

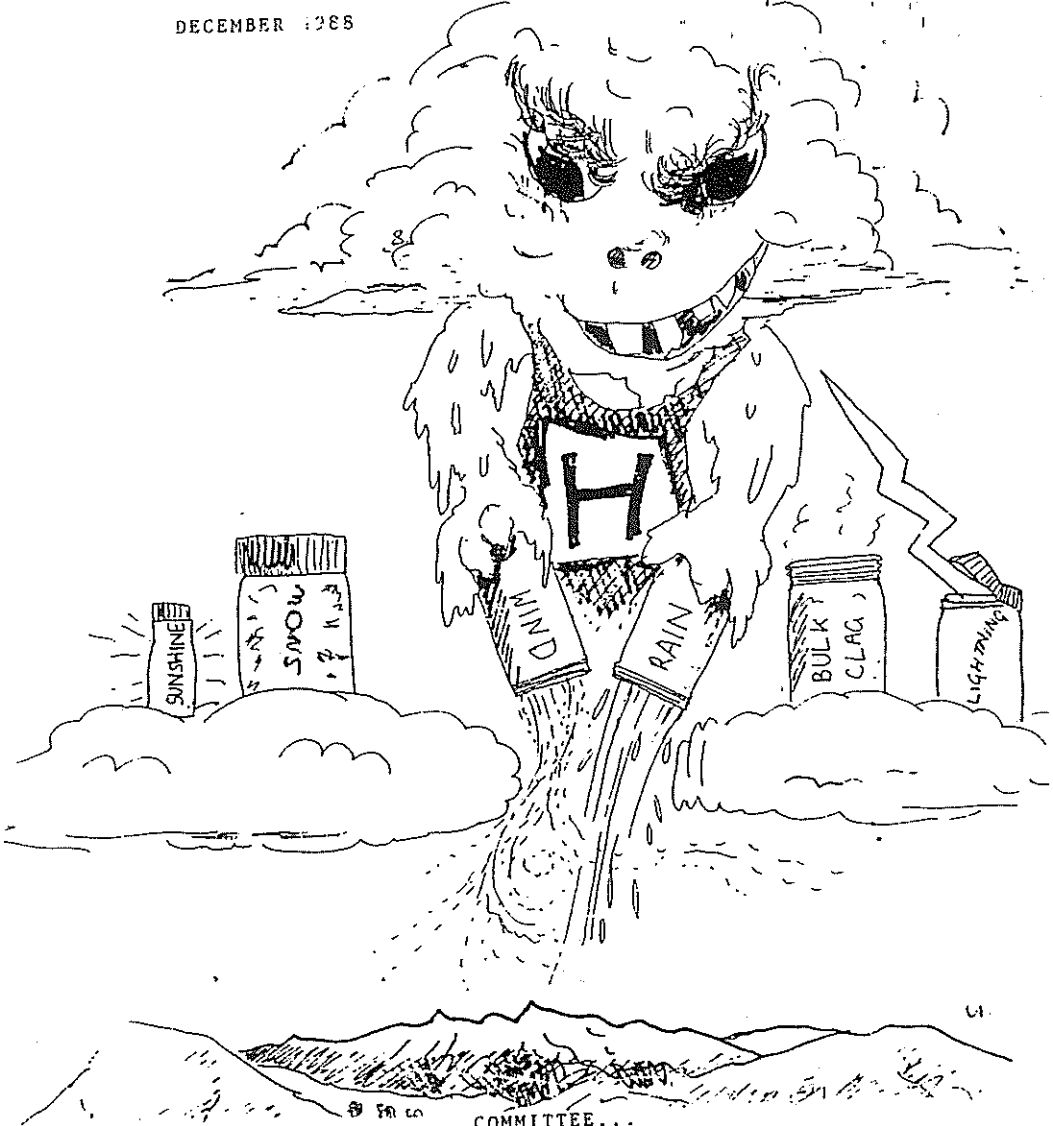


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The Editor Speaks...



