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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.



1st November

A Slice of Pisa, anyone?

An idyllic week of back-country ski-touring in the majestic Southern Alps was planned for early September. But what would you do if confronted with an extreme avalanche forecast? Run away, of course. Come and see Pete and Howie's moving picture show to find out what really happened on their recent Winter ski-tour of the South Island.



15th November

Quiz and discussion night

We will start with a quiz to get the brain cells working followed by a general discussion on whatever topics you might like to bring up. A good time to air your views on anything from the price of petrol, club night topics, courses you would like to see run, the trip card, lodge etc. Put forward your views on what the club could/should/is doing and hear other views.



6th December

BBQ / Prizegiving / Final Clubnight for 2005

Great opportunity to catch up with everyone before you head off into the hills for your summer adventures. Festivities begin 6:30 pm at the Aero Club Rooms. Bring your own salad, plates, cutlery and beer. The club will provide sausages and bread and some wine. The annual club awards will also be presented on the night!

Not quite 2006...

Club president, Christine Scott, has mentioned that the general club membership would like receive and provide feedback to the committee. The Nov 15 club night would be a great time to do this, and also don't hesitate to contact any member of the committee about any issues you would like brought up.

Thanks to David Newstead who has compiled a very thorough history on the Mikimiki - Kiriwhakapapa Tramway on p8, interesting reading!

Wei-Hang Chua (Newsletter Ed.)
morepork@ihug.co.nz

Where we've been...



Above: Taking a sip during a hot Tongariro day. Tim Swale's photo placed third in the scenic section of the club photo competition.

Club notices



President's Report

by Christine Scott

The end of year club barbeque is on the 6th December and at that we will be awarding our annual rewards: the Most Spirited Trumper, the Most Improved Trumper, the Beech Leaf Award, and last but not least the chocolate hamster award. Last year the awards went to Wei-Hang Chua (the Beech Leaf Award for his outstanding newsletters); Adam Match (the most Spirited trumper award - not only for his assistance in getting the trip cards together but also for leading heaps of trips); and Howard Nicholson (the chocolate hamster award for having 2 left skis).

So put your thinking hats on and if you have any nominations for the Beech Leaf Award, the Most Improved Trumper, and the Most Spirited Trumper Award, please pass them onto me.

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

Chief Guide's Report

by Tony Evans

At the August committee meeting Dave Mitchell resigned as Chief Guide because he was returning to the Antarctic, the position was offered to me so I accepted and the next day left the country for 3 weeks.

The trip card meeting, held at the Rose and Crown on Wednesday the 14th of September, was well attended and follow up phone calls had the card planned, formatted, proofread, printed and back to mail out with the newsletter at the end of the month. Special thanks to Bev and Adam, who did most of the work, and thank-you to all who are leading trips. Not only is there a good variety of tramping on this trip card, there is canoeing, mountain biking, camping, a beach walk and barbecues.

I have heard of people not going on trips because they know the leader is fit and they feel they may have difficulty keeping up. If a trip is graded easy and the leader is fit, it will still be an easy trip, the leader will adjust the pace to suit slower members.

New Club Members

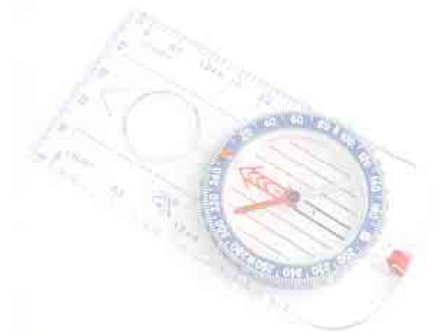
The club welcomes the following new members:
Mitchell Burgess (Ashhurst)
Nigel French & Wendy Way & Family (PN)

Does this say it all?

contributed by Merv Matthews

"Imagine a scenario where a group of friends are gathered in a place that has no distractions: no television, or telephone interruptions; no rush to get to work or rush to get away from it; no traffic to negotiate or family crises to

sort out, or things urgently needing to be fixed; no stereos blaring from next door, or bogans revving their engines out on the street - in fact hardly any sound at all, except for the rush of a river or wind through the trees. People might pay a fortune to create such an opportunity and escape from stress, yet it happens every time we go tramping." *An extract from "A Trumper's Journey" by Mark Pickering, 2004. Well worth reading!*



Upcoming trips

TRIP GRADING

The times listed below include tramping, rest and meal stops. In assessing the trip times and grades, terrain, weather and party fitness (a party is as fast as its slowest member) must be considered.

