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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.



4th April – St Johns Ambulance

Howard Wills, an advanced paramedic with St Johns Ambulance, will be speaking to us about the St Johns Ambulance service. He is also called out to attend search and rescue missions, so is used to tramping mishaps. He will be giving us pointers and advice on what to do in the case of accidents in the bush and mountains.



18th April – East Cape cycle touring

During the Christmas holidays Lynda and I cycle toured round the East Cape of the North Island. I had never been round there before and it had been a long time since Lynda last went round. What a fantastic way to have a close look at this fabulous part of NZ. Come and hear all about it (and see the video). Image courtesy of www.flickr.com/photos/vfowler



2nd May – Hugh Wilde's "GPS evening"

We are going to borrow Garmin Etrex GPS units off the local SAR committee and have a play with them. We'll navigating a pre-arranged course near the aeroclub rooms with co-ordinates loaded into the GPSs, like we did a few years ago. Then a quick look at how to set one of these up for NZ Map Grid (i.e. topomaps) as sometimes people fiddle with them and change the settings. Jean and Ivan have kindly offered their help for this evening, so come along and learn how to use a useful tool that can aid (but not replace) map reading skills.

Where we've been...



Above: Thursday Trampers sitting for a group photo on Waipawa Saddle. (Thursday Trampers Trip | 9/03/2006 | Photo: Keith Fisher).

Clubnight ideas?

Is there a topic or person you would like to see at a club night? Perhaps you have something that would be of interest to club members at a club night? The committee would still like some suggestions from the club membership. Contact **Darlene Westrupp** at darlene@adv.co.nz or phone on (06) 353 6901 wk or (06) 354 5764 home.

Once you get this newsletter I'll be overseas for the remainder of March. Thanks to all who sent items in early. Talk again in April :)

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

Club notices

President's Piece by Christine Scott

I have now been president for 3 years and, as our constitution rules one can only be president for 3 years, we will be looking for a new president at the next AGM. (A very good rule I might add). The time has gone by very quickly and there have been some interesting discussions to chair over that time.

One of my goals was to re-visit health and safety in the club and that has been achieved. Another goal was to have a 50 year jubilee book/magazine to coincide with our 50th jubilee. Unfortunately that goal was not achieved although we did have a wonderful 50th jubilee dinner.

Thank you to all the committee over the last 3 years for your support. Without a committee there would be no club and although I know not all committee members get out tramping and/or skiing as much as they would like (including me) it is great that they are prepared to put this time in to ensure the club continues to function well.

Christine Scott
Phone (06) 354-0510
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Chief Guide's Report

by Tony Evans

I am busy compiling the winter trip card and would like to thank those who are leading trips. Winter means a greater chance of weather disrupting plans but that can happen any time of the year and by using common sense should not become a problem. There is still a lot of good tramping coming up and of course the skiers are looking forward to winter.

New Club Members

The club welcomes the following new members:
Sam & Jenny Bolton & Family of Woodville.
Brendon Eddington & Kate McDonald of Auckland.



Skiing from Queenstown

Is anyone interested in up to 5-7 days skiing based from Frankton (Queenstown) in August? I have extra cheap accommodation in Frankton for up to 9 people (would have to include 2 couples as 2 beds are double beds!)

and a car. Public transport is available from Frankton to Coronet, Remarkables and Cardrona. Contact Christine - 354 0510.

Official Notice of AGM

The MTSC AGM will be on the **16th May 2006** at 7.30 p.m. the Manawatu Districts Aero Club rooms (off Airport Drive, near the control tower at the airport).

We are looking for people to put themselves forward or for nominations for all committee positions. This will be an exciting opportunity to get involved with another aspect of the club. Contact Christine (C.A.Scott@massey.ac.nz) should you be interested or know of someone who is interested in becoming part of the committee team. All are welcome.

Gorge Track Sundays

Just a reminder: there is a standing invitation to anyone who would like company walking the Gorge Track of a Sunday morning. I go more Sundays than I don't (anywhere between 7:30 (seldom) and 8:30 (more usual)), meet my wife, Leslie, at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe for morning tea (or lunch more often) and get a ride back through the gorge (or, very occasionally, walk back). So if you want to join me for a walk, and us for lunch, just give us a call. David Newstead (025) 576 175.



