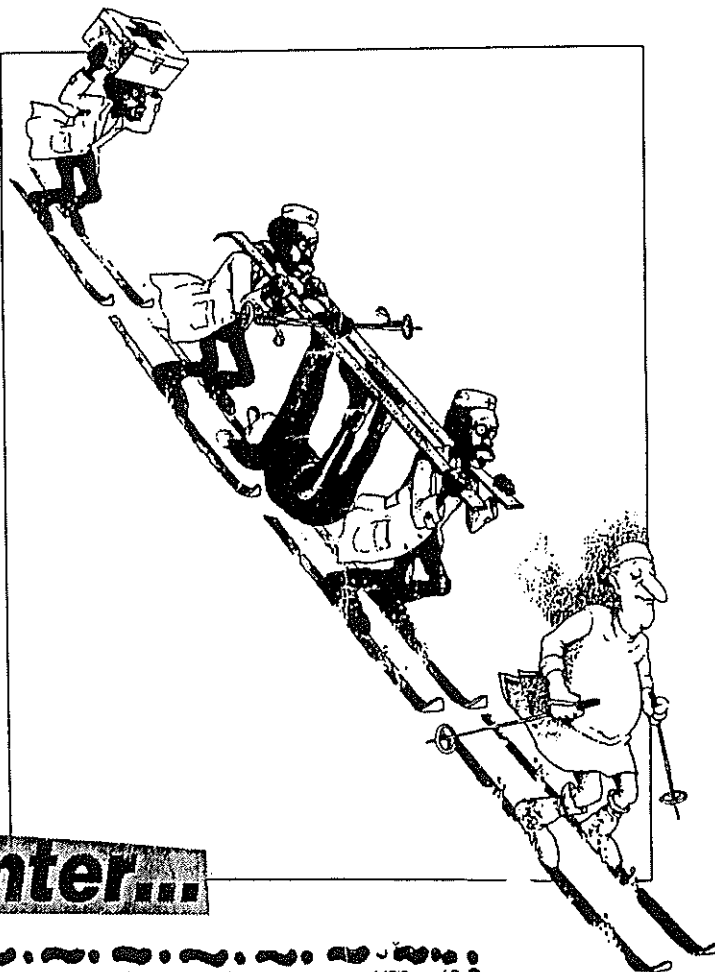


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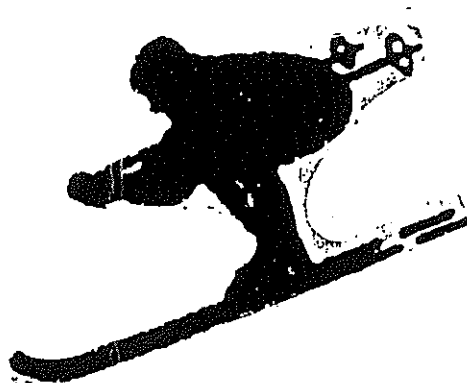


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TRIP LIST

- JUNE 21 MT FORTUNE - RAZOR BACK (M) Peter Mason 473-7636
I asked Peter where Mt Fortune is and he said "Ah-ha", "Turn up at 8:00am and find out."
- JUNE 28 GOVERNMENT TRACK (E) David Barnes 454-4492
There's been a small change to that originally stated on the trip card. David Barnes is now leading this trip instead of Mike Floate. A cruisy mid-winter trip with the up-hill bit nicely graded.
- JULY 4 - 5 MT DOMET (ALL) Chris Pearson 473-0441
A mid-winter play ground - miniature alpine peaks for those so inclined. Easier trips based around Chinaman's Hut. This trip will be cold, so be prepared.
- JULY 5 HEYWARD POINT - LOND BEACH (E) Peter Mason 473-7636
A coastal wander.
- JULY 12 PENINSULA DAY TRIP (M) Russel Godfrey 455-7205
Save boot leather - use bike tyres.
- JULY 19 CAREY'S CREEK (E) Mary Clark [Not on phone - contact Justin Calder 476-1235] - A below bushline mid-winter trip.
- JULY 25 - 26 XC SKI INTRODUCTION (M-F) Dave Levick 473-8427
It's that time of year again!! Every one should try this.
PRIORITY GIVEN TO MEMBERS - NUMBERS LIMITED.
- COMING UP: -Lots more XC Skiing
-Snowcaving
-Winter Routeburn





EDITOR'S DIARY

Cor-Blimey it's that time of the month again. June actually. We're well into winter now. Time for a bit of cross country skiing, particularly with all the good snow falls we've had. I personally aren't into cross country skiing (or any form of skiing) yet. Who knows, may be I'll give it a go this year. Mind you I've been saying that for the last four years in a row.

