

OTMC BULLETIN



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

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Rosella Ridge : Tomas Sobek : (see trip report page 3)

August Trips & Events

Jubilee Hut Snowcaving Powder Ridge (or Silver Stream ?)
Sullivans Dam and Cloud Forest of Leith Snow Skills (Ice axe and Crampons)
Grahams Bush to Bethunes Gully via the Organ Pipes

OTMC Annual General Meeting - and - Annual Dinner @ Filadelfio's

OTMC Annual Dinner / Pizza Night

**It's time for our annual Pizza at Filadelfio's at the Gardens Corner
Saturday 31st August from 6:00pm Set Menu \$20 / head**

We will need some idea of numbers, so please let Wayne know 473 0950
or email wphodgkinson@xtra.co.nz or sign the sheet at the clubrooms

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start, all welcome

OTMC Bank Account

The OTMC bank account with ASB is ... **12-3150-0311684-00**

Please include your name and the reason for the payment when using internet banking (which is the preferred option). Non-members must pay for trips when signing the trip list, members should pay before departure.

Vehicle suppliers/drivers will normally not pay the trip fee and will be reimbursed fuel costs later (check with the trip leader or Treasurer Sharen if in doubt).

Gear Hire

OTMC has a large amount of gear available for members to hire. Hire charge \$5 for up to a week, then \$5 per week (some safety items are free).

See or phone Joe Bretherton 473 8784

- Ice Axes
- Packs
- Avalanche Probes and Transceivers
- Crampons
- Tent/Flys
- Cookers & Billies
- Climbing Helmets

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Membership Debbie Pettinger, Membership Secretary

It's that time of year with your subs due now. Last month everyone received a subs renewal form and thank you to those who have paid their subs, you have made my job easier. To those who still need to pay, the easiest way is to pay directly to the OTMC bank account 12-3150-0311684-00 with your name and 'subs' as a reference. If you have changed your address or email please let me know.

Please note that once you have paid, your FMC and OTMC membership cards can be collected from me on a Thursday night or they will be mailed with the next FMC magazine (September). If you need your cards before then (eg buying a Backcountry Hut Pass or shopping at a local retailer) please let me know and I will post your cards to you.

Thank you, Debbie

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

23rd June : Mihiwaka Sunrise

(Winter Solstice +2 days)

Eight people chose to get up early on this Sunday morning to head up to the top of Mihiwaka to watch the sunrise for the winter solstice.

We arrived at the Cedar Creek carpark at 6.30am and all headed up the 4wd track with our torches on and well 'rugged up', as it was a cold morning. We soon left the 4wd track and headed up through the pine trees on a rough track which took us into open country. We arrived at the summit with plenty of time to spare and a superb view.

The sun rose at 8.20am, plenty of photos taken – then we all headed back down the hill and ended up at Port Chalmers for coffee and cake! A successful end to the winter solstice celebrations.



Those who got out of bed early: Rodger Clarkson, Brendan Penwarden, Joe Bretherton, Sharon Bretherton, Jan Burch, Ewen Rintoul, Sandy Webb, Bjarney Jónsdóttir *Report and photo by Joe Bretherton.*

Thanks to Rodger for organising a great location for this day.

30th June : Rosella Ridge, Cedar Spur

Bundled up in layers of warm clothing, the seven of us left the clubrooms heading towards the Silver Peaks. The trek was about 600 vertical metres up and down and a few muddy parts off the track. We soon warmed up and it became quite a nice day, but especially cool when the wind got up in the afternoon. The tramping saying, "What

goes up, must come down" is quite true and I never forget it when I'm out tramping.

We soon arrived to the green hut site, which was our morning tea break, to refuel, and take a little rest.

We climbed the rugged track which was pretty hard going, stopping for a breather to admire the views looking out towards Mosgiel and Saddle hill. After that it began to flatten out, as we got to top we took the first turn to the Rosella Ridge which was a hilly walk along the ridges, and looking out to the right getting a slight view of Waitati. The further we walked along, we could see thick black smoke coming from a couple of fires near Waitati.

After having lunch, we continued on to a steep drop down (sorry I can't remember it might have been Cedar Spur or the track that turned on to Direct Spur that took us down to the Waikouaiti river). We had to cross the river, that was when Tomas suggested to do a short trip to Possum hut.

Once we crossed the Waikouaiti River, it was a great opportunity for us to have a drink and refuel, as it is big grunt and slog up a very steep climb, a great chance for your leg muscles get a good work out. It was nice to see one of our tramping club members doing some work on the track, which it made it easier for us to walk on - a big thank you!

