

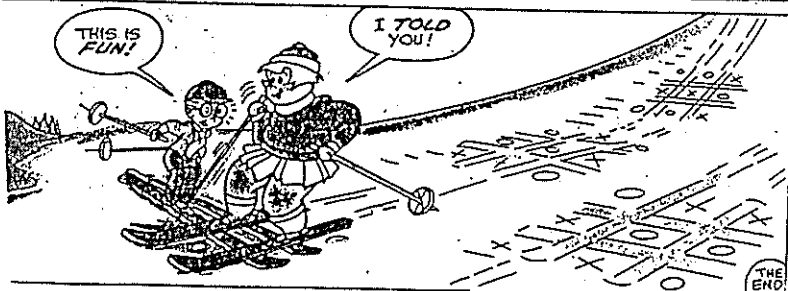
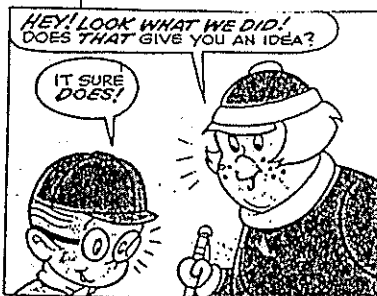
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# TRIP LIST

JULY 15

AKATORE (M)

Rhondá Robinson 738-142

This trip was originally planned to go into a forestry area but due to logging the destination is a bit unsure as yet. More details at club this Thursday.

JULY 22

MT ALLAN - MT JOHN (M-F)

Arthur Blondell 897-633

This trip is going to a part of the Silverpeaks not usually visited and knowing Arthur the grading will definately be M and above only. If you are looking for a fitter day trip to Dunedins back door step then see Arthur or be at the clubrooms at 9-00 am

JULY 28-29

X/C SKIING INSTRUCTION (BASIC)

John Robinson

This is a course for all novice ski'ers and those wanting to improve their skills. There is a trip list in the club rooms however the venue and liklihood of the trip leaving will depend on snow conditions however sign the list to show who is interested.

JULY 29

KAKA POINT (8-00 am start)

Elspeeth Gold 551-245

Another Elspeeth special and this is an area that holds a lot of potential. Elspeeth knows this area very well and it certainly promises to be enjoyable and interesting. Note the earlier time of 8-00 am starting and meet at the club rooms.

AUGUST 4-5

WINTER ROUTEBURN (M-C)

Mark Planner 763-988

An annual trip that is always well supported this trip will be running along the same lines as other years. The possibilities are endless from climbing to easier day trips from a base camp. Mark is more than willing to talk to any one intersted in this trip and sign the trip list soon.

Trip list closes 26 July 90

Trip cost \$37-00

AUGUST 5

THREE PEAKS (M)

Peter Mason 557-074

Peter Mason has another exciting trip lined up and with the weather all planned for blue skies. Maybe another photo in the paper but if you are interested see Peter and be at the club rooms at 9-00 am

AUGUST 11-12

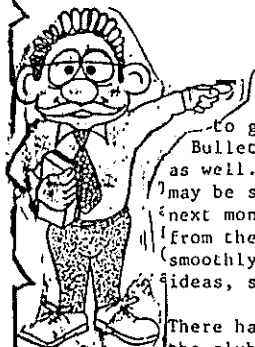
X/C SKIING INSTRUCTION (M)

Bruce Mason 761-544

Another ski instruction course but all is welcome. Once again this trip will depend on snow conditions but don't let that dampen your enthusiasm and sign the trip list.

THE OCTOBER TO MARCH TRIP LIST IS STARTING TO BE ORGANIZED AND IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA'S WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD EITHER A DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP THEN CONTACT THE CHIEF GUIDE BEFORE HE HAS TO CONTACT YOU. HELP TO MAKE HIS JOB A LITTLE EASIER AND START THINKING NOW ON WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRAMP IN 1990 AND 1991

# EDITOR'S DIARY



Well this is another month and now there is only a month to go until the Annual General Meeting. That means only more Bulletin before a new Editor is elected and a whole new committee as well. It is also time to begin thinking about the new committee may be standing for a position on it. Nomination forms will be in next months bulletin and also can be gotten from the secretary. For the club to run smoothly we need lots of people with new ideas, so think about standing.

There has also been another suggestion that the club adopt a maori name, after all Maori is a major part of New Zealand. We would not have to call the OTMC by the maori name but just to have it there. If anyone can who knows a bit of the language can come up with a name then please tell a committee member so it can be considered at the next meeting. Or if you would like to let me know by way of a letter to the Editor. It is only a suggestion to committee and is not a definite plan for the future yet so think about it and let us know.

