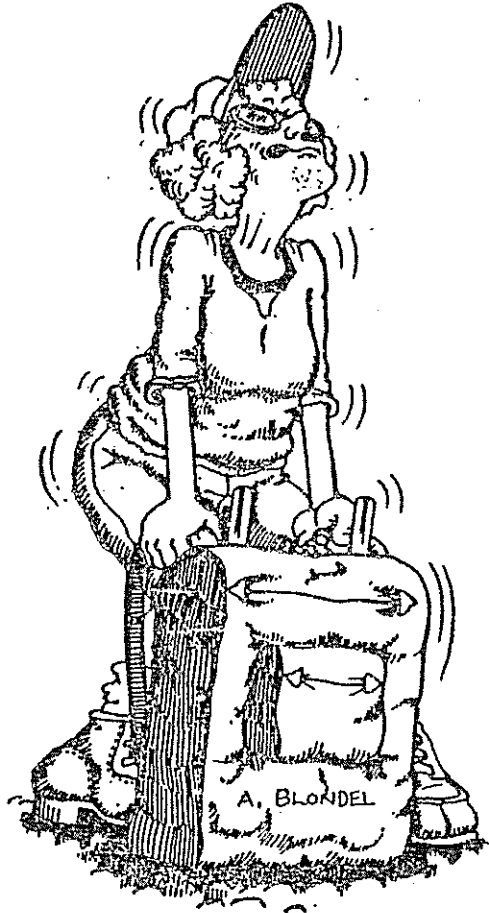




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EREBUS REVISITED...

Fourth attempt for me, just as well it was successful, as I was getting sick of the 1 1/2 hr tramp into Routeburn Flats hut on a Friday night. Weary of slushy snow conditions and I can think of nicer things to do than being hut bound in the mountains for a weekend. But this weekend trip was different, apart from the weather forecast of gloom and doom. Roadend and stary sky, can't believe it, almost made the walk in easy. Awake at 7.30pm, what's the weather, wow - wee, no clouds, no wind, this will do us. The Met boys are a mile out. No problem getting everyone cranked up with a morning like this.

Its in the basin above Falls hut, then we are on snow which is frozen solid, what a breeze. A photograph session and then straight across, everyone is on a high now. Susan and John can not get skis on fast enough.

We set up camp (3 tents), about 20mins up stream from the inlet into Lake Harris on nice firm snow. Aleisurely lunch, nice light packs and we are away. A few clouds are starting to appear, surely we couldnt be robbed of the summit now.

Working our way round the north west ridge of Erebus and its cold but good under foot.

Onwards and upwards and it was 10 happy climbers who stood on top of Erebus for photos. The cloud clear enough for a quick look around and then down we went, easy getting back to camp. Cold conditions setting up tea, August is surely winter in the mountains.

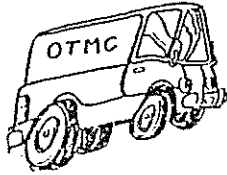
Again the morning dawns clear, its decided to abort the climb of 6274, it will keep. Conditions across the lake are still good and its a leisurely walk down to Falls hut for a sit in the sun and lunch. Everyone in good spirits, one of the better trips. Hey you met-bods haw embassing!

Those in the conquering party- Sue Harding, Michelle Williams, Antony Pettinger, Simon Thomas, Chris Pearson, Mark Planner, Dave Woods, Arthur Blondell, John Robinson and scribe,

Doug Forrester.

(PS Billy sorry you were not there!!!)





Trip Programme

TRIP'S PROGRAMME....

NOV 26 (Sat)

OTMC SILVERPEAKS MARATHON FE

Antony Pettinger 879-440

After the dismal turnout (6) on the last marathon, I've decided to give it a go at the more traditional time of year. Unless more than 10 people participate this time, I think the trip will be cancelled- postponed. If we get more than 10 people, the course will be the same as in previous years (a description will be given to all participants). the marathon will be run competitively with no rules. ie you can wear boots or running shoes. You can travel alone or in groups. Adequate clothing, food and equipment must be taken as the weather is prone to deteriorate in a matter of hours. As the course takes you over untracked country, you must be competent with map and compass, and a fairly high level of fitness is needed. If you would like to come on the trip, please give me a ring or sign the list at the clubrooms beforehand.

NOV 27

BICYCLING DAY TRIP

Chris Pearson 730-441

Yet another chance to get that old bike out and enjoy the countryside without getting sore feet.

