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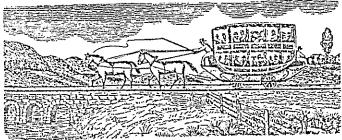
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YES MA'AM...TRAVELLING ON A GLACIER DOES PRESENT SOME INTERESTING MOMENTS, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?"





TRIP PROGRAMME

- JUNE 13-14 HEAD OF LINDIS (M)....Alistair Metherall (63215)
- JUNE 14 REMARKABLE ROCK CATLINS (E)....Ian Sime (36185)
 This rocky feature is located at the head of the Puerua River and
 Glenoamaru Stream....confused? Find out its' whereabouts with Ian.
- JUNE 20-21 CATLINS AREA (E & M)....Wayne Hodgkinson (738390)
 Hodgy assures that this will be one of the more varied trips of
 the year, with a chance to practice newly acquired bushcraft skills
 for those who were on Bushcraft this year. See the East coast of
 the South Island the way it was....lush vegetation and deserted
 beaches. Full 2-day trips or shorter day trips can be done.
- JUNE 21 MT.CARGILL ORGAN PIPES (E & M)....Ross Cocker (45995)

 A great chance to see this distinctive volcanic feature only a few kilometres north of Dunedin. Have a look at the painting hanging on the clubroom walls to get an idea of the sight that awaits you when you follow Ross on this trip. Eric Von Daniken claims that the rock was melted into this strange form when visitors from other universes landed their spacecraft at this site countless centuries ago.
- JUNE 27-28 SNOWCRAFT INSTRUCTION COURSE DARRANS (C)....Ewan Paterson (775651)
 Fresh from a season of professional guiding and instructing for
 Geoff Wayatt at "Mountain Recreation" in the Mt.Aspiring region, Ewan
 has planned this basic snowcraft instruction course as a lead in to
 people wishing to learn how to cross snow-covered passes and climb
 easy peaks, as an extension of their bushcraft skills. Limited to
 11 people only, so be quick.
- JUNE 28

 BURNS TRACK WORKPARTY....Peter Mason (775237)

 What better way to get sweaty and hot during winter, than on the end of a slasher or pruning-saw? And a good way to release all that pent-up aggression from the Special AGM!
- JULY 4-5 WEST MATUKITUKI (all grades)....Arthur Blondell (897633)
 Have an easy weekend at Aspiring Hut, or try something more adventurous such as a climb to Liverpool Biv or French Ridge Hut. A trip up the delightfull East Branch of the Matukituki is also on. Just a superb winter wonderland waiting to be explored.
- JULY 5 OTAGO PENINSULAR (M)....Mike Farrell (77715;)

 A mid-winter chance to see the Peninsular at its best....a wild, windswept coast leading to several large bays and estuaries with abundant wildlife. And all practically on our back-door too!
- JULY 12 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (M)....Spencer Walker (737657)
 The onslaught of skiing madness for the OTMC....yippee! Possibly a
 B.Y.O.S. affair ie. bring your own snow!

Letters to the Editor

Club Members are welcome to use this page as a forum for their ideas, encouragement, or gripes. I will publish non-de-plumes, but they must be accompanied by your true name (not published), if only to keep an accurate record.

JUNE 14

Hi Ed! Good to have you back with us again. Say, heard a good one at the club a few weeks ago...we are all aware that this is the "throw-away" era; cans, bottles, etc. Well the latest, it seems, is packs! I hear tell that "Acrangi Bill" found his a bit cumbersome while having a crack at Mt. Cook, so away it went! Is this a new and exciting trend in climbing and tramping gear? Signed...the Phantom.

Mr Phantom - thanks for your interesting and very informative letter. N.Z. pack manufacturers have a world-wide reputation for making rugged and extremely durable equipment. If they indeed have started to construct expendable packs, I hope they are bio-degradable, otherwise the great outdoors will be getting rather crowded out there! And what happens to the gear in the pack? Does it just lie there? This news item raises more questions than it answers, Mr Phantom. C'mon back, big buddy, with more info! We've all got our ears on!

CALLING ALL YOU GOONS OUT THERE....

CAN 1 QUOTE
YOU ON THAT
PLEASE ?

