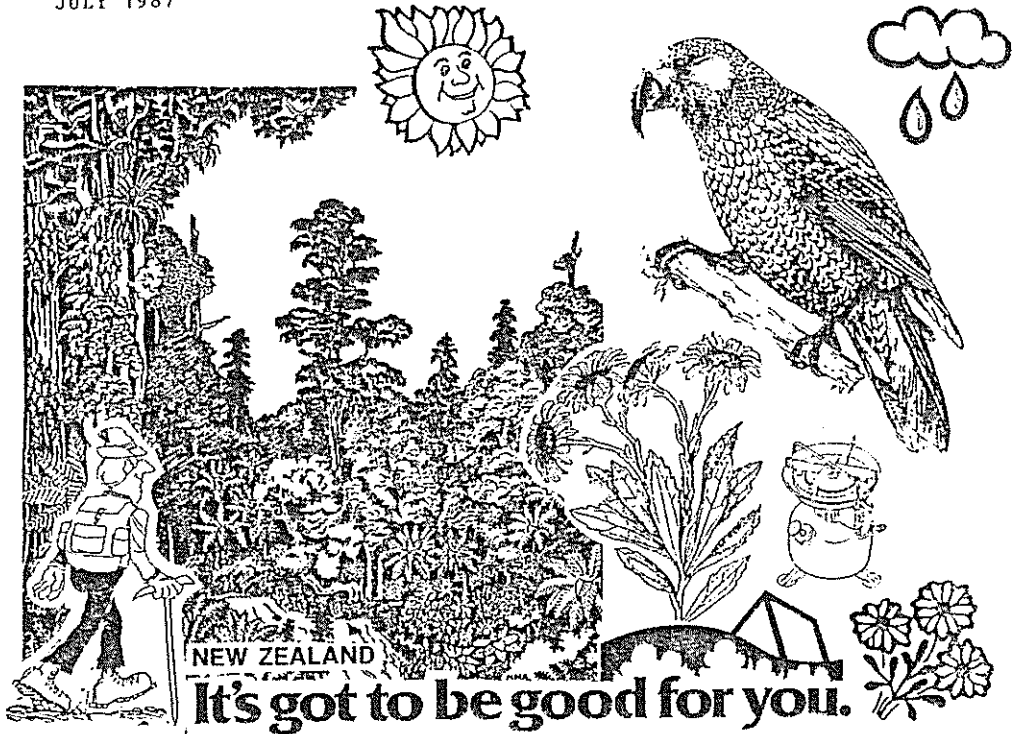


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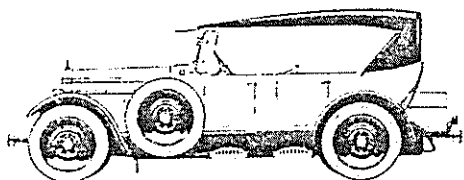
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# TRIP PROGRAMME

JULY 18-19

WINTER DINNER - JUBILEE HUT (FE)...Dave Peacock (779855)  
"Winter Madness" strikes the OTMC with this trip to our own hut in the Silver Peaks. Formal dress is mandatory for the dinner - Ladies a dress and Gentlemen a tie, please. Numbers limited due to bed-space in the hut, but the overflow can bring a tent.

JULY 25-26

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI INSTRUCTION (M)...Dave Levick (738427)  
This course is being held on the Old Man Range, Central Otago, and is suitable for all levels of ability. Accommodation is at the Alexandra Motor Camp. Good instruction guaranteed with 1 instructor to 4 pupils. You can hire all equipment from the Wilderness Shop.

JULY 26

MT.WATKIN - ELDORADO (E)...Ian Sime (36185)  
Visit this prominent volcanic outcrop West of Waikouaiti township, and then we will go further inland to the remote Eldorado Homestead in the upper reaches of the North Waikouaiti River.

AUGUST 1-2



WINTER ROUTEBURN (M-FE & C)...Henri Rawlings (36125)  
Once again the annual mid-winter tramping trip to the beautiful Routeburn track - a completely different experience from the usual summer hordes that frequent this area. You could almost be in a completely new setting. Bill Provan intends to lead a group of climbers to attempt some of the challenging peaks in the neighbourhood. Sign up on the trip list now to visit a winter paradise.