DEC 4

POPLAR HUT- MT JOHN- JUBILEE

David Barnes 444-92

An interesting trip in part of the peaks the club rarely visits.

DEC 3-4

FAKITUMAS (all)

Simon Thomas 741-444

The club has'nt been here for a couple of years so why not sign up and visit something different.

DEC 11

Rocky Ridge- (M)

Arthur Blondell 897-622

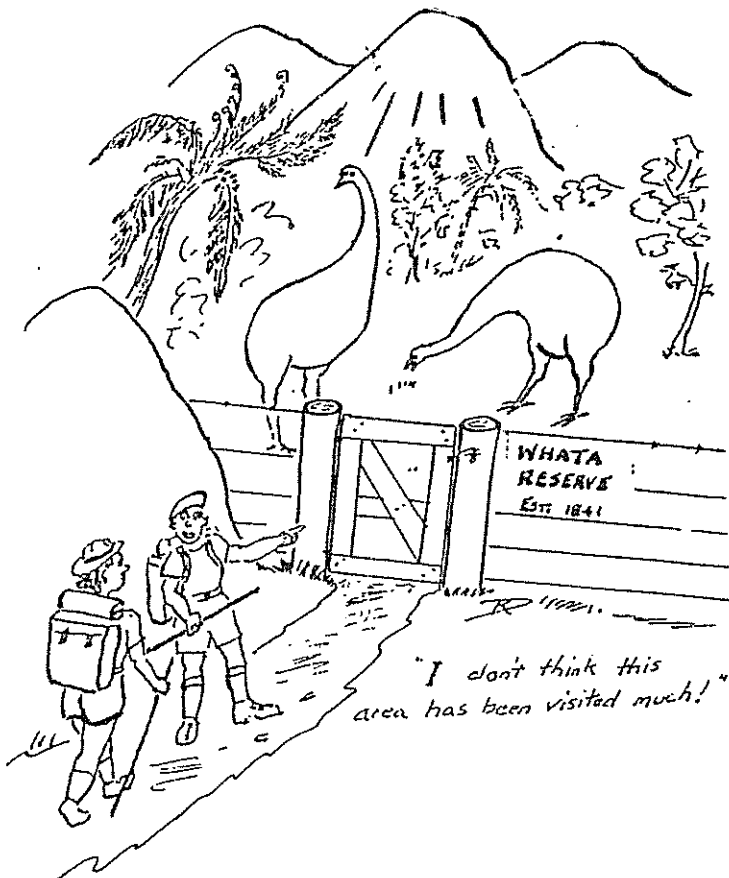
Agood way to recover from the christmas social.

DEC 18

THE CRATER (M)

Jeanne Mason 775-237

Join Jeanne for an interesting trip on the last trip of the year,



BOOK REVIEW..
BEYOND THE SKIPPERS ROAD
 by Terri MacNicol

This book I found to be easy reading, light and very entertaining Provides an insight into the type of life led by high country farmers, post-world war 2. Terri's love and respect for the countryside she lived in shines through in her writing.

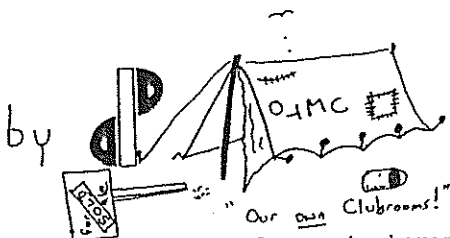
UP THE AMAZON AND OVER THE ANDES
 by Violet Cressey- Marcks

The book begins with the author's dizzy social life in such places as Washington, Boston and New York- mentioning people only as 'Mr B' or 'G' and 'I' etc. She eventually moves on to the adventure and provides an entertaining account of her movements in South America. Perhaps it would have been nice to read more about the country itself and less of her personal privations and hardships within! Reading between the lines, I'm not sure anyone could persuade me to tramp with this lady- even if she did carry the equipment! This book could easily have been called 'Peril in Pearls and Pumps' and attracted a more appropriate group of readers.

Book reviews by Sue MacKay.

(Type of high-heeled lady's shoe worn in the 20ies.) G

Presidential doodles



Well, the first piece of good news, for those of you who haven't heard, is that Antony Pettinger is organising Bushcraft 1989, with Ross Cocker as Chief Assistant, and Ross is going to take over the Bushcraft Coordinator's job for 1990 - that's what I call forward planning and it's really good news! However, as always, they'll require, and need, assistance from all of us to make the programme a success so, if you can lend a hand, don't be shy but give it a go.

