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THE NEW COMMITTEE



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THE EDITOR SPEAKS

As your new editor, I hope to contribute an editorial each month discussing issues important to the club. This first column will concentrate on some particular aspects of the club that I think will have to be open to change if we are to increase membership and lead to an active, thriving club.



However, before discussing those issues I would like to ask for your support in making the Bulletin a success. I need your contributions; this is your magazine, your forum to air your opinions. To echo the feelings of my predecessor, Ewan Paterson, I want the Bulletin to be more than a collection of trip reports, although they are important, but also to discuss wider issues as they affect the club, tramping, the environment, and associated outdoor interests. This magazine is what we make it.

Now as to my views as to where the club should be going; one feeling that I have is that the club is too officious. The committee is too distant from the membership and there is not enough discussion within the club on issues that affect us all. I suggest that, say, once every two months, there is a club meeting without a speaker in which relevant business is discussed amongst all people present. I feel that the present situation with invited guests may stifle discussion because of the pressure of time.

Secondly, non-member surcharges for club trips should be abolished. People should join the club for more substantial reasons than the freedom from paying non-member surcharges. If they are retained, they are an onerous responsibility on trip leaders and give a negative impression to prospective members. The only time that they possibly should be enforced is when there is a shortage of space in the vans and members may miss out on the trip. In this circumstance, I think it to be reasonable to ask non-members to pay the surcharge if they wish to go on the trip.



"That's the worst set of opinions I've heard in my entire life."

Thirdly, if the club is to survive and prosper, it must increase membership. It is all too easy for cliques to develop and for new, inexperienced people to feel isolated and neglected. I suggest that a couple of times a year, the club has trips specifically aimed at new members. This is an opportunity for them to feel able to ask questions,

to be given some instruction and to know that the trip will be graded to allow for their inexperience. Basically, it would be a friendly, low-key introduction to the club. If we don't encourage and get more members, I feel that the club is on a downhill slide towards oblivion.

Fourthly, the subscription rate for married couples should be abolished. Even for allowing for the fact that they only get one bulletin, the club's income is reduced by having this special rate. Most married trampers are reasonably affluent and could afford to pay two full subs. If we wish to reduce subs for particular groups, it should be targeted towards the young and new members.

Fifthly, the club has to give more emphasis on publicity and fundraising. These functions, particularly the latter, are not particularly inspiring and, therefore, so easy to neglect. However, with the impending move to new premises, wherever they may finally be, almost certainly means a higher rent and a consequent drain on club funds. I am sure that most members do not want a subs increase so the money will have to come from outside. We are very fortunate that Michelle Metherall has said that she will help with these two tasks but she cannot, and should not, do it without the help of all of us. Let's give her this help.



Finally, I will repeat my original comments: this is your magazine, your club. It needs you to survive and grow. The committee, in particular, are not mind-readers; if you don't express your opinions, give us your ideas, they will sink without trace and the club will be poorer for it. Give me those ideas, give me those articles and make me, as Editor, earn my position on the Committee; I'm looking forward to the job.

LOST!

(The following statement is presented without comment).

Brian Campbell of Prudential Assurance has informed me that his company will pay \$1000 to our tramping club if we rescue a Prudential policyholder.



Trip Report by Polly Stupples

SOUTH - NORTH TEMPLE
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

Friday 7.40pm, minus one van, in the torrential rain (with a forecast quite worthy of Bill) we headed happily off towards the wilds of Ohau! Yahooo!!

We arrived around midnight and threw some mattresses into the Temple Shelter. All would have been well ... but Bill decided to strangle me with my sleeping bag cord (unsuccessfully regrettably - Ed.), then Doug on my other side got quite irate searching for his cord - only to find that it was on the other side of his sleeping bag. Finally after being threatened with spending the next night with three real men (whatever that might mean) and being asked to warm two backs at the same time, I dozed off.

Up the next morning, down the South Temple to the hut for 'morning tea' where Doug made himself at home - throwing a packet of Krispies all over the floor (good one!). We carried on up the valley, arriving at its head for lunch where a change of plans seemed in order and we decided to head over the pass (6000ft) that night.

Accompanied by a couple of resident keas, Doug gave us an avalanche safety talk (images of me swimming like crazy towards the side of a torrent of ice and snow, while trying to keep an eye on everyone else and also my beloved pack, came to mind). Barry insisted on having a snowball fight before we set off and denied starting it for the rest of the trip (never mind - we must humour him).

