## **OTMC BULLETIN**



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club

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South end of Dunedin from the Leith Loop lookout on the Northern Skyline Traverse (page 5)

Antony Pettinger

#### **December-January Trips & Events**

Eyre Mountains Rongomai/Honeycomb Tracks
Social Trips: Awakino Lodge and Mount St Bathans

Yellow / Rocky / Hermit Ridges Heyward Point East of Flagstaff
Taieri Ridge North End Chrystalls Beach to Toko Mouth
Fraser Creek / Routeburn Matukituki - Lochnagar Circuit

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start, all welcome

### **OTMC Bank Account**

The OTMC bank account with ASB is ... 12-3150-0311684-00

Please include your name and the reason for the payment when using internet banking (which is the preferred option). Non-members must pay for trips when signing the trip list, members should pay before departure.

Vehicle suppliers/drivers will normally not pay the trip fee and will be reimbursed fuel costs later (check with the trip leader or Treasurer Sharen if in doubt).

#### **Gear Hire**

OTMC has a large amount of gear available for members to hire. Hire charge \$5 for up to a week, then \$5 per week. See or phone Joe Bretherton 473 8784

Ice Axes

Packs

 Avalanche Probes and Transceivers

- Crampons
- Cookers & Billies
- Tent/Flys
- Climbing Helmets

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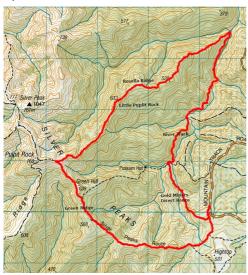
Membership of the OTMC brings many benefits with one of them being your OTMC membership card gives you discounts at local tramping shops.

\$15 of your OTMC sub goes to FMC which advocates on your behalf and also has discounts for the backcountry hut pass, Wilderness Magazine, Stewart Island and Cook Strait ferry bookings. Check out the FMC website for even more discounts.

## **Trip Reports**

#### Club activities over the past months

28<sup>th</sup> October : Rosella Ridge / Cedar Spur / Silver Peaks Route.



Eight of us headed along the Silver Peaks Route with Tony leading and Tomas keeping an eye on us from behind. It wasn't long before he had to holler out to Tony that he had passed the turn off to the Gold Miners Track. This was a new one for most of us and it led on to the freshly dug River Track deep in the bush. I had no idea where we were but felt safe in the knowledge that Tomas had all on record thanks to GPS. Dave entertained us with stories of snake bites and snoring (unrelated) until we

stopped for a quick morning tea in the sun somewhere near Cats Teeth Creek. Tomas treated us with some seriously good coconut chocolates, recommended by his girlfriend Jo (she's a keeper!) As we headed on to Rosella ridge a shower of rain saw us donning our rain jackets. Surveying the storm clouds, Tony posed the question "Why on Earth do we go tramping?" "To get out of mowing the lawns" I thought out-loud.

I haven't tramped with the club all winter, and although I consider myself an active sportsperson in other fields, I realised that doesn't necessarily mean you are "tramping fit". A lesson to remember! My legs felt like lead weights and I could not make them go faster than a snail's pace up that hill. Rainsoaked trousers were not helping matters so I proceeded to turn them into shorts by unzipping the longs part. But half way round the zip broke! I could neither zip it back up nor unzip it completely, leaving a cumbersome gaping split which my tramping companions politely ignored - I guess the sight of a 56 year olds exposed thigh is best treated that way! Tomas was a very patient leader from behind. We finally lunched under the shelter of trees at the top of the spur (mmm more coconut chocolate!) before continuing along the ridge towards Little Pulpit Rock. Some awesome views were had of the vegetation -clad hills in the mist. It was decided to reassess the return trip as time was becoming a factor (sorry guys), so instead of taking Direct Spur to Possum Hut we headed on to Green Hut site. By this stage the track was quite wet and slippery and care was needed going down. I was glad to not have to navigate climbing uphill I in wet mud. I somehow managed to get my gaiter understrap caught on a low stump not once but twice, which stopped me in my tracks but I somehow avoided a mud dive. After a quick snack at Green Hut it was a gentle amble back to Mountain Road and the waiting cars. A great day out.