There is also some promising news on the "Notice Board Front" (see last month's column) with the Church giving us permission to put hooks on the wall to support a couple and Michelle Metherall, on behalf of MSC, is donating another board. This latter one will mainly be used for keeping us informed about MSC business and, after a cooling of the relationship between the Club and the Council recently, it may be time to try and build bridges (of course, under the supervision of appropriately qualified Instructors). Michelle also suggested that we should display all the information for new, interested people together on one board so that they can get a quick rundown on how the Club is run.

Michelle and I also briefly discussed the need for some map and compass practice and we agreed that there should be a little more emphasis on acquiring and using these skills. So, to that end, I've got a day trip in April which will go down as "Orienteering". Now, please don't be put off by the title - it will not be all bronzed, muscle-bound supermen like me, but a relatively easy course where the aim is not to win, or prove how fit you are, but, simply, to negotiate and finish the course within a reasonable time (say a week for normal people or a couple of months for Sue Harding!).

And now our other Michelle, Michelle Williams, has already brought some action photos to put on the wall capturing the Committee Members doing their (various) things. I fully support her proposal for these photos prove that we really are soft, lovable people behind those hard austere surfaces (and it will sure liven up any projected Darts Evening). So I hope that the Committee will approve the spending of a small sum of money on getting prints made and it may be an inspiration for other people to pan their own photographic gold-mines.

I have been thinking that our Annual General Meeting is at the wrong time of year. The new Committee comes in, all full of enthusiasm and novel ideas, and what happens? Christmas comes! Seriously, before the Committee has really reassigned positions and got into swing again there's, effectively, a two month break when everything seems to stall and it seems to require so much more effort to get things started again. Even now, it does seem that some things will have to be left for the New Year and that seems such a waste.

Finally, you should already know that we are having a Special General Meeting on November 24th to get YOUR feelings as regards purchasing a Clubrooms. This is an important meeting and we need a good turnout to feel confident that any decisions made reflect the general mood of the Club. I do not feel that the Committee can really move at all on such an important matter until you have given your views. I know that it is a complicated, tangled issue and one involving long-term decisions but now seems an opportune time to tackle the question so the Committee hopes that you'll be able to make it to the meeting.

OHAU LABOUR WEEKEND -Food essential trip.....

Well before we heard the forecast we HAD planned to walk-in 2 hours on Fri nite, then continue next day up the Huxley in bright sunshine and up over Brodrick pass. One day we were to climb Mt McKenzie and the other day we were to sunbath in Landsborough valley.....Then we heard the forecast....

So instead on Friday nite we only walked half an hour to Monument Hut (4bunks left!) Then on Saturday we battled strong westerlies up the Huxley to the forks and on up the north branch to Brodrick Hut.

Heaps and heaps of new snow in the main divide, awesome avalanche debris and the weather was packing-up...we decided to stay indoors for the nite.The huts only other occupants were two gun climbers from Twizel away climbing the pass. We spotted them slowly decending and decided to take a cautious look at the pass ourselves.

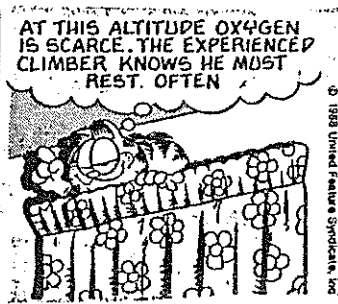
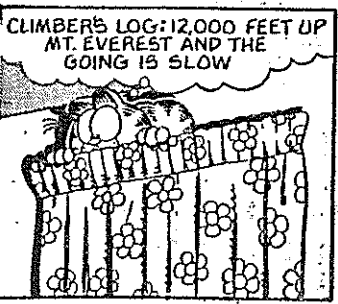
After climbing to nearly 5000' we turned around, the snow was dangerous and the weather was getting worse. The norwester let loose just as we neared the hut. Anyway it was time to start some serious eating...shrimps, yams,mushies....and TWO cheesecakes for dessert!

It rained, hailed and blew all nite, and most of sunday too. Although it did clear briefly about 3pm for a walk up to the head of the valley and a look at the Memorial Glacier. We even had a wee bit of sunshine...However back at the hut and the wind and mist came back.... We had Carrot cake and hot Port for treats that evening....yum yum.

