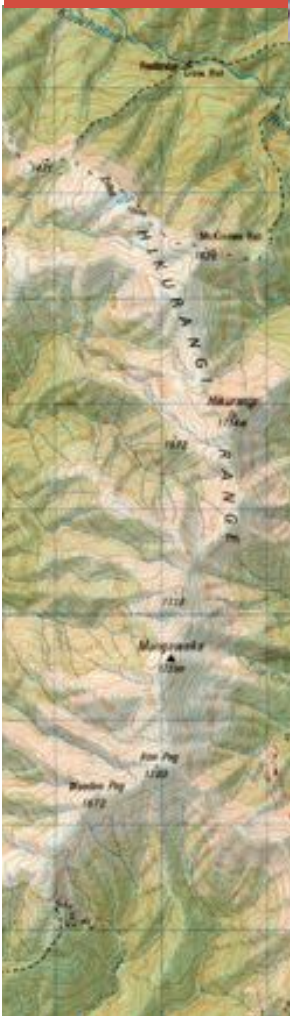


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Photo of Cobb Hut
(Kahurangi National
Park).
Photo: Adam Match



Upcoming club nights

Carrying Your Pack Safely+Shaun Barnett

7.30 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Manawatu Aero Club Rooms, Airport Drive

6th November - The Southern Alps and load carrying in the outdoors

Aarn Tate will show a series of slides of his north/south traverse of the Southern Alps and share some poetry he wrote on the trip. He will also talk about sport science research on load carrying showing how the weight of a backpack puts strain on the body. He will show it is much better to balance the weight front and back. He will demonstrate Flowmo Bodypacks and have some available for people to try on the night.

20th November - Shaun Barnett's Southern Alp Traverse

Over the last 10 years well known Wellington trumper and photographer Shaun Barnett has been slowly completing a piecemeal traverse of the Southern Alps from St Arnaud to Milford Sound. He has just two four-day trips to go to finish... Shaun will present a slideshow of two of the longer sections: a 28-day traverse from Aoraki-Mt Cook to Arthur's Pass, and a 14-day traverse from the Karangarua to Haast pass via the Landsborough Wilderness Area. Come along to hear from a well known figure in outdoor circles.

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Left: Lower part of the Cobb Valley
 Photo: Adam Matich
 (Cobb Valley Trip |
 21 Oct 2007)

President's Report

Summer + End Of Year BBQ

by **Howard Nicholson**

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What a great year to be out and about in the mountains. Although it was not the biggest snow year that we have had, there was still plenty for everyone, and I was pleased to see so many club members and families out there enjoying the season. I was reminded once again why I enjoy being in the club so much – being involved with other like-minded people, taking the chance to escape the workplace to tramp, ski-tour, and ski/ride, and to spend quality time in the outdoors with family and friends. Now that the ski season is over, I am looking forward to the summer tramps and for the fun to continue; have a flick through the newsletter or the new trip card if you feel the need for inspiration.

As club members, we also have an opportunity to feather our own nests, so to speak. You can help to ensure that we continue to have warm and comfortable places to go by getting involved with hut and lodge maintenance,. Don't be shy, and please don't wait to be asked – please make yourself available for at least one work party this summer.

We have a few awards to make at the End-of-Year Barbecue on 4 December, including the Beech Leaf (for service to the club), and Most Spirited (for doing things that encouraging people to get out tramping). If you know of someone whom you feel deserves some recognition, then please contact me directly. Of course, you should also come along on the night and nominate someone for the Chocolate Hamster Award, to ensure recognition of a different sort.... Happy tramping!

Chief Guide's Report

by **Bev Akers**

Phone (06) 325 8879

Thanks Adam for organizing the layout of the trip card, and everyone for taking part in forming this, once again, pink card.

For all those people I didn't contact, I apologise! But don't despair, there's always another card in 6 months, so prepare. Next time if I have trouble finding you I'll just have to put down destinations and hope someone will come forward at the time. Please support what leaders we have for this cheery card.