We came out on the Old Miners Track, i must say it was quite the relief to see the cars.

I would like to thank Tomas for leading us on a very good day trip, discovering Cedar Spur and Direct Spur, some thing new in the Silver Peaks.

Lucy Jones for Emma Roff, Rorie Marsland, Simon Lin, Andrew Connell, Sue Williams and trip leader Tomas Sobek

7th July : Harbour Cone

We all met at the club rooms, 11 in total. We welcomed 5 first time day trippers then set off in cars to Bacon St Broad Bay.

A group of locals at the start of the track had a working bee to plant out some flaxes and thought we had come to help, sadly no we continued on up Hereweka-Harbour Cone track, crossing Highcliff Road and heading up past coffee rock (there was no coffee) and up the steep bit to the top enjoying the great views all the way.

We arrived at the top in record time getting there at 11am. We enjoyed a snack and soaked up the 360 degree views on a beaut sunny day. Views from Dunedin, up the harbour, out to Tairoa Head, over to Hoopers and Papanui inlets including a view of Larnach Castle - Awesome.



At the top were a couple of French guys with a drone, we posed for a photo from above then headed back down a slightly different route to the one we went up passing by some ruins and a rock wall.

Down at the cars it was only 12pm so we jumped in the cars and drove round to

Portobello and walked over to Hoopers Inlet through a bush track stopping for lunch at the high point overlooking Portobello.

The trip ended with coffee and cake at the cafe in Portobello.

Thanks to Sue for organising and leading this trip.



Maria Hamelink (*with photos by Maria*) for Sue Williams, Tracey and Richard Pettinger, Lucy Jones, Saskia Bronstring, Kerry Hiam, Damon Mitchell, Declin Michigan, Emily Bruchez and Louise Shaw

Editor Note : A skinny Bulletin this month, mainly due to a lack of trip reports. Please note the deadline for contributions is the 3rd weekend of the month, which allows time to compile and print the Bulletin before the last Thursday. Trip reports are important for members interest and also provide long-term historical documentation.

2019 Annual General Meeting – Committee Nominations



The end of the financial year at the end of June means that nominations for the 2019-20 OTMC Committee are now open. Each year we elect a President, Vice President, Chief Guide, Treasurer, Secretary and seven committee members (the various roles such as Editor, Day Trips and Membership are normally filled by those elected as committee members).

The 96th OTMC Annual General Meeting will be held on August 29, and nominations for the committee close with the Secretary on August 15. Nomination forms will be available at club meetings and are on our [website](#). Nominees need to be financial members of the club, and be nominated and seconded by current members.

Some of the current committee have indicated they are unavailable for a further term, so if you are interested in standing for the committee please have a chat to one of the current committee members.

August Weekends

Club Trip List for the month (weekend overnight tramps and events)

You must pre-register on the Trip List at the club rooms (or contact the leader direct) before the closing date (normally two weeks before the trip start). Members must pay before departure, non-members upon registering (non-members pay \$13 more than the members fee shown below).

Vehicle providers may be exempt from the fee (check with the leader).

Trip organisational details will follow by email.

You are responsible for your gear and medical / first-aid needs (also see Gear Hire).

10-11th August : Snowcaving (Old Man Range)

(I) \$25 Richard Pettinger 487 9488

Once again, the OTMC does a trip into the snow to find out how it is possible to save your life by using snow to make accommodation that gets you out of the wind and worst of the cold. This is worth knowing. And getting out of bed for, on Saturday 10 August - to be at the Clubrooms at 7 am. I don't know of anyone who regretted going on a club snowcaving trip.

Trip List Closes: August 1

We plan to leave the clubrooms 8:00am on Saturday 24th, and should be back before 5pm on Sunday.

Cost will be \$15 paid to the treasurer + hut fees

Please sign the Trip List, or contact Wayne at wphodgkinson@xtra.co.nz before it closes on Thurs 15th August

7-8th September : Cross Country Skiing (M) \$50+ Kathy Woodrow 455 4673 or 027 891 9160

This will be at the Snow Farm on the Pisa Range near Wanaka. We have booked and paid for the Bob Lee Hut which sleeps 7 at \$30 per adult and \$15 per child and the adjacent annex known as Daisy Lee which sleeps 6 at \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. This booking is already paid for at the adult rate and is fully refundable until 3 weeks before the date for the booking. On the Friday night we will be staying at Wanaka Lakeview Holiday Park. This has been paid for and works out at \$27.50 per person. Free cancellation up to 14 days before hand.

