

# OTMC Bulletin

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## Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club (Inc.) P.O. Box 1120, Dunedin.

The OTMC meets socially at 3 Young Street  
every Thursday - doors open at 7.30pm,  
programme begins at 8.00pm.

### 3 September

Guiding on the Glaciers. Tangi Rouvi is an experienced Glacier Guide who has extensive experience on both the Fox and Franz Joseph glaciers. He will give an illustrated talk on what this involves.

### 10 September

BYO - By this time we should have lots of photos of the Rock and Pillars, Basic Snowcraft Course, and the Nordic Cross-Country Ski weekend.

### 17 September

Antony Hamel talks about the Oteake Conservation Park. DOC have just issued a brochure for this brand new park but it does not tell the full story. The park stretches from Mt. Domet to Mt. St Bathans but is rarely visited by trampers. What is it and why should you care? What are the features of this area? What should you wear? Can Grahame Sydney be wrong? All these questions and more will be answered in a lavishly illustrated talk.

### 24 September

New Zealand birds identification quiz. Make up a team for this quiz night which will use photos taken by award winning ODT photographer, Stephen Jaquierey.

Any ideas, and contact names in particular, are welcome for the Thursday evening activities. If you can help please contact Tony Timperley (phone 473 7257, email [cathy.tony.t@actrix.co.nz](mailto:cathy.tony.t@actrix.co.nz)) or Ralph Harvey (phone 453 4330, email [ralphh@ihug.co.nz](mailto:ralphh@ihug.co.nz))

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The inclusion of the Annual Report and Accounts with this Bulletin means that the OTMC Annual General Meeting is imminent. Apart from being a requirement of our existence, it also serves as an important opportunity to update members on club activity as well as seek feedback from the membership on issues within the club. Recent AGM's have been rather straightforward meetings, with little or no feedback on any aspect of the OTMC, be it our financial position, tramping activity, attracting new members or any other topic. While the committee could take this to mean complete satisfaction with the way the club operates, we don't believe this to be the case. The committee and those carrying out roles outside of the committee put a lot of effort into running activities for the club, be it tramping trips, club meetings or some other aspect of OTMC life. The AGM is an excellent chance for the members to discuss what they like or don't like about the club with the committee. There has been an avoidance of the AGM in the past because of the fear of being coerced into joining the committee, but I can assure you this will not happen (it hasn't happened for many years in the OTMC). Rather, after presenting the accounts and annual report I would like to see discussion centre around tramping trips and possible destinations, club meeting formats, training needs, instruction courses, the Bulletin, club promotion etc. The AGM should not be seen as something to be avoided, but as your chance to actively have your say in the future of our club. We're listening.

As an aside, the committee are developing a survey which aims to find out which direction the club should be taking – this is a great opportunity for those unable to attend the AGM to contribute their thoughts. This will be posted to all members shortly (if not with this Bulletin), and will also be available at the clubrooms and on the website.

Another aspect we need to work on is how to get more members involved in leading our club trips. We had a night on trip leadership late last year as an introduction to running club trips. Low trip numbers of late have prevented a meaningful mentoring programme from being used, but I still encourage anyone interested in leading a trip in contacting either me for weekend trips, or Roy for day trips. The next trip programme is being worked on now and we are looking for people to lead our trips. Some trips are easier than others to organise and it is best to start with something you are comfortable with – perhaps an area you are familiar with. The club has a lot of information available (in the library and on the website) to get you started. The success of a trip can often be attributed to an enthusiastic leader with good publicity prior to the trip – how about giving a go?

Antony Pettinger, President

# Membership

Leslie Bellis, Box 5865, Moray Place, 477 7310 is our new member this month.

Karl Power and Wilbert Stokman have resigned.

Andrew Jarvis has moved to 24A Carnarvon St, 453 3243; Sharon St Clair-Newman to Box 2029, Wakatipu, 03 409 2989; and Sue Taylor to 48 Ann St, 027 273 0844.

When this was written, 112 members had paid their subs. Remember you can't vote at the AGM unless you are a full paid up member!

Ian Sime

## Member Wins National Award

David Eggleton, one of our members, has won the Reviewer of the Year Award at the Montana New Zealand Book Awards.