Hi, its Prof.Eccles here speaking to you in this place as your ex-editor who is now your editor....confused? So am I! What I'm trying to say is this - if you have something to say, instead of keeping it to yourself and getting all upset with a big nasty grudge (as we saw at the last Special General Meeting), come clean...get it off your chest! Write a letter to Prof. Eccles, your newshound on the ground! I would rather print relevant information than trip-reports one after another. Do you agree with that? Write it!











Bushcraft was over, so a group of hardy souls decided it was time to relax and check out the Hectors before the ski season started. We camped Friday night at the Arrowtown Chinese ghetto....nice flat grass and a few empty beer-cans. Saturday morning it was to the Remarkables road. We kept peering up the walking routes, remembering the autumn trip 3 years ago....those spurs are really as steep as they look! We wondered whether the road was actually open, but drove past the toll-gate without anyone there to take our money. Further up the road there was a running debate on the engineering of the road as we negotiated slips and rockfalls. Bruce was keeping an eye out for any tussock-planting that had survived the slumping. Up at the carpark (about the same place as our campsite last trip!), we decided that the chairlifts weren't going to run this day, so we plugged our way up to Wye Saddle, eyeing the best routes up Double Cone. After a photo stop we crossed into the flat upper-Wye Basin and so over into the HEBE COLENSOI Right Branch of the Doolan. People who had skiied here gleefully pointed out the best slopes. The sidling began here - chunks of rock and lumps of snowgrass - and a

few basins later we found a tarn to have lunch by. The next basin looked a bit steeper, but the runholders' sheep were also on the tops, and we just followed the queues to find the easy way round. Once over the next spur we were into the Left Branch of the Doolans, and beyond that the country looked much less inviting....so we named the middle tarn of the basin "Lake Bust" and all 3 groups picked out campsites around it.

The Hokonui party following us kept to the ridge at this point, still aiming for Lake Hope, but ended up by dropping down to the Wye to camp. We went for a scramble up to the ridge for a view, and after various peak-bagging exploits we trickled back to camp and made tea, huddling inside our tents to shelter from the wind.

After an hour or so of trying to sleep, we tightened the guys to stop the tent flapping and went back to erratic dozing. Another couple of hours and another couple of trips outsideto check the tent-pegs - a friendly occupation since everyone else was making little journeys too. I believe it was at this stage that Mary wriggled out of her tent and came nose-to knee with 2 pairs of hairy legs surmounted by 2 pairs of underpants. She retreated.

About 11.00pm the first pole went through the reinforcing leather at the top of the tent. After trying to sleep without poles, and being smothered by the wind pressing the tent around us, we put the tent-pole back blunt end upwards. 1.00am; the 2nd pole went through, and was duly reversed. We weren't even trying to sleep any more...just listening to the wind rumbling like a train around the tops

and waiting for a gust to hit us. At 3.00am both tent-poles went through the eyelets again, so we decided that since Spen had found a sheltered rock earlier that evening we would go for it. And we had a lovely 4hrs of sleep - 500 sheep weren't wrong.

In the morning it was reassuring to find that one tent had ripped at 5.00am, another had snapped its poles, and the last had developed S-shaped hoops and a torn zip. And the blue thing over the other side of the valley was a karrimat. We blearly decided not to try any different routes on the way back, and headed for an early lunch and long siesta at Lake Alta. Those on the trip; Bruce Mason, Barry Wybrow, Molly Sorenson, Mary Hewinson, Dave Levick, Kevin Allison, Bill Provan, Don Greer, Spen Walker, Bill Robertson, Ken Mason, Jane Bruce.

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THE WHERE, WHAT AND WHY OF OTMC FUNDS

The club funds are held as 3 separate accounts.

(1) The General Fund: This is the cheque a/c which all the day-to-day income and expenditure of the club comes to or from. Each year we start with whatever surplus is left from the accounts from the previous financial year. Subscriptions, trip-fares, etc. are paid in - van-hire charges, Bushcraft costs, etc. are paid out. At the end of the (financial) year any profits are distributed to the other funding accounts in whatever way the committee instructs.

(2) The Hutbuilding Fund: This was designed as a fund to accumulate money to build club huts with. As with the Clubrooms Fund (see #3), this fund was instituted by a motion at an AGM, and thus it's purpose can only be changed by another motion at an AGM.



(3) The Clubrooms Fund: This fund originally was the Transport Fund, and at one time there was a 12½% profit-margin on trip-fares which was put towards the aim of buying a club truck. It was decided that problems of maintenance, cost-effectiveness, etc, made club transport impractical, and the fund was changed to a clubrooms savings fund. A sub-committee subsequently concluded that this goal is also impractical (at the moment).