Anyway - onwards and upwards - not all that easy in the soft-ish snow. A bit nearer the top we met Antony's party sliding down. The news wasn't good - at least two hours down the other side - some ice and lots of rocks - hmmm. Time for another change of plan - we decided to head back down a short way into the basin for the night while Doug and co. carried on over.

We camped in the snow beside a rock and I found out what real men are really like. Basically, if you can stand the humour, you can lie back in the pit and watch various dishes being prepared and passed to you for your consumption - not bad! One mistake - don't offer the use of your Karrimat as a kitchen bench - that is unless you can't think of anything nicer than having rice, stew, cheese cake, Tang - amongst other things - permanently embedded in it.



Up about 6.30-7.00 the next morning - brighteyed and bushy-tailed needless to say - and on top of the pass by 9.15am in cloudy but fine weather. We put our self-arresting skills into practice a few times on the way down and arrived at the hut for

lunch at about 11 to find the others had just finished breakfast and heading off down the North Temple.

After lunch and a number of unsuccessful attempts by Arthur to bash his brains out on the door frame - we followed.

Back at the Shelter we dumped packs, had some Tang (yippee!) and wandered around in circles waving our arms - we were in fact trying to get away from sandflies but a carload of innocent day-trippers gave us some pretty weird looks! Then we wandered (grovelled) up to the lookout, leaving our coats at the signpost. Further up the hill, we turned and watched and waited till we could see Doug's party who (as we had expected) pounced on our gear and ran off with it into the trees (never mind ... we must humour them ...).

Hmmm ... this report's dragging on - anyway, eventually we ended up heading back to Dunedin in the van accompanied by Barry's beautiful sense of humour?! Suffice to say that we nearly got kicked out of the Golden Dragon in Oamaru but ended up not too much the worse for wear back at the clubrooms.

Thanks to the three real men who made up my party - it was a good trip.

Polly Stupples on behalf of David Peacock,
Arthur Blondell and Simon Thomas.

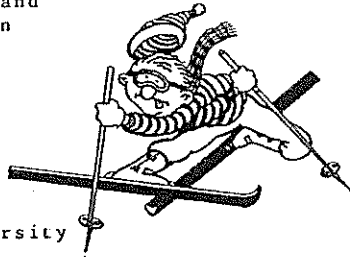
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Trip Report by Jane Bruce (Desperate Skier's Assoc.)

SPRING X-C SKIING
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

We weren't sure that we'd be going skiing at all until the Thursday night, when Bruce rang round and announced that he was arranging snow on the Rock and Pillars.

We left town at the relatively civilised hour of 7am Saturday morning and parked in the paddocks at Glen Gray station just beyond Middlemarch. Luckily we had several cases of flu in the group, so it was a nice sedate walk up to the University hut and a leisurely lunch.



The snowline was 20 yards from the hut and, once waxed up, we sidled round the east side of the trig onto the plateau on the other side. A short glide past Castle Rock brought us to the Boundary run (the nice spur just north of Leaning Lodge which the fence-line runs down) - the snow reached about two-thirds of the way down to the Leaning Lodge access road. We dropped packs and had a few runs then skied (or slid, or walked) down a convenient snow gully to Leaning Lodge. The rest of the afternoon we luxuriated in continual brews interspersed by excursions to the steep runs above the hut.

Tea was organised on the 'bring something and bung it all together' principle - mixed soup, entree of kipper filets followed

by spaghetti-mince and greens, and two cheesecakes with instant pudding artistically (?) decorated with boysenberries and cream. It took all night to sleep it off.

A leisurely start on Sunday of course (we must wait for the snow to soften) and then we sidled over to the Boundary Run and played around on it until lunchtime. We discussed R & P wetas and our friends' habits and then moved on to Sowburn and found some nice snow and gentle slopes/cornices according to fancy.

We dribbled back to Leaning Lodge and more brews, and trotted off down the old poled track leading from the hut down the ski-tow and across to the spur. The farmer has recently burnt this area and the wind was blowing us off balance so it was quite a relief to get back to the cars and head to Middlemarch for icecreams.

Jane Bruce for Bruce Mason, Ken Mason, Chris Pearson, Bill Provan John Robinson, Mary Hewinson and Spen Walker.

