

### Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club

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Upcoming club nights club nights club nights: 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at the Manawatu Aero Club rooms, Airport Drive.

### 6th July - Marty Schmidt, International Guide: North Ridge of K2

Marty Schmidt is the owner of an international guiding company formed in 1976, by himself when he was just 16! He operates out of NZ and the US and his accomplishments read like a textbook of mountaineering. We will be getting the low-down of his 2000 trip to the north ridge of K2 in the high Himalayas. Come along and join in the fun of his exploits, a rare opportunity to listen and talk to such an accomplished mountaineer!



### 20th July - Aspen Distributers: Camelback Hydration

Alister Baird's company Aspen Distributors is the N.Z. importer and distributor of CamelBak Drink Delivery Systems. The importance of adequate water intake while performing in all types of outdoor activities cannot be over emphasised, and being able to take on fluids while 'on the move' can be a great advantage. Alister will cover systems mainly relating to tramping, climbing & skiing, and may also touch on other products available in the CamelBak range. Come along and see which system best suits your needs.



### Where we've been...



Above: Quick snapshot on Doug McNeur's Tararua Crossing over Queen's Birthday weekend (Photo: Peter Rawlins).

### **Snippets**

Winter is well upon us and snow features highly on a lot of trip reports in this newsletter. We've reached the winter solstice, although quite a few colder months are ahead. Hopefully not as wet as mid-June though!

A few points to note are the club photo competition in August (see page 3). A winter night in front of the fire would be a good time to dig around for a few photos to enter or it isn't to late to start snapping those winter shots.

See page 2 for details on the club avalanche tranceivers. The club is indebted to Peter Rawlins for securing grant funding to purchase these.

Wei-Hang Chua Editor





#### President's Bit

It's always good to see what the rest of the world has to offer and this week Barry and I are off to visit Banff and Jasper National Parks and hope to do quite a few day walks. It always intrigues me that we are the only country to go 'tramping'. Australians go 'bushwalking' and the Americans and English go 'hiking'.

I like to think that perhaps 'tramping' is a bit more serious than bushwalking or hiking and certainly in New Zealand a lot of the country we tramp through is much more remote, difficult and more prone to the vagaries of the weather than much of the rest of the world.

Over Queen's Birthday weekend Barry and I attended a reunion of ex Otago University Tramping Club members from the early '70's. You certainly form some good and long lasting friendships through tramping (and climbing) and it was great to catch up on people we hadn't seen for 30 years (all still tramping)!

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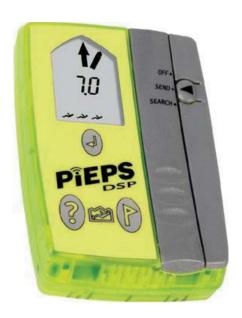
## The club welcomes the following new members:

Mark Dirksen, Babs Baker & Family (Auckland)
Wendy Ross (PN)
Darlene Westrupp (PN)
Kath Whitehead (Feilding)
Ray Pratt (Feilding)
John Griffiths (PN)
Tony & Linley Hancock & Family (Hamilton)
Jane Divett (Hamilton)

### **Obituary: Jennifer Leaman**

by Bev Akers

Jennifer Leaman passed away while tramping in the mountains in Greece. It was the result of a heart attack while she as enjoying life to the fullest. She will be dearly missed, especially by the Wednesday Trampers where she was the main trip coordinator. A keep club member, Jennifer took part in and lead many Sunday trips. We shared many of her tramping food recipes. In memory of Jennifer there will be a Gorge Walk, followed by lunch at the Café on the 23rd of June. Phone Bev (06) 3258879.



## Multimedia and electronic additions to the club

by Howard Nicholson
It seems that Christmas comes but thrice a year. Recently, the Club purchased a data projector and DVD player, which allows us to project photos taken on digital cameras, videos, DVDs and computer-based presentations at our clubnights.

Already we have used it to kayak down a Himalayan river, traverse the Richmond Range, and trek the Inca trails from the comfort of our padded chairs at the (heated) Aero Club rooms. This is a real asset for our clubnights, so come down and have a look!