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.

Mt Taranaki

18-19 Mar **Medium**
Linda Campbell **323-3836**

The plan is to leave early afternoon on the Saturday. We will drive to Dawson Falls and walk to Kapuni Lodge. Kapuni Lodge has solar power, gas stoves, crockery, cutlery, pots, pans etc. It is \$17 a night for non members. On the Sunday, weather permitting those who wish to can climb Taranaki via Fanthams Peak. It is expected that there will be at least one member of Mt Egmont Alpine Club with us. For those who would prefer not to climb, or if the weather is against us we will walk down to Lake Dive / Lake Dive Hut and back to Dawson Falls.

Pohatuhaha (Park's Peak)

19 Mar **Medium**
Neville Gray **357-2768**
Call for details.

Thursday Day Trip

23 Mar **Easy-Medium**
Peter Carver **354-4479**
Call for details.

Waikamaka Hut

25-26 Mar
Doug McNeur 359-1893

Waikamaka hut is a lovely part of the world. Nestled by a river in the eastern Ruahine ranges, it features the only octagonal toilet I know and is generally a nice place to stay. We'll wamble up one river, over a saddle and down another river before arriving at the hut. What could be nicer? Call me if you're interested.

Forest Lookout-Carrington Loop

26 Mar **Easy/Med-Tech**
Adam Matich **359-2796**

This was rated as a medium, but upon investigation we found the day length to be roughly 5 hours. Both times we became momentarily geographically embarrassed, partly because we were too busy not paying attention to the route. I am hoping that this time I will get it right..... although someone might want to bring along a GPS.

This trip starts from the Holdsworth road end, where upon crossing the Atiwhakatu stream one takes a left to head south up to the forest lookout. This is steep in places but it takes less than an hour. From the lookout we climb up on top of the ridge and head in a westerly direction until the sparse remains of a hut are spotted on the northern side of the ridge (15 min).

From there we drop NW onto a sidle track, which we follow down into Gentle Annie Saddle for an early lunch, if we didn't get lost on the way down. Then we climb straight up onto Carrington Ridge and the Carrington Ridge track, which will take us up to Bump 801 and ultimately the Mt Holdsworth Track.

Wednesday Trampers

29 Mar **Easy**
Ken & Rosemary Hall **356-8538**
Call for details.

Thursday Trampers

30 Mar **Easy-Medium**
Anne Green **06 374-5208**
Call for details.



Above: Thursday Trampers outside Daphne Hut.
(Thursday Day Trip | 09/02/2006 | Photo: Keith Fisher).

Te Matawai Work Party**1-2 Apr****Jean Garman**

We will leave PN at 7.30am on Saturday. Make our way to Te Matawai Hut via the Ohau River or Gable End if the river is up. Spend the afternoon cleaning, cutting firewood and hopefully tidying up and enjoying the new entrance deck, which weather etc permitting will have been built in late March.

A rewarding and sociable dinner - not forgetting that its April Fools Day. A final tidy up Sunday morning then we will head out via the route of common consensus on Sunday. Should be back in PN by late afternoon/early evening.

Mill Block**2 Apr****Howard & Sue Nicholson**

Bring a picnic and your kids and come for a walk across farmland and through bush up the Makahika Stream. We will leave Palmerston North at 8:30am, drive to Levin, and then to the end of Gladstone Road. Come prepared for a sunny day in the western Tararuas (so pack a parka just in case).

Wooden Peg Loop**2 Apr****Neville Gray**

Call for details.

Thursday Trampers**6 Apr****Merv Matthews**

Call for details.

Mid King Biv'**8-9 Apr****Garry Grayson**

We'll drive to Holdsworth Road end on Saturday morning and walk via

Medium/Party**354-3536****Family****357-6325****Medium****357-2768****Easy-Medium****357-2858****Medium/Fit****353 3117**

Atiwhakatu stream track, passing Atiwhakatu Hut, on up to the Baldy spur junction on Pinnacle Ridge.