For Sale

DoC hut tickets - discount rates to members.
 Contact: Howard Nicholson on (06) 357 6325.

New Club Members

The club would like to welcome the following new members:

Gail Maxey (Taradale)

Simon & Bronny Ferry & Family (PN)

Colin Sandbrook (Dannevirke)

Interclub Quiz

Contributed by Howard Nicholson

You could say that MTSC came first-equal with MUAC at the Inter-Club quiz, held on our club night of 16 October. All I can really say is that the best team won, which included Katie, Dan – both from MUAC – Christine, and (ahem...) Howard. Close (about 2 metres away) were PNTMC, who pipped the full MTSC team which included Bev, Maureen, Brian, and Gary.

Thanks to Peter Rawlins, Linda Campbell, Lynda Hunt and Tim Swale for organizing and running the event.

Shaun Barnett Book Offer

Many of you may be familiar with Shaun's work in many books produced by Craig Potton Publishing. Shaun has some of books for sale to members at discounted prices. People should email Shaun with their orders, the sooner before his talk the better, that way he'll be able to bring them up with him.

The titles are:

Classic Tramping in New Zealand

\$35 (retails for \$40)

North Island Weekend Tramps

\$25 (retails for \$30)

Natural New Zealand

\$20

Tramping in New Zealand

\$30 (retails for \$35)

For more information, visit the Craig Potton Publishing website www.craigpotton.co.nz
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Summer Southern Crossing

Are you interested in forming a party to walk this Tararua classic tramp over a weekend in

late Spring or early Summer before Xmas? The plan is to take our time and do the trip from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. The route would be in to Fields Hut on Friday night; Fields Hut to Alpha Hut or camp at Cone Flats on Saturday; and out to Kaitoke, north of Upper Hutt, via either the Marchant Ridge or Tauherenikau Valley on Sunday. This is an above the bush line alpine route so full storm gear is essential and you have to be able to walk for up to 8 hours each day. Previous tramping experience is obviously essential.

Please contact Bruce Taylor on (04) 905 4481 or rowena.bruce@clear.net.nz if you would like to do this trip.

Celebrating 50 Years of Nature Conservation in the Manawatu

Contributed by Brent Barrett

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's leading independent nature conservation society, allied to the Federated Mountain Clubs. Founded in 1957, Forest & Bird's Manawatu Branch is celebrating 50 years with events planned for 2008.

We invite Forest & Bird friends, retired members, and active members who have stories to tell about the history of the branch to contact Manawatu chairperson Brent Barrett on 06 357 6962 or email:

forestbirdmanawatu@hotmail.com

We also extend an invitation for all friends of Forest & Bird to enjoy our celebration events, details of which will be announced shortly at www.forestandbird.org.nz



Left: Powelliphanta
Winner of the Natural History category of the club photo comp.
Photo: Jean Garman

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 Easy/Med. 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 the trip organiser.

Wakelings Hut (Ruahines)

3-4 November

Dave Mitchell

Medium/Fit

329 2803

This trip will start from the Kawhatau road end, which is in from Mangaweka. We will climb up to Colenso peak and then proceed along the Mokai Patea range, which is a broad open ridge that climbs slowly, till we reach the high point of Rongotea, 1568 m. From Rongotea we drop down a ridge to Wakelings Hut, next to the Wai-kamaka river.

Next day to get out, we climb back up to Rongotea, then drop down to Crow Hut which is next to the Kawhatau river. From Crow Hut we climb up the ridge again, and then follow the track back down to the cableway across the river. We cover quite a bit ground in two days so I wouldn't expect each day to be less than eight hours.