Also, we have just purchased eight Pieps DSP avalanche transceivers, thanks to a generous grant from the New Zealand Community Trust. The transceivers are worn by people venturing into the back blocks where there may be a risk of avalanches. Should someone get caught in an avalanche, the other people in the party have a hugely increased chance of finding you alive using these devices. They will also be used extensively on our upcoming alpine instruction courses.

### Chief Guide's Billy Break

by Gary Bevins

The trip card is at the printers as I write this. Many thanks go to Adam and Bev for their dedication to this task. Adam spent a lot of time on the layout, making a few changes which I hope you will agree are for the better. You will all know Bev's voice on the phone "Its that time again, do you want to lead a tramp?" (translated, you will lead or else!!!). Of course without all the volunteers (with arms twisted up their backs) as leaders, we would not be able to list as many trips. Sincere thanks go to all those people.

There is a bit of snow about which is good news for the snow bunnies. But not such good news for those not used to it. My feet are still trying to thaw out after traveling up a frozen river one day, followed by 10 hours in the snow the next day. Put on the winter woolies and head for the hills.

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### Photo competition dates

Speaking of multimedia, the annual MTSC Photo Competition will be on the 17th of August at 7.30 pm at the Aero Clubrooms. Rules will be published in the next newsletter, and categories will be similar to those in past years. Dig out those tramping/alpine/natural history shots and enter them! Top placegetters will be chosen to represent the club at the Interclub Photo Competition on the 21st September between us, PNTMC and MUAC.



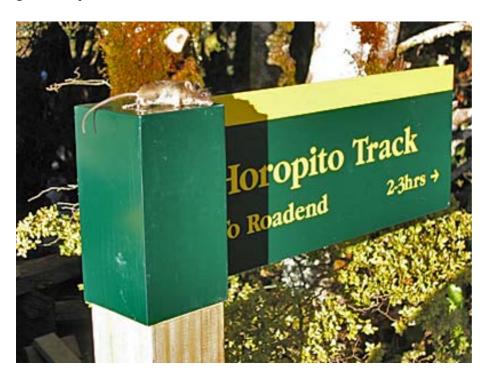
## **Upcoming trips**

### Maude Track Loop 26-27th June Medium/Fit Adam Matich 359-2796

I originally rated this as a medium, but upon actually studying the map I have upgraded it to a medium/fit. This road end is reached via Inglewood up on the northeast Side of Mount Taranaki. It is an 800 m, 5 km climb up the Maude Track to Maude Peak from the end of Maude Road (3 hr). From Maude we head southeast over Henry and down along the Kaiauai Track to rustic Kaiauai Hut, to the base of the Kokowai Track (3 hr) which we then climb 500 m (2 hr) to reach the Holly Track. It is an hour from here to Holly Hut for the night (9 hr day). Next day we trundle for an hour past the Ahukawakawa Swamp and up to Pouakai Hut, Along to Maude Peak (15 min), and then back down the Maude Track. Some of this trip requires quite a bit of climbing, some slippery river crossings and travel over open tops so inclement weather may increase the entertainment. If anyone wants to do a medium-grade trip they could split off from the Medium/Fit party at Maude and head to Holly Hut through Pouakai hut, which is a trip of 90 minutes from Maude. Next day they can take the upper Holly track to North Egmont to be picked up from there.

Roaring Stag Hut
27th June Easy/Medium
David Newstead

025 576 175 work: 350-4649



**Above:** Club members doing their part trapping pests on the recent trip to Lake Surprise (Photo: Adam Matich).

# Thursday Trampers 1st July 325-8879 Harry & Chris Allardice

# Comet to Shutes 3-4th July Medium Gary Bevins 325-8879

I have been told that winter is not the time to be walking around in the middle of the night. Along with the fact that the proposed are is no longer open to the public, and the alternative is to be visited on the trip card in a few weeks, I have decided to can the night-walk. New destination is Shutes Hut. This is constructed of stone and is the northern most hut in the Ruahines. We drive the Napier-Taihape Road and turn off onto Comet Road. This road goes right to Comet Hut, where we can have our first brew. Around three hours will see us at Shutes Hut, mainly downhill. Next morning however it is a bit of a climb out of the river back to the vehicle.