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE OTMC REALLY HAVE? WILL CAT - MAN GET AWAY WITH HIS ROTTEN, MEAN ATTEMPT TO GET HIS CLAWS ON IT?



THE INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

This group of financial wizards (consisting of the Club President, Club Treasurer, Russell George, Don Greer, and Ross Davies) advises the main Committee on the best investment of club funds. At present the distribution is;

CAUDWELLS SOLICITORS mortgage finance at 19% (Clubrooms Fund)......\$1600.00

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORP. on-call account - Hutbuilding Fund......\$2670.00
- General Fund......\$5340.00

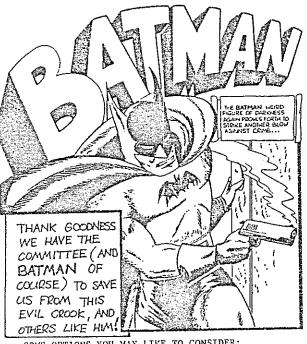
UNITED BUILDING SOCIETY 6 months term at 20% (Clubrooms Fund).....\$10935.00

A.G.C. 6 months term at 21½% (Clubrooms Fund)......\$10100.00

Not very much! The Committee recommended that we defer the question of subscriptions until the AGM in August, and this was agreed to by a show of hands. We spent the rest of the evening discussing how the club income should be allocated.

In the past, subscriptions have been set to meet the yearly expendature on Outdoors, postage, stationery, trip-programmes, bulletins, rates, insurance levies, and general expenses. Following this model, the present Committee drew up a budget and found that to cover the estimated spending on these items in the next financial year (allowing 10% inflation), we would need to raise subscriptions by 20%.

In previous years the income from subscriptions has not been as high as anticipated (eg. because most members recieved a \$2.00 discount, and membership rolls were not all that accurate). However, other income has never been included in the income and expendature budget. This includes interest on General Funds, gear-hire profit, sometimes profits from Bushcraft, and sometimes extraordinary income from fundraising ventures. This income has usually made up any shortfall.



Other income from clubrooms, tripfare surcharges, Bushcraft profits, and fundraising has traditionally been passed into the club investment funds. Only in the case of trip surcharge profits has a motion been passed that it should be put towards the Clubrooms Fund.

The present Committee has been wondering if the club wishes to continue this present method of setting subscriptions and allocating club income, which we have been operating under for the last decade (ever since the club was saving for transport). This is the reason that the Committee recommended deferring discussion of subscription levels.

In the period between now and the end of July when the annual accounts will be drawn up, the Committee would like to hear from you how you want the annual subscriptions determined, and how the club income should be used.

SOME OPTIONS YOU MAY LIKE TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Should we seriously save towards a clubrooms? At the moment the club has \$22600 in the Clubrooms Fund, which on today's market is only enough for a deposit. Fundraising could be done by putting a profit-margin on trips again, as we used to have. However, subscriptions would have to rise to cover expenditure items.
- (2) Should we continue operating as we do now? That is, putting profits from clubrooms and trips into club funds, and using the remaining income to cover running costs. This policy would have a negligible effect on the growth of club funds, and would mean smaller increases on subscriptions.
- (3) Should we hold the club investment funds at their present level, invested to keep pace with inflation, while using all other income to cover day-to-day expenses? This option means that we will stop saving for a clubrooms....although the money contributed for that purpose by past and present members will still be there if, in the future, club-members decide they wish to start saving again. Subscriptions will be kept to the minimum needed to cover expenditure. (The Committee favours this option).

There are 2 other administrative items which the Committee would like feedback on, since they would need to be passed by motion at an AGM.

- (1) Should we change the present subscription payments system (where you get a discount for payment before a certain cutoff date), to a scheme whereby there would be a <u>surcharge</u> for late payment? Although the discount system is "user friendly", it causes certain problems when budgeting. In practice what it means is that to be able to budget for a certain level of <u>minimum</u> income from subscriptions, we will have to set subscription rates \$2.00 higher to allow for discounts.
- (2) How do you feel about the idea of setting subscriptions for the comming financial year at the AGM in August of that year? This would mean that members are "carried" by the club for the first 2 months of the financial year, but it also means that subscriptions could be set for the comming financial year on presentation of the annual accounts from the previous year.