Little Pulpit Rock: Tomas Sobek

Arriving home to lawns neatly mowed by Husband and a delicious tea cooked by Son, I asked myself "Why on Earth don't I go tramping more!"

Note to self: Before next tramp- improve uphill fitness, fix a zip, tighten gaiter straps....

Janet Barclay for Ewan Adam, John Tolmie, Ken Taylor, Simon Lin, Tony Timperly, Viviane Dalphin and our leader Tomas Sobek.

## 3-4<sup>th</sup> November: North Otago Weekend "How to get lost but find your way again!"

There were three of us on the overnight trip this weekend – Becky Jones, Caitlin Robertson, and me, Jane Cloete; we were joined for the Saturday by Jim Western, from Oamaru.

The week before the weather forecast was terrible, but slowly that changed from "heavy rain all across the South Island" to "heavy rain for the west and south of the SI" so we crossed our fingers and set out for the Herbert Forest. We took the southern loops of tracks — I thought that the northern track would be just too wet (that route includes a ladder beside a waterfall and a walk up the streambed).

Cold and windy to start with, it only took us 2+hours to get to the top of the tracks. That area has been logged! We could see for miles and miles, and better still there was a big pile of tree stumps and cuttings which made ideal seats.

Going down was a bit slippery - I managed a knee-plant in a large puddle - but we were back at the cars by 2pm. Jim left us there, whilst the three of us had a large ice-cream at Hampden and then continued to the Trotters Gorge DoC campsite. Tiny spots of rain greeted us but we could get the tents up within half an hour of arrival. Caitlin had a new tent – and was very happy with it. Becky's tent had only just arrived (she's just come from UK) but it was excellent. Very light - and her sleeping mat was just brilliant: an inflatable very light weight model with its own inflating bag. The best I've ever seen! My tent is rather old, but comfv. warm and drv!

Then we decided on 'doing' the loop track before thinking about an evening meal. That Loop track is s-t-e-e-p and I stopped at one point, but Caitlin and Becky persuaded me upwards – and the view was well worth it.

The DoC campsite is good: very sheltered from the wind and quite pretty. But no tap, so we used the river and Caitlin came up trumps with some wee chlorine tablets to at least make sure that we had clean drinking water in our bottles. She doesn't work for the Water Dept without knowing how to get clean water!

Sunny evening chatting, cooking and eating before retiring to our tents as soon as the sun went down. The dawn chorus of the birds woke us up early on Sunday, breakfast and packing up took no time at all, so were walking by 8.30am, off to find the Trotters Gorge University tramping hut. But I mucked it up. My first mistake was to forget my GPS. Just 15 minutes on the track we passed a picnic ground - "we'll look at that on the way back" - and away we went up the path. A "track not maintained" sign at a crossroads flummoxed Tried the left path - I was uneasy turned back to junction - path seemed a dead end - back to the left path and went on for 20mins until I said "no more" and we returned to the right hand fork. Managed to find a path this time and went along a good track for another 20mins till I again said "no more" and returned we to junction. Though the 'wrong tracks' had not taken us to the hut we decided that they were worth it for the beauty of the gorge, and for the experience of getting a bit lost! Drink and a snack, then a decision to give up and return to the campsite. Whereupon we stumbled, almost immediately, into the hut! I just hadn't remembered how close it was to the car park!

We had a go at the Palmerston monument but the wind was howling and the clouds black and fast, so we only got half-way up before I was again a wimp and again said "No More". To the car, some lunch and back to Dunedin by 1.30pm!

My thanks for a good weekend, to Becky, Caitlin and Jim.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> November : Dunedin Complete Northern Skyline Traverse

The first tramp with a 8.00am summer start and off we went first to the Bullring. The first stop was at the Flagstaff where we stopped and looked around at the views. After 10 minutes we carried on north and at the next junction we crossed over onto the Firebreak Track which we followed to the start of the Swampy Ridge track. This was a pleasant tramp but a bit tough in places climbing up to the summit.