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and successful year, particularly in the tramping field. I know there are lots of interesting trips being planned over the summer, every one else would love to hear how they went so how about writing some trip reports, (they'd be greatly appreciated by me and I'm easy to contact- either at 51 Mechanic St or at Moray Place Post Ltd during the day).

Anyway here's wishing you a happy and sunny festive season.
Sue your editor.

TRIP LIST.....

Dec 11 ROCKY RIDGE (M) Arthur Blondell 897-633

Rocky Ridge is said to be the place in the Peaks from which to get the best views. Why not come along and see for yourself?

Dec 18 THE CRATER (M) Jeanne Mason 775-237

Here's a chance for all those skiers who look across from the Rock and Pillars to see the crater up closer- an amazing place!

XMAS TRIP....Chris to supply sometime!!!

Jan 22 HEATHER'S MYSTERY (E-M) Heather Robertson 877-519

The first of the Day Trips for the year. Turn up at 9am and see where Heather is leading it to.

Jan 29 PHILIP'S MYSTERY CYCLE TRIP (M) Philip Jenkins 882-861

Looks like mystery trips are allin. Here's another one. You will need your bike and enjoy a day, cruising around the countryside.


Feb 4-6 WAITANGI WEEKEND (ALL) Andy Beecroft 739-262
(HOMER-DARRENS AREA)

A great time of the year to be tramping and a great place to be. Possibilities are almost endless. You could get dropped off, anywhere between the Eglinton Valley and the Homer Tunnel. There is opportunity to travel up valleys and over passes, climb peaks or practise rock-climbing skills. Sign the list in the clubrooms now.

Also watch out for the OTMC PICNIC on 12FEB...Willbe a GREAT day.

Presidential doodles



by 



Well probably the most important event of the month was the Special General Meeting to decide whether the Club should continue with the search for our own Clubrooms. Many of you may know the result by now; the meeting gave a big "Yes" to the idea of our own rooms. Therefore at our December Committee meeting, we'll try and set the guidelines for a sub-committee that will be entrusted with the task of investigating potential premises. I found it interesting that few of the 'older', less-active members showed up - what does that mean? And the number of replies to our questionnaire was pitiful - apathy rules, OK!

I suppose that this is an appropriate time to reflect on the year gone past. A highlight for the Club was definitely Bushcraft; a low point, my election. But what you gain on the swings, you lose on the roundabout. The Club does seem to be in good spirits, though, with a regular stream of new faces at the meetings and on trips. The other big change this year was, of course, losing our home at Stuart Street; it seems such a long time ago now when we had our Demolition Party. Even though I, personally, was only a member for 18 months before the shift, I still remember those old rooms with affection. The Dowling Street premises were unsatisfactory but, for the present, the current rooms are fine. But it's all water under the bridge and we should now be looking forwards.

So what's coming up? Well, of course, as soon as the Club begins to reassemble following the Holiday Break, we're into Bushcraft. The organisation seems to be going really well and I'm sure it will be another cracker. And the new trip card will be out with this Bulletin so we'll discover what other delights await us.

I know that Sue has mentioned it at meetings but we'd really like to know what you do over Christmas and New Year. For the Bulletin Editor, this is definitely the silly season (when isn't it her silly season?) and there does often seem to be a paucity of articles for the first issue in the New Year. Last February, I was saved by the articles on Doug Forrester's great bike trip and without those, the magazine would have been a fizzer that month. Not a good start to the year. And, don't forget, trip reports aren't meant, necessarily, to be just entertaining but a resource for future visitors to the area. I have already mentioned at meetings that we'd like to upgrade the role of Chief Guide and his/her expertise is increased by the feedback s/he receives from you. OK, they don't have to be trip reports but anything unusual, interesting, unexpected should be passed on to the CG. And, don't forget, if you've got any good photographs, the Club may purchase prints for display and our own records. In some ways, it does seem unfortunate that Christmas comes right in the middle of the best tramping weather as it does disrupt the Club proceedings for a couple of months. However, I can't see any chance of changing its date in the near future.

I'm writing this before the last weekend trip of the year, to the Takitimus. The weather seems as if it will be OK and so we should have a ball. And so to all of you, have a good time over the break and it'll be good when we all get back together again in the New Year. Take care and let your sunshine shine.