Ski, boots and pole rental per day is Adult \$35, Student \$30, Child \$20

You can swap out your skis for different skis or for snowshoes and presumably boots for better fitting boots.

Trail Pass per day is Adult \$45, Student \$30, Child \$25

The trip sign up sheet is in the club rooms. As we need numbers 3 weeks out from the event to make any cancellations necessary for the huts the trip list will come down on the 15th of August. After the sign up sheet comes down there will probably be a couple

24-25th August : Snow Skills Basic Ice axe & Crampons (I) \$15 Wayne Hodgkinson 473 0950

OTMC Club Members only.

The main purpose of this course is to enable more of our club members to have the skills and confidence to venture into country that may have snow conditions.

Winter is an ideal time to brush up on your use of ice axe and crampons, and the skills required when walking in snow. Your ice axe is your basic survival tool, enabling you cut steps, cross steeper slopes, and most importantly to avoid or arrest a fall and avoid sliding to oblivion in many snow conditions. Crampons, with the skills to use them, enable you to walk safely in hard or frozen snow. This course is aimed at club members who have some tramping experience, but little or no experience in tramping on snow. It can also be used as a refresher for basic skills like self arresting.

We will be staying at Big Hut in the Rock and Pillar Range, a 3 hour up hill walk from the base of the range.

of days before we make any necessary hut cancellations. Any cancellations that we make will free up space but late comers will have to make their own online booking and contact me at 0278919160 / 034554673 or at kathywoodrow@gmail.com about getting a spot at the Holiday Park for the Friday night as these numbers don't need to be finalised until 2 weeks out.

Backpack transport: If you don't want to ski in with your pack you can have it taken for

you at a cost of \$10 each way.

The hut has a gas cooker, log burner, fire-wood as well as a small range of cooking equipment and cutlery.

We can give any novices a quick basic lesson. Professional lessons are available but you shouldn't need them to get to the hut and annex.

August Day Walks

Club Saturday & Sunday Trip List for the month (day tramps and events)

Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 9am

If the weather is in doubt give the trip leader a phone call to check.

The trip fee is paid directly to the vehicle provider(s).

(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required

4th August : Jubilee Hut @ 8AM (Fit) \$8 Antony Pettinger 473 7924

On 3rd August the OTMC becomes exactly the same age that the original OTC (Otago Tramping Club) achieved when the name changed to the OTMC in 1971 - 17,522 days. To celebrate this milestone, this trip will visit both the original OTC Jubilee Hut site, and the current Jubilee Hut, opened by DoC and the OTMC in 2007. Starting from Hightop, we will travel over the highest parts of the Silver Peaks, before descending the 400m+ descent to Cave Stream and onwards to Jubilee. Return will be via the same route, unless there is interest in heading back via the ridge at the back of Jubilee (which has been called the RABOH route, or ridge at back of hut) Either way, the trip is graded fit - expected tramping time is 8-9 hours. Due to the tramping time required, the trip will depart the clubrooms at 8am.

11th August : Mystery Day Trip (M) \$5 Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537

There are a couple of options - Plan A is Powder Ridge starting at the pump house and Plan B is Silver Stream Valley Tracks and/or Rainguage Spur/Steve Aimes Track. Either option will give you a good work out

with some up and down. Be at the club rooms by 9am to see where you'll be going with Andrew.

18th August : Sullivan's Dam / Cloud Forests of Leith (E/M) \$5 Geraldine Kerr 021 0247 9822

25th August : Grahams Bush to Bethunes Gully via Organ Pipes (M) \$5 Russell Knowles 021 167 2722

1st September : Flagstaff from Ross Creek Re-enactment of the first OTC Trip (E) \$5 Antony Pettinger 473 7924

The Tararua Tramping Club celebrated their Centenary in July. The procedures put in place by the TTC greatly assisted all the tramping clubs that have followed, including the OTC/OTMC. As part of the TTC Centenary, FMC have challenged each club to re-enact their own first trip - this is ours. The first Otago Tramping Club trip was coincidentally on September 1, 1923 - this was the first club organised tramping trip in

the South Island. In 1923, this was a Saturday afternoon trip (as was normal in the early years), but this year we will leave on Sunday morning as normal. This trip will be from Woodhaugh St, up to the Ross Creek Reservoir, and then onwards to Flagstaff via the original Pineapple Track.

Return via the 'new' Pineapple Track. Departs the clubrooms at 9am, or meet on the corner of Malvern St and Woodhaugh St (the one nearest Woodhaugh Gardens) around 9.15am.

