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Upcoming club nights

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



3rd Aug - Mountain Equipment Night

Wanting to check out the latest in outdoor equipment or looking for replacement for that old mountain mule pack? **Dave Grant** will be hosting a night at the Mountain Equipment store at 7.30pm (next to Pedal Pushers, cnr Fergusson and Oxford Street).



17th Aug - MTSC Photo Competition

Dig out those snapshots and masterpieces you've snapped on those forays into the outdoors. This year will be the first we will be accepting digital photos in the projected/slide category. Placegetters will be entered in the interclub competition. Please see page 2 for the rules. Enter some photos or just come along and see where and what people have been doing out there.



7th Sept - Trip Card Planning Night

Always wanted to head to a particular hut on the map or you've got lots of trips under your belt and want to lead one yourself? Here is your chance to have your say on what and where the club goes on those club trips. Come and contribute your ideas or speak to the experienced trip leaders if you'd like to lead yourself. After all, these trips are what the club is all about.

Snippets

There are a great range of winter trips lined up for August. There are snowcraft courses for those wanting to branch their skills or those who want to brush them up. See the trip previews for details and get yourself and the gear booked. Trips up to the lodge are also great on a social front.

Attendance at the recent club talk by Marty Schmidt was great! There weren't any spare seats and people were happy to stand and listen the an enthralling talk about his climbing exploits. Thanks to Peter and Lynda for organising Marty's appearance. Safe travels out there!

Wei-Hang Chua (Editor)

Where we've been...



Above: A line up of packs outside Penn Creek Hut. See page 6 for the trip report (Photo: Garry Grayson).

Club notices

President's Bit

Winter is well and truly upon us with its associated short days, rain (and more rain), cold weather and hopefully lots of snow!!

Now is the time to have a crack at skiing or one of the snowcraft courses, especially if you have never done anything like that before. Or just come up to the Lodge for some fun in the snow - you don't have to ski or snowboard. It's a great place for a weekend away. All the home comforts, good food and excellent company.

At the last committee meeting the committee passed a motion that the Club will be paying 'upfront' for our portion of the Whakapapa Ski Area and Village sewerage scheme. This is expected to be in the vicinity of \$45,000 + GST and is to be paid by 1 November. It is expected that the Lodge will be connected to the sewerage scheme some time over summer.

See you out there!

Christine Scott
Phone (06) 354-0510
C.A.Scott@massey.ac.nz

The club welcomes the following new members:

Chris and Susan Barham and family (Hastings) :: Kenneth and Toni Bidlake and family (PN) :: Glen Cooksley (PN) :: Kathy and Ray Corner and family (PN) :: Adam Rogers and Samantha Albrow (Auckland) :: ariusz and Joanne Skorupski (PN) :: Tommy Swindells (PN).

MTSC Photo Competition

The 2004 club photo competition will be held at our club night of 17 August. The three best photos in each category will progress to the

Chief Guide's Snow Stop

by Gary Bevins

June weekend trips went ahead but with reduced numbers. Winter time is a bit slow when it comes to tramping. Everybody (most) likes to keep dry & warm. To let you in on a secret there is only one way to keep dry & toasty warm during the cold, wet, & snowy winter days. Stay at home on the couch. But to be serious this is not an option for a real trampler. Once you are out there with your raincoat on it is not so bad, & maybe a coat is not needed & you get some sun. So look on the bright side & pack your pack and head for the HILLS.

Interclub competition on 21 September. If possible, please send your digital picture entries to me by Sunday 15 August, via CDs or email (hnicholson@xtra.co.nz) so that they can be arranged into categories and tested prior to the night.

Each category will be judged in two streams: printed (photos) and projected (slides and projected digital images). This year, MTSC is hosting the Annual Interclub Photo Competition on Tuesday 21 September at 7:30pm, at the Manawatu Districts Aero Club rooms, off Airport Drive (near the control tower).