"LEADERSHIP"

A guide for all OTMC trip leader's.

Several problem area's have come to the committee in the way club trips are run. Problems such as party composition and choice of leaders have occurred recently. As a result, the following guidelines have been introduced for the safety and enjoyment of everyone who attends an OTMC trip.

1. If you know you are going to lead a weekend trip, do some research on the area of the trip, so you can suggest possible trips to party leaders.
2. Think of a way to advertise trip. You could have a slideshow or set up a display in the clubrooms, etc.
3. After the trip list closes (8 days before trip), consult with the CHIEF GUIDE as to the composition of parties and allocation of leaders. Try to do this as soon as possible so party leaders can get their parties organised.

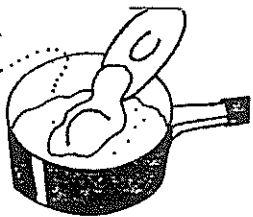
All the above points and other important ones are covered in a leadership form which will be given to every leader (weekend only), well in advance. You will also be given a trip leader's check list. Please use this, so as not to forget anything.

On return to town, give a report, preferably written to the CHIEF GUIDE, stating any problems etc, or just to say who could be a potential leader etc...

NOTE FOR DAY TRIPS...

It is very important that you take your Day Trip to the destination stated on the trip card. If for any reason you can't, please inform the CHIEF GUIDE or Day Trip Convenor as soon as possible.

Antony Pettinger (Chief Guide).



KEPLER COOKING COMPETITION.

AWARD WINNING RECIPE....

Compiled, cooked and consumed by Doug Forrester.

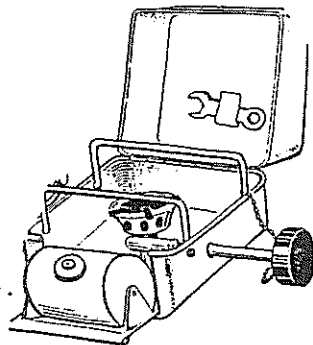
CONSOMME... Continetale Cock-a-leekie,
carefully boil water and simmer.

ENTREE... Edmondee Lighta La Luncha,
gently boil water and add.

MAIN... Waitaki Spud and Porkoni Noodles.

Ingredients... 85g Paldo Roman
100g Waitaki spud
1 scoop Chippie A La Cart.

Boil, add and garnish with Chippie A La Cart. Flambee with 10mls Pegasol A.A. and a long B-B-Q match.
Serve with confidence!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors, the judges (nice people), the photographers and all those well wishes who crowded around.

THE GREAT 1988 COOKING COMPETITION....

held at the Iris Burn Hut on the Kepler Track on
24th September.

Certainly this tramping hut (or the 2 German tourists who wandered in), had never seen anything like this great event, the secrecy, the ingenuity, the carefully handled packs, and the clint of glass within. 27 people (6groups of competitors and 4 judges), produced 3 course meals with ingredients ranging from mussels to tofu and avocados to sour cream, and with liquid refreshments such as mulled wine, Jacobs Creek, Speights and Liqueurs.

The importance of this occasion was demonstrated by one group bringing their own actual (almost), chef complete with chef's outfit and even a bottle of silvo to polish the silver cutlery.

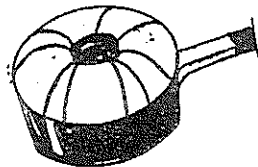
The judges were getting a little hungry by the time the 1st courses were produced, having politely turned down Doug's kind offer of his 2 courses. Many attempts to influence the judges' decision were made. (Doug especially), but in the end the choices were obvious and it was especially fortuitous that every group won something so that the judges need'nt fear retribution.