AUGUST 2

POSSUM HUT (E)...Kevin Alison (871156)  
One of the lesser-known huts in the Silver Peaks, sited on a bush-clad ridge in the upper South Waikouaiti River, amongst alluvial gold-tailings from the 1930's and earlier.

AUGUST 8-9



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING - ROCK & PILLARS (F)...Bruce Mason (67509)  
An introduction to touring on cross-country skis, as a follow-on from the instruction weekend earlier. Suitable for beginning skiers, but good fitness necessary. The plan is to walk up the hill Saturday morning, and get some instruction during that afternoon. Sunday will mean touring along the tops...on a clear day you can see Mt. Aspiring in the distance. Truly a fantastic place to be on a crisp winter's day, and the skis allow you to travel easily over the snow and explore this terrain, with its marvellous towering monoliths of wind-blasted rock. Join Bruce as he leads another exciting alpine adventure.

AUGUST 9

TOWN BELT (E)...Doug Pagel (774431)  
Join our own closet "flasher" and "molesterer" Doug as he takes you to his favourite haunts in the Town Belt...just joking, really!! We don't know how lucky we are having native bush so close to the main street, so let's go and explore it for a change.

FOR SALE

1 pair of FAIRYDOWN GAITERS - short size in really good condition.  
Navy Blue colour. Good value at \$15.00 - phone Ewan, 775651

MARGARET CAUFIELD

Club members will be saddened to learn that Margaret died suddenly on Thursday 25 June.

Margaret became involved with the club through Bushcraft '86, and since then became a familiar face on day-trips. Some of us met her this year on the Silver Peaks and Fiordland weekends. She was especially happy to find that she was capable of enjoying and completing the Hut Creek to Mistake Creek crossing.

It is sad to lose Margaret at a time when she was shedding the responsibilities of raising a family and finding more time for her own interests. She was a happy person to be with in the hills, and always had a good word to say at the end of the day.

The club extends sympathy to her husband Mike and her family.



CONGRATULATIONS TO STU MATHIESON upon being elected as Vice-President of the local MSC Committee. In the past Stu has acted as the OTMC's representative on this committee, so is well qualified for the position.

A reminder to local Bushcraft instructors: the local committee has a selection of instruction videos and films, all held at the Dunedin Visitors Centre (in the Octagon) under the care of Angela McErlane.

VIDEOS - River Crossing, Outdoor First-Aid, Cold Can Kill, Bushcraft.

16mm FILMS - Such a Stupid Way to Die.

George Palmer	30 Salmond St.	ph62462
Peter Dymock	15 Valpy St.	ph88092
Simon Thomas	18 Lynwood Ave.	ph741444
Cindy Grant	Macandrew Bay	
Steven Swallow	c/o Dept. of Medicine, Dunedin Public Hospital	
Ruth Brown	30A Heriot Row	

Change of address

John Pohl 176 Signal Hill Rd ph739688



**a big HI to these  
NEW MEMBERS**

may your stay with the club be long and happy!

# BRUCE MASON'S GUIDE TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI EQUIPMENT

Only a limited number of retailers in Dunedin and Christchurch are stocking any gear this year. My enquiries were made during the first week of July, 1987. The items listed are suitable for general touring on the Central Otago Ranges, rather than specifically for telemarking or ski-mountaineering.

SKIS must have metal edges. Can have either patterned bases or be smooth for waxes. 'Multigrade' soles don't work well in Otago conditions.

Length - reaching to wrist of upright arm for average body weight. If in doubt get shorter skis.

BOOTS wear 2 pairs of socks. Make sure you have plenty of toe room, no heel-slip, and no pressure-points.

POLES Length - to armpit.

	SNOW BUSINESS	
	WILDERNESS SHOP	CHRISTCHURCH
SKIS		
Karhu XCD GT (waxable).....	\$281.50	\$264.00
Karhu XCD GT KINETIC (patterned base).....	\$299.00	\$288.00
Rossignol (wax & patterned available).....	\$290.00	-
Kazama MOUNTAIN HIGH (waxable).....	\$396.00	-
POLES.....on order		very limited

## BINDINGS

Rottefella SUPER TELEMAR available from both Wilderness Shop and Snow Business - \$105.00 per pair.