Also I, for one, am enjoying the winter tramping programme and would like to express this through the bulletin. A suggestion of having more trips closer to home in the winter months was raised and the Chief Guide obligingly gave it a try. Starting off with the Catlins and then Silverpeaks, the Wine & Dine and Herbert Forest (which due to Logging has had to be cancelled) have all been very sociable and enjoyable. Winter tramping is definitely more sociable than summer tramping because on good days, people aim to do more things. Winter is a time for staying in bed or around a fire which is exactly what this years winter programme has given us. I am disappointed however, with the Silverpeaks weekend where only seven people went. This was an excellent weekend and is highly recommended by those who went for next years programme. Unfortunately I am unable to divulge too much as some of the gossip bought about by that trip was not allowed past the four walls of the hut. Oh if only the walls could talk!!!

Anyway those who went had a great time and those who didn't missed out on a trip of a life time.

The Social programme has also been very good and this has been shown by the number of people attending club nights. Elspeth deserves a congratulations on this one and anyone interested in taking over can talk to her. It is an interesting job with the chance to talk to many people.

The committee has accepted an offer by Antony Pettinger to run Bushcraft 1991. He also has an assistant who will be Bushcraft director for 1992 so things look good. If you would like to help in any way, small or big then wait until he has called for people. He is still sorting out the jobs that need to be done but shortly he will need any and all able bodied instructors to help.

Well it looks as if I have finally run out of room so until next month

Happy Tramping

*Debbie*

Editor



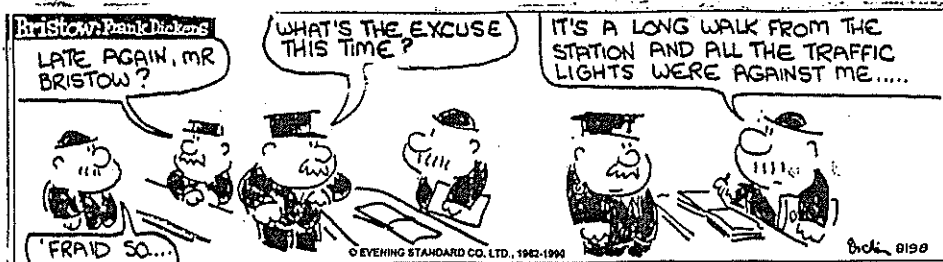
"Where shall we go for our holidays this year?"



"He's an excellent guide."

A P O L O G I E S must go to Graham Bagley who was blacklisted last month for non-payment of trip fares. The Treasurer was obviously was slack that Week!!! - he HAS paid his overdue trip fare. Please accept our humblest apologies.

The Treasurer is away on an extended overseas trip and Mark Hanger will be filling in, in her absense. He will be in his usual seat by the door.



### "Peaks, Packs and Mountain Tracks"

Our club has been given a signed copy of Scott Gilkison's 1940 book "Peaks, Packs and Mountain Tracks".

The donor, Ian Powell, is a life member of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club. People who have tramped in the Tararua's will know Powell Hut on Mt Holdsworth, which is named after him. Ian still holds the distinction of having done the fastest ever climb of Mt Cook (he and his partner used the footsteps of a guided party which had gone up the day before!)

Since Scott Gilkison was a life member of this club, Ian thought we would be a suitable home for his book.

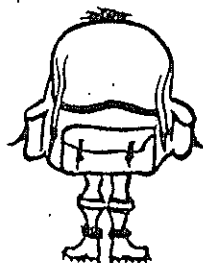
It is interesting to compare his experiences fifty years ago in our local hills and the Otago Alps with the tramping we do now. There was no French Ridge Hut, so you would camp out at 6500 feet...

The only survivors of an airdrop into Aspiring in 1933 were a pack of cards and a roll of sanitary paper...

Our tents are now more waterproof, but the weather still has to be respected...

Sixty pound packs were normal...

There has been a revival of skiing on the Rock and Pillar Range, but the cross-country skiers in the club can usually only dream of skiing on Flagstaff now!



The book will be displayed in the "valuable and historical books" cabinet in the new clubrooms, and can be borrowed by arrangement with the librarian (Peter Mason).

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE CATLINS

Eighteen of "Elspeth's Mob" heading south on the first Friday in May; finding the same takeaway bar in Balclutha "by guess" and by God arriving at Tawanui about "ninish" on a frosty night.

Camps under the pines; a fire in the barbecue pit; talk in the moonlight; mulled wine (yuk); the warmth of the down bag as the night froze on.

Muesli, rehydrated milk and a hot cup of tea on a cloudy morning and it was "packs up" and off after a quick wash and you-know-what in the lovely flush toilets; the beauty of the Catlins River Track--de-luxe tramping this with gravel on the track and wooden sided staircases; my fourth time on this and it never palls--I LOVE IT!

Lunch at the Wisp and more de-luxe stuff; a real table and another go at the flush toilets, but Woe, Woe, WOE! we had to use our own toilet paper. Shame on you DOC--what do we not pay you for?

Early afternoon and off in search of the Thisbe Stream Track; the fishing season's over so we won't get "hooked"; the "roar" is past so no deershooters; however a couple of locals with a dog and guns remind us not to look like a duck; breeches open as they pass us, thank goodness; (I mean the breaches of the guns, wise guy!)

A ute parked dead centre on the narrow country road reminds us that for some pastimes it's never a closed season; Those two just couldn't believe that we'd rather tramp than help them demolish six crates of brown bottles; it WAS a busy road--we were the second party on it that day.