As these factors will never repeat themselves, times are only estimates. *Contact the trip leader if you are unsure about trip gradings for a specific trip.*

ALL: All welcome

EASY: 4 hours per day, pace slower than E/M. Does not relate to terrain.

EASY/MEDIUM: 5 hours per day at a pace slower than medium.

MEDIUM: 7 hours per day at a standard walking pace.

MEDIUM/FIT: 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium.

FIT: Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium/fit.

TECHNICAL: Qualifying requirements to be announced by Trip Organiser.

Wednesday Day Trip

Oct 26

Margaret Gillingham

Phone for details.

Easy
356-8812

Thursday Day Trip

Oct 27 **Easy-Medium**
Peter Carver **354-4479**
 Phone for details.

Longview Hut

Oct 30 **Easy/Medium**
John Stantiall **354-5521**
 This is a chance to see a great view for a reasonably short climb. It will be fantastic in calm weather, but if it is too rough to climb the exposed ridge, then we'll go for Plan B! Several options here for going beyond the hut if the weather is fine. I hope you can join me on the day.

Thursday Day Trip

3 Nov **Easy-Medium**
Merv Matthews **357-2858**
 Phone for details.

Mangahao Flats Work Party

Nov 5-6 **Medium**
Jean Garman **354-3536**
 Due to unavailability of interested people on the scheduled weekend the Mangahao Flats work party has been moved to the following weekend (5-6 Nov). We will look at leaving Palmerston North at 7.30am on Saturday morning. People can wander up the track to the hut at whatever pace suits them then spend the afternoon primarily clearing vegetation (great way of

venting life's little frustrations) and cleaning. As it will be Guy Fawkes we shall have an appropriately themed evening celebration. On Sunday we'll finish off anything that still needs doing then either stroll out down the track or splash out down the river (weather permitting) or some combination of the two. Should be home by late afternoon.

Harris Creek

6 Nov **Easy/Medium**
David Newstead **025 576-175**
 wk 350-4649

Leaving the police station 7:30 am (or by negotiation). It's about an hour drive to the upper Mangahao Dam, behind Shannon. The track is through typical mixed beech forest, along the side of the lake and on the flats, up and down but not much climbing; about 6 km in to Harris Creek. A reminder: the hut is gone. We will probably revise if it is raining - I don't like lunch in the rain.

Wednesday Day Trip

9 Nov **Easy**
Bernard Cobb **(06) 328-8088**
 Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip

10 Nov **Easy-Medium**
Carolyn Brodie **358-6576**
 Phone for details.

Maungarau Hut (Waitotaras)

12-13 Nov **Medium**
Mark Learmonth **355-9143**

This trip represents a RARE opportunity to visit a little used area of the Waitotara Forest. Visiting two huts along the way, which most trampers have never been to or heard of which should be a big enough incentive for any tramp to come along.

Topomaps show Maungarau Hut as being derelict, however hunters rebuilt this hut in recent times. The tramp starts at the end of Waitotara Road, close to the starting point to trans hut, reaching the track proper, there is a long farm road walk of approx 2 hours. On reaching the boundary it takes another 2 hours to reach Pokeka Hut. This section of track follows the Pokeka stream the whole way, with the track mainly cleared and maintained by a Rangitikei Tramping Club Member as DOC wish to remove these huts. From Pokeka Hut it's 4 hours tramping traveling bush clad hill country to reach Maungarau hut. Like all the tracks in the Waitotaras you travel through thick bush gaining little height. The highest point Maungarau 570 ASL. It is approx 8 hours travel with no major climbs. If you think you are up to it and are interested don't delay, call Mark before the 9th November.

Stanfield Hut

13 Nov **Easy**
Tim Swale **06 376-6556**

This round trip in the Ruahines is a great introduction to tramping, having varied terrain, excellent views and a lunch stop at a typical back country hut. We start at the Tamiki West road end near Dannevirke and follow Holmes Ridge up to Stanfield Hut less than two hours away. There are great views down to the Tamiki Stream and up to the Ruahine tops. The return trip is directly down the Tamiki Stream and takes about an hour and a half - wet feet but easy going.