The judges praised David as bringing "an impressive depth of knowledge to his unfailingly perceptive reviews, especially in the visual arts and poetry, yet he is never doctrinaire or patronising. When he offers criticism, he backs it up with evidence so readers can judge for themselves. His poet's facility with language always produces razor-sharp imagery that relates to the book under review. As a result, each review is a joy to read, a pleasurable piece of writing in itself."

This quote is from the *Listener* for which David writes reviews - August 8-12 issue, p. 7

## **BUSHCRAFT INSTRUCTION**

As you know, the Bushcraft Course that ran earlier this year was in a different format from previous courses. Feedback from the participants and leaders was that this was the best way forward. The club remains committed to providing instruction in bushcraft skills to anyone who needs it. We are particularly keen to maintain skills and confidence within the OTMC by encouraging members to refresh their tramping skills from time to time.

We are now planning for the next course, which is being held in October and November to coincide with the upcoming summer tramping season. The course will consist of three evenings, covering all aspects of tramping topics. A day will be spent practising and refreshing map and compass skills. The course will culminate in a practical tramping weekend to the East Matukituki. The course is designed for both people completely new to tramping and for people (including club members) who want to refresh the basic skills.

See the enclosed information sheet, website or the display in the clubrooms for more information. Don't forget to promote this course to friends and family who may be interested.

## **TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS**

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) are introducing a new series of topographical maps on September 23. These will completely replace the current NZMS 260 series (1: 50,000) of maps from that time. The actual geographical information on the map remains the same (other than the normal update cycle). The most important change for trampers is the grid reference method. The grid references on the new Topo50 maps have no correlation with the NZMS260 series. For this reason all trampers are urged to update to the new maps (emergency services will be using the new series upon release).

FMC will be offering clubs (and members) the opportunity to purchase new maps at a discounted price. The club will collate member's requirements and order collectively from FMC. In addition, the club will be purchasing a comprehensive set of the new maps with the proceeds from the recent auction. We hope to send an order from out with the next Bulletin when we have more information on pricing etc.

More information on the new Topo50 series can be found here:

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/topo50>

## Travelling & Tramping in Turkey



A minaret stands tall above the town of Mardin and over the Mesopotamian Plains in south-east Turkey

A man is immersed in his studies in the bazaar in Mardin, southeast Turkey



*With thanks to Phil Somerville for his very entertaining talk in July*

Snippet from David Barnes: The Rock & Pillar Hut Trust (which owns Big Hut) has a webcam at Middlemarch, so you can check out weather & the snowline from the comfort of home.

Check it out at <http://railtrail.co.nz/rtsw webcam/webcam.shtml>

**Advance Notice:**  
**Five Pass Trip (January 23-31, 2010) (MF-F)**  
**Antony Pettinger 473-7924**

We are running an extended trip over the Five Pass route in late January 2010. This trip traverses some great areas not normally seen on club trips and includes plenty of navigation and bushcraft practise. Starting at Lake Sylvan we head to the lower Rockburn and thence up the Dart to the Beansburn. At the head of the Beansburn it is over our first pass, Fohn Saddle. I plan to camp at the Fohn Lakes for a couple of nights which gives us the opportunity to climb the likes of Sunset Peak. From the lakes we head down to the Olivine Ledge and then up and over Fiery Col. Cow Saddle is at the head of Hidden Falls Creek and is the start of a very picturesque trip journey downstream to the foot of Park Pass. Park Pas is gained via a steep climb from the valley floor. Rather than complete the trip via the Rockburn, I plan to continue to Lake Nerine from Park Pass, and completing the trip via North Col and the North Routeburn.

The trip will leave Dunedin on the Friday night (Jan 22) and overnight at Lake Sylvan. The end date hasn't been fixed but will be at least Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>, giving a seven day trip. The trip is suitable to people with a reasonable level of fitness and a lot of the time we will be off-track. There are no huts – so we will be camping each night. We will be taking ice-axes, particularly for Fiery Col and North Col, so some experience with iceaxe use is needed. For safety we will be carrying a mountain radio, GPS and PLB.

This trip is a magnificent trip through Mt. Aspiring National Park and is especially suited to people who have done a few trips with the club and are ready to tackle something a little more challenging. In the event a large number sign up we will have parties travelling from both directions to minimise impact on the environment.

This is an OTMC members only trip. There is a registration of interest list at club now and the list will close at the end of November.