At last the Thisbe Stream Track and into real tramping--the mud, the tree roots, the wet feet. Alas, after only an hour and a half it was getting dark and frantic searchings for a level spot to pitch the tent; eight foot by six bang on the track and we had a place to sleep, with the creek just down the bank.

A leisurely, if somewhat frugal, meal by candlelight (pre-dinner drinks, cream of chicken soup, spaghetti bouillinaise with parmesan and chopped peppers on top, spongy pud and cream, Irish coffee--filled a hole, I guess) and time for a chat and clean up the rest of the "Irish"; the expiry of the candle left no alternative but bed at the otherwise unheard of hour of eight-thirty.

The comfort and warmth of four bodies in the tent in the friendly bush; to quote Barry Crump--"as snug as rain on the roof"--and boy did it rain?.

Packing up in the rain next morning; hardly a time to enjoy muesli and cold milk; a quick brew up and off back to the Wisp; "brunch" or was it "elevenes" at the picnic table with the other parties; (anyway--a damn good feed) and it was off back down the Catlins to the cars, arriving about 3.30, before the party who had left earlier to bring the cars up to meet us!! (The secret of THIS little play will cost you!)

Another brew up and the rest of the food and time to go home; a detour through Kaka Point brought us to Balclutha in the dark and home at a reasonable hour.

Lets go back there sometime--I MUST see where that Thisbe Stream track goes to.

My first try at being a leader; don't know how I went-- the gang made it too easy.

Hugh Jackson, for Iv Warwood, Judy Maguire and Dennis Kemp.

DEFINITELY THE A TEAM.

## WANTED

SOME KIND MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL  
TO VOLUNTEER TO CO-ORDINATE THE  
ANNUAL DINNER AT THE END OF AUGUST  
IT WAS AT GLENFALLOCH LAST YEAR  
AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS SO SAME AGAIN  
THIS YEAR. GO ON GIVE IT A GO.  
YOU MAY DISCOVER YOUR A BUDDING  
SOCIAL SECRETARY.

SPEAKING OF BUDDING SOCIAL SECRETARIES  
ANYONE KEEN TO GIVE IT A GO ?  
IT IS A GREAT DEAL OF FUN AND I'VE STILL  
GOT QUITE A FEW SPEAKERS IN MIND SO  
I CAN BE HEAPS OF HELP  
IT'S A JOB THAT I'LL DEFINATELY VOLUNTEER  
FOR AGAIN (IF THATS ANY RECOMMENDATION).  
IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A  
COMMITTEE POSITION  
I JUST KNOW I'LL BE SWAMPED WITH PEOPLE  
INTERESTED (YOU'VE ALL SEEN HOW MUCH FUN  
I'VE HAD THIS YEAR).  
GO ON YOU CAN DO IT !!!!!



## TROTTERS GORGE WINE & DINE

7-8 July

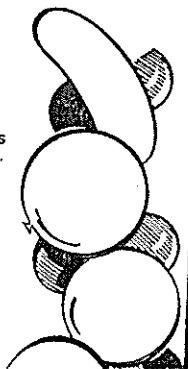


Despite the dismal weather conditions, about sixteen people turned up in good spirits at Trotters Gorge for the Annual Wine and Dine. The music was cranked up at about 5 pm and went well into the night. The fire added a romantic glow but the music soon took over and most enjoyed dancing, a quiet chat over a few drinks or a bit of star gazing. The clouds cleared revealing a nearly full moon but alas no one seemed keen for Ian's planned night walk by moon light. It was great to see many new people there who had only been to one or two club nights and what better way to meet some new members

Some surprise visitors attended and it was a time to catch up on some old friends.

The new day dawned calm and crisp and a day walk was considered by some while most just headed for the cars. With the help of many only one trip was needed and a big thankyou must go to all who attended and made the night such a success.

Barry Wybrow, Rosemary Goodyear, Danny Woods, Dave and Sue Levick, Elspeth Gold, Rhonda Robinson, Dennis Price, Dennis Kemp, Ian McElinney, Annabel Boyes, Arthur Blondell, Craig and Guy, Dean Peterson, Antony and Debbie Pettinger.



And here is another wonderful recipe from The OTMC Cooking Competition. Remember try these recipes and they may give some inspiration for next year's competition.

This is one is Elspeth's recipe.

### MULLED WINE

IT'S WINTER AND WHAT BETTER DRINK TO PARTAKE IN THAN THIS.

IT DIDN'T MANAGE TO WIN A MAJOR PRIZE IN THE COOKING COMPETITION BUT PEOPLE SHOWED ALOT OF INTEREST IN IT AND IT WAS THE MOST WELL TASTED DISH.

OKAY SO THE SECRET RECIPE IS----

SOME LITRES OF THE CHEAPEST RED WINE MONEY CAN BUY (THE BEST I'VE EVER FOUND WAS 39pence/L)

SOME WHOLE CLOVES

SOME CINAMON

SOME BROWN SUGAR.