The Committee feels that these 2 changes would make financial control of the club much simpler.

As you can see, the Committee is thinking about changing the manner in which the club income is managed. Come and talk to any member of the Committee (especially the club treasurer Jane Bruce) on Thursday nights.

YOU COULD ALSO MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS KNOWN THROUGH THE PAGES OF THIS BULLETIN!

Write a letter to the Committee addressed to:
The Secretary,
Otago Tramping & Mountaineering Club,
P.O.Box 1120 Dunedin.

Or come along to the next Committee meeting which will be held at the clubrooms on MONDAY 6 JULY starting at 7.30pm.

So you see, there is really no excuse if you wish to let your thoughts be known...all the communication channels are open and waiting for your call. C'mon, lets get these financial hiccups settled down so that we can get back to the hills with no worries.



SO YOU SEE READERS - THE COMMITTEE (AND BATMAN OF COURSE!) ARE REALLY KEEN TO SORT THESE MATTERS OUT - SO TELL THEM WHAT YOU WANT!

The OTAGO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB is alive and well and planning another full calendar of trips into the local hills with the comming of colder weather....all they are waiting for is a good snowfall! The first trip will be to the Rock & Pillars, hopefully in June. Watch their notice-board in our clubrooms for details.

It was good to see the interest being shown in this fast-growing sport, when over 100 people turned up to hear the slide presentation by Ski-Touring guide Gottlieb Braun-Elwert one evening in May.

If you wish to learn more about the club, contact: Craig McKenzie....44020, Angie McErlane....776139, Logan McGhie....761425





LOOK

The Southland Section, NZ Alpine Club has arranged with Alan Dennis, mountaineer, skier, and avalanche consultant to MWD for the Milford Rd, to conduct an

INTRODUCTORY AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE

Details as follows:

Venue: Mt.Luxmore (above Lake Te Anau) to

be based at FNP hut.

Date: 25-26 July 1987....participants need to be prepared for change depending on weather.

Objectives: (i) identification of hazardous conditions (ii) enhancement of personal and group safety in avalan-(iii) instruction in che terrain back-country search & rescue situations and techniques.

Cost: \$70.00 - includes helicopter flight

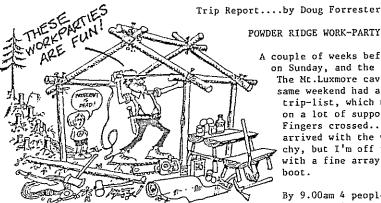
to hut, hut fees, food.

Applications: close 4 July - forms from secretary Pam Hodgkinson.



"The contact points must be dirty...just dick it up and down a few times."

EXAMPLIAND EXAMPLE



POWDER RIDGE WORK-PARTY

A couple of weeks before the workparty on Sunday, and the signs weren't good. The Mt.Luxmore caving trip on the same weekend had a pretty healthy trip-list, which meant loosing out on a lot of support. Not to worry! Fingers crossed....Sunday morning arrived with the weather a bit scratchy, but I'm off to the clubrooms with a fine array of weapons in the boot.

By 9.00am 4 people were there - GREAT! Away we go! The undergrowth was very

wet after overnight rain, which meant that we were fairly wet when we arrived on the job. Last years track-clearing work looked good as we passed by.

We are pleased to be able to report that the 4 of us were able to complete the clearing of Powder Ridge Track, and we are sure that trampers will find it a much easier track to negotiate now. Thanks to (the new) Department of Conservation for the use of their slashers, and to those keen souls who did the work: Steve Cathro, John Pohl, Arthur Blondell, and of course Me! Special mention should be made of Kelvin Liggett, who was keen to come but had to phone from his sick-bed that he couldn't make it.



FIORDLAND TRIP

Our intention was to reach a hanging valley some 6hrs beyond Mt.Luxmore Hut. However, a leisurely beginning to the day, and an uphill climb, knocked our enthusiasm for continuing even though it was cool.

Instead we knocked off the smaller rocky knob N.E. of Mt.Luxmore because we could not see the highest point through the mist and low cloud.



The camping spot was just big enough for the tent....slightly smaller than desirable. Once the sumptuous meal began (in light mist), all the struggles of the day were forgotten. Soup....a real mixture of types, delicious meat-balls and a variety of fresh vegetables to follow; and sweet and hot Milo really topped the day. Sleeping was cosy to say the least, but it was dry.