Another mouth-watering recipe to make your party really hum! This one from our gourmet in Gastroenterology - Jane Bruce.

SOY BEANS WITH FETTA CHEESE

N.B.: Make sure the people in your party will enjoy beans, fetta cheese and olives before using this recipe.

{ 1 medium onion, sliced }
{ 2 cloves garlic, crushed } Sauté 5 mins in billy
{ knob butter }

{ 2 cups sliced green & red pepper }
{ or spring onions }
{ 2 tspn cumin } Add and fry 3 mins
{ dash curry powder }

400g soybeans -
cook the soybeans at home
by soaking overnight,
changing water and simm-
ering 3 hours or until cooked.

Add beans to billy and heat thru.

250g fetta cheese, in 1" cubes
¼ cup sliced olives
1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Add to beans and cook until cheese starts to melt. Serves 6.

Hint: don't serve this if Bill Provan is in your party.



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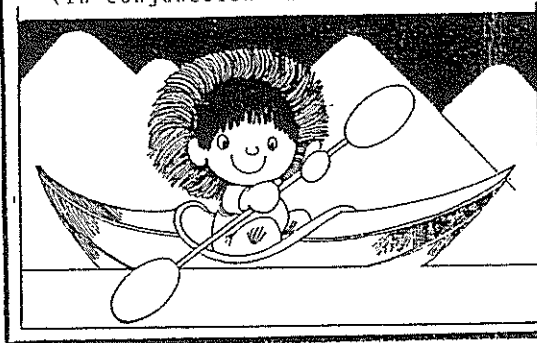
HAVE A GO!! Try out our KAYAKS.

Saturday 31 October 10am - 4pm

Sunday 1 November 10am - 3pm

Where? Anderson's Bay Inlet

(In conjunction with Sisson Industries)



OUR BEST WISHES

'Tis the season to be young and in love!



CONGRATULATIONS to ex-club member George Crossland on his forthcoming marriage in Auckland to Joan.

And way over in the Old Country, Richard Pettinger has become engaged to Tracey Allcock.

May all their days be blessed!

➡ NEW CLUBROOMS ←

If you know of any premises that may be suitable as a new clubroom, please contact MIKE FLOATE (739780) or BILL ROBERTSON (877519). They are doing a great deal of work in looking for somewhere new and they would appreciate any help that you could give them.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



SPEN WALKER (President): (Vital stats: 1.77m, 58kg, blond-haired, blue-eyed Scorpio)

Record: Joined OTMC November 1982; Social Convenor $\frac{1}{2}$ x1985; Gear Hire 85/86; Bushcraft, Vice-President 86/87; President 87/88

Started tramping in Scouts. Tramped at University with M.U.A.C. but didn't take it on as a fulltime recreation until 1981 with P.N.T.M.C. which involved many trips to Ruapehu and areas, rock-climbing at Whanganui Bay. Mt Cook NP beckoned so I came south and stayed. Now enjoys valley tramping and XC skiing as well.

IAN SIME (Vice President):

Retiring in December (3 years early) partly to do more tramping. Joined OTMC 1979(?) after Bushcraft. Has done more tramping since then than in the previous 50 years. Has NO intention of overseas travel. There's plenty of Otago/Southland hills to last the next 20 years!

BILL ROBERTSON (Secretary):

My wife, Heather, and I did Bushcraft in 1986 and since then have become keen trampers. My main qualification for being Secretary is being the world's slowest typist. Age: 31; Occupation: Town Planner.

JANE BRUCE (Treasurer):

173cm, blue eyes, brown hair. Born in Lower Hutt and went tramping with the H.V.T.C. (parent's club) as a teenager. Came down to Dunedin for Varsity and was lucky enough to find a job down here afterwards. Discovered that the OTMC existed in 1983 and started tramping again. Went overseas (Europe) for 5 months in 1985. Now working as a technician in the Gastroenterology Dept of the Med School. Was Treasurer last year, but has not yet reached the stage of staying at home at weekends in order to get the books done.