JUICE OF SOME LEMONS(1/L OF WINE)

AN ORANGE OR TWO CUT INTO IT ALL.

GENTLY HEAT, DON'T BOIL, STIR OCCASSIONALLY AND SAMPLE

A LOT WHILE IT IS COOKING

Q SERVE IN A MUG AROUND AN OPEN FIRE.



Are you feeling the stress of life? finding it hard to sleep at night? Then try these two easy methods for easy sleeping (found in the Southland Tramping Club Bulletin)

### WET SOCKS

This is an easy way to apply a foot compress, it is quite extraordinarily relaxing.

#### HERE IS HOW

Wet a pair of cotton socks in cold water and wring them out so they are no longer dripping. Put them on and then cover them with a pair of dry woollen socks, then pop into bet. Leave them on for at least half an hour although it doesn't matter if they stay on all night should you fall asleep.

### COLD SITZ BATHS

These last only ten to thirty seconds according to how quickly and how well you react. They are carried out with the upper part of your body well clothed - always in a warm room. This is also an excellent way of boosting immunity and protecting against minor illnesses - particularly throat and chest conditions.

#### HERE IS HOW

Fill the bath with enough cold water to reach to your waist. Climb into the bath and stay there for a few seconds, then get out gently pat the excess water from your skin and immediately climb into a warm bed.  
(Ideal for married couples)



# SILVERPEAKS SOLIENCE\*

(ALIAS "THE TEDDYBEARS PICNIC")

\*SOLIENT-DESCRIPTIVE OF THE SERENE STATE OF SELF  
KNOWLEDGE ACHIEVED THROUGH DRINK.

THE FAMOUS 5 SET OUT TO BATTLE THE SEETHING MUD AND SHEEP DROPPINGS FROM HINDON TO JUBILLE HUT. THE TERRIBLE TWOSOME HEADED IN FROM HIGHTOP, DESTINATION JUBILLE; SOMEWHAT MORE AMBITIOUS THAN US BUT WE WON'T DWELL ON THAT. THIS WAS TO BE OUR PRACTICE FOR THE MID WINTER WINE AND DINE. DEBBIE AND I ABLELY LEAD FROM THE REAR. BY GOLLY THE MUD WAS TREACHOROUS AND THE SHEEP DROPPING PARTICULARLY VICIOUS, MADE FOR EXCEPTIONALLY SLOW GOING. FIRST STOP "A SIDESTREAM" ANTONY OUR EVER INTELLIGENT CHIEF GUIDE DEMONSTRATED HIS SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE BY POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS IN FACT A SIDESTREAM, (WHO IS THIS MAN). NEXT STOP WAS BELOW MT JOHN HUT, WHERE WE SERIOUSLY DEBATED WHETHER TO GO UP OR NOT, IN FACT THE DEBATE WAS SO HOT, SO MUCH ENERGY WAS EXPENDED, THAT TO CUT A SHORT STORY LONG, WE DIDN'T GO UP BUT THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR PERHAPS 10 SECONDS.

LUNCH AT THE CAMPSITE BELOW JUBILLE, THEN ON UP TO THE HUT. WELL IT WAS A BIT GROTTOY UP THERE AND THE STORIES OF RATS LIVING IN THE MATTRESSES ALMOST LOOKED LIKE THEY COULD HAVE BEEN TRUE. AFTER TAKING EVERYTHING OUTSIDE, SHAKING IT AND SWEEPING OUT THE HUT IT LOOKED SOMEWHAT MORE PRESENTABLE AND QUITE HOMELY.

NOTE NO RATS LEAPT OUT OF THE MATTRESSES.

THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON WAS SPENT WANDERING FAR AFIELD COLLECTING DEAD WOOD FOR THE FIRE. WE FOUND SOME SIZABLE LUMPS BUT ALAS NO AXE, NOT EVEN A TRUSTY SWISS ARMY SAW AMONG US. SO THERE IS A STORE OF WOOD AT THE HUT BUT CARRY IN YOUR OWN CUTTING UTENSILS.

DON ARRIVED WITH TWO DEAD TREES (WE DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HIM WE COULDN'T CUT THEM UP). FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY YVONNE, STUNNINGLY ATTIRED IN BLUE AND WHITE POLYPROPS, PURPLE GAITRES AND PINK SHORTS.

DON SANG US A SONG OR TWO (HE'S GOOD AT THAT) AND SWORE HE COULD GET THE FIRE GOING WITHOUT IT SMOKING THE HUT OUT.

AND JUST HOW DOES DON LIGHT A FIRE ???? WHY WITH A TORCH OF COURSE, NOVEL METHOD.

PRETTY SOON THERE WAS A WARM GLOW, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF SMOKE, SO MUCH THAT THE HUT HAD TO BE VACATED. IAN INSISTED ON SHOWING US HIS PROWESS WITH A HACKY SAC WHILE DON AND DENNIS DID SOME SERIOUS TALKING TO THE FIRE. COULD THE FIRE IN FACT BE A CRUEL JOKE CUNNINGLY ENGINEERED SO IT COULDN'T BE USED????? NO DON SORTED IT OUT AND WITHIN AN HOUR THE HUT WAS SMOKE FREE AND WARM.

