

**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.

The Editor Speaks

I thought it time to let you know what the OTMC has been up to on the internet. Our website has been having an update with new page headings and layout. This is an on going project as time allows and is becoming a popular place where people find out what it is the OTMC does. Take the time to check it out yourself—www.otmc.co.nz

There is also the email list that has weekly updates of what is happening in the club. This is a good way to keep up-to-date with all that is going on. You can sign up to the email list from the website. If you are into Facebook, then be sure to hit the 'like' button on the OTMC Facebook page. You can tell us where you've been recently and upload photos on our Facebook page. This can be for either weekend or day trips, club or private trips—we want to hear from you.

Debbie , Editor

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August 25th is the date for the 88th Annual General Meeting of the OTMC, which means that nominations for the 2011-12 committee are now open. The committee of the club has been fairly stable over the past 10 or so years, but there is always a need for new people to join and help with the running of the club. The club constitution demands that we elect a President, Vice President, Chief Guide, Treasurer, Secretary and seven committee members each year. The membership secretary must come from the elected committee – other roles such as Editor and Day Trip Convener can be filled by the committee as they see fit (although generally held by committee members). We have been lucky to have a lot of help from outside the committee in various roles, and hope this will continue. The downside of being on the committee seems to be an obligation to fill any gaps within the club, such as leading a good proportion of the trips (weekend in particular) and other jobs that need doing. That said, the club is currently in a very healthy position following the open day and bushcraft. The committee have formulated a direction to follow for the next year aimed at building on what we have achieved this year. It is obvious that the open day is needed – we do need to promote the many benefits of the OTMC. Bushcraft has been the foundation of the club for many years, and this is programmed for March / April 2012. There are other issues, such as risk management on trips and a difference in perception regarding the weekly meetings that must be addressed, so there is already much for the next committee to do. If you are interested in being part of the future of the club then please consider a nomination for the committee – there are forms available at the club, or on the front page of the OTMC website.

A big thank-you to Gene Dyett for arranging to get the roof on the clubrooms replaced – this work has now been completed, meaning our on-going problem with leaks has been overcome. The affected section of carpet from the May flood has been cleaned and re-laid, as well as the ceiling restored to replace the now removed skylight. Additionally, we have been able to repair the condition of the flooring at the back of the clubrooms to remove all the bumps (as far as possible – the concrete floor is not perfect). My thanks to Ray McAlicie, Gene Dyett and Richard Forbes for helping with this. We are now looking at completing the refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet areas, with little or no cost to the club.

Following a long period of no snow, Wolfgang Gerber's Winter Routeburn trip was thwarted by too much snow, and has been postponed. The decision to postpone was made on the Monday before the trip due to the anticipated closure of SH94 to the Divide, as well as the heavy snow-loading above sections of the Routeburn Track en-route to McKenzie Hut. I know this caused Wolfgang a stressful time, and I applaud his responsible and sensible decisions in regard to the safety of his 27 fellow trampers.

Antony Pettinger
President

Membership

Two new members to welcome to the club

- Karen Caddick
- Sannah Bentley

Karen and Sannah did the bushcraft course this year which makes a total of 13 joined this year from the course.

Members resigning from the club

- Terry and Carmel Casey
- Philip Mathews
- Judy Trevena

Also the sad passing of life member Lyall Campbell who according to my records was the second longest serving current member who joined the club in 1951.

The subs are starting to arrive so keep them coming. If you wish to pay via e-banking and you want to receive your membership cards promptly just flick me an e-mail on forbespotter@hotmail.com to say you have paid, as it can take a while to see on monthly bank statements received by the treasurer.

Richard Forbes

OTMC Auction

4 August

Now is the time to be bringing your unwanted gear into the clubrooms for the Auction on 4 August. .



There is already some great gear that has been donated. Included in the auction are packs, cross country ski's, crampons, billies and clothing.

Bring plenty of \$\$ to bid as there is sure to be something you want

There is always room for more gear to be auctioned so be sure to clean out your garage or tramping cupboard donate it to the club.

OTMC Discounts.

Macpac have just agreed to give OTMC club members a 20% discount on all non sale items.

R&R and Bivouac Outdoor give us 15% discount on all non sale items.

All you need do is show your OTMC membership card, these discounts are another good reason to be a member of the OTMC.

Will the real Mt Aspiring please stand up?