Field Hut
4th July Easy
Wayne Scott 357-3904

Wednesday Trampers 7th July

Colleen Newth 355-4667

**Thursday Trampers** 8th July

Ann Green 06 374-5208

Penn Creek
10-11th July Medium/Fit
Garry Grayson 353-3117

We travel to Otaki Forks roadend on Saturday morning, load up packs and head up Rae Ridge to Dennan high point, about 5 hr. 15 min back down towards Table Top is the turnoff down to Penn Creek Hut and the 2 ½ hr downhill trek to our overnight accommodation.

Sunday's outward bound trip can be back up the hill to Table Top and out via Judd Ridge track or, if conditions are ok, then out via the Otaki river/track route.

Wharite
11th July Easy
Lorraine Sutherland 329-2577

# Beginners' Snowcraft 17-18th July All welcome Howard Nicholson 357-6325

The early snow and excellent terrain at the doorstep make the lodge an ideal base for our first snowcraft instruction weekend for the year.

This trip is people who may want to do winter tramping in the local ranges, trans-alpine style tramping, or would like a good grounding in the skills required for mountaineering. So if you want to want to brush up on your crampon technique, be able to tell the difference between your spike and your pick, and get up close and personal with the cold stuff, then this is the trip for you!

We will also be trialing our new avalanche transceivers, and the Club can provide most of the other required gear, so what are you waiting for? Call Howard Nicholson (preferably before 14 July so that we can arrange gear). We will depart at 6 pm on Friday.

Colenso Trig
18th July Easy/Medium
Neville Gray 357-2768

Wednesday Trampers
21st July
Ken Hall

356-8538

Thursday Trampers 22nd July

**Stewart Malcolm** 

358-3409

Maugarau Hut

24-25th July Medium Mark Learmonth 355-9143

Herepai Hut 25th July

Allan Rae

Medium 358-3962

We will leave Police Station @ 7.30 am and initially go up to the hut. Weather and time permitting, we could go a bit further.

Thursday Trampers 29th July Ian Alve

356-3123

The First Ski Trip
30th Jul - 2nd Aug
Christine Scott

354-0510

Time to dust off the skis (or snow boards), sharpen the edges and apply the wax OR hire a pair of skis (or snowboard) and hit the slopes. Whether a beginner, intermediate or advanced skier, or you just like being up Mt Ruapehu, this trip is for you. Lots of good company, lots of fun and plenty to do - whether it be taking it easy in the Lodge, tramping, skiing or snowboarding. Transport to the Lodge: \$30 pp return (or take your own vehicle). Accommodation at the Lodge: \$21 per night

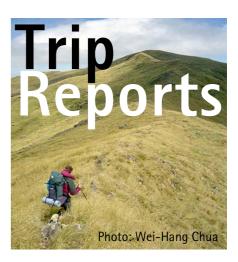
per adult club member (including food). For other prices see the trip card or visit our web site.

Jumbo Loop

31st Jul - 1st Aug Medium Bruce Taylor 357-4484

Punga Hut 1st August

1st August Easy Bev Akers 325-8879



Editor's Note:

Janet Allan is my copy procurer. If you have led, or are scheduled to lead a trip, Janet may phone to remind you to send in a preview or report. Don't give her any lip!

### Baber Creek, Dick Creek loop. 23rd May

by Glenn Pendergrast At the top Mangahao dam we took the recently renovated and triangled high-tide track towards Baber forks. From the forks we headed up Baber creek, first through a gentle gorgy bit and then onto easy going beyond. The side-streams did not quite match those on the map so at one of the top forks our 5 maps in 2 editions, 4 compasses, and varying opinions saw me suggest a slightly incorrect spur. During the sidle to the correct spur we had lunch in the sun on a pleasantly open regenerating slip. After lunch we climbed to the watershed and then down to Dick creek and out to the Mangahao river. This route was once used as an escape route out from Harris creek hut before the river was bridged. We returned to the car via the river track (designed by 'The Grand Old Duke of York' according



Above: Mangituruturu Hut as seen on the Lake Surprise Trip (Photo: Adam Matich).

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to one guidebook) to the swingbridge and then down the river back to the dam. We were: Gary Bevins, Bev Akers, Peter Rawlins, Linda Hunt, Garry Grayson, Adam James Matich, and Glenn Pendergrast.