Thursday Day Trip

17 Nov **Easy-Medium**
Harry & Chris Allardice **323-4390**
 Phone for details.



Above: Rimed Syme Hut. Winner of the topical section of the MTSC photo competition. (Photo: Howard Nicholson).

Waterfall Hut**19-20 Nov Medium**
Peter Rawlins 356-7443

Waterfall hut is a magic little hut in the central Ruahines. There are a variety of different routes to get to this hut and at the moment I am leaning towards heading up past Purity and over Wooden Peg, Iron Peg and then down Pinnacle creek to the hut. Probably 6 or so hours tramping to the hut. We can discuss routes out when we get there. Come along and enjoy.

Field Hut - Table Top**20 Nov Easy/Medium**
Mark Street 353-7442

This is a good introductory tramp in the western Tararuas although moderate fitness is required because most of Fields track is a steady climb. The starting point is Otaki Forks and the destination is either the historic Field Hut (725m climb) or for those who really seek the views Table Top mound (905m climb) 25 minutes further on. Fields track is generally in good condition with some interesting bush and birdlife along the way. Departure time from P.N. Police Station: 7:15 a.m. Tramping time (incl. lunch): 6.5 hours. Cost: \$17 (assuming cars – less if minibus).

Wednesday Day Trip**23 Nov Easy**
Phil Pearce 354-6687

Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip**24 Nov Easy-Medium**
Ann Green 06 374-5208

Some where in the S.E. Ruahines depending on the state of the rivers. Phone for details.

Triangle Hut**26-27 Nov Medium**
Dave Allan 323-9734

Will meet in PN at 8:00 a.m. or alternatively Feilding Railway Station at 8:30 a.m. Intend going in via Deadman's Track and out via Iron Gate/Heritage track. We need sufficient interest to utilize two vehicles to enable ferry at Heritage R/E at end. Phone me on the number above or on (027) 212 1005 by Wednesday 23rd to register interest.

Scotts Rd Tararua Crossing**27 Nov Medium**
Gary Bevins 325-8879

Travel into Scotts Road with the luxury of being able to drive through Gordon Kear Forest. A short climb takes us to Scrub Trig. A down hill track leads to Miro Valley. From here we sidle around a stream which leads to a waterfall. From here we climb up through broken scrub and bush-bash the last few metres to North Mangahao Bivvy. A step decent and out via a stream.

East Harbour Regional Park**Lakes Block****3-5 Dec Easy**
Mark Learmonth 355-9143
and Ade Beech 354-9310

Pencil in this date for fun camping weekend.



Photo: Wei-Hang Chua

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!

Black Bridge Track
14th September (Wed)

9 Trampers

Comet – Shutes (Kaimanawas & N. Ruahines)**17-18th September**

by Jemma (four-legged friend)
I get excited when I see Bev & Gary's packs go into the back of the ute, because I know they are heading for the hills. First stop was in town to collect Adam. Then after about 1 hour they stopped for tea in Taihape, where I could smell lots of yummy food. Over 3 hours

traveling saw us at the road end. A tidy orange hut with Comet Hut on the door was accommodation for the night. I poked my head through the door and noticed there was no fire but 4 tidy bunks. They will be in their sleeping bags early tonight I thought to myself. I was given my tea – Dog biscuits and a surprise, some left over chips, which I demolished quickly.

Next morning we climbed up a track to a high point and then descended very very steeply to a river (Tararua River) approx 2 hrs. Bev was going too slow, and my boss's knees were complaining. They crossed through the river with water up to their thighs, I had to swim as usual.