Dunedin climber Danilo Hegg has done some research about the naming of Mt Aspiring, and discovered that when John Turnbull Thomson wrote "at the head of Hawea distant about 40 miles is a snowclad peak which I named Mt Aspiring", he was not at all looking at Mt Aspiring, but at Mt Aeolus instead. You can read the article he wrote about this at:

<http://southernalps.wordpress.com/2011/05/08/the-naming-of-mount-aspiring/>

PIZZA NIGHT **Filadelfio's (at the gardens)**

This popular night will be held this year on

27 August

(Saturday night) from 6.30pm.

**\$18 will get you garlic bread, wedges, pizza and
great company**

All welcome

**Numbers to Antony or Debbie on 473 7924 - or sign
the list at the clubrooms.**

A follow up on David Stevenson LandSAR talk in May.

HOW TO AVOID THE NEED FOR LandSAR SERVICES:

1. VISIT THE NZ MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL WEBSITE:

The NZMSC **OUTDOOR SAFETY CODE** advises you to:

Plan your trip (*both as an individual, and as a Team*)

Tell someone (*about your intentions and stay with the plan*)

Be aware of the weather (*check forecast and postpone trip if doubtful*)

Know your limits (*both as an individual, and as a Team*)

Take sufficient supplies (*both as an individual, and as a Team*)

Stay together (*use buddy system if travelling within a group*)

Take appropriate equipment (*both as an individual and as a Team, and become proficient with this equipment through regular use*)

Be observant as you travel (*look backwards from time to time*)

Pre-plan for what might happen (*both as an individual, and as a Team*)

Unless very experienced and well equipped don't travel on your own. Travelling in pairs or in a group is more FUN and very much SAFER because:

- as a group you are far less vulnerable
- important items of equipment can be distributed throughout group
- group members can share their knowledge, skills, and equipment
- a group is more easily located than a single person
- a party can be split into two groups if required during an emergency

2. PREPARE FOR THE WORST - prepare to become separated from the group

To that end...

STAY WITH YOUR PACK!!!

CARRY PERSONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AT ALL

TIMES !!! ...preferably attached to your body especially the Personal Locator Beacon and Blizzard bag!

Your personal emergency gear should contain the following items:

1. **Shelter:** Clothing, Poncho, survival blanket, survival tube, blizzard bag etc.
2. **Supplies:** Food items for energy, and water bottle
3. **Emergency equipment:** Map, compass, fire lighting device, GPS, torch,
4. **Communication devices:** (pencil and paper, whistle, signaling mirror, flares, Personal Locator Beacon, PRS radio?)
5. **Knowledge:** Instructions on how to use the above items. (Navigation etc)

REMEMBER: KNOWLEDGE (BASED ON EXPERIENCE) IS THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET YOU CAN TAKE INTO THE WILDERNESS

3. GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Any individual who is unsure “where they are” should **STOP**, and **mark their current location**, your **NEXT MOVE SHOULD BE ... sit down**, estimate the time or distance to your last known location, and consider your options!

Don't move, unless you deliberately **mark a track** ... (GPS is wonderful)

IMPLEMENT YOUR PRE-PLAN? (a previously agreed response to any situation)

Consider returning to the point where you left the original route or maybe move to an easier place (significant location) to be found.... and wait for the main group to find you.

- **‘Radiating tracks’ technique is good for finding your original route.**
- **Significant geographical locations are tracks, streams, ridges, valley floors.**

Constantly review your situation and **record/mark all decisions/moves** to enable them to be **UNDONE** so you can return to the point when you originally decided you were lost. Write copious diary notes of all decisions and moves! (remember the pencil and paper)

Any Team that has lost a member should also **STOP Mark their current location**, (GPS), **share information**, **consider the options**, and **implement a plan**. Hopefully that will be to activate a **pre-plan that is already in place**, ... if not maybe contact others in immediate area for assistance/advice, or use phone, radio, or messenger to seek help / alert police etc.

Trip Reports

Mt Charles

The great green bulk of Mt Charles or *Poatiri* is the highest summit on the Otago Peninsula. Tucked behind Portobello the trig station stands at 408 metres above sea level, and it marks the eastern flank of an extinct volcanic system. The peak itself is not even visible from Dunedin City, which is why people new to the area could be forgiven for thinking that maybe the Harbour Cone is the tallest ‘Peak’ (the term is used very loosely) out this way.