President's Comment : Antony Pettinger

With the end of the financial year now behind us, now is the time we look back at the past 12 months or so, as well as have a think about some of the things we need to focus on for the next committee year.

You will read in the upcoming Annual Report that the OTMC is in a great position – our membership is strong, and our activities are relatively well supported. This result is due to the many members who have volunteered freely their time to enable the club to prosper. Like a lot of clubs, we have challenges with an aging membership. Our trips may not be as ambitious as they were in earlier generations, but that should not detract from our most basic reason for existing as a club – to provide the opportunity for people from all walks of life to enjoy our incredible outdoors in safety and with like-minded companionship.

On August 29 we will hold the 96th AGM of the club. While this is a formal requirement of running a club, this should not be seen as a compliance meeting that should be avoided. Rather this is a time we can celebrate what we continue to do well, and have some robust discussions on things that may need changing or updating. I urge as many members as possible to attend and contribute.

The AGM is also time for us to elect a committee for the upcoming year. Our committee consists of 12-13 members, being a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Guide, seven committee members and an Immediate Past President (the President from the year before, not filled if a President holds the role for more than one term). The Membership Secretary must come from one of the committee members, and generally the other important roles such as day trips, gear hire and editor are filled by committee members, but can be allocated to members outside of committee if desired.

Being on the committee does mean making a time commitment to the club. The committee meet once a month (except January) for about 2 hours – a focus we have worked on this year is to reduce the discussing of the day to day running of the club (we have reports to read that cover this), and concentrate on more visionary items that will take longer to implement. One thing I would suggest to the incoming committee is we don't need to focus solely on whatever portfolio we may hold, but be prepared to contribute ideas and your own opinion on all issues that are being discussed. The current committee did this when we were discussing the recent significant donation to the Leaning Lodge Trust – hearing everyone's view made it easier for the committee to make a decision – often people present a different point of view, which is exactly what we need.

There is a notice in this Bulletin on how to be nominated for the OTMC Committee. If you are interested, please have a chat to a current committee member, and get yourself nominated by August 15.

I have written recently about leadership experience within the OTMC – this is a concern to me, and I'm happy to report that the FMC executive endorsed involvement in a Regional Leadership Development Course. The OTMC is one of six clubs who have offered to organise a regional course. The FMC involvement could include assisting with funding applications, developing resources, coordinating assistance from other clubs and promoting the course. The OTMC will run the course, which will require assistance from our experienced leaders. This is a much-needed initiative, and I thank Dan Clearwater (FMC Development Officer) and FMC for the work done thus far. We may have more information to share at the AGM.

August Thursday Meetings

Thursday Club Social Meetings at the Club Rooms 3 Young Street, South Dunedin

*Members, non-members, visitors , all are welcome to these social events.
Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 pm start*

1st August : Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

Come along to hear Tahu MacKenzie talk about our endangered native species, the history of the Orokonui Ecosanctuary and their vision for the future and the role of the Community. Alice Macklow will then give us an insight into the plethora of volunteer opportunities at Orokonui such as assisting 'within the fence' with tasks like track maintenance, bird surveys, bird feeding, kiwi feeding, and guiding and the tasks that happen 'outside the fence' such as education, administration and cafe work.

8th August : Hamish Cumming - Nepal

My wife and I recently returned from trekking in the Himalayas – specifically Lukla to Everest Base Camp. I'll cover off the experience including; the prep we put in to get there; who we went with; what we took (as well as some things we wish we'd known about beforehand) for anyone considering heading to Nepal. It's an amazing part of the world!

15th August : Sue @ Stewart Island

Boxing day 2017 was the start of a journey by Nathan, Andrea and Sue around the North West circuit on Stewart Island. 125km, 9 huts, 2 mountains over 11 days. Days of sun, sand, swimming and just a little mud. Night-times searching for kiwis. One of the best trips I've ever done!

22nd August : Rodger Clarkson

A beginner's guide to the Science of Climate Change

Rodger has been learning about a range of environmental issues, including Climate Change. Over time earth's climate has changed significantly since before humans were around, so how can we say current changes in climate are human made? To answer this, he will give a basic guide to some of the science behind climate change and how it differentiates between natural and human made influences on global climate.

29th August : OTMC AGM

August 2019

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						Snowcaving with Richard Pettinger 487 9488
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19	20	21	22 Climate Change with Rodger Clarkson	23	24	25 Grahams Bush etc with Russell Knowles 021 167 2722
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