# Trip Reports

## **Beaumont Millenium Track** **26/7/2009**

*We have two reports for this trip and as they are very different, I am including them both. First up, one from someone new to the club:*

It was a day of wonderful weather. A light frost at the start, weighing on the grasses. The steam from a herd of cows as they crossed a field below the track. The dancing of a pair of Fantails. The glittering Clutha, with a backdrop of dark pine plantations.

The walk began at the Beaumont Bridge, where three or four cars and their occupants parked before setting off. The track itself was hard underfoot, boots were almost overkill, but it was a good feeling to get them on anyway.

The twelve or so of us that went on the walk were treated to a wide, level track that wended its way first close by, then away from, the river. The views changed subtly along the way, as a chilly start in the shade from the hills moved to full sun after about 30 minutes, and stayed that way for the rest of the day. After just under two hours, a grassy area with benches was selected for lunch, by the riverside, at the site where an old water pipe had been suspended across the river. After lunch, one or two of the group headed back to the cars, the rest walked on for about 15 minutes to a steel bridge, where the first of several cars were encountered coming along the track from the opposite direction, making me wonder why this was called a 'walkway'.

A pleasant wander back along the track got us all back to the car park just after 3pm, and each car then headed back to Dunedin, mine via a welcome cup of coffee at Jazz on Java in Lawrence. I'd never been on a walk with the OTMC before, and am not [yet] a club member. This was also true for at least four others on this walk. It seemed like a good appetiser for tramping with OTMC, and thanks to Ian Sime for organising the day.

As a final thought for those with mountain bikes, this looks like it would be a good outing, and I certainly plan to take mine back there when things warm up a bit.

Andy Cunningham for Janet & Russell Barclay, Jan Burch, Aldo Cortesi & Zoe Evans, Andy Cunningham, Hilda Firth, Graham and Alison Johnston & Holly (the dog), Gavin MacArthur, Kimberly Mathis, Ken Powell, Kim-Sherrie Taylor, Alan & Robyn Thomson, Chris Pearson & Kathy Woodrow, Ian Sime.

*And secondly, someone not so new to the club!*

The weather forecast from the previous Thursday was for a fine weekend - very reassuring. Six people from the Taieri planned to come. One couple agreed to pick up a third person who lived nearby. Another car with two people would pick up their third passenger at the East Taieri Dairy. Twelve people collected at the clubrooms, and we were away in three cars soon after 9.00.

At East Taieri, the two-person car and their passenger had arrived ahead of us. We waited for the other car for quite a while, but finally decided it must have gone straight on, and headed off ourselves.

At the start of the Track, at the near end of the Beaumont bridge, our guess was proved correct - the missing car was there. All this detail is meant to show how vital good communication is. I hadn't made it clear that we would all meet at the dairy, so half an hour was wasted.

The plan was to walk up the track as far as we wished, and then retrace our steps. This meant that everyone could choose a pace to suit, and we were soon well spread out, in small groups or couples, chatting away, often to people we'd never been with before. (For six folk, this was their first walk with the Club.)

We had agreed that 2pm should be our latest turning time. About 12.30 the main group arrived at a picnic spot with an information table - ideal for lunch.

It was when we stopped that I realised the ball of my left foot was sore. The previous day I'd tried on a couple of pairs of tramping socks, but they had shrunk a bit and were tight on my toes. So I had come wearing two pairs of rather thin walk socks, and that was obviously not giving me enough padding. While the others walked on to the Tala Burn, I headed back downstream. While I was walking, the discomfort wasn't too bad, but if I stopped, I knew there was trouble. To occupy my mind, as I rounded each bend I estimated the time it would take to the next corner.

Back at the cars I had no sooner changed out of my boots than the others started to arrive.

Home by 5.30 (I'd told Betty to expect me before six) she showed me my foot with a mirror. The skin had come off quite a large area and was crinkled towards the toes. She dressed it, and Health Centre nurses replaced the dressing three times before discharging me.

So I hope this trip has taught me two lessons.  
Ian Sime



# *Winter Routeburn*

## *Lake Mackenzie*

### *July 3/4 2009*

At last the club has put boots on tracks, with the weather during Autumn and early Winter preventing numerous trips, it was great that this trip was GO!

The road conditions between Mossburn and Te Anau were reported as icy in areas, and the Milford road was closed for towing vehicles from Te Anau Downs!! I thought to myself “Here we go again”!!! as last year’s cancelled trip to the same area was still fresh in my mind. Anyway having experienced drivers I decided to go. Light rain and warmer temperatures followed us to Te Anau which washed away the icy conditions and made driving easier than expected. We signed in at Te Anau, changed into our tramping gear and were off. As we approached Te Anau Downs there was no sign of the snow.