There were sections for the best dish of each course.... Debbie, Antony, and Simon won in the entree section for their avocado dish (even though the avocado was so hard it had to be boiled in order to be mashed.) Mark, Geoff, Sue and Dianne won the mains section for their tofu terrestrial tucker, (an amazingly colourful and tasty dish of tofu in a hot peanut sauce on noodles, served with broccoli and cheese, and diced kumera with toasted nuts on top.) Barry, Cindy Glenda and Joanne won the desert section with their cinnamon bananas with apple athole brose, (a definite 'yum' on the judges 'yuk-yum' scale). Arthur, Sue, Russell, Michelle, won the section for the best meal which you could actually take tramping, with their special macoroni cheese dish and banana cake with custard, while Teresa, Keith and Bill won the best presentation and most enjoyment of a meal, (menu cards, floating candles, serviettes and liqueurs and truffles, the whole works!) They were presented with a bunch of artificial flowers. Rosemary, Leigh, Dave and Terry won best overall for their presentation and wonderful meal of mussel and mushroom kebabs, fish and almond curry, bananas and peaches in rum and mulled wine. They were presented with a box of after dinner mints for their effort.

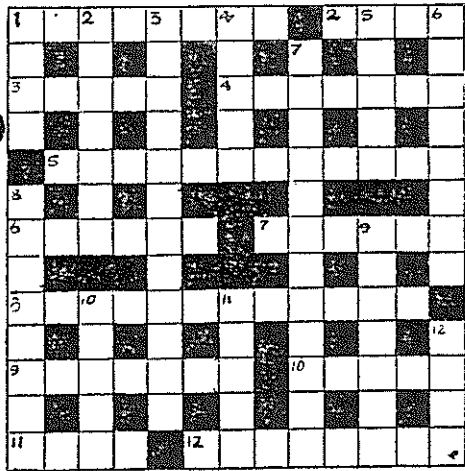
Last but not least (I would'nt be to sure about that! Ed) the speed and ease of preparation prize (a box of mixed spices), went to Doug for his imaginative 2 course meal, titled Chow En Lai (a cup of instant noodles) and Chow En Two (2 minute noodles with chips from Gore arranged attractively in it.)

A meation must be made of the judes own meal- just to show everyone how it should be done- a real magnificent (modest these judges Ed.), spread of sweet and sour chicken, followed by fruit and cream filled brandy baskets, half of which were given away as we were rather full by then!

Rhonda Robinson for Michelle and Alister Metherall and Wayne Redmond.



KEITH'S X-WORD NO.2. For Rainy Xmas Days!



ACROSS

- 1 All ships have them.
- 2 On one's own.
- 3 A barrow has one.
- 4 Westland district, was known for its gold.
- 5 Hunters.
- 6 Month of the year.
- 7 To preserve from decay.
- 8 A popular place to tramp.
- 9 Can be found on some insects.
- 10 Produced by vocal organ.
- 11 Arab sailing ship.
- 12 River Kaikoura range.

DOWN

- 1 Plants seeds
- 2 Can be found in arctic waters.
- 3 Inlet on the coast of Fiordland.
- 4 Birds do this at night.
- 5 Popeye's girlfriend.
- 6 Marsupials
- 7 River below Balclutha 7-5
- 8 Cultivated fields.
- 9 Public sale.
- 10 N.Z. game of chance.
- 11 Weighted fish line.
- 12 English country fair.

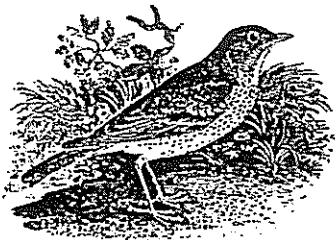
***** LOST ****
I've lost me billy-lid!, its off a little pot, and looks like a small frying pan.. lost (i think) at Mt Horrible.
...Phone John 741-193...Ta.....

ANSWERS: TRAMPING WITH MARC

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CATLINS WEEKEND

We met as usual outside the clubrooms, to find that Rhodes had given us a 4WD landrover rather than the usual van. Arthur unsure about how we were going to stow the packs, finally put them on the roof-rack, making sure they were securely tied on. We finally left Dunedin at about 6.30pm. We stopped at Balclutha for tea where Chris plotted his attack against Moana Pool who had ripped him of a \$1. He had Jean McLean on his side so was sure to get justice. If that failed he would then call on the OTMC for reinforcements.