Once we reached the Leith Saddle track we went along this to the Telecom Microwave station where we stopped for morning tea, then down the track to the Swampy Spur station where we had good views to Waitati and Mt Cargill. Once we got down the track a bit we went through some nice bush until we came to the Highway. It was a dash across the road and onto the start of the Cloud Forest of the Leith track

From the highway it was a steady climb and a clamber up some

rocks to a lookout with good views of where we had been. The track through the forest was good with boardwalks over the worst spots. We continued until we came to the Powerline track where we stopped for lunch. A few clouds started to build up and

it looked as if it was going to thicken but nothing much happened.

After lunch onto the Escarpment track and up towards Mt Cargill. The further along we went the muddier it got until it became impossible to sneak around the edges so straight through. Another little rock climb, good views, and through some pine trees and felled forest to Cowan Road. Up the road to the R.H.Reed track and then to Mt Cargill summit. A look around then over the edge to Buttars Peak and then the



The Team on top of Flagstaff: Antony Pettinger

Organ pipes. New bit of track for me YAHOO. Down to Mt Cargill road then home. About 7 hrs tramping.

Ken Taylor for leader Debbie Pettinger and the troops Antony, Saskia, Laurence, Lucy, Caitlyn and Doug



Buttars Peak and the Upper Harbour view: Antony Pettinger

# **Upcoming Multi-day Trips Expressions of Interest Please**

#### 13-17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## St. James Walkway - Lewis Pass (M) Dave Bunn 029 779 7006

Transport cost \$80, Huts total \$45

This trip to the St. James missed inclusion in the summer programme but will go ahead as long as there is sufficient interest to make it viable.

At 66 km the St James Walkway is the most alpine of New Zealand's walkways, passing through mountainous terrain in the northern reaches of the Southern Alps. The track takes in a mixture of beech forests, open high country flats and river valleys. None of the sections are particularly strenuous and the two passes are fairly gentle. The trip is well worth the effort, very picturesque and for those with limited experience, it is a must because it is a relatively easy introduction to multi day tramping.

- **13 March** Travel from Dunedin in the morning to Boyle Outdoor Centre Lewis Pass or Hanmer Springs Camp Ground for an overnight stay.
- **14 March** Travel to Lewis Pass entrance to Cannibal Gorge with cars returned to Boyle Outdoor Centre for safe storage and to be available at the tramp's end.



Anne Hut: DoC

Tramp from entrance passing Cannibal Hut on to Ada Hut 5 hours 10km.

**15 March** - Ada Pass Hut to Anne Hut 8.5 hours 24 km.

**16 March** - Anne Hut to Boyle Hut 7-8 hours 17.5km.

**17 March** - Boyle Hut to Boyle Outdoor Centre 5 hours 14.5km. Then drive back to Dunedin.

The cost of car storage at Boyle Outdoor Centre approximately \$10 per night and is advisable as there have been a number of vehicles interfered with at Cannibal Gorge entrance. Showers are available before the trip home for nominal cost. Cost of overnight on the 13th to be advised. Huts do not require booking and are the standard \$15 DOC fee.

Looking forward to expressions of interest please.



Dave Bunn

#### 30-31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

#### **Quarantine Island**

(E) Jane Cloete 467 2328

The Easiest weekend trip for the year! Approximate cost of \$30 includes the ferry and also overnight accommodation

There will be transport to the Island late morning on Saturday – this will give you time to explore the island in the afternoon. The Island is about 1km long, but there is a bit of forest, a bit of farmland, some beaches and the old cemetery to search out.

Another ferry will bring people out after work, at about 5pm

Pot-luck evening meal – the island has electricity, full crockery, cutlery etc.

Overnight accommodation = bunks/beds in the old house, or bring your own tent.

Transport back to the mainland will be organised on Sunday morning and also mid-afternoon!

Full details will be in the February Bulletin but if you have any questions meantime ph Jane 467-2328

## Cavalcade 2019

Entries are now open for the Cavalcade 2019, finishing in Hawea on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There are 11 trails this year – 4 horse-riding, 2 Wagon, 3 foot and 2 cycling trails.

Two of the 3 "on foot" trails are fully supported – you only carry your lunch and wet weather gear. One is a standard walking trail (20-25km per day) and there is also a "running" trail (30-40km each day).