There's a lot of interesting events coming up on both the social calander and the trip calander this month. For instance there's the 'Home brew and wine making competition', which reminds me, I've got a list of the catagories to be entered into. So here they are:

- 1) Best kit beer,
- 2) Best real beer
- 3) Best red wine, and
- 4) Best white wine.

Should be an interesting competition, particularly for the tasters.

Lets see now, there's also the Auction. That's always good for a laugh it's good for fundraising as well. Who knows what bargain buys you might find.

Theres the President's panto coming up as well, - no that's not the AGM, that's a seperate event. The AGM has been changed to a different date to that originally stated in the trip card. The AGM is now on August 20, 1992.

Trotters Gorge Annual Wine and Dine is on the weekend after this bulletin comes out (June 20) Always a good lear up. This years first cross country ski instruction weekend is coming up on July 25, followed by more skiing. Then there's the snow caving for those into sleeping in fridges. And of course the Winter Routeburn trip.

As I mentioned earlier the AGM is coming up soon. Time to select a new committee. Elspeth is standing down as President which is a shame. But I intend to run for Editor again.

In this months bulletin I have printed a map of the Otago Peninsula walking tracks. It's quite remarkable to see the progress that has been made on the Peninsula issue in the last two years. There is now so much scope for walking on the Peninsula where you can do anything from a ten minute walk to a two day tramp with out covering the same ground twice. Most of this progress is due to the Otago Peninsula Working Party. So much of what has been gained has been gained through this working party. The Otago Peninsula and it's magnificent scenery and it's unique wildlife are a very important asset to Dunedin and are for all to share. A total of 20 walking tracks are now accessible by the public, some of these have been up graded by and properly marked by OTMC work parties. Let's hope progress continues in the same way in the future.

HAPPY TRAMPING!!



MYXOMATOSIS, FMC, AND THE CONSTITUTION!

Dear Neville,

FMC has taken a stance over the runholder application for the introduction of the myxomatosis virus. In one of the two motions at the 23/24 November 1991 executive meeting it was resolved and passed that:

"FMC express grave concern to the MAF concerning the introduction of a Myxoma virus as there is a remote chance that the virus will pose a threat to native flora and fauna. Myxoma should only be considered after substantial revision and implementation of land use practices in the rabbit-prone areas."

The club and many members have an interest, even if an indirect interest, in this highly controversial issue. For example "to protect the flora and fauna and the natural features of the country" is the second objective in the Club's Constitution.

I believe that members should be informed by Mike Floate, the Club's nominee on FMC-

- (1) Why he voted in opposition to the above resolution (as also recorded in the FMC minutes)?
- (2) If he canvassed ORG, Club committee, or members' views first?
- (3) Why he voted rather than abstain when the relevant motion was directed to the MAF, being his employer?

Yours,
Bruce Mason.

RESPONSE TO BRUCE MASON'S LETTER ON "MYXOMATOSIS, FMC AND THE CONSTITUTION".

The FMC Executive minutes for the meeting on 23 - 24 November 1991 to which Bruce refers in his letter of May 9, 1991 were the uncorrected and unconfirmed version which was incorrect in an important respect.

The corrected and confirmed minutes of the FMC Executive Meeting on 23 - 24 November 1991 record that M. Floate and L. Burton abstained from voting on motions relating to Myxomatosis.

The reason for that course of action was that the Director General for Agriculture, Dr Russ Ballard, had earlier issued a directive that MAF staff do not express a public view on Myxomatosis while the application from Federated Farmers (for introduction of Myxomatosis to NZ) was under consideration by MAF. MAF staff were thus obliged to remain neutral on this issue and Lisa Burton and I (both MAF employees) had no choice but to abstain.