Rottefella CABLE from Snow Business and Christchurch for \$89.00 pair.

## BOOTS

Merrell XCD TELEMAR from Wilderness Shop and Snow Business for \$316.00 per pair.

## WAXES

There doesn't appear to be much / nothing available in Dunedin or Christchurch shops. However, the following Australian shops should be able to supply;

Mountain Designs - 377 Little Bourke St, Melbourne 3000

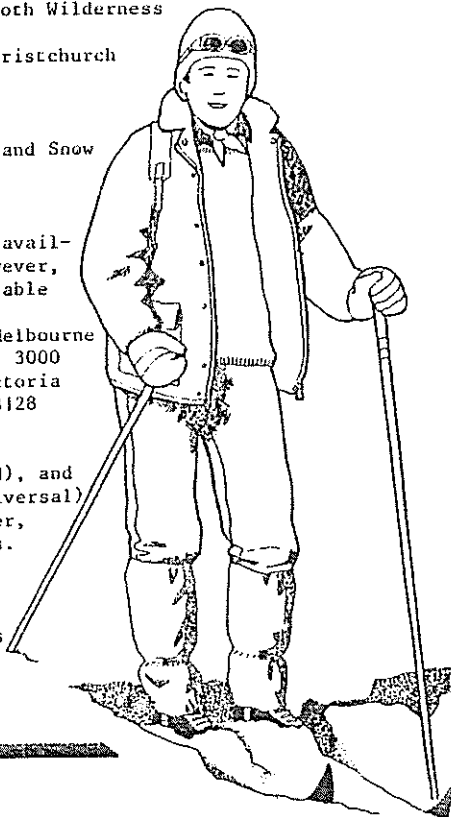
The Wilderness Shop - 1 Carrington Rd, Victoria 3128

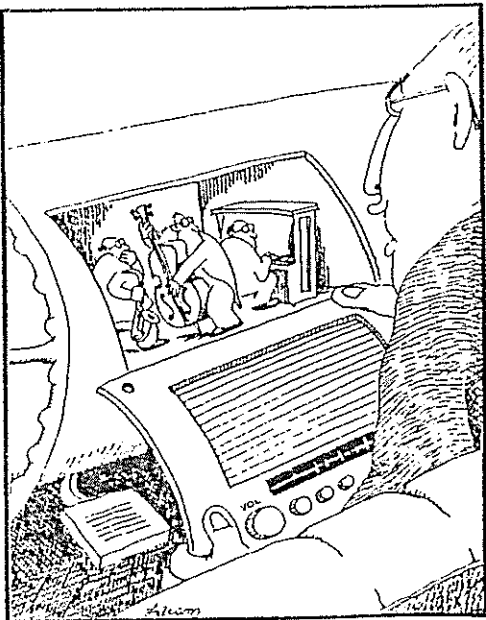
Paddy Pallin - 55 Hardwear St, Melbourne.

I suggest 'Swix' stick waxes (violet & red), and 'Swix' or 'Rex' klisters (violet, red, universal) Also see if they can supply a cork, scraper, low-reading thermometer, and waxing charts.

## EQUIPMENT HIRE

Wilderness Shop and Snow Business (2 pairs only) in Dunedin hire out the gears.





"Aho!"



For a trip with a difference this winter, consider the upcoming WINTER ROUTEBURN tramp, on the weekend of 1-2 AUGUST. If you have ever been on this track in summer then don't write this trip off because you have "been there done that"...this is a completely different area in winter.

If you are interested, phone Henri Rawlings at 36125, or sign the trip-list at the clubrooms.



Make it a date.

WATCH OUT FOR IT



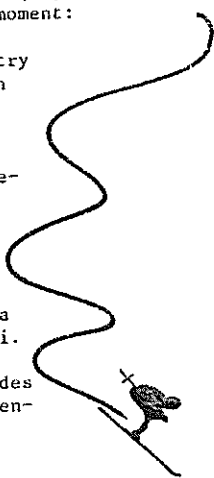
Come in and see us if contemplating buying cross-country ski equipment. We give 10% discount to tramping club members. We have stock at the moment:

**KARHU SKIS XCD GT** - the favourite choice among many backcountry tourers. A double-cambered ski with wax pocket, combined with 8mm of sidecut and even flex throughout - a versatile ski.