Exactly who named Mt Charles has been lost in cartographical history. On his hydrographical charts Captain James Cook left the inlet and the mountain unnamed in



1770. It was either Charles Hooper or Charles Kettle who named the mountain. Charles Hooper named the inlet while he was working as Chief Officer on the English sealing ship Unity in the early 1800's. While Charles Kettle was the enthusiastic surveyor who put the Otago Peninsula on the map and he may also be the mountain's namesake.

This was our first outing with the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club, and Geoff and I took a carload of fellow trampers out to Allan's Beach Road and the start of the hike. Permission had already been granted to cross the private farmland thanks to our fearless leader Tracy and her fabulous organisational skills.

From the summit, we looked out to the Harbour Cone, which looks suspiciously like one of Madonna's brassieres and to Mt Cargill on the other side of the Harbour. To the East, Tairoa Head and beaches of the Peninsula led to the Pacific Ocean. It only took us two hours to complete the trip which left plenty of time for an ice cream and coffee at Portobello on the way home. Great company



in a stunning location out of sight of the city is always something to be celebrated and that night Geoff and I were once again glad that we had moved to Dunedin.

Sarah Bond

Remarkables Area Trip

22/23 January 2011

What luxury, Jane Cloete had organised a friend's house in Cromwell for our Friday night accommodation. This made for a very unusual arrival at our overnight venue in daylight, and a choice of bed, couch or floor; not to mention a bucket of fresh fruit from a local orchard.

The trip began with a drive up the particularly serpentine Remarkables Skifield Road to the skifield buildings at about 1600 metres – more luxury how many

tramps start at this altitude? The occupants of Alan Williamson's 4wd could be forgiven for wondering why the windows were all steaming up during the ascent - was the conversation that racey?. No, just coolant leaking from the heater.

We walked through the Rastusburn Recreation Area to the beautiful cirque containing Lake Alta at 1800m with a great view of the jagged ridges and peaks surrounding it. Then came the climb up to the saddle leading to the upper Wye Valley and our entry into the Remarkables Conservation Area. We had a snack stop here with most heading up the southern end of the ridge to explore the views and try to find the rock bivouac complete with car door entrance, sad news – the car door has been replaced with a toneau cover. The cloud was fairly low at this stage and we discussed whether it was wise to continue and risk having to return through the murk should the cloud ceiling descend overnight. We chose to stick to the plan and take compass bearings from prominent waypoints to get us back to the saddle if visibility was lacking.

We descended to our chosen Tarn for lunch and proceeded to search for suitable campsites. There being plenty of time to explore we set off for the rest of the afternoon. Our path followed the outlet of our Tarn feeding Wye Creek, then west up the ridge towards Double Cone. The route became moraine rock hopping for some distance, we paused a few hundred metres from the ridge we had been hoping to gain views over the precipice to Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown. The bulk of the group chose to head back to camp while Krzysztof, Brent and Gordon forged on towards the view. The quest was interrupted by the arrival of a sightseeing helicopter with a couple of tourists getting the view without the sweat – a very good sign that we had found a good vantage point.

By 8:30pm most of the group had retired to their sleeping bags to avoid the chill, even in January it can still be fairly cool at 1800m. It was with some surprise that at 9:30pm I spotted a party of five coming down the hill towards us. They were a group of friends from Gore who had set out late following a wedding that afternoon, after a good chat they proceeded to erect the biggest fly I have ever seen and cook tea. fly as the breeze had been flowing straight through. It took an hour of walking to the saddle overlooking Lake Alta until I could feel my toes. On the descent we met a family with 3 children who were off to do some rockclimbing, the kids looked quite young but their parents assured us they had been climbing since the age of The fly was custom made for hunting and designed for 2 metre poles, so covered a

fair acreage when held aloft by walking poles. Antony would have serious fly envy if he had been there.

Sunday dawned clear and cool, Peter, Michael and Brent were pretty chilly in their five!.

At Lake Alta the group split into two. Brent, Michael, Peter, Krzysztof and Gordon headed up the ridge towards an unnamed peak of exactly 2200m. The telecommunications hut perched atop this peak is testament to the bravery of the engineers who put it there, and there should be danger money for whoever works on some of the components overhanging the several hundred metre cliff underneath it. The buckled mini wind turbine made it clear what can happen when it blows up there. Needless to say the views were magnificent. Meantime Jill and Gene explored one of the ski-field runs.

We were all back at the vehicles at 2pm for a leisurely trip home. Thanks to Gene for organising the trip.