We arrived at the Divide Shelter and were soon on our way to Howden Hut. Some of the party nipped up to a snowy Key Summit and we walked around on the top under watery moonlight. Hey no torches needed!! (As promised.) Then down to Lake Howden Hut and to bed after 2.00am. Yawn.

The morning came far too quickly and as we looked out the window, Hey! the Lake’s FROZEN. First time I’ve seen it iced up! No wonder it felt cold.

The walk to Lake MacKenzie Hut was, dare I say, challenging in places and some people found the icy conditions lifted them into the air for a short time, only to end up on their Gluteus Maximus. The Earland Falls were reduced to a trickle but the views along the way were magnificent, especially the Darren Mountains (as promised). Once at Lake MacKenzie Hut, parties went in all directions, from exploring the valley, ice skating on the Lake, up the Zig Zag to get a fantastic view of the lower Hollyford, Lake McKerrow, Martins Bay, Tutuko and Madeline stood out to west. The fit party made it to the Harris saddle.

Then back for yummy multi course meals. The smell in the Hut was mouth watering. The theme this year was to wear a sports top and the best dressed table went to the all girls “B” Team. Now what did the “B” stand for again girls?

My lovely quiz assistant this year was the jovial Jacqui C. who excelled. This year we had a honourable tie in the quiz with The “B” team of Adrienne, Jill, Tina sharing the spoils with the “D” team of Gene, Alan Th., Dave Ch. and the “G” team of Allan P., Graham J., Andrew H., and Caroline came an incredible last.

Sunday morning was cruisy with most people trying iceskating in their boots on a very low looking lake, some walked around it and some visited Split Rock. The walk back to the Divide was as challenging as the day before with some people surviving the death drop at the Death Bridge. It was back to the Divide in good time, tea in Te Anau for some, and safely home at 10ish.



Thanks go to my fellow drivers: Gene, Allan P., Alan Th., Marina H., and Dave Ch. Also to my lovely quiz assistant Jacqui C., and for all those dressed up their tables, the Hut looked really great.

The numbers for this trip increased rapidly as soon as Bruce put his name down on the trip list. What a living legend we have.

I trust everyone had a great time and achieved what they wanted. The weather was wonderful as was the company and for the first time for years a complete family came along for the fun.

Wolfgang for Gene Dyett, Alan Thomson, Dave Chambers, Cathy McKersy, Graeme Donaldson, Richard Tracy Vincent Rosa Pettinger, Thomas Gleeson, James Cleary, Marina Eglisias, Harriet Cross, Jacqui Colbert, Adrienne Dearnley, Jill McAliece, Tina Anderson, Philip Somerville, Bruce Bernasconi, Sandra De Vries, Pam McKelvey, Wayne Hodgkinson, Allan Perry, Graham Johnston, Andrew Hale, Caroline Essler, Marina Hanger, Sandra Francis, Aileen Conboy, Simon Wilson, Wendy Ann Miller, and Andrew Jarvis.

*The picture to the left is of a frozen Lake MacKenzie. Thanks to Richard Pettinger for allowing it to be published.*

*And thanks to Vince Pettinger for persevering with the sulky fire. It took 3 attempts to light it and would have been a very cold night in the hut otherwise.*

# **Mt. Somers**

## **18-19 July 2009**

I had been looking forward to this trip as the three previous trips I had signed up for had been cancelled due to bad weather. The weather for this weekend was looking a bit dodgy, but the forecast bad weather did not eventuate. It was cold, clear and windless. Five of us left Dunedin at about 5pm on the Friday evening, and we called in to R&R Sports to collect a personal locator beacon. We stopped at Oamaru on the way for tea, and we stayed overnight at the Mount Somers Camping Ground that night.

Saturday dawned clear and crisp, and we had a good view of Mount Somers from the camping ground. The snow was all the way down to the flats. It was a big frost that day, and the sheep in the paddocks on the way had frost on their backs. The gravel road to the start of the track had heaps of beehives beside it - I suppose to take advantage of all the manuka growing nearby. The decline down to the car park at the start of the Woolshed Creek track was covered in ice and snow. Easy to get down but doubtful if we could get back out. So the vehicle was parked at the side of the road. The intentions book was full so we left our intentions on a separate piece of paper. We started underway at about 10am, walking through beech forest with their trunks black with a fungus that harbours an insect that produces honeydew – this is a major source of food for the local birds. On this section of the track, the bellbirds' song was deafening.