From here a little climbing up Baldy to South King, and slightly North-East to drop off down to Mid King Biv for Saturday night.

If conditions are ok on Sunday, the return route can be back up toward Mid/South King, South-West over Broken Axe Pinnacles, continuing via Angle Knob and drop down through Jumbo Hut back to Atiwhakatu stream route. The other option is to continue on across to Mt Holdsworth and Powell Hut, descending via Gentle Annie track back to road end.

Toka Loop**9 Apr Easy/Medium****Christine Scott 354 0510**

Come for a climb to the top of Toka (1526m) in the Ruahine Ranges. We will tramp up Shorts Track and back down Knights track after leaving the Police Station at 7:30 a.m. Toka is in behind Sixtus Lodge so is not too far to travel.

Wednesday Trampers**12 Apr****Bev Akers**

Call for details.

Easy**325-8879****Thursday Trampers****13 Apr****Carolyn Brodie**

Call for details.

Easy-Medium**358-6576****Tararua Traverse****14-17 Apr****Doug McNeur**

Friday night to Holdsworth Lodge, Saturday to Neil Forks, Sunday to Kime and out on Monday. There are a couple of hills in this so be ready to raise a sweat.

Medium**359-1893**

If you're interested, please call me. As is traditional, I would also like a couple of wonderful people to drive us to the different road ends.

Napier Seaside Walk**17 Apr (Mon)****Ade Beech**

Napier now sports a long concrete pathway that heads along the coast

Easy**354-9310**

Above: A happy Royce Mills at the completion of the Marmot Kaweka Challenge 2006, Kuripapango. Royce also competed in Tararua24 (The national Rogaining championships) recently held at Holdsworth Lodge. She has done many of these tough events, usually performing very well. Well done Royce. By Tony Gates. (Kaweka Challenge | 25/02/2006 | Photo: Tony Gates/Leatherwood Lenz).

towards Hastings. I am hoping for anyone who loves the beach and wants an easy stroll along the coast to join me on this lovely walk, have a spot of East Coast food then head on home.

Thursday Trampers

20 April **Easy-Medium**

Harry & Chris Allardice **323-4390**

The trip is to Atene Sky Line Track north of Wanganui. Approximately 1.75 hours drive. Track time of 6 hours and a distance of 18 km. Quite a few new Thursday Trampers have not made this trip so it will prove most interesting for them.

Oturere Hut

22-23 April **Medium-Fit**

Jenny McCarthy **06 376-8838**

We will probably be leaving Palmerston early on Saturday morning and leaving from the Whakapapa road end make our way to Oturere hut by one of 3 routes.

- (1) via Mangatepopo Hut, Red Crater and down to Oturere hut.
- (2) via Tama lakes and across country to Oturere Hut.
- (3) via Waihohonu track to the Waihohonu Hut and on to Oturere.

The return trip will be the reverse of one of the options to make a loop.

Burn Hut

23 Apr **Easy-Medium**

John Doolan **355-2100**

Call for details.

Irongates Hut

25 Apr **Easy-Medium**

Darlene Westrupp **354-5764**

Call for details.

Wednesday Trampers

26 Apr **Easy**

Mona Webb **323-4212**

Call for details.

Thursday Trampers

27 Apr **Easy-Medium**

Graham Pritchard **357-1393**

Call for details.

Howletts Hut

29-30 Apr **Medium**

Tony Evans **357-4355**

From Kashmir Road end we will travel up to Longview Hut, across

Pohangina Saddle and up to Otumore, along the ridge and across the saddle to Taumatataua and along Daphne Ridge to Howletts Hut for the night. Next morning we have a choice of routes to the road and plans may change to suit the weather.

Longview Hut

30 Apr **Easy-Medium**

John Gee-Taylor **323-2087**

Call for details.



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!