### Colenso 30th May

by Jill Chapman

This trip was advertised as going to Kelly Knight but farm access was not available. There was persistent rain on the way. Two groups combined to travel in the bus. The track was slippery in places and some cutting back is required where the fern covers the track. Raincoats were needed all day. The easy "stop and look" trampers got back to the van early before the "race to the top" mob converted the downward track to a slip and slide through the mud. We were: Jill, Donna, Lybda, Helen, Bev, and Jill Chapman.

### Tararua Crossing 5-7th June

by Doug McNeur
The plan was to go from Otaki
Forks, spend Saturday night a Kime
hut, on Sunday we'd go up to Hector, along the Neil/Winchcombe
ridge to Cone, down Cone ridge to
the new Totora Flats hut and wander out on Monday to Holdsworth
Lodge.

The weather forecast wasn't wonderful (southerlies coming through) so I was a bit worried about this trip before we started. Saturday wasn't wonderful but the wind wasn't too bad so we made it to Kime hut comfortably, and Kime being the warm welcoming hut it is, immediately got into our sleeping bags. It took a lot of time to get organised on Sunday but we got away by 9 am into a blustery day with snow/sleet flurries. However when we turned off to the Neil/Winchcombe ridge, we had the wind behind us and the weather decided to clear up so it turned into a lovely day. Despite the wonderful snow conditions, progress was slower than expected along to Cone but everyone had torches so getting into Totora Flats hut at 7 pm really wasn't a problem. There we

met up with our trusty driver who'd dropped us (gently) at Otaki Forks then driven around to Holdsworth so we didn't have to walk home again.

Monday for most of us was a cruisy trip to the Holdsworth road end. Howard and Gary decided to take a more strenuous route over High ridge to Powell hut but they eventually made it back to the car park and we all went on our merry way. All in all, the weather was much better than expected, the minimum snow layer wonderful to walk on and the weekend was very enjoyable. The crew doing the crossing were: Doug McNeur, Peter Rawlins, Gary Grayson, Mike Beech and Stan. Many thanks to our support crew of:





**Above:** Images from the Tararua Crossing Trip (Photo: Peter Rawlins).

Howard Nicholson (thanks again) and his support team of Lynda Hunt and Jess the dog.

#### Herricks/Dead Dog/Dianes/No Mans Huts – Herrick Spur Loop 6-7th June

by Adam Matich

A southern crossing and a southerly was forecast for the weekend so we decided to head north in search of better weather and safer terrain for a two day weekend. We drove up to the bush edge on Kereru Station (by an unnecessarily round-about route) to stay at Herricks Hut (DoC, 2 min away but hidden) on Saturday night (you have to phone the farmer). Herricks hut, which has no fire, will sleep five people in approximate comfort. Next morning we made our way along the well marked sidle track (2.5 km) above Big Hill Stream, and then up the stream-bed itself. It was cold and wet, gorgey in one spot, and we were pretty chilly when we reached Dead Dog hut after 3 hr. A fire and a long lunch (2 hr) was had before climbing up onto Rakautaonga Peak and No-Mans Road froom more or less directly behind the hut. This track is marked on the maps but no longer really exists. It still exists in places but there are no track markers. By the time we got up into the open the southerly had put in an early appearance and snow was being blown places that we didn't want snow to blow. There were some rather unhappy campers who just wanted to get the hell out of the weather and drive a wooden stake through whoever planned this trip. Fortunately one was never found!

Once we landed on No-Mans Road (2.25 hr) it was more comfortable, there being shelter trees along large sections of it. However Jemma was terribly excited by the whole proceedings (the snow, the new smells), bounced around like she was on springs and kept running off to investigate. We lost her for ten minutes and Gary was on the verge of giving up when she turned up again (almost another dead dog). A rather stern reprimand next time she didn't stay put was required for her to stay at heel. There were a couple

of inches of snow to shuffle through on the road and 45 min fast travel saw us turning off to drop down to Dianes Hut (1 hr) in the Koau Stream where we got our feet wet again. Some of the track down was steep, but it was still a quality track, and the top end was very picturesque under all the snow.