There is also a "carry your own gear" tramping trail – but you stay in woolsheds so you don't need to hump a tent around the place! 18-23km most days, 28km on the day which has almost flat walking.

Then there are 2 mountain biking trails – one has slightly shorter days.

And there are the usual horse-riding and wagon trails.

For more information check out the "Cavalcade 2019" website.

Cheers! Jane Cloete

## **CLUB NOTICES**

**Club Rooms refurbishment**: We are making a start on some general painting and tidy-up work on the club rooms, if you have skills and time to help please get in touch with Antony 473 7924 or Peter 477 4895

**Thursday Evening Club Meeting Talks:** We are always looking for people to give a presentation on some aspect of tramping or topic of interest to our members, if you know of someone (or yourself) who is a candidate, please give details to any Committee Member.

## **December/January Weekends**

#### Club Trip List for the month (weekend overnight tramps and events)

You must pre-register on the Trip List at the club rooms (or contact the leader direct) before the closing date (normally two weeks before the trip start). Members must pay before departure, non-members upon registering (non-members pay \$13 more than the members fee shown below.

Vehicle providers may be exempt from the fee (check with the leader).

Trip organisational details will follow by email.

You are responsible for your gear and medical / first-aid needs (also see Gear Hire).

#### 1-2<sup>nd</sup> December: Eyre Mountains Ashton/Upper Windley Hut (M/F) \$45 Tim Russell 027 959 3270

The under-rated Eyre Mountains don't receive much attention from trampers. This is a chance to see new territory and bag a little visited hut or three. On Friday night we will do an easy 90 min walk from the carpark on the Mt Nicholas Rd to Upper Oreti Hut (6-bunk, free). Next morning we



Mavora Lakes from Pt. 1619: Tim Russell

will take the scenic route to Ashton Hut. It will involve a 4WD track to Lincoln hut, a section of bush bashing, a solid climb, then a few hours of untracked traversing of the open tops. Views from here are spectacular if the weather behaves. From Pt 1619 we will find our way down to the 4-bunk Ashton Hut, which is in the basic category and free. A tent will be carried in case the hut is already occupied (not too likely). Sunday's route out will be more direct via Pt 1330 for a shorter return to the carpark.

#### 8-9<sup>th</sup> December: Awakino Lodge End of Year Social Trip (All) \$TBA Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537

This year the OTMC are heading to Awakino Lodge near Kurow for our end of year social trip. Usually Awakino is the place to head during the ski season but it is also a good place to be in the summer with tramping trips along the open tops and great views.

Awakino operates a 40 bunk accommodation lodge, situated at 1100m. 4WD access is normally available to the lodge with 2WD car-parking a 30m walk down the People with 4WD's will be able to ferry people and gear up the hill to the lodge. The lodge has two bunk rooms and is heated by a combination of electricity and There are full wood burners. kitchen facilities, flush toilets and hot showers. The best thing about the lodge is NO cell-phone coverage so you can't be found in this mountain hideaway.



Awakino Lodge

Options include day trips along the tops or relaxing at the lodge. The lodge costs \$35 per person (children \$20) and there is a spa pool for those really wanting to relax (extra \$10pp).

#### 15-16<sup>th</sup> December : Mount St Bathans End of Year Social Trip (All) \$TBA Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537

Leaving Friday night, the plan is to drive to Boundary Creek Hut for the first night. This is dependent on having enough 4WD's, alternatively we'll camp the night at Homestead and walk in on Saturday morning.

On Saturday there are options to traverse the summit of Mount St. Bathans or head to Top Hut doing a loop over Mutton Creek and back to the hut.

There are trips suitable for all fitness levels and this is a great opportunity to explore the historic mining area with old water races and other pieces of mining history with great views (some real Grahame Sydney stuff!)

## 12-14th January : Fraser Creek - Routeburn

(M/F) \$60 Ian Billinghurst 021 279 7881

This trip will be over 3 days, Saturday-Monday. As we will be starting from the Divide, if you can't make the full 3 days there are plenty of 2 day options in the vicinity. You can still sign up and we'll try and get a party of like minded individuals together.