The categories for both competitions will be as follows:

Alpine (NZ)

Predominantly alpine scenery in NZ (ie above bushline)

Scenic (NZ)

Pictorial interest in NZ hills etc (ie predominantly below the bushline)

Natural History (NZ)

NZ flora and fauna or detail, eg geology, ice formations etc)

Topical (NZ)

People in tramping, climbing, or skiing related activities in NZ

Overseas: Open

Alpine or scenic. People met while tramping or climbing overseas.

Also, entries should not have been previously entered in a club competition.

Howard Nicholson

Annual Hut Pass News

There have been some changes to the cost of DoC Annual Hut Passes. The price will be going up to \$90 full price and \$63 with the FMC discount. This will take effect from the 1st of August. If you want to purchase your hut pass with your FMC card, see the club info page at the back for details on contacting Jean Garman.

Storage Lockers at the Club Lodge

With the recent membership accounts, some of you will have received additional \$10 accounts for the on-going use of a locker at the Lodge. I have recently taken over administration of the lockers and would like to get a complete list of who currently has lockers allocated, as I have a number of people who would like to use a locker, but I am not certain which ones are free. Of the 18 large wall lockers, 17 have equipment in them, but only 9 were paid for last year.

If you currently have a locker, please let me know which one and whether you still want to use

it this year. My e-mail address is c.white@inspire.net.nz or phone me, Chris White on 06-3592232.

Wanaka in August anyone?

Wanaka this Aug-Sept

We (myself, brother and one or two friends) have a house booked for in Wanaka for 3 weeks this winter season. Dates are August 22 - September 12. We ski, do day tramps, etc. Do our own cooking. Enjoy each other's company.

The house is comfortable 70s design bungalow, part of a motel complex, quiet, overlooks the lake, 3 bedrooms 5 beds (could probably discreetly squash in an extra bod or so on the floor, wood fire, own spa, drying room, laundry facilities.

Whole house \$250 / night (actually might be \$225 but have to check) - ie \$60 / person. We currently have two or three spaces available during the first week (August 22 - 28ish).

We drive down. I hope to leave during the week before and stop

off at other ski fields on the way down. Anyone interested in a space / more information? Please contact Peter Bowker (06) 876 2911 evenings or e-mail BowkerWright@xtra.co.nz



Upcoming trips

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 snowboards), 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, tramp-ing, 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

Bruce Taylor

Medium

357-4484

Punga Hut

1st August

Bev Akers

Easy

325-8879

Thursday Trampers

5th August

Jill Spenser

329-8738

Track notes



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Mitre Flats Bridge construction work (Wairarapa Area)

Issued: 21 July, 2004

Valid until further notice

Construction work on a new Mitre Flats Bridge, grid reference (S26 191 387), will begin on 21 July 2004. Construction should be completed by the end of September 2004. Machinery will be in operation at the new bridge site. Please exercise caution when in the area of Mitre Flats Hut/South Mitre Stream.

The old bridge has been removed and until the new bridge is complete there remains no 'all weather access' across the Wain-gawa River into and out of the Mitre Flats hut area.

Please also note that three construction workers will be using Mitre Flats Hut for accommodation and for storage of their equipment.

For further information please contact: Derrick Field, Area Manager, Wairarapa Area Office, Masterton. Ph. +64 6 377 0700

Powell Hut – heating update (Wairarapa Area)

Issued: 8 July, 2004

Valid until further notice

There is no heating at Powell Hut. The hut is located on the Holdsworth Track on the eastern side of the Tararua Forest Park. Trampers should be prepared for cold conditions at the hut. We will replace the heater as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience.

For further information and an update on the hut please contact: Derrick Field, Area Manager, Wairarapa Area Office, Masterton. Ph: +64 6 377 0700



Above: New Meridian wind mills on the Ruahine Ranges (Photo: Adam Matich).

Intermediate Snowcraft

7-8th August **Technical**
Brian Webster **357-0189**

Social Ski Weekend

7-8th August **All welcome**
Peter Rawlins **356-7443**

Social ski weekends are always fun so book in early to secure a place. Ring or email me on p.rawlins@massey.ac.nz

Jumbo Loop

7-8th August **Medium**
Bruce Taylor **357-4484**

This trip is postponed from the previous weekend. The route will be up the Atiwhakatu Valley, climb to Jumbo Hut, thence to the summit of Holdsworth, down to Powell Hut and descend Mount Holdsworth to the roadend. There will be a variety of terrain and scenery within a relatively small area with the definite prospect of snow. Full storm gear, plenty of warm clothes and good boots are essential. An ice axe could be helpful too. We will leave town at 7.00am and be back late Sunday afternoon.

