is due out in May and has some interesting trips on it, but you'll have to wait till it comes out to see what they are.

Oh well I guess that's enough from me for this month. As the saying goes - "I'll see you when I see you!"

Yours....Neville McCallan,

OVERWORKED?



Ohau Ordeal.

We all had an uneventful trip up to Ohau in the bus with the usual stop at Oamaru for greasies. We were dropped off at the Temple Shelter at about 11am. As the weather was so balmy Dave, Lindsay and I slept out under the stars, Jo opted for a hard bench in the shelter.

We were up with the sandflies in the morning (8:00am). After a bit of a problem with the stove we set off at the respectable time of 10am.

We were heading off up the North Temple. It was a nice tramp up through bush, open flats and some really big scree slopes. We arrived at the last patch of beech forest about 3pm and decided to make camp. We then set off for a walk up the valley.

We lost the track in the scrub a bit at one stage. Dave assured us all that grovelling through scrub is good for the soul.

We kept our eyes open for Antony and Peter's parties struggling down the scree from the North Temple. We headed back to camp and began prepare a small feast. A point worth noting; if you like good porridge take Lindsay with you. We had a big discussion on desserts, so Jo is the person to take in that line.

Our party were true gourmets. We began with soup (un-boiled-over, first time ever?!), main course, delicimo pudding, followed by toasted marshmallows and whisky and green ginger wine.

We took it easy on Sunday. Plenty of stops to lie down in the sun. It's a well known fact that if there's time to stop there's time to lie down. We came upon Antony and Peter's parties wallowing in the river. We decided not to swim. They weren't smiling when they came out!

We had a good laze in the sun and soon we were on our way back home.

Thanks to Jo, Lindsay and Dave for a relaxing weekend - Seu Levick..

Most of you will know by now that "Gear Hire" has made some notable Purchases over the past few months due to the generosity of our near neighbours and local watering hole, The St Kilda Tavern.

Proceeds of their Gaming Machines came to us in the form of a cheque for \$1100.00. The committee, in its wisdom, decided that this should be spent on a new tent and cooker, but they overlooked a females (sexism not intended) ability to search out a bargain, and we came away with two cookers.

This eventuated from the generosity of two shops. Don Gibbs of the Wilderness Shop gave us a terrific bargain on two Minaret Tents (not without a little pressure from yours truly, but he's a softie at heart!). After one went missing at Stewart Island he once again and met our available funds with a good discount on another.

Graham Gale of Gale's Sports in Mosgiel was also approached and came to our aid with a very good price for two Coleman Peak stoves.

We are extremely grateful to the St Kilda Tavern for their very generous sponsorship, and to the Wilderness Shop and Gale's Sports for giving us the discount that enabled us to use our money as we did.

Please show your appreciation to all these businesses by making them your first consideration. The amount of hire this equipment has had since it was purchased has proved how valuable its use will be to the club.

Sharon St Clair Newman
Gear Hire



ODE TO TERESA'S BOOTS

Scraped and ruined these old boots may be,
But they've been wonderful to Club member T.

We've fossicked together, travelling near and far,
Using my feet, rarely the car.

They've lasted the Copland, and the trendy tracks too,
But I can't take them with me, so I'll leave them to you.

I hope they'll remind you to fossick and roam,
To admire the flowers and swim in the foam.

So dear friends, while you fossick, enjoying the beauty,
Remember these boots and all the places they took me.

→ the king

A Weekend At Mt Titaroa??

Our destination was Lake Manapouri (or so we thought). We travelled through the pouring rain to reach Gore for tea and then to Lake Manapouri to camp the night but shortly after turning off at The Key we misplaced the Lake Manapouri turn-off.

We turned back and made our way to the Princhester Hut in the Takitimu's were eight of us slept in the six bunk hut where three other people were already sleeping.

An early start at about 7:00am or whenever, had us up and running around and having breakfast on the nice snowy Saturday morning. Most of the Taki's and most of the other Fiordland Mountains were lightly covered in snow and/or clag so along with Ken's help we decided against going to Lake Manapouri. With Ken behind the wheel of the van we took a cruise in to Te Anau to the National Park H.Q.. Ken drives with the masterful conviction of an ace rally driver, particularly with the way he changes gear, toots the horn and hits the break almost simultaneously.