Still hopeful of the weather we set the alarm for 5am to give us time to climb something before heading out. However the westerly had returned full-force by morning and bringing with it several cms of snow ground the hut. We left for the road at 11am, this time crossing the Huxley just below the hut and getting wet to the waist...Once across we had to bash around in the snowy scrub to find the original true left bank track. The track on this side of the river stays close to the river the whole way, avoiding the ups and downs of the main trail which has to cross many wash-outs and piles of avalanche debris. This is by far the best route unless the river is very high. Back to the forks and out down the main Huxley. Near the swing bridge the river has changed course and it is usually not necessary to climb over the hill at the northern end of the bridge. Instead stay with the river climbing up to the bridge if needbe if the river is too high.

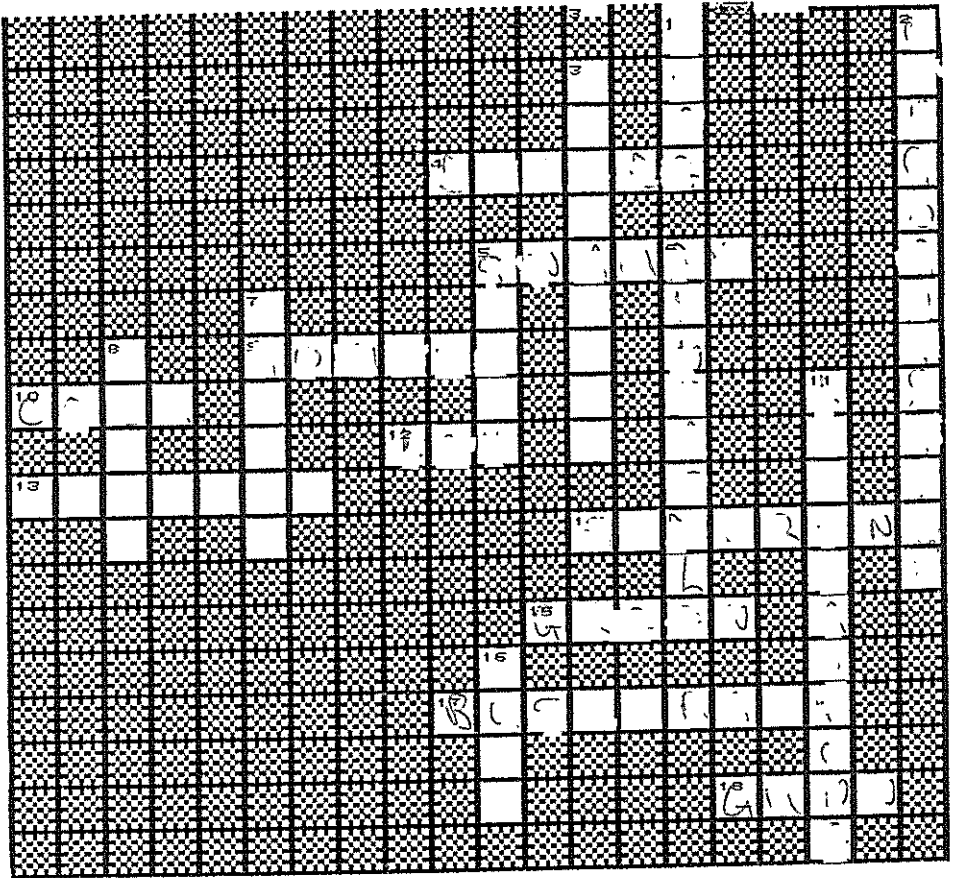
As we walked out we met the other parties, all with a tale to tell about the weather...
....John for the other eaters; Sue,Mary,Arthur,Mark and Gary.

GARDNER



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Marc's Crossword.