ON WITH THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF EATING, ANTONY AND DEBBIE DINED WELL ON LEFT OVERS SO DIDN'T NEED TO COOK. MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER THEY BOUGHT ANY SOLID FOOD IN OR WHETHER THEIR PACKS WERE TOO FULL OF LIQUID REFRESHMENTS.

THEN TO THE EVEN MORE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF PRACTISING FOR THE MID WINTER SOCIAL BY THE END OF THE EVENING WE WERE QUITE GOOD AT IT, NOTHING WAS A PROBLEM AND THE POSSIBILITIES WERE IN FACT ENDLESS.

WE ALL GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER BY ASKING EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS. EACH ONE MORE BIZZARE THAN THE NEXT. DEEP AND MEANINGFUL PSYCHOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUNDED AND WE ALL WORRIED ABOUT IANS AFFILIATION WITH BOBBY THE BEAR.



NEXT MORNING DENNIS WAS FIRST UP AND HE HEADED AWAY TO WASH ANYTHING THAT LOOKED LIKE IT HAD BEEN COOKED IN. EATEN OFF OR ON. THANK YOU WE ALL APPRECIATED YOUR EFFORT.

DON SUNG ALOT, HE'S EXCEPTIONALLY CHIRPY IN THE MORNINGS, SO IT WAS A GOLLY CHIRPY BREAKFAST AND A PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE DAY.

DON AND YVONNE WERE AWAY UP ROCKY RIDGE AND FURTHER AFIELD AND WE WON'T MENTION OUR DAYS AMBITION.

DESPITE POPULAR OPINION THE PARTICULARLY VICIOUS SMELL THAT KEPT FILLING THE HUT (SO MUCH SO THAT IT HAD TO BE EVACUATED), WAS NOT EMINATING FROM MY BOTTOM, IT WAS PURE COINCIDENCE THAT I HAPPENED TO BE LEAVING THE ROOM EACH TIME IT HAPPENED. I DON'T LIKE TO TELL TALES OR NAME NAMES, BUT I RECKON IT WAS ---

WE HEADED OFF IN SEARCH OF THE ELUSIVE LLAMAS AND HAGGIS MENTIONED IN THE HUT BOOK. (REFER COPY IN BULLETIN). I'M DISAPPOINTED TO SAY WE DIDN'T FIND A TRACE OF THEM WE WERE HOWEVER ALMOST OVERPOWERED BY THE MUD, AND AT ONE STAGE THE SHEEP DROPPINGS HAD US CORNERED, BUT WE CUNNINGLY OUTWITTED THEM.

BACK TO THE CARS, A PICNIC LUNCH AT THE RIVER, THEN BACK TO TOWN.

AN ENTERTAINING, REVEALLING, FUN WEEKEND WITH GREAT COMPANY.

SAME PLACE SAME TIME NEXT YEAR???????

#### QUOTABLE QUOTES FOR THE WEEKEND

DEBBIE---I'VE LEARN'T TO TAKE NOTICE OF ANTONY, BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT.

IAN----BE CAREFUL OF BOBBY, I'LL RING THE SEARCH AND RESCUE WHEN WE GET HOME.

DON--- CONCERNING HIS TORCH RESCUED FROM THE FIRE ON SUNDAY "I CAN REBUILD IT, I HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY."

ELSPETH-- JUST WHAT PART OF THE ANATOMY IS THE FRONT PORCH???

ELSPETH GOLD FOR DEBBIE AND ANTONY P. DON AND YVONNE G. DENNIS KEMP AND IAN McELHINNEY THE SOLIENT SEVEN

+ Bobby Bear.



This is your Bulletin and to make it interesting I need lots of Trip Reports, Letters to the Editor, Recipes, Crosswords or plain gossip. If you have anything to contribute please hand it to either Debbie or Antony Pettinger at Thursday Club nights or post to 'The Editor' OTMC P O Box 1120 Dunedin. The aim of the Bulletin is to keep members informed on what is or has happened in the club.

TRAMPED IN FROM DUNEDIN WITH SUPPLIES AFTER TURNING BACK FROM 45° SOUTH AT THE MAIN DIVIDE. FOLLOWED WILD HORSE TRACK FROM GREEN HUT -- LEAD INTO GORSE, NASTY SHARP PLANTS THAT TAKE NO PRISONERS. PAUSED TO LECTURE HORSES AT PULPIT ROCK. SLID DOWN DEVILS STAIRCASE ON OUR PACKS -- THANK GOD NO HIGHLAND LLAMAS ONLY THE LOWLAND VARIETY (SPIT MORE VICIOUS BUT AIM AND RANGE INFERIOR). FELT QUITE ANNAT\* AMBUSHED BY HAGGIS SOON AFTER, STAGGERED ROUND IN BUSH FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE MINUTES BEFORE ARRIVING AT JUBILLE, AMID AN ORGY OF SPAGHETTI WE DIDN'T HEAR THE LLAMAS BEATING ON THE FRONT DOOR. THEIR AGRESSION IS INCREASING, THE GROUND IS GETTING GOBBY WITH SPIT. HEADING FOR YELLOW HUT AND BEYOND (?), A TACTICAL RETREAT. P.S. THE SPAGHETTI WAS AL DENTE.