Sometime around 10pm we stopped and camped for the night. The next morning we awoke to find that there had been a heavy frost. The local farmer stopped for a chat telling us that we could take our wheels further down the track rather than walk. So we set off, with Catherine our 'ace rally driver' at the wheel, through mud and along impassable roadways until our ever vigilant Steve noticed a pack had fallen off the roof-rack. 'It would have to be Chris's pack!', said Catherine, not at all amused at having to stop.

On the road again, we finally reached the place where we were to leave the vans. The three parties set off with shaky knees, glad to be on solid ground once again. By taking the van further down the road we had saved an 1½hrs walking time.

We walked to the end of the road and then out on to open farm land where we were able to see out to sea. We followed the fence-line to the next hill where we headed in the direction of Wallace Beach. The walk was easy but then we climbed a hill which took us through mud. We then headed down to Long Beach arriving there about 11.30. We looked along Long Beach for a good camp site with fresh water but this was not easy as the water was either swamp, sea water or water running through farm land and had moo-dooos in it.

Towards the end of Long Beach we found a locked hut with a water tank, which was where we stayed. We had lunch and relaxed in what would have been sun if there had been any! After lunch we set up camp, then while everyone else went sight-seeing I stayed on the beach and rested.

We had tea at about 5.30pm, then visited Arthur and Pam's groups who were't too far away. We played games and told stories at the same time increasing Wayne's vocabulary, mainly with words which are not quotable.

We woke next morning after a peaceful nights sleep rearing to go. By 8.15 we were ready to retrace our steps along the beach. We went back to the fence line where we dropped our packs and just taking the one pack with lunches and 'might need stuff' we set of for a walk around Chaslands Mistake. We walked to the first trig station where we witnessed great views of the sea and cliffs which dropped down several hundred metres to the sea. From there we went on to the second trig. We trudged our way through endless, horrible, yellow, sticky mud. We found a nice place to enjoy our lunch, then set off again, but then came the other two parties churning up the mud and generally being dirty. Unfortunately we were unable to hold the mud-wrestling championships finals as nobody had their costumes, which was a shame but never mind.

We followed the track and the mud around Chaslands Mistake, along the edge of the Waipati Estuary and back up to the fence-line to where we had left our packs. After a rest and some refreshments we set of up to where we had left the land-rover. Catherine, our ace rally driver drove us to pick up Arthur's and Pam's parties who had gone to visit the Cathedral Caves.

Into the van this time with Arthur at the wheel, heading for Balclutha to harass the locals and to enjoy a good feed which we had been dreaming of since Friday.



CLUB CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
Old Woman range August 88

This last winter will go down in memory as one of the worst for a long while. Despite a good start we had mainly poor snow and many cancelled ski trips. However thanks to a well-timed dump of snow in mid-August we did have one club x/c trip.

Seventeen of us met early Saturday morning at the Nevis turn-off heading for Duffers saddle, and with chains on we all made it to the top of the road. Then after a 40 minute walk we had just enough snow to ski the remaining hour to the hut.

After lunch it was ski-school for the beginners and practice time for the rest of us. A good slope was found with some really nice snow, infact it snowed gently the whole day. Tired, wet and weary we skied back down to the hut for our usual huge meal. After mulled wine we retired early and all slept well.

Sunday dawned fine so we split into groups for a day of touring, this what x/c is really about....snow was thin on the tops but generally pretty good else where. It was another good day for all and we were reluctant to head back down. Still I think we were lucky to get that weekend which was probably the best for both snow and weather of the whole winter. Lets hope winter 89 is better!

John for...Sandy,Andy, Sue, Rachel, Neil, Bruce, John, Russel, Chris, Kathy, Ann, Sid, Jacqui, Graham,Rob, and Tony.

Calendar

Social



SOCIAL CALENDER.....

DEC 15 SLIDE AND PHOTO COMPETITION

DEC 22 WINE AND NIBBLES - Promises to be a fun and relaxing way to end the year, so come along!!

JAN 19 INFORMAL -A chance to catch up on all the latest gossip.

JAN 26 HEATHER AND BILL'S O/S ADVENTURES - Hear the Robertson's talk on their trip to the States and Morocco.