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These two photos are only 28 years apart (a miniscule amount of time in the scheme of things), and apart from the obvious, there is a lot here that hasn't really changed: the line of the Hooker River, Ball Pass, as well as the vegetation and scree slopes. Even the shape of the bottom of Hooker Lake and outlet position is unchanged.

Of course, the recession of the Hooker Glacier and subsequent increase in the Hooker Lake size is the biggest change here - it appears to have receded by around 1.5km in 28 years (the current lake is now 2km long). The lake started to form in the 1970's and is expected to extend to 4km long.

As with other more distant areas from Dunedin, the club didn't regularly visit Mt Cook until the 1960's and 1970's. Since 1970 there have been 45 scheduled trips to the Mt Cook region (although at least 4 of these were cancelled due to the mountain weather). The older photo used here is from April 8/9, 1989 - a weekend trip led by Doug Forrester. Typical mountain weather - clearing rain on Saturday with a picture perfect day on the Sunday.

Both photos were taken from the Sealy Range - not far from Mueller Hut.