Dianes hut is a bit rustic (although the beds were comfortable), what with its serious borer problem and its rather unique fire place that doesn't draw properly. We let it go out in the end as the cold was preferable to pseudo miner's complaint. Fortunately camp mother had organised for a good warming dinner and desert, which Gary cooked, and so we went to bed well satisfied. The next morning we climbed back up onto No-Mans Road (75 min) and along to to No-Mans Hut (70 min). More snow had fallen overnight and so the tops beyond No Mans all looked rather picturesque/challenging. The weather had cleared so visibility was excellent, but it was cold and windy and we put all our day-time layers on and more than one pair of gloves. We had to deal with thigh deep snow on the tops as we headed along the poled route to the top of Herrick Spur. Jemma seemed to enjoy it all but eventually the cold took its toll.

The top end of Herrick spur is obscurely marked by and old wooden

sign (not on the track) with "Farmland" on it. After hunting around a bit, scratching our heads, arguing the toss, carrying Jemma who disturbingly wanted to lay down and go to sleep in the snow (Hmmm!), we decided that perhaps the sign meant "this is where you turn off to go down to the farmland which is all the way at the other end of the spur". The path of least resistance into the trees eventually led us to our first track marker. Navigation down the ridge was uncertain at times due to an occasional dearth of markers, a couple of changes in direction, the snow obscuring the track and track markers, and the snow ladden saplings which bent over to the ground completely blocking the track. In summer it would be a lot easier. Once into the scrub zone the track often sidled along the north side of the spur to avoid the unpleasantness. The Map (Kereru) shows the track heading down to Herricks Hut from the trig on Herricks Peak at the base of the spur. According to the farmer this track hasn't been there for years and we certainly saw no sign of it. It is necessary to follow a faint trail down a spur in the opposite direction (south instead of north). It was getting dark by the time we started heading down this final spur and we were lucky to make our way onto the slip (not shown on the map) which we then sidled across, in the dark, at just the right

point to find the track cut through the dense thicket to the farm boundary fence, six hours from No Mans Hut. This successful... err... skillful escape prevented stern words being spoken by certain members of the party. Good fish and chips and coffee at the truck stop north of Dannevirke made everyone feel a lot better. We were Bev Akers, Gary & Jemma Bevins, Adam Matich

### Ruahine Run 13th June by Mark Street

This tramp did not proceed because the access point, Kohunui Farm, is off limits to all recreational users until 1 October.

### Mangituruturu Hut, Lake Surprise and beyond

12-13th June by Hilary Hurst I almost thought we wouldn't go... cancellations due to a hard trip the weekend before, sick children, a bad cold (me), housework, lots of snow the previous week and frosts forecast for the weekend. Would it be too icy??? Are there any more excuses??? Would anyone still want to come???

Well the "she'll be right" attitude of the remaining contenders (if it's too icy, we'll go somewhere else. How sensible..), and a sunny day saw the five of us head to Ohakune in leisurely fashion cos we didn't want to get to the road before it had thawed out. Yes. There WAS ice on the road and snow on the track, but what a day! We kept stopping to congratulate each other on the perfect day tho just quietly I was thinking "don't count your chickens, we aren't there yet... who knew what icy devilishness will be awaiting us?"

No wind, unlimited vis, great views, hardly any people. It was quiet. The snow was just right: footsteps already made, no slush, not hard and icy. Best of all it covered up those rickety wooden structures that are usually haphazardly strewn about and hard to stand on. Coming down through the cascades was perhaps the most difficult as it is quite steeply down and sometimes we'd skid on the rock below the snow. At



Above: Rose enjoying the view on the Lake Surprise trip (Photo: Hilary Hurst).

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one stage Rose found herself upside down in a pool as she'd tried to help Elizabeth across a stream. A couple of tourists and a bunch of runners were all we saw before arriving at the hut at 2pm.

A very quick stop for lunch and to drop off gear and then we headed up to Lake Surprise. A few icy moves up the steep part, then it was indeed a surprise when we did reach the lake. This was mostly frozen, so Richard got us playing a bit of Ice Petanque with snowballs. He won with a particularly smooth curling technique (or was it an underarm bowl??). Then followed the Hole in One challenge which was most definitely won by Elizabeth. I

was still being quiet about hoping the track wouldn't freeze hard before we got back to the hut... and... It didn't

Fire lit, cozy, dinner, wine and Adam's awesome spongy pud (white chocolate and caramel – definitely good). Lots of trips outside to look at the stars; and we were in bed and mostly asleep straight after the rugby (Rose's radio). It was a sad night for the hut mouse who spent it in the mousetrap. We headed back to the car just after 9-to give the snow a chance to soften up- and were back at the car by 11. The best weather ever and a good challenge for those who came just because the trip was easy.