\* ANNAT A FEELING YOU GET WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT A PLACE THAT USED TO HAVE A NAME BUT DOESN'T ANY MORE, EG. A PROUND SENSE OF ANNAT AT GREEN HUT.

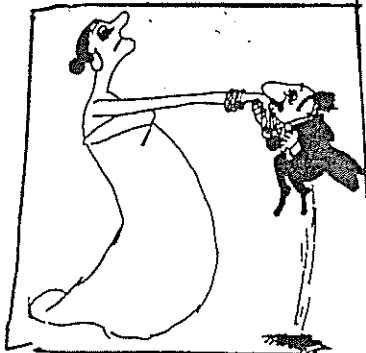
17/9/88 EVENING. THINGS DIDN'T LOOK GOOD AT ABC CAVE THE LLAMAS GROUPED AND HEADED US OFF THE YELLOW HUT TRACK AND WE FOUND OURSELVES CLIMBING A SILVERPEAKS PEAK. HAGGIS AND SPANIARDS WERE BAD UNTIL MIST CLOSED IN AND OUTWITTED THEM. WE FOUND OURSELVES WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF GAP\* SO HEADED BACK TO JUBILLE, SURPRISING BOTH US AND THE LLAMAS.

INTENDING TO HEAD OUT VIA POSSUM/SEMPLE RD TOMORROW.

BYEEEE N T J @ A.

P.S. THE FISH WERE STILL SWIMMING BUT SHOULD TASTE GOOD.

\*GAP THE FEELING YOU GET WHEN YOU ARRIVE SOMEWHERE YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING TO, AND DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE THERE ANYWAY.



#### HOME

As the dawn sun breaks over sleepy gardens,  
I'll be here to do all the things to comfort you -  
Although I've been away and left you alone this way  
why don't you come awake  
And let you first smile take me home.

The Shadows in the park were longer yesterday  
and lady luck stood still, waiting for the kill,  
and on a jumbo ride overseas, grey, deep and wide  
I flew for heavens sake,  
and let the angels take me home.

Down steep and narrow lanes I see the chimnies smoking,  
above the golden fields, I know what the Robin feeds  
in his summer jamboree all elements agree  
in sweet and stormy blend;  
midwife to winds that send me home.

### TED the TRAMPERS LAMENT

If you go into the woods today,  
You're in for a big surprise.  
The winds will blow, there'll be sleet and snow  
As depression intensifies.  
Way deep in the trees where nobody sees,  
You'll shiver and shake at minus degrees.  
Every Teddy's been cold that it's dreadingly cold,  
In the woods today.

You'll never bear with the wear and tear,  
If you go into the hills today.  
The rivers will flood, you'll be smothered in mud,  
You might even be swept away.  
For every trip that goes fairly well,  
There's a dozen or more that are absolute hell.  
So snuggle in bed with your Teddy instead,  
Of the hills today.

Mountains stand mysterious,  
We'll let them stay that way.  
They're really too damn precarious.  
Passes are for passing by,  
And not for gentle folk, for you and I.  
Bogs and swamps and grovelly bits,  
Your pace that slows and shows,  
That really your quite unfit.  
At six o'clock when you haven't got there,  
The chances are you don't even know where  
You're meant to be in the hills tonight.

With apologies,  
Don Greer

(reprinted from Outdoors '83)



## Annual General Meeting

It is nearly that time of the year again!!

Time to elect a new committee and time to attend another Annual General Meeting.

May be you are thinking about being on committee. Think about what you would like to do for the club. What job you could enjoy doing for the club.

A nomination form will be in next months Bulletin. Fill it in and hand to the secretary.

Remember the A G M is soon!!



### CONSOLATION FOR SECRETARIES

If a Secretary writes a letter, it is too long,

If he sends a postcard, it is too short,

If he offers a suggestion, he is a know-all,

If he doesn't, he is useless,

If the attendance is poor, he should have called the members,

If he calls them, he is a pest

If he asks for subscriptions, he is insulting

If he doesn't, he is lazy,

If the meeting is a big success, the committee gets the praise,

If it is a failure, the secretary is to blame.

Ashes to ashes - dust to dust,

If the others won't do it, the Secretary MUST!

This article was written by Prof. Chadwick, a gastroenterologist at Dunedin Hospital. -

#### PREVENTION OF GIARDIASIS - FOR TRAMPERS

1. Portable water filter - enables filtration of water direct from suitable source without need for boiling or chlorination. This water is free from cysts and bacteria but could theoretically contain viruses - not a problem in NZ. In the tropics it is probably best to boil and filter water or to ensure that all water is boiled for a full 5 minutes (to destroy cysts).
2. Boiling of water - to destroy cysts (including Giardia cysts) water must be boiled for a full 5 minutes.
3. Iodine solutions - 3-4 drops of iodine to each glass of water and leave for 10 minutes before drinking is more effective than chlorination; but less effective than filtration or boiling.
4. Vegetables washed in contaminated water are a risk - these should be washed in boiled water.