Yours Sincerely
Mike Floate.



WALK OF THE LUXMORE

If you've never been up at 5:30am on a very cold frosty Dunedin morning, then it's an experience to be experienced. Even our dear Pres. experienced it. I personally got out of bed at 5:30am, about 5 seconds after I woke up and realised the alarm was ringing. The alarm had been ringing since 4:30am because that's what time I was supposed to get up and pack and have breakfast and have a shower and get to the clubrooms by 5:45am. Instead I called the taxi then packed while I was waiting. Fifteen minutes after I got out of bed I was at the clubrooms ready to board the bus. Not bad considering the roads were icy and the taxi driver wouldn't go over 50km/h.

We boarded the bus all bright and cheery and were soon on our way to Rainbow Reach, via Gore where we stopped for breakfast. Dean P. was much disgusted by the number of people who had greasy mutton pies for brekky.

We arrived at Rainbow Reach at about 10:30am and dropped off those partys starting the Kepler from there. Then the bus drove us to the Te anau Control Gates where we alighted, collected packs, changed into suitable clothing and strolled off to wander leisurely up to Mt Luxmore.

A quick lunch break was had at Brod Bay where several dispicable persons offered to polar plunge me into the lake. A total of 3½ hours after leaving the Control Gates we were at Luxmore Hut. Not bad considering the sign said 5 hours. So we were at the hut at 3:30pm and I had time to listen to the end of the Rugby on my walkman.

A little bit of the usual light drinking and unclean story telling went on in the hut until bed time. Luxmore Hut is quite a comfortable hut, and warm as well.

Sunday morning and we were up and about and ready to go by 9:00am. We commenced our short climb up the track around Mt Luxmore, taking a quick break to climb to the peak of Mt Luxmore itself, where we had spectacular views. Lake Te anau, Lake Manapouri and all the surrounding lower valleys and flats were covered in a blanket of very low cloud, so all we could see were the mountains above the cloud.

We were visited by the Abominable Snowman, actually it looked a lot like Trevor MacDonald so we threw snow balls at it. we had a photo session and a bit of target practise with the snow balls. Ian McElhinney was both the camera man and the target.

On the road again we followed the track across the Kepler Mountains to the emergency shelter above the Iris Burn. As we neared the shelter we spotted the enemy (those doing the Kepler clockwise) who were already at the shelter waiting for us, so we started to plan our battle strategy in order to defend ourselves against an onslaught.

Onslaught is exactly what we got, and how very unprovoked an attack we got (well me especially). Do I have a big death wish written on my fore head or something?? We were approaching the shelter when all of a sudden I was pounced upon by 10, no 20 father large people (well actually 5) and one Fi throwing snowballs aimed directly at me. I retaliated in the best and only way I know how. After all they say the best form of defence is attack. I hit nearly all of my assailants in the head with my missiles. I also got in a couple of retaliatory shots at Dean (who was on our side) for a small incident which happened on a previous trip. Then I launched a couple of totally unprovoked attacks of my own, just so as to not be seen as being too passive.

After, or rather during and after the battle we found time to have lunch in the glorious sunshine, amongst the splendid scenery, while watching Neil launch his SCUD snowballs at the fleeing opposition. Lunch and the battle were both soon over so we packed up and started the down hill stretch to the Iris Burn hut. (oh by the way, I think OUR team won the snow ball wars!!!).

We reached the Iris Burn Hut at about 3:30pm. The other partys weren't kidding about the frost. The Iris Burn must be in the shade all day long because on the flats and clearings you could see white frosting from hours or even days done by. The hut (just as we had been informed) was about -4°C on the inside, with ice frozen on the inside of the windows.

We got the fire going ASAP and soon had the hut at a nice warm 10°C.

After tea some of us had a late night game of 500, while others sat around the fire and talked, before going to bed.

Monday morning. But not just any Monday morning. After all we were waking up in the Iris Burn Hut. The frost was gone because it had been blown away by the wind. My party was supposed to bring me brekky in bed, except for one small technicality. I was supposed to cook it. We were fed, packed and away by 8:00am. Actually we forced ourselves to have an early start this morning as we thought we had a long day to get through by 3:30pm.