**KARHU SKIS XCD KINETIC** - addition of a new patterned base to the XCD GT adds worry-free touring potential - still a double-cambered ski.

**KARHU SKIS XCD COMPETITION** - designed especially for lift-serviced alpine skiing slopes, but can be used for touring with climbing skins. Well known for its easy turning characteristics because of its single camber, even fore-flex with a stiffer tail section than the XCD GT - a good telemarking ski.

Come in and see the new **VOILE 3-PIN RELEASE KIT**, which provides an adjustable release system for use with your bindings. Intended for telemarking, and touring with a pack on.



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NEWS FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

A few items that might interest you;

(1) on acceptance as a member of the OTMC, a person can claim a refund of any non-member surcharges paid for the 2 qualifying trips that are needed to become a member.

(2) trip refunds will now be paid out automatically (when the refund is greater than \$5.00), instead of trip-members having to fill out claim forms as at present.

Both these changes arose following suggestions made at the Special General Meeting.

So you see, we do act on feedback that we get from input from outside the committee - all we

need is people to care about how this club is operating, and let the present committee know their feelings.

(3) instruction courses run within the OTMC will be on a voluntary basis (ie. on the part of the instructors). Where insufficient voluntary instructors are available from within the ranks of the club, outside instruction may be arranged, and in this case instruction fees may be levied.

So far the committee has recieved only 1 letter regarding the policy matter that the Special General Meeting was called for. We still need to know how club-members feel about the suggestions that:

(1) we stop putting money into the club investment funds (ie. Clubrooms and Hut-Building Funds....see last bulletin for details).

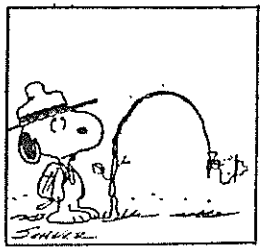
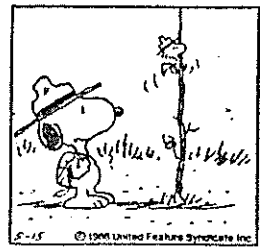
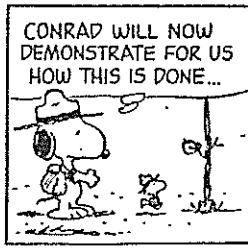
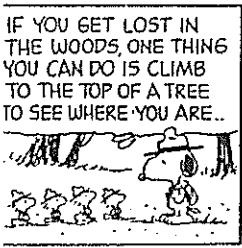
(2) interest from these investment funds be re-invested so as to maintain the real value in dollar terms of these funds.

(3) all club income (ie. subscriptions, etc.) be used to cover the day-to-day running costs of the club.

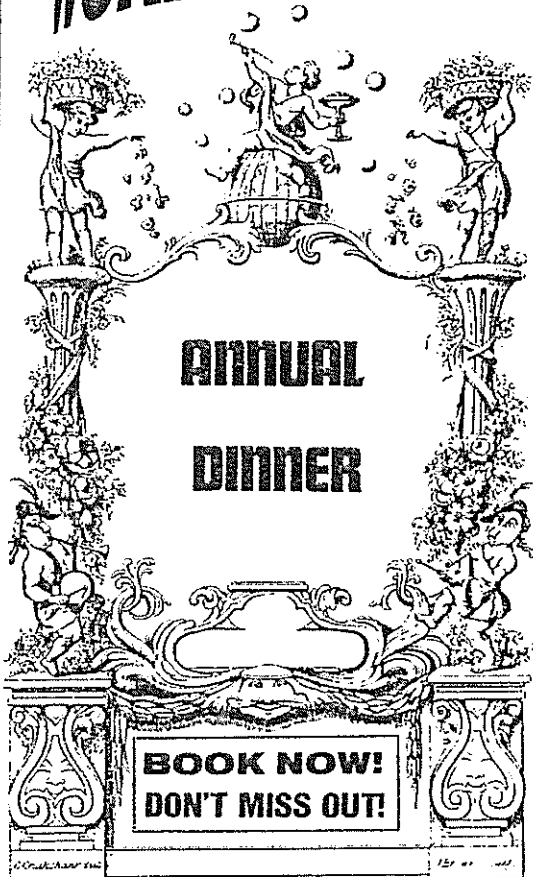
(4) subscriptions for the current year be set at the AGM in August of that year, on presentation of the accounts from the previous year.