Fraser Creek is a long north-south valley which rises from the Caples Valley. A good quality back country track follows the Fraser as far as the bush line, through beautiful forest and river flats. Above bush line, a dense alpine scrub belt means travel must be done in the creek.

On Friday we'll camp at the Cascade Creek camp site on the Milford Road. On Saturday, starting from the Divide, we follow the Routeburn, Greenstone, and Caples tracks over McKellar Saddle and down to the old Upper Caples hut where we cross the Caples River and head up Fraser Creek, camping in the mid valley. On Sunday we

continue up valley, climbing up onto Pass 1544/Fraser Col. From here we sidle northwest and climb to Emily Pass before descending to camp at the large plateau above Lake Mackenzie at 1220m. On Monday we drop down to the lake and head back to the Divide via the Routeburn. Along the way we can do an optional side trip up into Sunny Creek to climb on top of the Ailsa Mountains.



Emily Pass view: Ian Billinghurst

This trip will be at the Fit end of Moderate, will involve some off-track travel and cross 3 passes which ice axes are required for just in case. There are 9 crossings of Fraser Creek between the Caples and the bush line, so wet boots are a certainty.

Trip list closes 3rd January 2019

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb (8 days) : Matukituki - Lochnagar Circuit

#### (F) \$60 Ian Billinghurst 021 279 7881

Lochnagar is a large alpine lake which lies in the mountains south of the West Matukituki, between the Rees and Shotover Valleys. It is most directly reached via Shotover Saddle from the Matukituki, but by combining Cascade Saddle a week long circuit can be achieved.

On the Friday we'll walk in from Raspberry Flat to camp under the trees outside Cascade Hut. On Saturday we reach Aspiring hut then climb the 1400m to the Pylon. We'll look to camp on Cascade Saddle if conditions allow. On Sunday we make our way down the Dart, then head up Snowy Creek to Rees Saddle. Here we drop down to the banks of the Snowy and make

our way up into its headwaters to camp. On Monday we climb out of the Snowy to Pine Creek, where we face a very steep sidle around its head to overlook Lochnagar. We descend to the lake outlet and the famous Lochnagar hut, before heading down to the southeast corner of the lake to camp on a beach. On Tuesday we return to Lochnagar hut where we follow a rough track down into the Shotover via Lake Creek. We head up the Shotover to camp Junction Flat. On Wednesday we follow an old NZFS route up onto the tops above Tyndall Creek to traverse north to Shotover Saddle to camp. On Thursday we can side trip up to Red Rock for amazing views before dropping down the Shotover Saddle Route and back out to Raspberry Flat.

This trip is rated Fit. As described it should take 6 days but there are a number of places where rain can stop us, so party members need to carry 8 days of supplies with them. This trip is largely off track, with big climbs and descents. Pine Creek is extremely steep, so confidence on steep terrain is required. Priority for this trip will be for OTMC members, and the trip number is limited to 12. If there is sufficient interest and a suitable trip leader, we can look at separate party to runnina а Shotover->Lochnagar->Cascade.

## **December/January Day Walks**

Club Saturday & Sunday Trip List for the month (day tramps and events)

Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 8am If the weather is in doubt give the trip leader a phone call to check. The trip fee is paid directly to the vehicle provider(s). (E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required

#### 16th December: Heyward Point \$5 Tomas Sobek 021 279 8339

This will be a gentle trip to finish off the calendar year with the club. A scenic drive to Aramoana, followed by approximately 2 hours of actual walking, including 390 vertical metres (uphill). For the rest we will spend time taking in the beautiful views and enjoying the sea breeze. We can add

on a stroll upon the Aramoana Mole and/or a cuppa in Port Chalmers on the way back, if there is enough interest.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> January: Taieri Ridge (North end) \$15 Gordon Tocher 021 677 818

Some of you may have walked over the hills known as The Sisters at the

southern end of the Taieri Ridge en-route to The Crater. This trip will be at the other end of the Ridge to a vantage point known as The Brothers The views are (716 m). extensive and Naesby, The Kakanuis as well as a very, very big hole in the ground called Macraes Mine. The locality is known as Moonlight although hopefully we will not see any of that.