"Dragonflies and Tall Trees"

22nd January

by David Newstead

This is the annual family trip to see the wild things. We nearly got a young family (3-year old) but illness interfered (I trust not too serious). So we were the same rroup of youngsters as last year: Monica Cantwell, Jill Chapman, Helen Davidson and me (No connection with they 'Four jolly sailors coom oop fram th' sea'). The place was Coal Creek - Deerford's Track beyond Sixtus Lodge, where the dragonflies are usually pretty friendly this time of year. The day started dull so no dragonflies on the outward journey (they only fly in full sun). But Helen spotted a clump of *Tropaeolum speciosum* (!) on the bank above the track, very pretty, blood-red flowers (a noxious weed from Chile).

This time we went the other way

round the loop, first Deerford's Track, up the loop track to Short's Track (we don't do that when there are small children, so parents, don't be put off for next year). It's an amazingly easy climb up that way, compared with the slog up Short's Track; it's quite fearsome enough coming down for the aged limbs. Being alert for such, we spotted the odd red admiral butterfly in the bush (their caterpillars feed on the onga onga (as well as the European nettle in the gardens). (So what you want is plenty of nettles in the garden to breed up lots of red (and yellow) admirals so that they keep the onga onga in the forest under control for trampers! Could be a flaw in that reasoning, and I'm not sure if DOC would like it.) To return to the theme - once we were back down Short's track the sun was out and so were the dragonflies. Somehow I always forget just how big they are - up to 4 inch body and 6 inch wing-span. they will happily land on your arm (shoulder, hat, whatever), but they are camera-shy, they seem to recognise one when you are nearly lined up. We finished with lunch by the stream and got home mid-afternoon.

Finally the other drama of the day, the little valley where the glow-worms are, on the road in, was (is still at time of writing - I was there on Sunday last) chocker-block covered in the most amazingly dense growth of Scotch thistles I've ever seen, 10 acres and more (in flower and seed last Sunday, quite spectacular, oh dear).

Lost Takapari Track

18th February

by Tony Evans

Three of us left the Tamaki West Road end shortly after 8.30 a.m. on this bright Sunday morning and strolled up to Stanfield hut where we had morning tea. A little further upstream and we left the easy going to climb the spur towards Cattle Creek Hut, taking the left fork at the sign at the top we followed the track taking the creek route to the hut until we came to the sign at the bottom of the Lost Takapari Track, there we stopped to take on water, sugar and

with a deep breath headed upwards.

Although neglected and a little overgrown the track was easy to follow, with the help of some relatively new orange tape markers we made good progress until the leatherwood slowed us a little. Lunch at the Takapari trig on a warm summers day with views in all directions made the effort well worthwhile.

Then south along the top of the range where the track is the most overgrown we pushed through the leatherwood until we met the track linking Takapari Road and Stanfield Hut, continuing south along the top on a wide and recently cut track and along the road we soon came to A-Frame Hut, then it was down the track back to where we started from. Happy after our nine hour day we were Tony Evans, Darlene Westrupp and Tim Swale.

Roaring Stag Hut 18-19th February

by Ade Beech

We headed off on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning on our trip to Roaring Stag (in from Eketahuna). I (Ade) was a bit apprehensive as my tramping abilities were slightly less than my counterparts to say the least. But I am happy to report that I made it!!!! Up hill and down dale. The new hut was very impressive with lovely views of the river. Our food was no less than a banquet. It took us around 4 hours to tramp there and I seem to recall there was going to be a spot of fishing done in the afternoon – instead we kicked back, relaxed and had fun together. A great weekend!!! We were Gary, Bev, Adam, Marie, Judy,



Above: Brian getting some shut eye.
(Full Waingwa Trip | 25-26/02/2006 | Photo: Jean Garman).

Emma and Ade.

Tunupo - Western Ruahines 23rd February (Thu)

Leader: Ken Rush
16 trampers

Full Waingwa 25-26th February

by Jean Garman
Once more I slotted a trip for the 'Full Waingwa' onto the trip card and once more the weather conspired to thwart me. Never put 'this trip requires it not to rain' in your trip preview unless you want to break a draught.