The Iris Burn is quite a nice peaceful valley to walk through. Actually I was getting payed for this day because it was Queens Birthday and that's a statutory holiday.

Lunch was at the Motarau Hut at about 12:00pm, only four hours after leaving the Iris Burb Hut (the sign said 6 hours), I was a wee bit disappointed because with only $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to go and a deadline of 3:30pm, we could have stayed in bed 2 hours longer.

We reached Rainbow Reach well on time, and had just settled down and relaxed, when who should turn up? It was none other than David B., I thought we had gotten rid of him at lunch time yeasterday. Oh well never mind.

The bus came, we jumped on, went and pick up Fi, Dennis and Rene from the pub, and headed back to Gore (without an ice-cream stop).

Despite nearly being polar plunged and very ruthlessly attacked with snow balls, without provocation. I had a very enjoyable trip. Made even more enjoyable by the good company and good party.

By Neville Mulholland for Lindsay Warburton, Ross Chambers,
Ian McElhinney and Craig McKay.

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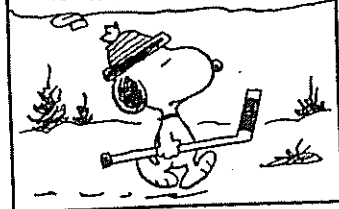


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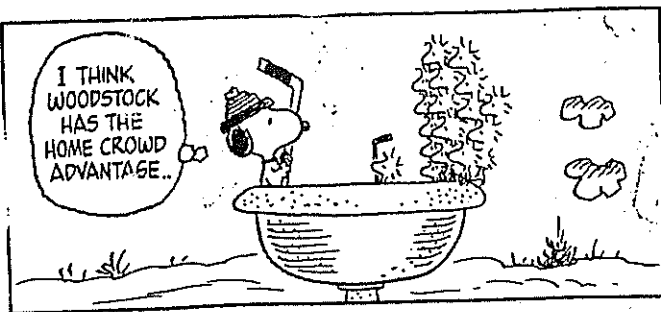
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In the forest of the night
What immortal hand or eye
Could I blame
For thee fearful fright
sister, sister,
Waltzing taking me to the lavatory
You drop my hand, you held so tight
And bolted for hell,
On that windy night
Leaving me standing
In cotton nite
Tigers, eyes beneath the trees
Tigers, eyes she said to me
I howl and cryed
Till Mum arrived
And what sis, got
was not a hiss
But a welt.

Mike Gillies

HERE'S THE WORLD FAMOUS
HOCKEY PLAYER ON HIS WAY
TO THE ARENA..