Gordon Tocher for Jane Cloete, Krzysztof Dzikiewicz, Gene Dyett, Jill McAliece, Michael Firmin, Brent Dewar, Tina Anderson, Alan Williamson & Peter Stevenson.

Akatore to Taieri Mouth Coastal Walk

20 March 2011

Perfect weather for a day walk! A little bit of cloud, lots of sun, a tiny bit of wind on our backs – what more could you ask?

Well, you could have asked Jane (that's me, the organiser of the day) to check the tide tables a bit more carefully: When I said (back in the spring) that I'd do the walk, I thought that low tide was about 11am, but checking a day or two before I find it was to be at 10.30 approx! So I had to alter the route a bit and instead of *walking* along the road from Taieri Mouth to Akatore we *drove* the 5km to the river car park. (Strange thing though – I didn't see anyone in floods of tears about missing a road walk!)

But driving there meant that we then had plenty of time to potter along the river bank and mud flats to the estuary. The river and sand-banks seem to change their positions frequently and we had a wee rock bluff to negotiate when nearly at the end. The two young 'uns cleverly found a small, natural, tunnel to bypass it! And when we got to the corner there was certainly no danger of getting our feet wet – the equinox full moon had done the right thing and the neap tide was very low indeed. I reckon we could have had about an hour either side of low tide and still got round easily.

A snack and drink stop once we were at the beach and then we turned our faces to

the sun and began the coastal walk back to Taieri Mouth. Not only do river sand-banks change their position from time to time: I found that there was much less coastal sand than a few years ago. This meant more walking on sharp rocks and, worse, there were some very steep bits of rock that we had to negotiate from a low level – last time I was in the area there were sand 'steps' to aid you onto the rocks. Again, the two young 'uns often managed to find the easiest route up.

However we had an enjoyable, leisurely morning. Someone found an in-tact skull of a cattle beast (she wanted it for a sculpture?); the boys found some old 'floats' (the sort that mark crayfish pots) which were a bit cracked but did fine as water-carriers when they also managed to catch cock-a-billies. The rock pools were a bit disappointing: no paua shells (not even bits of them), no sea tulips (not actually plants but interesting primitive animals), no big crabs etc. But plenty of black oyster-catchers and also paradise ducks to entertain us.

There were also caves to explore and sandy beaches on which to make new footprints, and we tried to identify the footprints of birds, cattle, rabbits, possums and possibly even penguins. There were two skilful surfers out – not on one of the sandy stretches but in a rocky area which they managed to negotiate with ease. The surf looked huge and well worth the effort of getting beyond the rocks. On the cliff tops we could see several new houses (sorry, I do them an injustice, actually several new mansions!). One of these clearly had an eco-architect: you know how in coastal areas you see all the trees bent over in the wind, with their tops smooth and rounded off in the direction of the wind? Well, one house had its roof sloping in just that way, bent low in the south and rising up t'other way.

Lunch was eaten early on a beach – good thing as we needed all our strength to clamber onto some of the rocks. (Note – many thanks to Gavin and Sophia for hauling us up!) But, too soon, we were at the final beach and heading back to the cars, finally reaching the club rooms at about 14.30.

My thanks to my companions for making it such an enjoyable day: Annabelle Tucker, Jill McAliece, Viv Harper, Margaret Dodds, Gavin & Janet McArthur, Sophia Leon de la Barre, Yu Tukazona, Christian Holtorf and Janet Barclay with Russell and Kengi. Jane Cloete

Pisa Range

April 2-3

I've learned a few things in my long association with the club. Two main ones are that the best way to ensure the club goes somewhere you want it to is to offer to lead the trip yourself, and that club trips often offer solutions to tricky logistical issues. And that's how I came to lead my first weekend trip in about sixteen years. I wanted to go to Meg Hut on the Pisa Range. A crossover looked like the best option, and early autumn looked like a good time to go.