But this time it didn't matter, the only people interested couldn't make that weekend anyway. So another weekend was chosen and with a favourable forecast Brian and I set off on Friday afternoon to Mitre Flats Hut. A pleasant stroll, a leisurely dinner and a long snooze interrupted only by the occasional scampering and rustling of resident mice.

Saturday dawned clear and bright and we set off up the hill. Once above the bushline we could see that it was cloudy in the west as the cloud had banked onto the ranges and was spilling over most prettily. Luckily Mitre sticks out a bit to the east so was cloud free, basking in the sun. The wind was keen but not horrible and the spilling cloud only gently teased us as we ventured around to the trig on Girdlestone. From there our objective was straight down.

It was steep with large tussocks obscuring spaniards but before long moisture was encountered and we were in the very headwaters of the Waingwa river. The steepness eventually eased a little and a streambed formed which we followed.



Above: The fly camp.
(Full Waingwa Trip | 25-26/02/2006 | Photo: Jean Garman).

Within the leatherwood zone the sides



Above: Negotiating the cascades.
(Full Waingwa Trip | 25-26/02/2006 | Photo: Jean Garman).

steepened and narrowed and we reached a series of cascades. We slithered down several but then the last appeared to lead directly into a black hole. To avoid certain termination of existence we took to the leatherwood. It hurt a bit but didn't last long before we struggled out into more open terrain. From here we had an odd view directly up at Tarn Ridge Hut that felt disturbingly like looking up the huts skirts so we didn't peep for long. A quick hop skip and slide and we were back in the river which while still being scrabbly was quite navigable.

At the next major forks it became apparent what happens when millions of tons of rock let go all at once. We stepped out of a placid well-rounded and vegetated streambed into a landscape of total destruction. The collapse point had started somewhere up in the other fork of the river and smashed it's way many kilometres downstream. As we carried on the scale of destruction lessened until by Arete Forks Hut it consisted of a layer of gravel covering what was once nice river flats.

Around the corner and it was back into well-rounded boulder terrain. As the back and shoulders were beginning to protest the excessive activity they had

undertaken that day while swinging off of leatherwood and boulders we started to look for a place to camp. The first available spot had a couple of sites amongst the trees but the ambiance wasn't right so we carried on. A little gravel pocket suspended above the river was discovered and provided a great spot. It wouldn't have mattered if either of us had snored as the crashing of the river 5m below us effectively drowned such sounds out.

The next morning the scramble continued for about an hour until the last pool and the only chest deep wade encountered so far bought us round to Cow Creek Hut. From there it is remarkably fast travel through open, flat, sunny riverbed all the way down to Mitre Flats. Then the valley closes in a bit more, slowing progress until the farmland is reached when it opens out again and is easy peasy. We were back at the car by mid afternoon and home in time for tea. We were Brian Webster and Jean Garman.

Murder's Hut 26th February

by Ken Mercer

Murder's Hut sounded impressive, especially to the younger members of the Hargraves family who were on their first trip with the club. We, the Mercer family, were also keen for a stroll without too much climbing.

The (Yeoman) track follows an old tramway which was used to log the area. It's wide enough so you can actually walk side by side and converse. Much of the bush has regenerated so it is also quite pretty. The hut itself shows amazing workmanship as it is built of hand sawn and finished tongue and groove timber. It was pleasant outside so we ate our lunch in the shade of a nearby tree. The surroundings were a bit disappointing as it sits on the edge of a forestry road – not quite the isolation we expected after walking for several hours. Thanks to Tony for leading the trip. Other participants: Jim Hargraves, with Niko and Malena, and Ken & Mary Mercer, with Christina. Most managed to



Above: Wandering Yeoman's Track.
(Murder's Hut Trip | 26/02/2006 | Photo: Ken Mercer).

snooze in the van on the way home.

Ohinepango Springs - Waiho-honu Hut

1st March (Wed)

Leader: Sue & Lawson Pither
20 trampers

Ruapua Stream - Roaring Stag Hut

2nd March (Thu)

Leader: Neville Gray
14 trampers

Hinerua & Smith's Stream Huts

4-5th March

by Gary Bevins
All the hard work for this tramp started at home with Bev on the phone. More than half-a-dozen phone calls later, permission had finally been obtained, through two properties. Because of a nasty ford, the farm track is marginal, with anything other than 4-wheel drive, with high ground clearance. We had to pass through a double-locked gate, plus five other deer gates, to arrive at our carpark at the airstrip.

