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THE OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
7:30pm

AT 3 YOUNG ST.
(clubrooms)

TRIP LIST



AUGUST 16	TRIG 764 SILVERPEAKS (M) Somewhere that you've probably walked past but never been to.	Dean Petersen	464-0321
AUGUST 22 - 30	XC SKI WEEK Multi day trip with various length options.	Bruce Mason	476-1544
AUGUST 23	CHALKIES (E-M) Great views of the Taieri and Silverpeaks **NOTE** Change of date.	Hugh Dickson	489-5661
AUGUST 30	RONGOMAI RIDGE (E) An easy below bushline trip. **NOTE** Change of date.	Ian Sime	453-6181
SEPTEMBER 5 - 6	SNOW CAVING (M-F) A must for anyone interested in above bushline winter tramping/ skiing/ climbing. A great experience that everyone should try at least once.	Antony Pettinger	473-7924
SEPTEMBER 6	OTAGO PENINSULA (E-M) NO, this is not a tour of Justin's garden.	Justin Calder	476-1231
SEPTEMBER 12 - 13	XC SKIING (M-FE) Destination to be decided nearer the time - suitable for intermediate to advanced skiers.	Mark Planner	473-7414
SEPTEMBER 12	MOONLIGHT - SILVERPEAKS (M) This day-trip leaves 14 hours earlier than normal, ie. 7pm. Bring your lunch. Return about 3am. Full moon guaranteed.	Eric Lord	454-4041
SEPTEMBER 19 - 20	MAVORA LAKES (ALL) Just in case you thought all our winter trips are ski and snow orientated - a real tramping trip.	Antony Pettinger	473-7924
COMING UP:-			
SEPTEMBER	26 - 27 XC Ski Remarkables.		
OCTOBER	4 First Aid Refresher		
	10 - 11 Snow-craft (ie. basic Ice-axe and Crampons)		

**DOUG FORRESTER
FOR PRESIDENT**



EDITOR'S DIARY

Well here we are. I've come to the end of my first year as your Bulletin Editor. It's been an interesting year.

I have been a member of the otmc for five years now and for the last four of those years I have wanted to have a go at being Editor, last year I took the big plunge. During my year as Editor I have found the job to be very interesting and sometimes rewarding.

I fully intend to run for Bulletin Editor again at the upcoming AGM, and if I am chosen as Editor again I intend to put just as much commitment into the bulletin over the next year as I have over the past year.

Spring is on its way, and for those non ski buffs among us this means warmer tramping weather. But while we are still in winter there are some good trips for those trampers among us. There's the snow caving trip in September. If you've never experienced sleeping under a couple of tonnes of water, or never slept inside a fridge before then this is an excellent trip to go on. Knowing how to find shelter, or build a shelter in the snow, whether just to camp the night or to survive a storm, is quite an essential skill to learn for skier or climber or trampers alike.

Speaking of trips, David Barnes is making up the new trip card and is looking for good suggestions of places to go tramping. He's also looking for people to lead these trips, both day trips and weekend trips. So if you're wanting to go somewhere but wondering why nobody ever leads a trip there then why don't YOU volunteer to lead a trip there. Ring David Barnes on 454-4492 and discuss in with him.

Peter O'D, in his last month as Social Secretary says I have to promote the Annual Dinner which is coming up. The Venue is Tapestry Restaurant at 366 Moray Place, which apparently is a very nice Restaurant, it even has a BYO license. Tickets will be available at the AGM but the price hasn't been set yet. Oh and the date of the Annual Dinner is Saturday 29 August 1992. Peter has graded this as FE (fitness essential) so better start now on your eating and drinking exercises.

Oh yes and the AGM is on Thursday 20 August. This is quite an important event on the OTMC's calendar as some very important decisions may be made at this meeting. It is also the time when a new committee is selected by the club. So it is quite important for club members to attend this meeting and have their say.

Well I think I've been writing long enough, for this time any way. So I'll close now.....

....Happy Tramping (or Skiing).

Neville Macdonald

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Tramping clubs and trampers have for a long time had an interest in Search and Rescue. The first moves to formalise SAR came from mountain clubs in the thirties. In the sixties, the present system got underway, and encompassed all categories of missing people, including ships, aircraft, trampers, lost kids etc.. Ultimately the responsibility for co-ordinating Land SAR lies with the Police, who act on advice from advisors appointed by FMC.

In most areas, the "frontline troops" for SAR are provided by such groups as tramping clubs. Although many search operations in urban areas are often for non-tramping (etc.) situations, eg. missing elderly people and lost kids, we still get a number of call outs for trampers, canoeists and fishermen.

I find it comforting to know that if anything happens to me in the hills there is an organisation in place that will ensure that trained and competent searchers will be out in the field.

BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM!!

The O.T.M.C.'s SAR list is fairly depleted. The majority of people on the list are club members of over five years standing. Three of them aren't even club members now, and many are no longer active. Of the five key call out people i.e. those who get the call from the police to "get fourty people here in an hour", four are (or will be by the time you get this) parents of very young children, and are naturally winding down their involvement in outdoor activities (temporarily) but are still prepared to make a commitment for the odd call out. WHERE ARE THEIR REPLACEMENTS COMING FROM?