MARY HEWINSON (Membership Secretary):

Born, raised and educated in Christchurch. At that stage, I was far more likely to go canoeing on the Avon, which we lived by, or cycling than walking up hills. After a period in Wellington, necessary to become an Occupational Therapist, I spent a short time in Christchurch, then I was in Australia for 8 years. There I became involved in anything and everything to do with the outdoors. I've now been in New Zealand for 18 months and enjoying discovering this part of the country. I'm presently Membership Secretary and if you have any ideas regarding membership I'd be pleased to hear from you.

SUSAN HARDING (Social Secretary):

Reputed to have been born but presently is no longer with us. Rumoured to have a resemblance to a female human being but evidence is scanty. Normal habitat is disused loos into which she plunges with Gay Abandon; last seen several months ago disappearing down such a hole - believed to have emerged in the UK. In her (welcome) absence, the role of Social Secretary is being filled by Mary Hewinson.

ANTONY PETTINGER (Chief Guide):

Hi! I'm your new Chief Guide. All I want to say is that if you people want to lead a trip somewhere next year to give me a yell telling me where you want to go and we'll see what can be done, OK!! PS The trip hotline is 879-440.

PHILIP JENKINS (Day Trip Convenor):

Hi, I'm Philip Jenkins! the Day Trip Convenor. I first became involved with the OTMC three years ago on Bushcraft, since then I have been actively participating on day trips as well as many weekend trips. I have enjoyed very much being an active member, meeting new people, tramping in many different places and getting involved in a wide range of activities that the club puts on - tramping, XC-skiing, social events to snow caving and climbing. I have just come back from spending seven months travelling around Australia and now to do my part towards the club I have regained my duties of organising Day Trips. In the near future, I hope to organise a Public Awareness Campaign by advertising through the media (radio, Weekender and posters around public places). And don't forget Tramparama on 29th November. If any members or non-members have any ideas regarding public awareness, I would be most interested in hearing from you.

MIKE FLOATE (MSC, FMC, Chaining Clubrooms Subcommittee):

Mike Floate went on his first trip with OTMC on Queen's Birthday in 1983 to Lake Hauroko and over the Hump to Waitutu. That was not long after he joined the staff of MAF Invermay Research Center as a Soil Scientist (Dirt Doctor!) in January 1983. Before that he had lived and worked, and done some day trips with his kids, in Scotland. Mike was a student on the Bushcraft course in 1984 and later that year was elected onto the Club Committee and was appointed Chief Guide. During that time, he went on about half the Club's weekend trips and also went on quite a number of trips with the Over 30's Club - that was where he met Muriel. In 1986 he became Club President and among other things got very involved with the campaign to ensure continued public access for XC-skiing on the Pisa Range. This

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ANNUAL PANTOMIME DEBATE

The annual debate with the Otago University Tramping Club was held on the 26th of September, the topic of the debate being that "Women are a hazard in the hills". An amusing and entertaining debate was presented by both teams. The OTMC team was led by Ms Divina Peacock (Primadonna Dave) and his(?) colleagues Hermione Binnie and Simon Thomas, the invalid male. The University team was captained by Grub assisted by his two easily-led speakers. We heard how from ancient to modern times, there have been no mishaps on expeditions led by women, however it soon became apparent that men had left disasters wherever they went on any expeditions into the mountains. The debate came to an obvious conclusion with the negative team (us) winning the reputed "vitreous china grail" - the NZR breakfast cup with broken handle - unanimously by popular vote. Thanks to all those involved, especially to Mark Hanger for his excellent work as an impartial chairperson/adjudicator.

PS Ms Divina decided to derobe following the debate to prove her credentials as a woman and revealing some delicate female underclothing. Such comments were heard from the audience as "Hmmm - well preserved." which leads us to ponder an ad in the personal column of the following Saturday morning paper:

'Thirty-seven year old, well preserved wimp, wishes to meet lady for outings and friendship. My interests are fly-fishing, tramping, computers, limited conversation. Reply the Ed. PO Box 1120.'

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Mary Hewinson.

(PACK OF LIES - Ed! I'm not thirty-seven, I'm a 38D.)