We had a look around at the N.P.H.Q. in Te Anau, looked at a weather forecast and some maps then decided on a new place to go tramping for the weekend. So off to the Mavora Lakes we went, and up the Kiwi Burn we were to head.

No less than an hour after we left the van we reached the Kiwi Burn hut, just in time for lunch. After a long relaxing lunch everyone else organised themselves to go for a wander further up the valley in the snowy weather while I stayed behind in the nice warm dry hut and read my book, in the warmth.

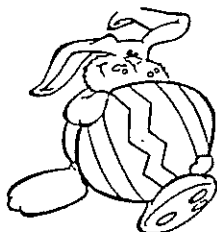
Dean cooked our party a nice filling dinner, the preparation of which involved me having to cut up a chicken so I had to do a lot of quality controlling for this job. Early to bed that night for a strenuous next day.

Sunday was another early 8:00am rise after all we did have a long and enduring 2 1/2 hour walk out during which there was the odd outbreak of snow ball throwing followed by swift counter attacks, including a very cunning attack on our dear editor by an excessively tall man in a red shirt [suitable vengeance is still to be sought].

Lunch was had just inside the bush by the swing bridge across the Mararoa river. Ken showed us one of the more traditional but slightly bazaar methods of making billy tea. After lunch every one else went for a walk along the Mararoa River to South Mavora Lake while Dean, Ken and I drove to the lake in the van, then while Ken and Dean went for a walk I stayed in the nice cosy warm van and read my book in the warmth.

Everyone returned and we all packed up and headed back to Dunedin. Snowflakes were steadily falling as we left the Mavora Lakes area and as we drove home in the van most of us slept (except for the driver) which is not surprising after the tough 3 1/2 hours of hard walking we had done.

By Neville Mulholland for Dean Petersen and Liliias Allison, thanks guys for a great weekend



HOT Gossip

What does Arthur think of his new ball and chain, and will Teresa have it in bed?

Why were Barry and Peter O'D peeing on the floor and over each other and in the ash tray at Heff's Hotel??

And what is this new fetish of Elspeth's? I hear it's got something to do with Photography of Balls!??

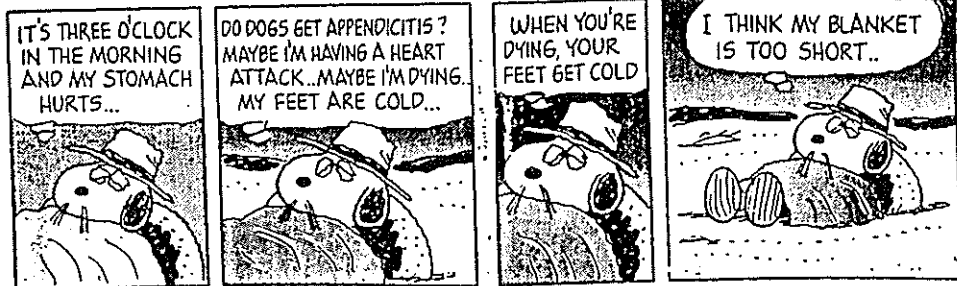
These questions and more will be answered at your next O.T.M.C. meeting.

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Congratulations also to Peter Mason and Miriam Volweiller who are getting married on May 23 1992.

Quote of the month

"You wouldn't want to commit suicide after a good crap now would you?!?"



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

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

April

16th

Easter - No meeting



23rd

Dehydrating food - Mary Hewinson
The how-to and why-for's of dehydrating food (with a surprise in the middle by Justin and Kay Calder)!

30th

DoC's Summer Programme - Hugh Dickson.
Hugh outlines what DoC got up to during the summer - it included Jubilee Hut so come and find out!!

May

7th

Himalayan Trip - Paul Bingham
Paul's slides of his recent trip to India.

14th

Cooking Competition
In town this time - at clubrooms: One billy, multi billy meals - show us how it's done!!

21st

Mount Aspiring - Doug Forrester and Barry Wybrow.
The much awaited details of how Doug got to the top!!
Don't miss it!!!

Coming Events

Elsbeth's Panto.

Home Brew and Winemaking - June 25th

Date for your diary - Aug 29th - Annual Dinner.