Cow Creek Hut

7-8th August **Medium**
Doug McNeur **359-1893**

Doug has been called overseas, please contact Bev or Gary on 325-8879 if you would like to lead it.

Sledge Track

8th (Sun) August **Easy**
Judy Callesen **357-0192**

This is a great tramp close to Palmy. We'll depart from the Police Station at 8.30am and drive up to the head of the Kahuterawa Valley. From the carpark we follow a good track along the river for a good while and then it is up and up to a good view point and along to some old mine shafts. Come for some exercise and you know you will be home early to relax for the rest of the day.

Mid-week Lodge Trip

9-13th August **All welcome**
John Dymond **356-7154**

There is mid-week lodge trip up to Whakapapa from 9Aug-13Aug organised for skiing and cramponing etc." There are plenty of spaces available for anyone who wishes to join us for the whole week or just for a night. Contact either John Dymond or Hugh Wilde on 3567154 during the day.

Thursday Trampers

12th August
Graham Pritchard **357-1393**

Family Ski Weekend

14-15th Aug **All welcome**
Ken & Mary Mercer **356-7497**

The ski season is shaping up quite nicely with regular snowfalls. How-

ever, the mountain can be a daunting place to take a family. A day trip usually needs an early start and it can all turn to custard if the weather closes in. Staying at the lodge avoids some of the stress. Waking up to a brilliantly fine Saturday after walking in Friday night, eating a decent breakfast, and strolling over to the chair lifts ahead of most of the traffic is just wonderful. If the weather isn't cooperating young children can spend a few minutes outside sliding on the snow, then retreat indoors to warm up with a hot milo. Come on up and enjoy a great weekend!

Cattle Ridge Loop

14-15th August **Medium**
Adam Matich **359-2796**

It is about a three hour tramp from Putara Road to Roaring Stag Lodge, which is getting a bit rustic these days and is in imminent danger of being replaced. It involves a concerted 350 m climb to the ridge followed by a mostly gentle descent of 300 m down to the Lodge by the Ruamahanga River. Then we cross the bridge and climb for 2 hours up a sometimes steep 650 m track to Cattle Ridge Hut for the night. Next morning we climb 40 m up onto the spine of Cattle ridge and then head in a roughly north-easterly direction to drop 700 m off the end of cattle Ridge into the Ruamahanga River somewhere near Lake Ruapae. Jean assures me that this is all quite doable! We would then cross over the base of the Lake Ruapae spur to drop into Ruapae Stream and climb back up onto the Roaring Stag Track. Given that some compass-work is required it would be a good idea for someone who knows how to use one to come along to prevent the club suffering embarrassment!

Field Hut (+PNTMC)

15th August **Easy/Medium**
Liz & Arthur Flint **356-7654**

Wednesday Trampers

18th August
Pam Wilson **357-6247**

Thursday Trampers

19th August
Neville Gray **357-2768**

Skiing Weekend

18th August All welcome
J & H Tanguay 356-9973

Totara Flats Hut

21-22nd Aug Easy/Medium
Jenny McCarthy 06 376-8838

High Ridge-Totara Flats

21-22nd August Medium
Garry Grayson 353-3117

The trip down this route will depend once again on weather conditions on the day, but if acceptable, then a climb to Powell Hut on Friday night may be needed, thereby reducing our Saturday day length to 5-6 hrs. If weather is bad then we'll join Jenny McCarthy's group and wander down the Totara Creek track to the Totara Flats 'Hilton'. On Sunday it's back up the track to Gentle Annie Junction and out, or any other options which may be considered on the day.