Grading: for reasons of time walking and distance covered this was definitely an easy trip. But for conditions of snow and patches of ice this could put it slightly into medium. It was nothing we couldn't handle as long as we concentrated on where we were going. No technical gear was required though we had some if required. Thanks Richard and Elizabeth for driving and being staunch and making it happen, to Rose for choosing tramping over housework and washing, and Adam who wasn't too proud to hang out with us and share his delicious dessert.

### Sunrise Hut 13th June

by John Stantiall

What a rewarding trip for the seven club members who made the effort to hit the track. The day was superbly clear which made for easy travel, easy walking and great views! The temperature was pleasant - not too hot nor too cold. The snow on the top part of the track added some interest to the trip. As we arrived at the hut for lunch, the last of the 19 people who had staved there the night were departing. We basked in the sunshine and the peace while we ate lunch, and then crossed the Armstrong Saddle (lower temperatures!!) to take in the view of Mounts Ruapehu and Ngarahoe. A pleasant trip back down to the carpark and back in town by 5.00 pm. Thanks for your company on a great day: Helen Davidson, Rod McKenzie, Alan Rae, Jill Chapman, Terry & Denise Knight.



Above: Sunrise hut in the... sunrise (Photo: Rod McKenzie).

# wednesday thursday trampers

20<sup>th</sup> May (Thu) Titirangi Scenic Reserve (301 hectares) Leader: Phil Pearce (14 trampers) 5.5 hr round trip over farmland and bush with great bird life. Porpa country so slippery when wet. Permission needed from the local farmers.

26<sup>th</sup> May (Wed) Rangi Hut Leader: Jill Spenser (14 trampers)

27<sup>th</sup> May (Thu) Shorts Track to Toka Leader: Ray Pratt (13 trampers) 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Thu) Kaiparoro + the plane crash site Leader: Liz Flint (11 trampers)

9<sup>th</sup> June (Wed) Foxton Beach Leader: Ken Hall (4 trampers)

10<sup>th</sup> June (Thu) Irongate Hut Leader: Peter Carver (12 trampers)



## Club Information

#### **Annual Hut Passes**

Support our club huts in the Tararuas. Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC Waikanae. Full price \$65, with FMC card discount \$45.50. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and your FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post your Annual Hut Pass back to you. Please note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family.

Email: jean.garman@fonterra.com or phone (06) 354-3536.

#### For Sale

### Howard's Bargain Basement

DOC hut tickets – discount rates to members. Phone Howard on 357-6325.

### Accomodation at the MTSC lodge on

### Mt Ruapehu

The lodge is reasonably close to lwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The phone number there is (07) 892 3860.



Lodge bookings may be made between 9:30am and 9:30pm on any day of the week. Please don't call outside these hours. Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is in advance by cheque or cash.

	Members	Non-members
Adult	\$21	\$33
Sec. School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26
Group Prices	on application	on application

## Booking and use of the MTSC Transit Van

The normal run-of-the-mill things you need to do if using the Transit Van are:



- Book preferably by Thursday, and certainly no later than 6pm Friday.
- 2. Cancel bookings by these times so others who may want the van have time to amend their travel arrangements.
- 3. Check oil, water, and tyres.
- 4. Fill in the travel sheet (kilometres, people, and dollars).

Trip leaders and those planning trips should seriously consider using this cost effective club asset. **Neville Gray** is our minibus custodian, and he can be contacted at 357–2768.

### Club equipment

We have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, fly-sheets, snow mats, sleeping bag cover, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, two new bivvy bags and two of the big tent flies. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. Food Dehydrator: ideal for drying large and small quantities of fruit, vegetables, and meat for tramping rips. Easy to use, works well, and is available for hire from the Gear Custodian. Hire cost for members, \$1 per day. Contact the Gear Custodian – Peter Rawlins on 356 7443.

### People to contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please drop a line to Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club, P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North and it will reach the appropriate person. If you want a particular topic discussed at the Committee meetings, this is a good way to go about it.

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#### Club website

This includes a club contact e-mail address and is hosted by InSPire Net. The club webpage is maintained by Sam Gillingham sam.g@clear.net.nz and is kindly hosted by InSPire Net.