So seven of us found ourselves swapping cars & contents at the Cromwell petrol station at 10am on a sunny Saturday morning. My group took Gordon's car to Swann Rd, Lowburn. A small DoC sign marks the start of the track up Pack Spur. Originally a miners' track, it's now a farm road. The views were good, and continually became more expansive as we looked up and down the Clutha Valley, and over to the Dunstan, Cairnmuir and Old Woman ranges. Eventually the gradient eased off as we reached the summit plateau and enjoyed views of the Remarkables, Hector Mountains and Garvies. We passed a sign indicating a route to Mt Pisa – much too far for a detour – before dropping into the head of the east branch of the Roaring Meg. The first accessible water we'd seen was where the track passed a mustering hut. From there, the track got more interesting. No more were we on a farm track; rather, we were following a ground trail worn down by miners 150 years before. We climbed up past a water race, and then spent the next while meandering across broad ridges and in and out of gullies. It was really nice country. Finally, it was time to lose much of our hard-won altitude, as we dropped nearly 500 metres into the main Roaring Meg valley. Twenty minutes from the hut, we met Gordon heading upwards in search of cellphone coverage. It was frustrating to find that getting to the hut involved an unavoidable boot soaking – the only one of the trip.

The hut was built for musterers in 1958, and has been nicely renovated by DoC. The concrete floor could be bit cold, but there's compensation in a ready supply of firewood – not something you expect in the barren hills of Central Otago. A stand of pines – presumably planted as a firewood source – has been poisoned, and some of the trees have been partially blown over.

With the eastbound group of three and our four, we had a convivial and cosy night. On the Sunday morning, having made certain that each group had the correct car keys, we headed in our separate directions. For us, this meant a couple of hundred metres ascent to Tuohy Saddle. A sign indicates a route to the southwest, over Queensbury Hill and Rock Peak to the high point on the Crown Range Road. If I was repeating this trip, I'd put the second car there, as it would make for a fuller day. We contemplated a side trip, but the other group had done that the day before and reckoned we'd have to go a fair distance to see a lot more than we could from the main route. So we headed down the long descent of Tuohy's Gully and were at my car near the bottom of the Waiorau skifield road a mere two hours from the hut.

David Barnes for Diana Munster, Sarah Chisnall & Eric Lord. The other group was Gordon Tocher, Simon Barr & Gareth Powdrell.

TripList

CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

August 6-7: OTMC Snowcaving Trip (Old Man Range) (I) **Richard Pettinger ph. 487-9488**

This trip depends somewhat on the availability of snow. But the idea is we spend the weekend learning the skill to survive, as comfortably as possible, in snow terrain, using our wits and the nearest suitable material: the snow! Last year's trip was interesting. Previous years' trips have been blessed with better snow. If you are intending to venture into snow country, you really need to sign up to come and learn this potentially life-saving skill. If there's still no (or insufficient) snow, we could go tramping somewhere in the Roxburgh or Alexandra area. This is a private car trip, leaving early on Saturday morning, getting home mid-afternoon on Sunday. The OTMC Snowcaving trip is an experience you will not regret. Or forget.

August 12-13: OTMC Snowcraft **(Basic Ice Axe and Crampons) (I)** **Ralph Harvey ph. 453-4330**

This is another trip that is dependant on suitable snow conditions. The aim of the weekend is to teach basic skills to enable people to travel over moderate snow slopes safely, or alternatively provide an initial overview of snow skills as a first step to more advanced climbing.

Ideally the weekend will be held at the Remarkables - this has the benefit of easy access to the snow, as well as good accommodation available at the bottom of the hill.

The main skill taught is how to use (and carry) and ice axe correctly, as well as learning how to arrest any type of fall that may occur. The fitting and use of crampons will be covered, but we really need the right kind of snow to do this effectively.

As with all instructional weekends, OTMC members will have priority, and numbers may be limited due to instructor availability

20/21 August – Routeburn Falls/Lake Harris
(Suitable for families) [ALL]

Debbie Pettinger ph. 4737924

This weekend trip will see us heading to Falls Hut on the Routeburn Track. Either walk in on Friday night or stop at the road end and wander into the hut on Saturday morning. Depending on snow conditions, the plan is to head towards Harris Saddle. If conditions are right, a walk across Lake Harris towards The Valley of the Trolls is possible. Other options include heading up behind Falls Hut to Peter's Point with great views looking down on Falls Hut as well as down the Routeburn Valley or onto Conical Hill and amazing views down the Hollyford and all the way to the Tasman Sea. Sunday can be an easy walk out, visit Flats Hut and take your time to enjoy the Routeburn Track at a time of the year when there aren't many others around.

This trip is suitable for families. Families can walk into Falls Hut or go further if able. The falls at Falls Hut are well worth the effort.