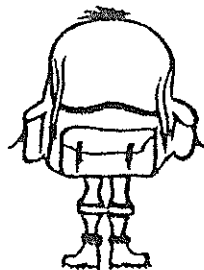
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Trip Report by George Palmer

HOPKINS & HUXLEY RIVERS
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

A fairly unremarkable but pleasant trip, if you don't count

having the van bogged down in the early hours of the morning, sleeping in the van when there was a 40-bed hut only 100 metres away, slogging along the Hopkins road for two hours to the Monument Hut. We spent a very enjoyable Saturday night at the Huxley Forks hut in company with Chris Pearson's party. Sunday we had a short trip up the South Branch before setting off back to the van. As the river was low, Rhonda and I kept down at river level, crossing twice, whilst Keith kept his feet dry and raised a sweat on the high track. After the lunch stop, we teamed up with Chris and his party for the final part along the road. Well worth the walk!, the snow on the tops made the scenery most spectacular.



George Palmer for Rhonda Robinson, Keith Roberts.

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MEET THE COMMITTEE (continued from page 9)

established his contacts with the Federated Mountain Clubs and gave him wide contacts outside the OTMC. More recently, Mike has represented the Club on the Mountain Safety Committee and is also our rep. for FMC affairs and the Walkways Committee. (I don't know why he wrote this in the third person - Ed)

DAVID PEACOCK (Editor):

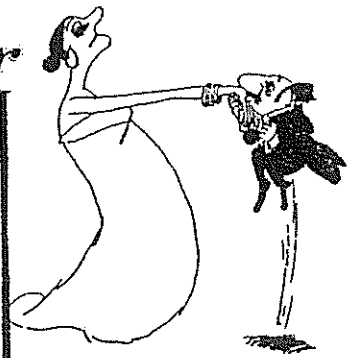
Tall, dark and handsome. Born in a house some time ago. Originally of Royal British Stock but now a naturalised Kiwi. Spends his time loitering around the Medical School in the hope that one day they will give him a Medical degree to get rid of him. Drifted into the Club in October 1986 whilst trying to get change for a parking meter and nobody's thrown him out yet. Done a few tramps with the Club accompanied by a beautiful pack. Once fell into Lake McKenzie and fell out of a tree at Jubilee Hut - known to be very partial to kidneys. Has narrow interests outside the club (36-24-37) and tinkers with electronics and computers only occasionally blowing the fuse and plunging the city into darkness. Very egocentric. Does not speak English well and currently receiving lessons from Barry Wybrow. Only became Editor because it was that or Gear Hire! Be nice to him - he's very shy deep down and easily hurt. Done nothing of importance in the tramping world (unlike Mike Floate) and, hopefully, may drift away when he's found some change for the meter.

MARK HANGER (Outdoor Recreation Group Convenor):

If you're concerned about access to tramping or cross-country areas, see bad park management, or any other concerns regarding outdoors, then see me. I'm a geriatric tramper - active tramper, XC-skier and plant lover for past 10 years. Now a little constrained by 11 month old Alice, I'm now geriatric and senile.

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Social Calendar



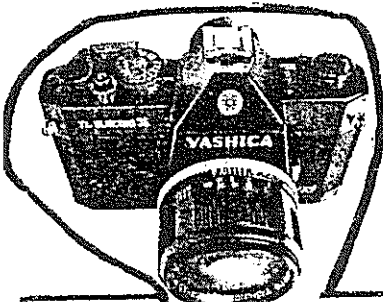
OCTOBER 22: wine and cheese; BYOG & C

OCTOBER 29: "Their adventures in Aussie" Michelle Williams and Philip Jenkins. Should be an interesting evening. (SLIDES to be in for photo competition.)

NOVEMBER 5: "Guy Fawke's Day" . Picnic/ barbecue at Long Beach. Bring those fireworks please & logs & all you rock hounds out there - have a scramble! Meet at clubrooms at 6-30pm. Be there!!

NOVEMBER 12: "PHOTO COMPETITION" Judge Lloyd Godman Come and see the best slides and photos for 1986-87. Hear someone with extensive knowledge and expertise in the field of natural photography give his comments. Should be helpful for all photographers.

NOVEMBER 19: "COOKING CONTEST" What can you do in one billy? Judges - Rachel , Mike F, John P.



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JUDGE: Lloyd Godman -
recognised natural
photographer

PRIZES for the best slide and print in the competition

CATEGORIES for slide and print:

- * Alpine
- * General
- * Humour
- * Landscape
- * Nature
- * Portrait

LET'S SEE
THOSE ENTRIES

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Entries by the 29th October

RULES: no pictures must be entered from previous years - sorry. there is a limit of 4 slides per person per category. entry fee - 50c per entry