A spur from the airstrip passes through another locked gate and leads to the bushedge. On the climb

to the bushedge you pass the beginnings of a Hut and a temporary camp. This owner has 300 acres, over 1/2 in bush, as his lifestyle block and has big plans for the area. He & his wife stay in the camp for a couple of weeks at a time, and will work on the hut. Luckily he

was there for the weekend, so he unlocked the gates for us. It was meeting them.

A few up's and downs' and 300 metres gain in altitude, saw us at Hinerua Hut for a hot brew as it was freezing. It is tucked into a little hollow, in a sheltered spot, about 2 hrs walking. From here a steep track leads to a stream. As part of the track has been washed out, the final descent into the creek is via a loose slip. Heading down the creek towards Smith Stream it gets progressively steeper and more overgrown. In fact, it became so steep and the vegetation so thick, that the two members of the fairer sex, had had enough. They returned to Hinerua to light the fire and get warm. A heavy dusting of snow on the tops, had lowered the temperature significantly.

It was a relief to break out into Smith Stream, where the going is very easy. After about 15 minutes travel upstream a small clearing comes into view to our right. Across the clearing and a short climb onto a terrace and you're at Smith Stream Hut. It doesn't get many visitors. The Log Book has got "N.Z. Forest Services" on the cover and entries date back to 1988. I suspect



Above: Smith Creek Hut.
(Hinerua and Smith Creek Hut Trip | 04/03/2006 | Photo: Gary Bevins).

that it will still be there in another 20 years.

Despite the cursing and swearing, we made good time back up the creek, up the slip and back onto the track to the hut. (31/2 hrs) A fire and hot brew were a welcome sight. No used getting up to early as it was still cold, with the winds still very strong. So we headed home doing a wee side trip to stumpy Trig.

We were Gary Bevins & Jemma, Bev Akers, Ann Green, Garry Grayson & John Beech.

Waipawa Saddle 9th March (Thu)

Leader: Gordon Clark
13 trampers

Mt Aurora (Black Is. Antarctica)

by Dave Mitchell

Part 1 of 2

Here at Scott base, in the winter if we want to go on a trip any further than the immediate area around Scott Base we have to submit a trip proposal to the Programme support manager in Christchurch. The distance we would be travelling is about 60km, so a detailed risk management proposal was necessary, this covers all the possible situations we are likely to encounter and lists all the gear we need to take personally and as a group.

Next step the night before is to assemble all the gear and there is a ton of it. We would be taking a Haglund tracked vehicle and 3 skiddoos, as there were 5 of us, we need 5 survival bags, 5 sleeping kits, a box of thermoses, lunches, spare water, toilet kits, 360 liters of spare fuel, tools, a generator to plug the Haglund into and a few other things as well. In addition to our personal gear of full Extreme Cold Weather clothing we took crampons, ice axes and harnesses. Everyone carried their own VHF radio, we had HF as well and an Iridium phone. Also everyone has a GPS with the routes programmed in. At this time of year there is limited VHF coverage and as soon as we get behind Black Island there is no coverage, apart from HF.



So on Sunday morning the 2 Haglund people were ready to go at 7 am after assessing the weather and the 3 people on skiddoos left at 8am as they could catch up easily. We leave from the new Hillary Field Centre and drive down to the transition, which is where the Ross Ice Shelf meets the land in a narrow strip. The skiddoos are usually parked here. From here we head out on a flagged route towards Willies field.

Willies field is a runway that the Americans use for their Ski mount-

ed hercules aircraft which go to and from the south pole station during the summer. Once past Willies field we travel on the Black island flagged route which is in a southerly direction, the going is generally good with compacted snow but with undulating drifts across it. This time of year we are only allowed to travel on the Ross Ice Shelf, any sea ice travel is prohibited till August when the sea ice is strong again.

Part 2 in the next issue...



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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