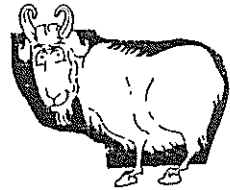


ACROSS CLUES

4. A STOP OFF WITH A SHELTER. JUST AFTER STATE CREEK.
5. SUMMIT WITH AERONAUTICAL BUILDINGS ON IT.
9. MOUNTAIN USED TO DO SELF ARREST ON, ON SNOW #1
10. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN NEW ZEALAND
12. SUMMIT ABOVE THE DIVIDE
13. HUT BELOW MOUNTAIN MENTIONED IN #3 ACROSS
14. HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE MATUKI TUKI VALLEY AREA
15. HUT PULLED DOWN IN THE SILVERPEAKS
17. COURSE RUN THIS YEAR FOR PEOPLE GETTING INTO TRAMPING
18. CAMP JUST AFTER STATECREEK

DOWN CLUES

1. OBJECT WHICH EXPLODED ON FIORD LAND TRIP
2. SCHOOL LODGE IN THE AREA. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL
3. NAME OF HUT OWNED BY ST. KEVINS COLLEGE
5. NAME OF LAKES BELOW MUELLER
6. TRACK ABOVE DUNEDIN
7. NAME OF HUT AFTER KEY SUMMIT
8. MOUNTAIN WHICH WAS NOT COVERED IN SNOW ON DOUG'S EL CHEAPO TRIP
11. RANGE OF MOUNTAINS ABOVE HOWDEN AND MACKENZIE LAKES
16. NAME OF FLATS ABOVE ASPIRING FLAT



AN EPIC IN MAY....

Friday soon came and I was excited and ready for a great climbing weekend at Lake Isobel, but disappointment came before morning tea when Mark Hanger rang to tell me that the planned trip was cancelled due to road closures. Minutes later Arthur rang, then Sue, before long a private trip was organised including Simon.

Arrived at Arthur's just on 7.30pm, then 30 mins later it was decided where we were going, over to the Hokonuis.

After an airy ride down to Gore, it was decided by Arthur to drop in and visit his parents, just to say hi, warm up by the heaters and have a hot brew before we motivated ourselves back into the cold and snow.

Only 15mins from Gore we were at camp, Dolamore Park. As we piled out of the car it was coats and rugs on, while we climbed over a padlocked gate and wandered around looking for a shelter that was open, finally found one with a glass sliding door.

A warm night was spent by all, either on the benches, as Sue and I did or on the floor. It was a late rise, to a brown water brew but it did not take long before we were packed and travelling in the car to our starting point.

With a 23 year old, map in Sue's Hands it didn't take long before we slightly over took our starting point. Thanks to Arthur 5 miles later we turned back, nearly driving off the road due to the snow conditions, but were saved by Arthur's great driving.

After extensive map work it was decided that this was the start, so packs on and tramping shortly after 10am. It was easy walking terrain over farmland, through bogs, over electric fences, over streams to deep to cross or jump. It was only an hour later that we spotted the road, 5 mins to the right of us, map out again, there is something wrong here! Found it, the area has changed in the last 23 years. Never mind. We carried on with the road always in sight. Next we climbed a small peak called Mt Bare (2500ft), where the snow was over knee deep.

All the way up, it blew a gale but great views were had on the summit, ranging from the Eire Mountains to the East Coast. We did not stay long due to the cold but ambled down to a small workmen's hut. On arrival we discovered the door was unlocked. A bit of a grovel but thankful it was there.

A huge feed was shared by candle-light plus great company and conversation before heading off to bed, in Arthur's tent.

It was a cosy night (for some of us). In the morning there was an amazing sunrise and rainbow to match. With another late rise, due to inclement weather, it was decided to walk back via the road to save time and hard yaker, especially since a bull thought we would be good target practise. We then headed back to Gore for hamburgers and chips where we had at Arthur's parents place. Home at 3pm.

Thanks to Arthur Blondell, Simon Thomas, Sue Harding for a cold and crazy weekend - Michelle Williams.

BUSHCRAFT 89'

RUNNING REPORT

Planning for the 1989 OTMC Bushcraft is under way. The format of the course will be similar to the 1988 course ie one weekend instructional camp, one weekend tramping in the Silverpeaks and three week-night meetings. Again course participants will be encouraged to take part in the optional weekend which is heading for the Ohau region.

The dates have been set as follows-

14 FEB - opening night
17-19 FEB - Tirohanga weekend
25-26 FEB - Silverpeaks tramp
1 MAR Final night
5 MAR Rivercrossing
11-12 - Ohau tramp (optional, also club trip.)

Hopefully club members will again avail themselves to support the course, because without the support, the course would not be such a success....

The maximum number of people will be restricted to 50 again, which has proved to be a manageable number. Sponsorship will be offered to school children, for approx half the course fee.

There is a list up in the clubrooms for people to sign if they are interested in helping on any weekend. Please sign up- we need your help. If you have any enquires feel free to talk to someone on the 'Bushcraft Committee'.