Along the way up the hill, we came across various remnants of the coalmine that used to be here, including old railway lines, sleepers, wagons and the old Blackburn mine tunnel. As we climbed higher, the snow got thicker and icier. We broke through the bush into a winter

wonderland of about 20-30 cm thick snow with very little tussock showing through. We reached the fence-line and it was decided to follow the fence to join up with the 4WD track, as this would be much safer than the shady icy slopes up to Trig R (the highest point at 934 m). From the road, there is a great view to the west towards the Arrowsmith Range and the Southern Alps. After a while the Mount Somers hut came into view. We dropped our packs and trudged through the snow to the Trig R point for the view. Then it was down the road to the hut for lunch. We had lunch outside in the sunshine looking at the snow-capped surrounding hills.



We decided that it would not be wise to continue over the saddle to the Pinnacles Hut as we would probably get over the saddle but the next day it would be treacherous getting back again. So we were staying in the Mount Somers hut for the night. We did a small walk to the water caves which were a collection of boulders by a stream on the way to the saddle. We saw lots of ice and icicles. We got back to the hut just as the

sun was going down and the wind was picking up. I had to chase my hat down the hill as it blew away. The hut was almost full that night and there was very little firewood to burn, because the woodshed was empty. DoC told us there would be plenty.

Having had a good nights sleep, we were away at 9am heading back to the car. The snow was hard and crusty and the sky didn't have a cloud. The view was great with the sun coming up. At the Blackburn mine, we came across the Methven Tramping Club who were doing a day trip to the Mount Somers hut to have a pot-luck lunch and to judge who had the best cooking. They warned us the track down to the bush was very icy and to take care. They were right – it was very icy. The best going was to not walk on the track. The ice axes we had came in handy. The two small children (not with our party) staying in the hut who were heading out would have found this part a bit tricky. An enjoyable trip with great views and weather. A call home at Geraldine told us that it had snowed in Dunedin that night. Looks like we had the pick of the weather that weekend. Many thanks to Jill for leading the trip, and Gene for the driving.

Richard Forbes, for Jill, Gene, Jacqui and Harriet.



# Trip list

## CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

September 12/13  
**Day Trips from Mt. Cook (All)**  
**Debbie Pettinger      473-7924**

This is a return of a favourite trip for the OTMC. We are again basing ourselves at Thar Lodge, near Foliage Hill (adjacent to the DoC camping ground). From here there is a range of day trips ranging from easy valley walks to trips to the 'death zone' (©2007).

The Hooker Valley has a good track on the true right which leads to Hooker Lake. If conditions allow the outlet can be crossed and you continue up the true left on the Ball Pass route. This side of the river has eroded dramatically in the past couple of years and can prove challenging in places. The Tasman valley has the Blue Lakes on offer – from here it is an easy scramble to the rim of the Tasman Lake, normally complete with icebergs. It is possible to follow the rim around on the true right towards the site of the now removed Ball Shelter. Return via the remains of the historic Ball Road.

If trips with a view are for you then consider a wander up the Mt. Cook Range, the dividing ridge between the Hooker and Tasman. Great views all around, although you won't actually see Aoraki from here. You will see Aoraki/Mt Cook from both the Sealy Tarns (Mueller) and Red Tarns (Sebastopol) though, which are two more options to choose from.

This weekend is a great opportunity to enjoy a true alpine area before the summer tourist season. If the weather becomes inclement the Sir Ed Hillary museum at the Hermitage is a great place to spend some time (complete with planetarium).

Trip list closes Sept 3 (*Thar Lodge costs \$40 per person for the weekend*)



**September 26/27**  
**Motatapu Taster (Fern Burn Hut and beyond...) (All)**  
**Jill McAliece                      455-6740**

The OTMC completed tramping the Motatapu in November 2008 – if you missed that trip and are keen to see if the reputation this track has received is deserved then come on this trip. The Fern Burn Hut is the additional hut installed late in 2008 as a result of feedback from users. This hut is located about two hours from the Glendhu Bay road-end, meaning that you can stay here and explore the area further. The obvious trip from Fern Burn Hut is the main track to Jack Hall's Saddle (1275m). On the way there are glimpses back down to Lake Wanaka, while the view from the saddle gives a good idea of the remainder of the track. It may be possible to climb to the tops from here for more extensive views. Sunday could be spent exploring further the Stack Conservation Area, which the route to Fern Burn Hut passes.