Earlier this year we organised a SAREX (i.e. Search and Rescue EXercise) for prospective searchers. One person expressed interest. I feel that the club has a duty to provide Search and Rescue with personnel. We are the ones who expect that someone will come looking for us. We are the ones with the experience and ability to make a useful contribution to SAR.

So who can be a useful addition to our SAR team? YOU - If you can answer yes to most of these questions?

- do you have the tramping experience to look after yourself in a bush situation.
- are you reasonably fit (say "M" grade)?
- do you have some first aid knowledge?
- are you prepared to take part in occasional exercises (which often involve jet boat and helicopter rides and a few beers afterwards)?
- are you able to work well in a team situation?
- do you have a co-operative employer? (Many employers, especially Government and Quangos such as SOEs, university, hospital, have it in your contract that you can have special leave on pay. If not, there is a provision for the Police to reimburse lost wages. If you can't get off work at all, you can still be on the list and we'll note that you can't search in work time).

See you at the next SAREX - it'll be in October or November. Or give me a call and I'll put you on the list of trainees and the enthusiastic.

David Barnes
454-4492

RISK

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental
To reach out to another is to risk involvement
To expose one's feelings is to risk
 exposing your true self
To place your ideas, your dreams
 before the crowd is to risk their loss
To love is to risk not being loved in return
To live is to risk dying
To hope is to risk despair
To try is to risk failure
But risk must be taken,
because the greatest hazard in life
 is to risk nothing

The person who risks nothing,
does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing
They may avoid suffering and sorrow,
but they simply cannot learn, feel, change,
 grow, love, live

Chained by their attitudes, they are a slave,
they have fortified their freedom
Only a person who risks is free!!!



DOUG FORRESTER
FOR
SOCIAL SECRETARY

SCANDAL SHEET



A GUTTER PRESS PRESENTATION.

FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS...

Some words of wisdom from club members who know.

Peter O'D - When out tramping, once you go above 1000m, chocolate has no calories.

Also, Chocolate is color coded. Dark chocolate has squillions of calories, milk chocolate has hundreds, but white chocolate has barely any. Eat up!!!

Elspeth and Fiona have discovered
a new way to save calories. All you have to do is cut a
you have to do is cut a Moro bar
in half and most of the calories leak out.
leak out.. 

****From the files of "Believe It Or Else"**



Silk
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Lake Hawea.
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N.Z.

A vital down hill skill: Tossing



SCANDAL SHEET

A GUTTER PRESS PRESENTATION.

The Keplar Trip leader had a bit of trouble keeping control of his undies in the Te Anau DOC office. They emerged from his trouser leg and into the public gaze...

Was Elspeth really drinking pure plain unadulterated iced water in the St Kilda Tavern, and why does she insist she must be taken SERIOUSLY.

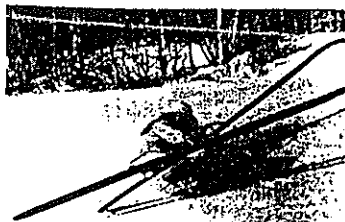
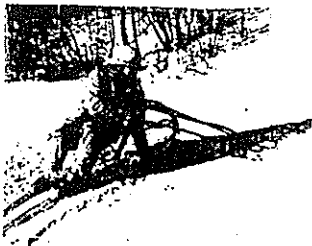
Ihear El and Fi are going to apply for a married membership.

Is it true that the letter signed Marie Forrester in the July Bulletin was infact not written by Marie. I heard it was actually composed by Doug Forrester and written by Doug's next door neighbour and signed by the latter in Marie's name.

Oh and why did Antony P. purchase two pairs of babies knitted booties at the recent club auction? Could it be that he intends to wear them tramping??

Come to think of it Julie L. also bidden on two pair of knitted babies booties and was out bidden by Eric. What can be read into this??

The anchor!!



HAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- 13 August Jill Buckingham - South America.
Jill is going to share with us some of her experiences from her recent journeys around South America.
- 20 August Annual General meeting.
Come along and help to select your new president and committee, and help discuss matters which concern the future of your tramping club.
- 27 August Michelle Williams - Africa Part 2.
A few weeks ago Michelle told us of some of her adventures in Africa. Now she's going to carry on where she left off. Going on her last talk this one should be a good one too.
- 3 August Antony & Richard Pettinger - Winter Survival Skills.
Antony and Richard are going to tell us about some of the skills you need to know about if you intend to spend a night in the snow and survive. These skills can be put to practice on the Snow caving weekend (5-6 September).
- 14 Sept To be announced.
- 17 Sept Andy Beecroft - Introduction to rock-climbing.
Have you ever wondered how climbers manage to scale those high rocky cliff faces with seeming ease, then come and see how it's really done.

ANNUAL DINNER

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!!

Venue: Tapestry Restaurant
366 MORAY PLACE.
BYO License.

Date: Saturday 29 August 1992

Tickets Available at A.C.M. or by
phoning Peter O'Driscoll A 453-0593

BE THERE OR
BE RIDICULED.

Party