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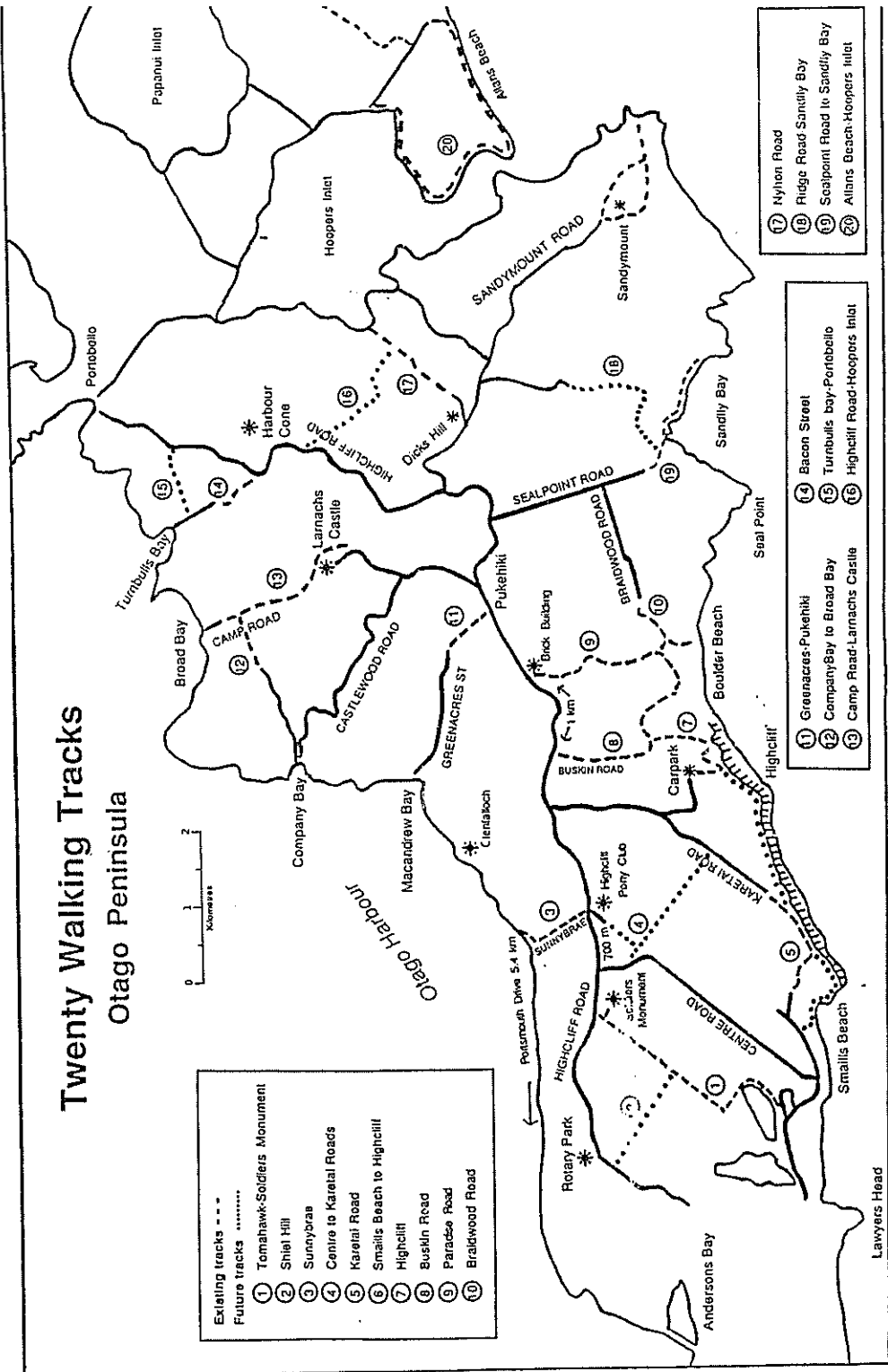
Twenty Walking Tracks Otago Peninsula



- Existing tracks - - - - -
Future tracks
 1 Tomahawk-Soldiers Monument
 2 Shiel Hill
 3 Sunnybrae
 4 Centre to Karela Roads
 5 Karela Road
 6 Small's Beach to Highcliff
 7 Highcliff
 8 Buskin Road
 9 Paradise Road
 10 Braikwood Road

- 1 Grennaces Pukehiki
 2 Company Bay to Broad Bay
 3 Camp Road-Larnachs Castle
 4 Bacon Street
 5 Turnbills bay-Portobello
 6 Highcliff Road-Hoppers Inlet

- 17 Nylon Road
 18 Ridge Road Sandfly Bay
 19 Sealpoint Road to Sandfly Bay
 20 Allans Beach-Hoppers Inlet



KEPLER TRACK

Elspeth heroically dropped (Neil, Ian, Vickie and myself) us off at 5:45am at the bus - what a flatmate. When asked by Vickie whether it was normally frosty frosty at this time, the answer was, "How would I know, I'm never up at this time!". The bus stopped inevitably in Gore for lloo and breakfast. We arrived at Rainbow Reach at approximately 10:15am. A staunter to Motorau hut for lunch (via Shallow Bay). After lunch we had a brisk walk to Rocky Ridge and then, realising we had more time than we thought, slowed down to a medium pace to Iris Burn Hut.

The Iris Burn valley is "where the sun don't shine" in the winter. The sun's trajectory never reaches the valley floor and hence it is frosty all day long. We arrived at the hut late afternoon to find the temperature inside the hut at -4°C and dropping. So it was a bit of a cold night there, but yummy three course meals cheered us all up. We feel that our Black Death with custard was better than Eric's pavlova (might not have looked as impressive).