(5) the present discount for early payment of subscriptions be changed to a surcharge for late payment.

If you have any thoughts about how the club should set subscriptions and allocate club income, why not make a comment to any person on the committee now, rather than wait for the AGM? Speak to a committee member on club nights....write to the club secretary....come to the next committee meeting...write to the editor of this bulletin....there are lots of avenues to persue, really.



# WORD GETS AROUND



## ANNUAL DINNER

**BOOK NOW!  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

Yes Folks! It's that time again!

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF  
THE OTAGO TRAMPING AND  
MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

This event has been organised by  
our own Social Convener Sue Harding  
and is to be held on

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST, starting  
at 7.30pm

The VENUE is to be LEWIS' CAFE  
(opposite Knox Church, George St.)

Using this establishment means that  
there is a very limited number of  
seats available, so don't decide to  
come at the last minute, because you  
won't get in!

There is a theme for this event....

"THE FIFTIES"

and Sue says that if you don't dress  
up you don't get in! So drag out your  
old glad-rags (no trouble for some  
because they still wear them) and  
join us for a fun evening.

TICKETS COST \$20.00 each, and can be  
purchased from Sue Harding or Jane  
Bruce.



Attending Patrons are advised that this establishment  
is a Bring Your Own drinks operation.



**NOW  
IN  
STOCK!!**

BEAK OF THE MOON

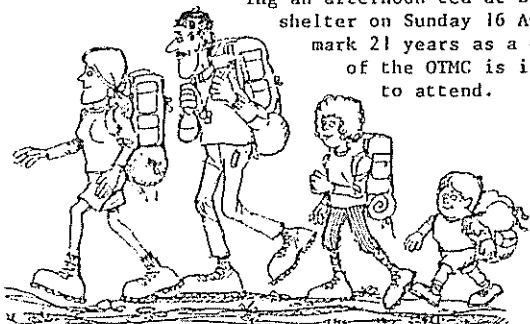
by Philip Temple  
published by Collins  
normal price \$19.95

Hardback copies of this book are available at the  
LONDON BOOKSHOP at the incredibly cheap price of \$9.99  
a saving of nearly \$10.00. If you have been looking for  
a copy of this story about a group of Keas in the remote  
forested valleys of New Zealand's high alps, then this  
is the opportunity you have been waiting for.

# Social Calendar

- JULY 16 Bring Your Own Slides - bring heaps....its a long time since we have had a chance to see what everyone has been up to!
- JULY 23 Alison Evans (Liason Officer with the DCC Parks & Gardens Dept.) speaking on native trees - a chance to bone up on all those tall things that we walk past on our tramps, but don't know what they are!
- JULY 30 Our own Mike Floate, showing us some slides on his pet hobby, the Gold-Mining areas of Otago.
- AUGUST 6 Ewan Paterson with some slides on instructing and guiding in Mt. Aspiring National Park...."A Summer of Mountain Recreation".
- AUGUST 13 An instructional talk on Snow Caving by Spen Walker so that all those going on the Snow Caving trip this comming weekend know what they are letting themselves in for!
- AUGUST 20 Bring Your Own Slides.
- AUGUST 27 The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE FAMILY TRAMPING GROUP is holding an afternoon tea at Ben Rudd's shelter on Sunday 16 August to mark 21 years as a club. All of the OTMC is invited to attend.



Come along and help them celebrate.  
All you have to do is bring your own cup!

## OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)

### OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE 1987 88

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on THURSDAY 27 AUGUST, at 7.30pm sharp.

I wish to nominate.....  
for the position of.....

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Signature of Nominee.....

This nomination form to be in the hands of Club Secretary Pam Hodgkinson, or posted to The Secretary, OTMC, P.O.Box 1120 Dunedin, no later than 13 August 1987.