## OTMC ANNUAL AUCTION

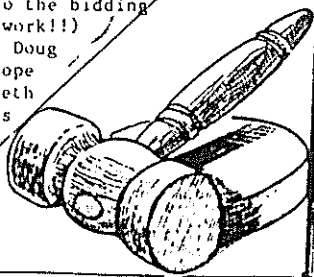
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Another Annual Auction has been gone with approx. \$300-00 raised. This will be split half for the Yellow Eyed Penguins and half for the clubrooms. This year, like many others saw various useful and useless items going under the hammer. David Barnes did an excellent job of being auctioneer with Ross Cocker being his usual self and helping to sell the goods.

No bent spoons this year but Doug Forrester really got into the bidding for a photo of every females dream man (Doug doing womans work!!) but Alais Rhonda Robinson bought it for her bedroom wall. Doug did manage to purchase a very sort after green peace envelope with a personal letter signed by the Prime Minister. Elspeth Gold couldn't resist the green ginger wine and baby clothes (what for we ask!!) and Tracy Pittinger had to bid more than once, against her husband while Richard seemed to buy things he hadn't even bid for!! Sue Harding bought a potato for approx. \$8-00 (with a bag of free pine cones) and Lindsay Aitchison couldn't resist the inflatable penguin.

All in all a great night enjoyed by all who attended.



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the March bulletin, the Editor reported a complaint from "someone who thinks that pictures and gossip should be left out of the bulletin". Since I have talked to people in the club who have been given the impression that I am this person, I think it is time to set the record straight. There is no such person, and there has been no such complaint.

The misinformation relates to a complaint I made about the handling of two trip reports I wrote in 1989. I typed these out neatly with pictures, cartoons and a map, carefully laid out to fit straight into the bulletin. These articles appeared only after a delay of several months, and severely bowdlerised.

In my Labour W/e Macetown article, the historical background and the map were cut out. In my Nicholl's Creek day-trip report, the paragraph about finding pot plants and an appropriate Bogor cartoon were removed.

I made a formal complaint at the March committee meeting. Reasons given by the editor were:

(1) "It wasn't proper" to publish a report of finding cannabis.(!). I replied that even if our members couldn't cope with the shock, the plants had already been removed by the police.

(2) "There wasn't enough space." I pointed out that the space saved by editing the trip reports had only been filled in with comic strips, not other trip reports. (How did this comment get inflated into a full-blown cartoon phobia?). I asked why, if space is so short, every bulletin this year has included an urgent request for more articles. Is 2½ pages really too long for a 3-day weekend trip report, when there was room for a 2 page article about a weekend trip in the March bulletin?

(3) "The editor has final say." I agreed with this principle, but pointed out that there were better ways of asserting it than by delaying publication and making severe cuts without consultation. I suggested that all trip reports should be published promptly. As far as editing goes, the way to have handled it would have been to have phoned me, and either recommended that the articles were more suitable for Outdoors, or else have asked me if I'd be able to cut the report down by (say) half a page and discussed ways of doing it.

The committee upheld my complaint.

So, to all you folk out there who vigorously defended the appropriate use of drawings and cartoons in the bulletin; well done! ADVERTISING PLUG: full versions of the offending articles will be in the 1991 Outdoors (the next but one)! Jane Bruce

*J. Bruce*

## Letters to the Editor ...continued...

Dear Editor

The idea of 'members only' trips is misguided. What you are asking for is actually trips for fit, experienced trampers only. Not all members are fit and/or experienced. Not all non members are not fit and not experienced.

What we need is:

- i) A few trips graded 'M' and upwards (as at present)
- ii) More careful vetting of non-members/new members by the chief guide and/or trip leaders to ensure that they are capable of doing a given trip. If necessary, tactful diversion to day trips or more suitable weekend trips for a while.
- iii) Tolerance and longer memories on the part of our fit, experienced members, most of us started on easier trips and some seem inclined to forget that fact.

Two things could strangle this club - elitism and too many rules. We shouldn't let this happen.

David Barnes

Dear Editor

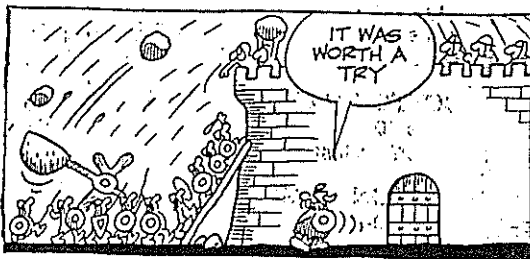
I have been reading with great interest all about the easy party leaders problem, in your bulletin.