Atiwhakatu Hut

22nd (Sun) August Easy
Ade Beech 354-9310

We will be leaving P.N. Police Station at 7.30 a.m. and will drive to the Mt. Holdsworth road end. We will then take the Atiwhakatu track past Holdsworth lodge for 3 h along the stream to Atiwhakatu Hut. There we will have lunch at the hut then return via the same route.

Thursday Trampers

26th August
Gordon Clark 359-2500

Advanced Snowcraft (Technical) & Social Ski Weekend (All welcome)

28-29th August
Howard Nicholson 357-6325
Peter Rawlins 356-7443

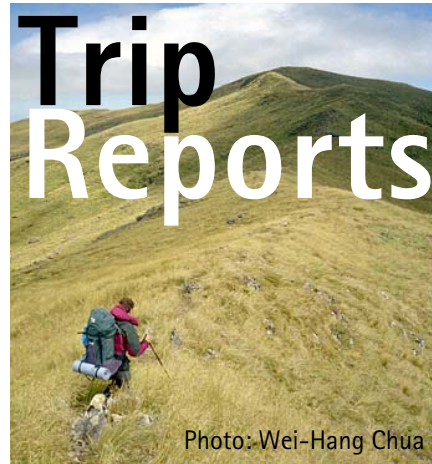
Here is your chance to use all of the skills learnt during previous alpine instruction courses. There will be an emphasis on the mountaineering aspects of snowcraft, and plenty of belaying practice as we climb some higher slopes. Some previous snow experience is required. We will leave Friday night to maximise our time on the mountain. Phone Howard Nicholson by Tuesday 24 August, to allow time for arranging gear.

Waiiau Gorge Hut

28-29th August Easy
Mark Learmonth 355-9143

Powell Hut

29th (Sun) August 025 576-175
David Newstead (wk) 350-4649

***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!

Gorge Walk
6th June

by David Newstead
 "What an enchanting place!" exclaimed Pam as we stepped from under the Troll's bridge into the green gloom of the Gorge Creek chasm, and the Gorge Track claimed another bewitched 'victim'. There were just the three of us (no young children this time) as the enchantment does do much for the winter weather. (The third member of the party was student of Pam's from Japan, on her first excursion into our rain forest.) Nevertheless, although it was windy we did not get rained on, and the mud was not too bad, given the wet season. On we went past the giant podocarps and past a tawa split cleanly, top to bottom, by lightning the week before. On past the first lookout where there is a good view to be had of the new windmills being erected across the gorge on the Ruahine side (8 completed at that time), and from one of the nearby gullies there is a dramatic view, through the trees, of some of new members of southern group looming above. A good lunch

at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe set us up for the afternoon's chores (or was it a snooze?). PS. We did not meet the Gingerbread Man that day.)

Saddle Creek Trip
20th June

by Rod McKenzie
 As a result of a wet week and the prospect of a wet weekend I received only one expression of interest to go out for the day. Consequently Dave Allen and I arrived at the Otaki Forks roadend at around 9am and got out of the car in drizzle. A look at the river near by indicated that there had been a lot of rain overnight so we decided that being in a creek most of the day would not be a good decision. In stead we decided to go up to Field Hut. The track almost all the way up was very wet but as we were in the bush not to unpleasant. After a quick lunch we set off down again and were rewarded with the drizzle stopping. The trip down was delayed slightly as we had to back up to retrieve Scotty the dog who had a possum bailed up and would not come to the whistle.

Overall a good day in the open air. Thanks for your company Dave.

Maude Track Loop
26-27th June

by Adam Matich
 A 5:30 a.m. start saw us at the end of Maude Road at 8:45 a.m. reading a DoC sign telling us that the track is closed due to a landslide. Ho hum. Another case of safety hysteria. Despite being closed the Maude Track was in pretty good condition apart from a slight lack of track markers. It was an actively running stream though, because of the Taranaki rain – raincoats all weekend. We took 2¼ hr to climb 700 m up to the Pouakai–Maude–Kaiuauai Track confluence. The landslide, or more correctly small slip, was ten minutes from the top of the Maude track and it was not a barrier. Traffic across the only difficult section has created good footing. From the track confluence the Kaiuauai track heads SE around Maude and up and over Henry. This Section of the track has

been extensively renovated, with boardwalking, steps, and ladders up the steep side of Henry. There is a viewing platform on top with excellent views of the Ahukawakawa Sphagnum moss swamp. The climb up onto Henry used to be a little awkward due to the very deep channels cut into the track by the heavy seasonal rains.