They are...

Antony Pettinger	879-440
Debbie Williams	737-814
Ross Cocker	45-995
Stu Mathieson	34-359

REMEMBER -Bushcraft is the club course and it is always FUN..

ANTONY PETTINGER
Co-ordinator 89.

WAIT A MINUTE!.. I'VE SPENT ALL MY LIFE WORKING TO PAYOFF A HOUSE AND MOST OF MY TIME REBUILDING IT... ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, NEW FITTINGS, FURNITURE, INDOOR GARDENS, OUTDOOR GARDENS, BUILT-IN BARBECUE, SWIMMING POOL, GAZEBO...WHAT AM I DOING HERE?



THE EDITOR SPEAKS



HI...I guess everyone is looking forward to Christmas and summer tramping. However before we arrive to this period of time we have alot going on in the club. Most importantly is the issue concerning the purchase of clubrooms. A special meeting will be held on the 24Nov concerning this issue, PLEASE ATTEND!! The Christmas social is to be held on Dec 10 This will be a fun evening so come along and let your hair down. There is only one more bulletin due this year, so bring along those articles, so I can produce an interesting bulletin for you to read while you're digesting your Christmas dinner.

SUE....

PURCHASING CLUBROOMS

It appears there may be some confusion arising from the recent circular concerning the issue of the purchase of clubrooms in that some may believe that it is our intent to purchase the Arthur Street clubrooms we presently use.

This is incorrect.... It is only our aim to resolve whether or not we should purchase any clubrooms at all and at this stage no particular premises are in mind should the club vote in the affirmative.

The object of detailing in advance various methods of financing a purchase is that should the Special General Meeting vote in favour of proceeding then we wish to go a step further at the same meeting to have a framework of finance organised to be ready when a suitable premises becomes available.

How wide a mandate the club wishes to give us can be determined at the meeting.

Finance Sub Committee

* SATURDAY DECEMBER 10th.....

(XMAS SOCIAL...in a woolshed on the Waiora flats,
on a fishfarm at North Taieri.
We'll be swinging with 'LOST IN THE BUSH'
Special guest this year will be Mother Xmas up
thru the paddocks to the swirl of the pipes.
(can't wait for this one Ed)
Everyone a modest gift for Mother Xmas to
distribute, (to the committeel).

Social

Calendar



SOCIALIZING WITH THE OTMC....

NOV 17; CAR RALLY with David and Anne Maree Barnes, so you can find your way in the Mts. Let see how you go in the city streets.

NOV 24; SPECIAL MEETING, purchase of clubrooms. Do we or don't we. This is an IMPORTANT one, lots of thought required. Don't miss it.

DEC 1; SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING with Dave Favel calling the shots. Nice easy stuff has been arranged. Come along and bring a friend if you wish. Hear tell E! Presidente David thrives on this stuff.

DEC 8; XMAS CAROLS, lead by Rosemary. Remember that lovely voice at the Pantomine. Bring the famliy. The clubrooms will have a Xmas look for this one.

DEC 15; SLIDE AND PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION. Entries close Dec 1st, so you'll have to rattle your 'dags' on this one.

Categories- Alpine
General Portrait
General Landscape
Humour

Limit- 4 on each. Slides and prints judged separately. No slide or photo accepted that have been in previous tramping competitions. Sort slides into category- label them with category and name.

DEC 22; WINE AND NIBBLES. Last one for the year, come along and have a laugh and tell us your Xmas plans.

A BIG thank you to everyone for the wonderful support you have given me, lots of ideas, but more are welcome.

DOUG FORRESTER.

HELEHIKING IN THE MAKARORA AREA...

The club recently wrote a submission opposing an application for Cedar Safaris to run helihiking trips in the Cameron and Leven valleys. Our main objections were that helicopter access is an inappropriate use of the natural environment B zone and that aircraft use in this area of the park is on the increase. The permit has been granted, but there are strict limitations imposed on the concessionaire. No flights are allowed between December 15 and January 15, or on weekends or public holidays. Access to the Young Hanging Valley is to be via Teal Creek rather than the Young whenever possible. Each trip is to be notified to the DOC office at Makarora. So if you're being annoyed by the big metal sandflies, note any identifying details (make, colour, registration letters), and pop into DOC on your way home and just see if they've got the necessary permission.

- Outdoor Recreation Group.