We sidled on a track for 20 mins then came to a big clearing with pine trees, and a cute little stone hut, with an orange roof. Shutes was written on the door. For lunch they dined on cheese and crackers, while I had my Tux. We then headed off behind the hut and passed a sign saying - No Mans 6 hrs. A steep climb through scrub brought us out into open areas, with clay pans. There were these little piles of rocks which seemed to mark the way. We got as far as a saddle where the wind was very strong. I didn't like this much, as the strong gusts were blowing me sideways. Sigh of relief when they turned back, as they were finding it just as hard to stay on their two feet. I'll stick with four thanks. Yay, we were heading back to the comfort of the hut which lost the sun early so a fire was lit. Man was it smoky when I put my head thru the door – yuk. I managed a sneak preview of tea. My, these humans eat well. Hopefully there's enough left over for me. I heard the occasional opossum and wished I was loose so I could make chase. About 5 a.m. it started to rain. Boss (Gary) was up first to let me off for my morning constitution and tossed me a couple of Tux. There was movement from Adam & Bev and talk about the level of the river rising. We were up and away before 7 a.m. The river had risen a little, and the current strong enough to wash me downstream. It was a long



Above: Comet Hut.
(Comet - Shutes Hut Trip | 17/09/2005 | Photo: Garry Bevins and Bev Akers).

uphill haul with raincoats donned by all but me. Before I know we were at the top of the climb and heading downhill. As the rain slowed and the mist lifted I could see the orange dot of the hut below us. Back at the ute I jumped up into the canopy and the comfort of my mat and rested while the others change out of their wet clothes. I was tired, but had the satisfaction of visiting another two new huts!! We were Gary Bevins (boss), Bev Akers (slow-coach), Adam Matich (my friend), and Jemma (text).

Sunrise Hut **22nd September (Thurs)**

Leader: Keith Fisher
(13 Trampers)

We left the van at 9.40am and reached Sunrise Hut in about 2 hours. The top 20-30% of the track had snow cover and it was snowing by the time we reached the hut. Unfortunately the wind was too strong to venture on past the hut. On the way back to the car park some of the group took the track down and back to the Waipawa River. It was a worthwhile diversion as we had a glimpse of the Waipawa Saddle on the way down and on reaching the river two brave souls crossed the river to visit the Waipawa Forks Hut. We were all back at the van

by 3.00pm. The day was generally cloudy with intermittent light rain.

McKinnon Hut **24-25th September**

by Jenny McCarthy
Well that was the plan; it even snowed in the week before just as I had planned. But it didn't work out like that; no one was interested in going to McKinnon so Adam and

Jean hijacked the trip. They had plans for what is a really good summer trip to Waterfall Hut. I wanted to go tramping so it seemed like a good idea...

They picked me up early on Saturday morning and with a bit of discussion we made our way to the Mill Road end. It was a beautiful sunny day and it wasn't long before we were across the river and climbing up through the scrub on the farmland. I distinctly remember hearing mutterings about how hot it was, a reminder of how unpleasant summer tramping can be at times. At the bush line a nice big orange triangle showed us the way into the forest. Several cattle had also followed the path into the bush and we travelled a long way along the ridge before leaving the cattle sign behind. It was so lovely having a late lunch at Hinerua Hut that we were almost tempted to stay. But we carried on up onto Broken Ridge and along to Paemutu, where we dropped into Tussock Creek. Travel along the tops had been slow as the snow was quite deep in places, going down the Tussock Creek valley the snow was very deep in places and it was even hard work going down hill. Once we reached the Kawhatau River it was just a paddle



Above: Shutes Hut.
(Comet - Shutes Hut Trip | 17/09/2005 | Photo: Garry Bevins and Bev Akers).



Above: Heading along Broken Ridge.
(McKinnon Hut Trip | 24/09/2005 | Photo: Jean Garman).

and splash through what seemed surprisingly warm water, however the snow on the riverbanks indicated a somewhat different temperature. Waterfall Hut was reached before dark, it had been a long day but we were revived by a nice warm fire and dinner.

We knew we should leave early the next morning as it was going to take a while to get back to the car but we didn't leave the hut until 7.30am. The cloud was down so care was needed with navigation. Going up Pinnacle Creek it looked very different covered in snow, after a slightly early start we soon found the place to climb up onto the ridge. Not as good a day as Saturday, more wind and very little visibility. The going was slow along the ridge and at one point we did consider turning around and going out through Pouangaki but we were reassured that the ridge did get easier and the nasty little climb wasn't as difficult as it looked. We stopped very briefly for a quick snack lunch and then the wind increased dramatically to add to our enjoyment. As it became impossible to stay on the ridge top we sidled around Ohuinga in what was close to a complete whiteout then dropped through the saddle and climbed back onto Broken ridge. It

was a relief to pick up our footsteps of the day before and follow them back down to Hinerua Hut. Another brief stop to put in some much needed fuel and put our torches on the top of our packs - we were not going to get out before dark. Luckily we got down through the scrub and across the river before having to use our torches for the last km to the car. We were navigator Jean Garman, Adam Matich and Jenny McCarthy.