We all knew there was a bit of a grunt of a climb early the next day and so not too much alcohol was consumed. Once the grunt was over the views were well worth it. We couldn't have had a better day for walking along the tops. We had lunch at the first emergency shelter and this is where we met up with the other half of the trip party (doing the Kepler clockwise).

We adld see them coming and so we were well prepared with snow balls. Dave L. got most of the m as he was foolish enough to be first. However, we saved a few for Neville and Dean. So after lunch it was a leisurely walk along the tops. Some parties made a practise climb of Mt Luxmore, however our party just climbed Mt Luxmore (dig dig D. B.). The walk down to Luxmore Hut was marred by my party ganging up on me. The snow was perfect for snow balls and I was showing quite some restraint by not attacking from behind when quite unprovoked (I'm sure - ED) they (Dennis and Rene) turned on me. I didn't have time to make my own snow balls but relied on catching theirs and returning them swiftly to the head. It was then a bit of a run down to the hut to stay in arms length - if you know what I mean and I think you do - they were running scared, and so they should have been because I was going to face plant them in the snow.

Luxmore hut was relatively warm compared to Iris Burn where the sun don't shine. And a good night was had by all. We had some noisy young cavers who returned in the middle of the night and made a hell of a racket. Vickie asked them to settle down but was too polite. And so Dennis got out of bed and shone a light in their faces and asked them "Did they want to sleep outside, then shut up.". That did the trick, not another squeak all night.

The next day we bundled up and put on our miners lights and went to explore the caves. We looked much like three of the seven dwarves heading off to work and so we sang Hi Ho Hi Ho its off to work we go..... I think we were grumpy, Dopey and Bashful (which ones Fi? - Ed). We then had three choices: 1) was to get down to the bus pick up point on time, 2) was to get down early and walk back to rainbow reach where we started or 3) get down early, drop packs and walk the same amount of time to the pub. It was a hard decision but the Speight's was nice.

Thanks guys for a great weekend.... Fiona



HOT Gossip

Why has David B been seen at the Pub regularly after club meetings lately? - could it be the responsibilities of impending family life??

How much beer did Peter O'D lose as a result of the Irish losing the rugby against the All-Blacks??

Why was Dave L. wearing a tie at an O.T.M.C. meeting?

Which club member residing in Kaikorai Valley was clocked doing 85km/h in a 50km/h area on a red and white motor bike and charged \$200 for the privilege???

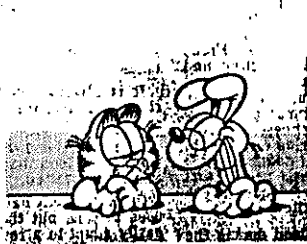
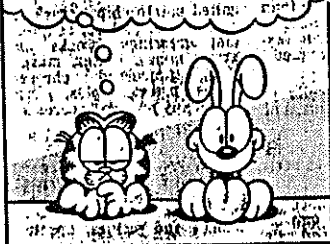
What is the malicious gossip going on about Debbie? And how many people are knitting at the moment??

Why was Elspeth drinking plain straight unadulterated lemonade in the pub on Thursday night, could this be a sign of a broken habit? or is there more to this than meets the eye???

Wasn't it good of Neil D. to dutifully escort two young (early thirtys), single ladies over the Kepler at Queens Birthday weekend, particularly as they weren't in his party?!



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AT TRICKS THAN ARE CATS



AS IF THAT WERE
SOMETHING TO
BE PROUD OF!!!



HAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S SOCIAL PROGRAMME

OTMC SOCIAL PROGRAM

June-July 1992

- 18-Jun-92 Tales from Deepest Darkest Africa -Michelle Williams Travels - Part 1.
On the Club's New Direct Projector!!!
- 25-Jun-92 Home Brew and Wine making Competition
- 2-Jul-92 BYO - Slide & Prints!!
Direct Projector eveningbut slides also welcome!!
- 9-Jul-92 Karen Baird - Dunedin DOC
The Nuggets Marine Reserve. Why the Nuggets.
- 16-Jul-92 Cross Country Skiing - Dave Levick
A must for anyone intending to attend the the X-country skiing instruction weekend.
- 23-Jul-92 Auction:
Bring you saleables to the Club's annual auction!
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Coming Soon:: President's Panto!!!!

AGM (now Aug 20th)