Sunday morning was in complete contrast with Saturday....clear sun shining and a fantastic view. It was like being on deserted island in the sea, with heavy, thick mist enveloping the surrounding lowland. Breakfast was short, but it was superb sitting in the sun having meaningfull discussions on a variety of interesting topics. Again we began the day at a respectable hour, strolling to the top of the smaller rocky peak of Mt.Luxmore, about Ihr walking distance from Mt.Luxmore proper. The view was grand....mountains standing like soldiers above the sea of mist below....it gave us the feeling of being on another world.

We saw the 'Palace' - the new hut for the new Kepler Mountains track. A closer inspection revealed the huts' wonders; hot water heated from the stove wet-back, showers, gas lights, and at least 40 bunks. Give me a tent any day!

The return to the vans via the track we walked up was pleasant but cool, with the trees still damp from the heavy mist in the Te Anau basin. A real bonus to see a pair of parakeets close to the track. We were able to observe them for a few moments and see their attractive plumage. A great weekend!

Diane Williams, Ross Cocker, Ann Stevens, Don Greer, and Doug Pagel.



HEV! did you know...

that as a club-member you are entitled to attend committee meetings as an interested party? YES YOU ARE! You cannot vote on any motions, but you can still contribute your ideas to the general discussion, and in so doing perhaps sway the committee to your point of view! Come along and join in with the high-powered decision-making.

Meetings are held at the clubrooms on the first Monday of each month, at 7.30pm.



Is there anyone planning to go tramping in the Fiordland/Aspiring areas late November of this year, and needs a tramping companion? If so I have a friend from Taranaki who wishes to do some tramping in these areas but cannot find anyone to go with.

Contact Sue Harding (ph.43215)

Trip Report....by Simon Thomas

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - ARROWSMITHS

After Dave had discovered he had forgotten his karrimat (and having to buy one in Oamaru), and Barry and Sue hurriedly photocopying Daves' map in the Public Library (having realised - after some argument - that no-one in their party had brought a map), we finally arrived at Lake Heron late on Friday night. We all clambered out of the bus only to be greeted by a bitterly icy cold winters wind. Having emptied the bus of our gear we wandered around aimlessly in the dark trying to find a suitable site to pitch the tents.

Saturday morning and up with the birds.

After a relaxed breakfast of muesli

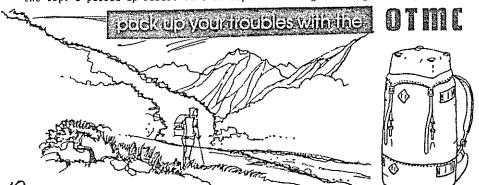
& peaches, and a hot cup of tea,
Arthur and Dave pondered over
maps deciding where we were.

After accomplishing this relatively simple task, with a few
exchanged glances.....a "hum" and
a "ha" here and there for effect;
we sorted out the food and piled back
into the van. Up a very bumpy track to

the Cameron River. After a quick discussion on routes and times to be back on Monday, we were off up the Cameron with a rugged days tramping ahead (countless Matagauri and "Spaniards").

We arrived at Cameron Hut about 5.00pm Saturday, to find it well equipped - all it lacked was a fire. After we had sorted out our gear and changed clothes, we were greeted by Antony Pettingers' grinning face in the doorway, with the rest of his party pushing and shoving behind him to get in out of the cold. Tea was served up by our competent chefs Arthur and Dave, and after a hot brew and a chat about the days' events we finally hit the sack.

Sunday morning was quite mild; a lot of snow had fallen on the peaks overnight. We left Antonys' party behind in the hut at about 9.00am, and headed off down the river to try and get over one of the many ridges and down through Bush Creek to make a round trip of the weekend. By about 12.00am the weather had gotten a bit rough and cold; it was raining heavily and we had not yet found any shelter to have lunch. We decided to carry on and stay warm. About 3/4 of the way to the top we still hadn't had any lunch and it was snowing heavily now. We stopped for a "Moro break" (Arthur had heaps stashed in his pack), and then pressed on for the top. I pulled up beside Dave on top of the ridge to be greeted by the words



"Bloody Hell..." whilst I was muttering under my breath. It was a sheer drop straight down into a white nothingness; and visibility was not the best. After pondering on top for 15mins or so we decided that there was no way we could get over, so it was back down to the hut for some food. Dave was the first one in the hut door and told Antony that the rest of the party were all dead! (Thanks i a lot Dave). We dug out the food and pigged out.