Mary & Maurice Murray's Property (off Scotts Road) 28th September (Wed)

by Rose Strahan

17 Trampers

Heavy rain over night but the morning seemed to be clearing. Well, it was by the time we got to the Scotts Road turnoff. But as we approached Mary and Maurice Murray's property at the hill end of Scott's Road - but before going up the hill proper - the claggy damp stuff was still with us. All sixteen of us set off up the good footing but steep hill track to take us out at the top onto the far end of Scott's Road, above Black Bridge and the Woodpeckers forest. We circumnavigated one Angus bull who definitely wanted to be back with his mates and toiled on with the wind and poor visibility until we disturbed a ewe and lamb on the track. There was no way of getting around the ewe who shot off into the gloom, and as it was nearly sleeting (yes, really!) we turned back, some of us then stopping for an early lunch and towel-down in the Murray's very nice lunch room by the farm sheds. A quick look at their wonderful park-like garden and it was away in the cars. We chose the wrong morning to head up an exposed farm track, which takes you up onto the top of Scotts Rd. On a lovely day this would be great with views. Also af-



Above: Jean and Jenny keeping warm inside Waterfall Hut.
(McKinnon Hut Trip | 24/09/2005 | Photo: Adam Matich).

ter lambing has finished as we were disturbing new born lambs.

Longview Hut **29th September (Thu)**

Leader: Neville Gray

11 Trampers

Climbed up to Longview Hut for a late smoko. Because of the perfect sunny day and virtually no wind we walked along the ridge to the Daphne Track. Fit Neville ran down the track and back along the road to collect the bus for us. It was a lovely relaxed 5 hour round trip.

Mid-Waiohine Hut **1-2nd October**

Leader: Tony Evans

Trip was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Piripiri Hut **2nd October**

Leaders: Gary and Bev

Access across farmland was not available because lambing is still in progress so plans were changed to the Burn Hut loop. Leaving from the Palmy Police Station at 7:30 a.m. (daylight saving time), we travelled to Shannon and up to the middle Mangaone dam meeting Gary and Bev there in the ute, after the van was parked at the top dam and our contenders for the chocolate hamster award finally rejoined the group we cheerfully set off. Morning tea was taken early to counter the effects of changing to daylight saving and on up into the leatherwood and lunch at Burn Hut.

From the hut the track continues over high points 833m and 835m, just the right height to keep in the leatherwood but a well-cut track and good views kept us happy. Down the ridge and into College Creek where some of us kept our feet dry for part of the way down the creek to where we met the Puketuru Track. The rain forecast for the afternoon started falling gently just as we arrived at the van at 4:30 p.m., 9 happy trampers and Emma the dog. We were Gary Bevins, Bev Akers, Darlene Westrupp, Alla Seleznyova, Neville Gray, Mark Learmonth, Adam Matich, Gary Grayson, Tony Evans and Emma.



Above: Hinerua Hut for lunch.
(McKinnon Hut Trip | 25/09/2005 | Photo: Adam Matich).

Mitre Flats Hut **6th October (Thu)**

Leader: Gordon Clark

9 Trampers

Irongates Hut **9th October**

by David Newstead

There is a newish, active slip on the track. The weather was discouraging. The side stream was probably up so the two of us did a northern crossing of the Tararuas in the morning instead; i.e. the Gorge Track. A jolly trip, greeting several friends along the way was rounded off with lunch at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe. That's tramping folks!

Sunrise Hut **12th October (Wed)**

Leader: Pam Wilson

16 Trampers

Fifteen of us had a very pleasant day to walk this perfectly kept track. Three ventured beyond the hut for another twenty minutes to enjoy some deep snow and the view of distant Ruapehu, while the rest of us were satisfied with a relaxed lunch hour on the porch of the light, spacious new hut. An overnight stay could be a very good idea. Thanks to Bev and Ken for good driving through the beautiful spring countryside.