For the more adventurous there is an option to head to the second hut, Highland Hut, and return the same way. This is a real taster for the track.

Trip list closes Sept 17

**October 10/11**  
**West Matukituki Valley (All)**  
**Antony Pettinger            473-7924**

Although the options on this trip will be restricted by the snow conditions the West Matukituki still has plenty to offer. It is a two walk to Aspiring Hut (NZAC) which will most likely be used as a base. From here there are options to head up to the bushline above Aspiring Hut (Cascade Saddle Track) for great views of the surrounding mountains. The snow conditions may prevent access to both French Ridge hut and the new Liverpool hut but they may be good options by mid October.

The head of the West Matukituki Valley can be reached as a day trip from Aspiring Hut – there may be an option to camp further up the valley as this

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trip is after the daylight saving change.

The return to Raspberry Creek can be via the very popular Rob Roy glacier.

Trip list closes Oct 1.

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Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the October Bulletin, deadline is 18/09/09, publication 1/10/09. You can submit material by email to "adearnley@actrix.co.nz"; or post handwritten/typed copy or a CD to Adrienne Dearnley, 60 Musselburgh Rise, Dunedin. Or phone me! Thanks

# DAYTRIPS

**September 6**

**Mount Stuart Reserve [E] – Jill McAlicee (455-6740)**

Approximately 15 minutes drive from Milton on the road to Lawrence we pass through the old settlement of Glenore and continue a few kilometres to the Mt Stuart Reserve. This small reserve follows the West Branch of the Tokomairiro River with a picnic area and bush walk. For those interested we can travel home via Taieri Mouth for the complete round trip. (Carpool cost \$10).

**September 13**

**Hermit's Cave – Silver Peaks [M] – Bronwen Strang (473-1610)**

We head past the old Green Hut site towards the top of the Silver Peaks, but turn right along Rocky Ridge just south of the trig, near the Painted Forest. When we reach the Cats' Teeth we turn left off the track and scramble steeply down on the western side of the ridge, then across to the cave, where Ross Adamson 'Little Ross' lived, mainly in the weekends, for 6 months over the 1957/58 summer. He was well known by OTMC members and during the week would inhabit the huts using food intentionally left for him by OTMC friends. In the weekends it was back to the cave with his pet wild pig. Come and decide if this is a life you would choose to live! (Trip Cost \$6)

**September 20**

**Nichols Creek/Morrisons Burn [E] – Ran Turner (473-8652)**

We will walk up the south side of Nichols Creek and detour into the upper valley to explore an interesting part of the creek you may not be aware of. We continue up to the Radio masts at Swampy Summit. After a stop for refreshments and good views we head down the ridge to

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explore the upper Morrisons Creek where we meet an old access track. A 30 minute walk down this beautiful creek brings us out on the Leith Valley Road and back to the cars. (Trip cost \$4)

**September 27**  
**South Silverstream [M/F] – Bill Wilson (477-2282)**

Meet at club rooms at 9.00am then drive to Semple Rd. access to Swampy Ridge Track. Along Swampy Ridge and Rollinsons to Point Q then down the North Coal Creek Track to Racemans. Follow a marked route on the South side of the South Silverstream up the valley for 4-5 kilometres then climb up a ridge to join the Green Ridge Track and back to the cars. The track has great views and a lot of bush. There is no real bushbashing but a certain amount of swinging from trees. We cross and recross the stream fairly frequently so a love of water and the ability to fall over gracefully could add to the enjoyment. We should be back at the cars by 5.00pm. Cost \$4.00

**October 4**  
**Unexplored Silver Peaks [F/E] – Richard Pettinger (487 9488)**

This day trip could end up anywhere. We will tramp in an area nobody on the trip has been before. Who knows what we'll find? There may be little in the way of tracks or other signs of civilisation, so a reasonable level of fitness and insanity is required.

**PIZZA NIGHT – Filadelfio's (Gardens Corner)**  
**September 5th (Saturday night) from 6.30pm.**

**\$17 will get you wedges, pizza and great company**  
**All welcome**  
**Numbers to Antony or Debbie on 473 7924 - or sign the list at the clubrooms.**