Unfortunately, just over the other side of Henry the renovations run out and the track is back to being a bit substandard with respect to the rest of the Taranaki Tracks. This track is part of the Pouakai Circuit, opened a year or so ago by the Minister of Conservation as an international standard walking track. A bit premature perhaps. Anyway we made our way down into the forest where we startled a family of goats and eventually found ourselves at the new Kaiuauai Shelter about 105 min from the previous intersection. This shelter is on the West side of Kai Auahi Stream, whereas Kaiuauai Hut (presumably demolished) was on the East bank of the stream. After lunch we discovered that the stream was uncrossable due to high flows. Damn!! Back we go. It took us another 2 hr to reach the Maude-Pouakai-Kaiuauai intersection and 40 min from there to Pouakai hut (7 hr day), boardwalking our way across the bog and past the tarns.

Someone had been at the hut and used the fire so it didn't take too much effort get it going once we worked out the trick of how a coal fire works. Pouakai hut is a really good destination on the mountain, it being a 2-hr tramp by the shortest route. The hut does or has had a rat problem however. They have eaten their way through the wall and floor and ripped up some of the mattresses. We slept in the main room (a proper 12-hr sleep), Jean on one of the tables, a stereotypical expression of a girlies fear of rodents perhaps? Before a late start next morning we cleaned up the mess in the bunkroom, including a dead rat which we overcooked in the fire, so no meat for breakfast. It was cold and murky out so we rugged up for our trip back to and down the Maude



Above: David Newstead and Ben Swale with Herepai Hut in the background (Photo: Tim Swale).

Track (3 hr) to the road end. On the way we inspected the Maori Oven Pits and the picturesque Mangakotukutuku Falls.

We were Jean Garman, Mark Learmonth, Michael Beech, and Adam Matich

Roaring Stag Hut 27th June

by David Newstead

11:05 am Herapai Hut: Confronted by two young men and dog, just finished breakfast. "Hello. Are you hunting?"

"Well, taking the rifle for a walk, actually."

"We're lost, we were meant to go to Roaring Stag. But it's a bit grotty down there in this weather."

"Same happened to us, last night."

"What time did you get here?"

"Eleven o'clock." (That explains the late breakfast and the 'enthusiasm' for hunting). Thirty five minutes

earlier at the 'crossroad' (a dismal patch of bush on top of the ridge), there are three of us Tim, Ben and me; to the left Roaring Stag Lodge, to the right Herepai. It's 10:20 and a dull mid-winter day. To the left, 2 hours in, lunch 40 min, 2 hours back, then 1 hour 20 min to the car park, maybe by 16:20 (the light will

be closing in by then), rain predicted. No latitude for mishaps. We'll go to the right! (unanimous, and better, Tim and Ben have not been to Herepai).

As it turned out the mid-winter gloom added to the atmosphere and a quarter hour slog from the hut, up the hill towards Herepai, was well rewarded with some grand views. The prospect down to Ruamahanga Forks and Roaring Stag, 4.3 km in the distance, reassured us that we had made the right turn. To the NE a remanent of snow could be made out on the Ruahines, about 70 miles away under the wintery sky. A convivial chat with the soldier lads (the would-be hunters) over lunch, a rapid (for me) scramble back (straight) down the side of the ridge to the Mangatainoka River, back to the car park, and back home (for Tim and Ben) to Pahiatua in time for an afternoon cuppa. Thanks Tim and Ben, a most enjoyable winter day. (And we didn't get rained on.)

Penn Creek 10-11th July

by Garry Grayson

This was a trip that bordered on being rescheduled due to some



Above: The sign on Table Top (Photo: Garry Grayson).

interested parties being unavailable, however, by Friday night a keen team of 4 were ready to make the assault up Rae Ridge and down to Penn Creek.