Monday was a great day and the best weather all weekend, apart from some early morning wind. An easy tramp out. Altogether a great weekend with a rather humorous leader; thanks Dave.

Dave Peacock, Arthur Blondell, Hunter Andrews, and Simon Thomas.

An extract from a letter written to the club by ex-Club President and member JANET GIRVAN, who has now shifted to Napier and is still managing to get out on a few easy daytrips with the locals, although advancing old age and decrepitude is probably a major worry....(eh Janet-on-the-Planet?)

Next day they organised a tramp in the Waitakeres so we all bowled along there. There were about 150 people there, gulp, almost turned round and came home. We were all set to go in the medium party having various excuses but got talked into the fit party - Sue and I thought we'd better balance up the figures as there were no women in the fit party so Gobblo had to come to as we had the lunch! Turned out there were 2 fit parties and for some reason most of the women ended up in the other group - maybe they knew something we didn't about who was in the group. Anyway got up the hill okay only to find that we weren't going to be content to walk on tracks so carried on up and then had to stagger down to the creek through the stream, only got bluffed a couple of times. Took ages to walk down the stream till we met the track again, managed to fall in of course, realised afterwards that I should have gone right under as I ended up with a tide mark on my shirt which wouldn't have been there if I'd planned it better. Stopped for lunch above a lovely waterfall and then it was up ropes (well 1 anyway), hanging onto cliff faces with massive drops into the gorge below (10 feet?) and down 100 year old kauri trees to get through the mighty gorge and from there on it was an easy amble down stream to the beach and then back along the beach to where we had parked the cars. I was surprised by the extent of bush in the Waitakeres, well worth a visit if you're ever up in Auckland. //

BUT NOW, A BEDTIME STORY...

Once upon a time, on a dark and stormy night in May, a sweet young girl was walking unaccompanied through the black wilderness.

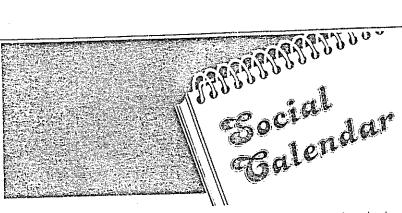
The air was crisp and bracing....but she was determined to press on, glad of her friends' kindly-loaned tracksuit pants. Suddenly she came upon a fairy ring in a glade of trees.

"This is odd," she said.
"There is a hole in the middle....what can it be?"

Our intrepid heroine looked deeply into the hole, until it hit her! Our sweet young girl was sweet no more!

She hatched a ruthless plan to kill her friends....she would jump in, feel the slime seep into her sox, then run to her prey!

Innocent as they were, they were intoxicated by the fumes and so died laughing. MORAL: Don't eat, tramp, or lend tracksuit pants to Susan - "Saint of the Sewer."



SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to set new subscription rates, JUNE 11 followed by Bring Your Own Slides.

Slide lecture from Bill Wicks of the Geology Section, Otago JUNE 18 University - speaking on a recent trip to Antarctica.

A night for all you camera buffs....Lloyd Godman talking on pho-JUNE 25 tography. Come along and learn from the expert.

Cross-country skiing in Otago....a slide presentation by our own JULY 2 Bruce Mason, to get you enthused to get into the hills this winter on a pair of skis.

are you involved?

Are you an involved member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part to help the work along? Or are you simply satisfied to be a 'just belong'?

Do you work on a committee? To that there is no trick. Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

Why not come to all the meetings and help with hand and heart....

Don't be 'just a member' but take an active part! Think this over, member, you know the right from wrong; Are you an involved member?

Or do you just belong ...?

The Annual General Meeting for this club is comming up in August, and what this means is that all the positions on the Committee come up for renewal - ie. out with the old and in with the new!

Is this the opportunity that you have secretly been waiting for? Do you have a hankering to get involved with the running of this club? We need good keen people with fresh impetus and ideas to lend a hand. Have a look at the trip-card and see the positions that are to become vacant in August....the next step is to fill out a nomination form, get someone to second you, then give it to a Committee member or post it to P.O.Box 1120, and you're in the running! The applicants will be voted for at the AGM. Get involved!