I can see both sides but must admit I, myself, fell away from the club because of the reason being debated. I was quite active but have now turned to more private trips as a result of being unable to achieve what I had hoped for in club weekend tramps, because of the party fitness level. I was continually asked to lead easy parties because no one else wanted too. Also there are a number of club members I have never tramped with and would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

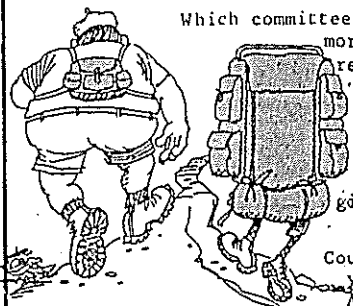
What can the Chief Guide and Trip Leaders do to stop this? I do not know but suggest fitter trips away every third or so weekend. Should newer members be 'tested' harder before becoming a member? I think that maybe it is too easy to join when we don't really know much about some people. More questions should be asked to non-members about their fitness level. eg: Have you gone up Mt Cargil recently? Flagstaff? How long did it take? etc.

I also agree that fitter members should look at how they started in the club and maybe offer to lead the odd easy party instead of leaving it to the same few. However I do not expect people to lead parties all the time when it costs so much to go away. Fitter members sign trip lists with certain ideas on where they would like to go and if told too often that it isn't possible then they, like me, will look at private trips.

..... all for one.



# OTMC Hot Gossip



Which committee member almost called the police one Saturday morning to report the theft of his car - just in time he remembered leaving it at work after the first few beers the night before!!  
Quite a night was it Mark??!

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Congratulations to Bevan Blackmore and Henry Rawlings on the birth of a beautiful daughter. We trust she will give you much joy.

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Could it be true?? Don G was seen to be getting into a young females trousers while away tramping with her!!  
All is not lost however as his wife was beside him the whole time. Didn't know you were like that Don.

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Why don't the french like Kiwi fruit? .....  
.....They don't like the 'green peace' in the middle .....hahahahahahaha

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There has been two confirmed sightings of Elspeth Gold's Legs!!!!  
She has two with trim ankles, black stokinged calves and moderately nobby knees!!  
further sightings should be reported to the Editor - these elusive legs may be seasonal!???

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And while we're on Elspeth - It is rumored she ~~buys~~ <sup>braves</sup> very easily and in many places!!

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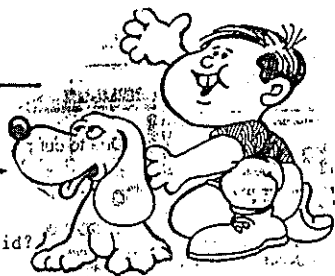
When rock climbing,  
I don't mind falling rocks, but the falling bodies  
do clutch sooo!!!

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A warning to all drivers of the club vans ---- Watch out  
for lounge chairs on roads mainly around Lawrence area.  
For further details please see Ian Sime.

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Why did Elspeth buy the baby stretch-and-grow?  
Could we be waiting on something more ? and why was she  
afraid to take them home? What would her mother have said?  
The answer to these and more personal questions will be  
divulged only by Elspeth.



Romance is HOT in the air and we eagerly await the next engagement announcement.

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## WANTED !!

one female, reasonably to exceptionally good looking, must have New Zealand citizenship. All applicants must apply in writing to :  
citizenship needed,  
C/- The Editor  
OTMC Bulletin.

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One person seemed to come alive when alcohol was bought out at the annual auction.  
Why did this elusive lady buy a bottle of Stones Green Ginger for \$12-00?  
Could it be true that she bought the most alcohol of anyone there?  
And more importantly why has she tried to feature in this column all year and only managed to now???

HAT'S ON WHAT'S ON WHAT'S



# SOCIAL PROGRAMME

JULY 19 TERRY BUTT--- THE SUDAN. TERRY WAS RECENTLY IN THE SUDAN WITH THE RED CROSS

JULY 26 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, WITH BRUCE MASON.

AUG 2 MIKE FLOATE DISCUSSING THE RECENT FMC SURVEY RESULTS, THEN A CHANCE FOR YOU ALL TO ASK WHAT THE COMMITTEE GETS UP TO AND WORK OUT WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND ANY CLUB MEMBER IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO GET INVOLVED

AUG 9 ERIC AND JULIE LORD WITH PART 2 OF THEIR TRAVEL TALK THIS TIME IT'S ABOUT THE ESCARPMENT REGION, WHICH INCLUDES THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

AUG 16 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.  
GREAT PRIZES, SO BE IN TO WIN.  
CATEGORIES---

BEST WINTER SHOT  
BEST TRAMPING SHOT  
PERSONALITY SHOT (PEOPLE)  
LANDSCAPE  
GENERAL

AUG 23 GERALDINE WILL GIVE A SLIDE SHOW ON HER RECENT TRAMPING IN BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS AND SHE MIGHT LET US INTO SOME SECRETS ABOUT SCOTISH TRAMPING.

AUG 30 IT'S THAT TIME ALREADY THE AGM COME ALONG AND VOTE IN A NEW COMMITTEE