Blue Range Hut **13th October (Thu)**

Leader: Harry & Chris Allardice

7 Trampers

Ski Weekend **15-16th October**

by Christine Scott

Five of us headed up to the Lodge from Palmerston North. This included two American exchange students who were studying at Massey for the winter semester. It is always great to see your country through the eyes of overseas people. Saturday was meant to be the best day but dense cloud limited visibility. Sunday we woke to a brilliant day and with everything running, plenty of snow for the top T-bars and not many people it was a stunning day. We were: Honor Friberg, Erin Connan, Robert Krebs, Ryan O'Conner and Christine Scott.

Powell Hut **16th October**

by Charles Little

Leaving the (new) police station at 7:30a.m., we (Suzanne Clark, John Livingstone and I) arrived at the road end at approximately 9 a.m. and were at Powell Hut, just below the mist, a little over 3 hours later. Conditions in the morning were showery, and the approach

of a threatening cloud dissuaded us from attempting Mt. Holdsworth after lunch. This decision appeared to cause a significant improvement in the weather, and views gained during our descent revealed that the summit had in fact become clear! After passing Mountain House Shelter, we decided to vary our return route by taking the track that leads directly down into the Atiwhakatu valley. Two slips on the track in the valley were easily negotiated and we reached the car park about 4:15 p.m.

History snippet

contributed by David Newstead

Mikimiki - Kiriwhakapapa

Tramway: historical notes

Source: local school jubilee book - photocopy extract supplied by Gareth Winter, Archivist, Wairarapa Archive, Masterton District Council. (Sorry folks, I meant to get the particulars of the jubilee book from Gareth today, before going to press - forgot).

Although the focus of this piece is on the two old tramways running under the shadow of Blue Range, we need to set the scene with a glance back to the beginnings, the early days of timber milling in the district to the north of Masterton. At the beginning, 1884 we find McLeod's Mill, active for 26 years until 1910. The "magnificent stands of totara bush on the Ruamahunga flats" were milled for bridge timbers and sleepers as the railway pushed up from Eketahuna to Woodville.

About 1898 the mill was re-sited to Te Mara and a tramway was built to enable exploitation of the timber on the western side of the Ruamahunga, until 1902, by which time the tramway had reached five miles in length. Abruptly, now we move to the first Mikimiki Mill about which we don't have much. It was owned by one, Mr Daysh, closed in 1903 and the remanent was burned down in a bush fire about 1916-17. It must have been about then that the Kiriwhakapapa Mill was opened ("some time before 1920") by Mr



Above: Trying to keep warm inside Shutes Hut (Comet - Shutes Hut Trip | 17/09/2005 | Photo: Adam Matich).

G. Whiteman. This became Rimu Sawmills Mt Bruce Ltd in 1925, employing 14 men (Whiteman as manager). Much later in 1934, Rimu Sawmills moved "back to" the Mikimiki following the extension of the Mikimiki Road in 1933-34 (it was the time of the Great Depression) by relief workers; these were paid by the Masterton County Council with subsidy by the Milling Co. Milling eventually ended in 1945.

Thus, the two tramways which now form our popular walking track were built to serve the respective Rimu Mill sites, on either side of the ridge between the two steams, the northern, Kiriwhakapapa, until 1934, and the southern, Mikimiki, from then until 1945. The remains of the original red-beech sleepers still forming the base of the tack are notable for long stretches today. The base of the rails were 4 x 3" capped with 3 x 2" nailed to them. The logs were 'trucked' along the tramway on tram bogeys by bullocks, horses, gravity, and eventually a tractor running on the rails. The logs were hauled from where they were felled to the tramway by a (stationary) "steam hauler" (winch), which was moved up the tramway as it was extended.

On the Kiriwhakapapa site, the sawmill itself was also steam powered (most were back then). But bureaucracy being ever-present, even as today (and quite right too), the Marine Department inspector (these were ancient times, my readers, before OSH) condemned the boiler. And so, it was duly replaced with a second-hand one, bigger than the last (got it cheap; some things don't change), leading in turn to the consternation of the 84-year old boilerman, George Copland, when the Marine Department inspector informed him that his ticket was invalid for the bigger boiler! Never mind, the old book relates, "they found a way round it" and old George continued to run the new boiler until the shift to Mikimiki in 1934.

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.

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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