Heyward Point towards Aramoana Mole and Tairoa Head Tomas Sobek

The terrain is open tussock and grasslands with plenty of 10 rock tors. There will be a short 200m ascent, the majority of the trip will follow the ridgeline. We will overlook a long forgotten town which had a population of thousands and find out how Butter and Egg Road gained its name. This point is the beginning of both the Shag and Waikouaiti Rivers. Bring plenty of water. The length of the walk can be readily adjusted to suit party needs, we should be back in Dunedin by 3 or 4 p.m., earlier if required.

Leader: Gordon Tocher 477 8944 or 021 677 818 - If you live in the Mosgiel or Waitati areas it may make sense to pick you up on the way, eliminating the need to go to the clubrooms first. Phone me to arrange this.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> January: Chrystalls Beach to Toko Mouth (E) Ken Taylor 027 411 9037

Leaving club rooms 8am. Drive south to the beach and then walk south





passing Cooks Head, which you can climb if you wish and if the tide is out, or walk around it. Carry on south to the Tokomairiro river, if we get that far and then return. Stops for morning tea and lunch. Remember sunscreen and hats.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> January: East of Flagstaff (E) \$5 Chris Handley 021 024 27749 or 03 464 0199

Join me for a fun and easy walk exploring some of the unknown and lesser known tracks on the Dunedin side of the Flagstaff massif. Walking time approximately 3 hours, so we could be home by lunch. However, there are several good places for an early lunch, so we could take advantage of one of them if the weather is fine.

Meet at the clubrooms at 8:00 or at Booth Road at 8:20. (Please let me know if you intend to meet there).

#### 3rd February : Ocean Grove loop (M) Ken Taylor 027 411 9037

Leave from club rooms at <u>9am</u> and drive to picnic area off Oregon street. Head up to the soldiers monument, have a quick snack and then down onto Highcliff and along till we come to Buskins road which we descend and onto Highcliff track and lunch. Then up to Karetai Road and descend back down to finish at Ocean Grove.

#### MISSING.....

After the last work party at Ben Rudd's, there were a few tools missing.

Does anyone have tools that they accidentally took home?

YELLOW LOPPERS (2) SMALL HAND SAWS (2)

Thanks. Sue Williams. 021 712 606

## **Dec-Jan Thursday Meetings**

Thursday Club Social Meetings at the Club Rooms 3 Young Street, South Dunedin

Members, non-members, visitors, all are welcome to these social events.

Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 pm start

**6 December:** Barry & Helen - Travels in China - Walls, Warriors, Mountains and Monuments, a look at the past dynasties and modernity of today's China.

## 13 December – BBQ at Woodhaugh – Last night for 2018

Bring the family and join us for a BBQ at Woodhaugh, anytime from 6pm onwards. Bring something to cook on the BBQ and your chair or picnic blanket to sit on. This is the final OTMC Thursday night for the year

17 January 2019 – Trans America by bike, Jan Burch: Jan started cycling across USA in April and has already completed her aim of cycling from Virginia to Oregon. She has enjoyed it so much that she is now cycling from Indiana to the Grand Canyon. Jan will share some of her experiences on her epic, life changing journey.

**24 January – Heaphy & The Old Ghost Road**, Peter and Barry share the experiences of their November tramp.

#### 31 January - BYO photos

We would love to see photos of your tramping trips over the Christmas/New Year period. Bring your sorted photos along on a USB stick to show at club.

#### 7 February - informal night

As this night is the day after Waitangi and many people may be taking advantage of the 'short' week by taking annual leave and away tramping in the hills, this is an informal night. Announcements, tea, biscuits & chat.

December 2018 - January 2019								
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN		
			DEC		1	2 Rongomai/Honeycomb Pam McKelvey 021 216 5334		
					Eyre Mountains Tim Russell 027 959 3270			
3 Cmtte	4	7	6 China with Barry & Helen	7	8	9 Yellow; Rocky; Hermit Ridges Michaela Day 027 343 1576		
					Awakino Lodge Social : Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537			
10	11	12	13 BBQ at Woodhaugh from 6pm	14	15	16 Heyward point Tomas Sobek 021 279 8339		
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