3-4 September

Mt. Somers Area [All]

Wayne Hodgkinson ph. 473 0950

Spring is a wonderful time to visit Mt. Somers, and with two well-appointed huts it is certainly suitable for all grades. It is a gentle, but interesting walk into Woolshed Hut, passing by a former coal-mining area. Once here you have the option of heading to the saddle leading to Bowyers Stream and Pinnacles Hut or an attempt on Mt. Somers (1687m) itself. Morgan Stream, not far from Woolshed Hut is also a worthwhile excursion.

If transport options allow there is a nice through trip to Sharplin Falls via Pinnacles Hut. This option involves a couple of river-crossings, but provides a great overview of the entire area.

DAYTRIPS

24 July

Pipeline/Swampy Summit [M]

Wayne Hodgkinson ph. 473 0950

Again, meet at the clubrooms, carpooling and away around 9:00am. Drive to Leith Saddle at the top of the North Motorway, and get the boots on. After a short walk down Waitati Valley Road we turn left up a grassy track leading us to an old pipeline. A good track follows the pipeline to a derelict hut where it becomes more interesting. We eventually head up Rustler's Ridge, after which we have a choice of routes depending on the weather. We will plan to cut around Burns Track to Swampy Ridge, climb up a good track onto Swampy itself, and cruise past various navigation structures. We will then head down Leith Saddle Track back to the cars. Should take about 4 hours. Great views, and brilliant sunshine guaranteed. \$6 for drivers please. Bring a parka

31 July

Sandfly Bay [E/Family]

Richard Forbes ph. 453 1327

Leaving the clubrooms at 9 am and carpool to Highcliff Rd and turn off down Seal Point Rd. Sandfly Bay is named after the enormous sand dunes and not after black biting insects. We walk (or run) down the steep dunes onto the beach where we may encounter NZ sea lions that look like logs and are not afraid of humans. A walk along to the far end of the beach where we may see a yellow eyed penguin. If it is a nice day and time allows after a steep climb back up the dunes we may drive further along Highcliff Rd and down Sandymount Rd to visit the Chasm and Lovers Leap which are impressive rock cliffs reminding us of Dunedin's volcanic past. This trip is suitable for children.

7 August

No Day Trip

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14 August
Woodside Glen [E/M]
Tracy Pettinger ph. 487 9488

Come along for a nice wander up the hill behind Woodside Glen. This is a relatively easy trip and is suitable for families. Leaving the clubrooms at 9am.

21 August
Graham's Bush to Bethunes Gully [M]
Fieke Neuman ph. 473 7535

We will meet at the clubrooms, organize carpooling and get away around 9:00am. To achieve a nice one-way trip we will need to leave some cars at Bethunes Gully, then drive to the start of the track at the end of Hall Road in Sawyers Bay. The first leg of the trip is up through the charming Graham's Bush Scenic Reserve to Mount Cargill Road. From there we pass the Organ Pipes (impressive reminders of the old volcano we live on) and along the ridge towards Mount Cargill. From there it is downhill all the way to Bethunes Gully where we sort the cars out again. A lovely green trip with lots of views. The walk will probably take about 4 to 5 hours. \$5 for drivers please.

28 August
Sea to Saddle Hill [E/M]
Alan Scurr ph. 489 5538

This was a popular trip when we did it last year. We start at the seaside near Ocean View and walk up a country road across farmland, look at old houses. Then a steady climb up a through some native bush to the top of Saddle Hill. Down the other side to a woolshed for lunch then walk back down a different route to our cars. This trip is very much weather sensitive so it could be postponed if the day is too rough.
Carpool cost \$5

Thursday Night Programme

28 July

BYO - Wolfies world famous in NZ Routeburn trip, and Richards trip to Aspiring Hut, or any other photos you want to show us.

4 August

OTMC Auction—Come along to our annual auction, proceeds to go to the clubs share of the cost of the new equipment we got for the gear hire, so far we have raised \$1300 of the \$2000 we need to raise, the other \$7000 + came from sponsorship. So bring some cash and try to get some bargains, if you have anything to donate for sale bring it with you, its always a fun night.

11 August

Noel Begg from Walking Access New Zealand, explains what we need to know to get access, and keep good relations with landowners, when we want to tramp over their land.

18 August

BYO, Bring your photos of Wolfies rescheduled Routeburn trip, Richards snowcaving weekend, or the snow skills course.

25 August

Annual General Meeting

Vote in your new committee. We will be discussing the clubs on-going strategic direction for the next 12 months. Come along and have your say.

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 tonytimps@xtra.co.nz) or Ralph Harvey (phone 453 4330, email ralphh@ihug.co.nz)

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