7 am Saturday saw us heading for the Otaki Forks overnight carpark, clear sky's, lots of snow about the top's and promises of some great high level views spurring us on. Arriving at the Forks, a very white and heavily frosted ground greeted us, thus hastening a decision to try and keep dry feet by crossing the footbridge to the Argus Loop track, thereby gaining access to Rae Ridge by 'bashing' off the end of this track.

(rumour has it that this will be the access route, including a bridge over Sheridan Creek, when Rae Ridge is officially DOC marked). This attempt failed and so it was wet feet, not once but twice, as we crossed back to the camping ground area, then again to the TR of the Waiotauru near Sheridan Creek. Once on Rae Ridge travel was easy, a reasonably padded route exists but few markers at the bottom of the ridge. The only tricky spot is about 2/3 of the way up where the route tends to fork, to the right takes you down to Tregear Creek, a left (there are some markers) leads you on up to Dennan Peak where we found

ourselves perched after about 5 hrs. From this vantage point it appeared we may be at 'Grand Central Station' as there were so many people coming and going, mostly heading for Kime, including a guy with a snow board on his back. We guessed some major overcrowding would probably be likely at Kime and Field Huts and this was confirmed next morning when speaking to a few punters who had spent the night on the floor of Field.

From Dennan it was 1 ½ hrs, 800 mtr drop down to Penn Creek Hut, this track has recently been cleared /trimmed and is in top condition, a nice clear 'runway' down the hill all the way to the hut, which we shared with 2 others for the night (no overcrowding here). This is a nice tidy 6 bunk hut, recently repainted, with a couple of good camping sites nearby for summer use.

Next morning a relaxed start at about 8.45 saw us back up the '800' in 2hrs to the turnoff on Table Top, clogged around the tops this morning but still lots of people around. An early lunch at Field Hut and it was back out to the road end by mid afternoon in warm sunny conditions, 'mission accomplished'. Thanks for the company of John Crawford (mtsc), Alyn Higgins (vic' club), Ian Langstaff (of Brisbane origin, in NZ for 1yr), Trip Leader- Garry Grayson (mtsc).

wednesday & thursday trampers

17th Jun (Thu) Sunrise Hut
Leader: Merv Matthews (14 trampers)

23rd Jun (Wed) Gorge walk
Leader: Bev Akers (19 trampers)
Gathering of the troops in memory of Jennifer Leaman.
Walked thru the gorge then lunch at the Café. A few more joined us there along with Jennifer's relations from Auckland

24th Jun (Thu) Powell Hut
Leader: Carolyn Brodie (13 trampers)
Became very icy on return trip over rocks after leaving hut.

1st Jul (Thu) Blue Range Hut
Leaders: Harry & Chris Allardice (12 trampers)



Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Support our club huts in the Tararuas. Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC Waikanae. Full price \$90, with FMC card discount \$63. 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.

Ski Gear

Skis: 1x pair Blizzard skis 160cm with Tyrolia bindings for \$85
1x pair Dynamic VR 20 skis 150cm with Marker M 16 bindings \$65. :: **Ski Boots:** 1x pair Technica Ladies Ski boots, newish, size 5½/38/24.0 for \$110; 1x pair Koflach ladies (or child's) size 3-4/23.5 for \$85; A stepper exercise machine for fitness to prepare for use of the above – \$40. :: **Ski clothing:** Various jackets for children sizes 8-14 years, + women's size 12-14; Ski-suit pants + jacket, white with black and red trim, suit youngster 12 -15 yrs; Ski pants emerald green, with waist belt, child size 12-14yrs; Ski pants bib-style orange, women's size 10-12; numerous 100% woollen jerseys- sizes children's age 8 to adult size Medium; A child/teen-size pack suitable as weekend pack for the Lodge; A fairy-down sleeping bag past its best; and miscellaneous other ski/outdoor items. Please phone Jan Shanhun 356-9424 or 0274-302-502 to view.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mt Ruapehu

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

Photo: Anja Feise



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:

1. 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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