Sunrise Hut

4 November

Linda Campbell

Easy

(06) 323 3836

This popular walk on the eastern side of the Ruahine Ranges near Onga Onga follows a well formed, gentle track up to the bushline at the recently renovated Sunrise Hut. The hut is reached in a little over two hours and from there we have the option of either having lunch at the hut, or if the weather is suitable, going on a little further to Armstrong Saddle to get views to the west of the divide.

Maharashtra Crossing

11 November

Tim Swale

Medium

06 376 6556

Maharashtra can be accessed from either the Kumeti Road end near Dannevirke or the Pohangina Valley. I recently went up from the East side and was impressed with the views, vegetation and track. It took us about five hours return. If there are enough people interested it could even be done as a Ruahine crossing by two groups swapping car keys at the top. If interested phone or email theswales@xtra.co.nz

Burn Hut Crossing

16-18 November

Gary Bevins

Medium/Fit

325 8879

I will need to be contacted by 13th Nov if you are interested in this trip. We will travel into Burn Hut Friday night. Saturday will see us climb Taramea and travel the tops then drop into the Ngapuketuru stream about 1 km from the Mangahao. We cross the Mangahao river and climb to the tops via peaks 651, 710, 830. We pass through a saddle and head for the Te Araroa Trail and Scotts Road. Alternately it can be in reverse starting at Scotts Road and coming out at the Mangahao. This is a dry weather trip as crossing the Mangahao after rain is not advisable.

Top Maroepa Hut

18 November

Tony Evans

Medium

357 4355

Leaving Palmy at 7.30 am we drive to North Block Road walk up the track to Sunrise Hut for morning tea. Weather permitting, we then enjoy fantastic views as we continue on across Armstrong Saddle to Top Maroepa Hut for lunch, and then back the same way to the carpark. The full trip should take about 7 hours and anyone who wants a shorter walk can just go as far as Sunrise Hut and enjoy the views over a longer lunch from there.

Wednesday Trampers

21 November

Margaret Gillingham

Easy/Medium

356 8812

Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers

22 November

Peter Carver

Easy/Medium

354 4479

Phone for more details.

Mitre Flats via Blue Range

24-25 November

Adam Matich

Medium

359 2796

I am vacillating between two possible routes over Blue Range. It will depend upon the weather and what important people (like me) feel like on the

day! The longer of the two routes starts from the Kiriwhakapapa Road End, heads up to Te Mara peak on the Blue Range Track, South-West along Blue Range to the Southern 865 m peak, and then straight down to the Barra Track just across the river from Mitre Flats Hut. On the return journey we would cross back over the river, climb back up to 865, head along Blue Range to 975, drop South-East down the spur to the foot bridge at the Mikimiki Road End, and follow the Tramway back to the Kiriwhakapapa Road End.

The shorter route would start from the foot bridge at the Mikimiki Road End, follow the stream South-West and then North-West and climb out up the spur which leads up to the northern-most of the two 865 m peaks on Blue Range, then to the Southern 865, and down to the hut as per the longer route. The return route would take us back up to 865 and along to 975 and then down the spur to the Mikimiki Road End.

Table Top via Otaki Forks
25 November **Easy/Medium**
Dave Allan **(06) 323 9734**
 Meet at the Palmerston North Police Station at 7.00 am. An out and back trip (up hill on the way out-down hill on the way back), on the Southern Crossing Route starting at Otaki Forks and passing Parawai and historic Fields Hut. If fine, great views of Kapiti Island and Marlborough Sounds to be had. If interested phone me by Thursday 22 November.

Wednesday Trampers
28 November **Easy/Medium**
Patsy Inkpen **323 8030**
 Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers
29 November **Easy/Medium**
Graham Pritchard **357 1393**
 Phone for more details.

Lake Dive Hut
1-2 December **Medium**
Mark Learmonth **355 9143**
 Phone for more details.

Irongates Hut
2 December **Medium**
Christine Scott **357 0510**
 This 6-7 hour tramp heads into the Ruahines just north of Apiti via Heritage Lodge (which has just been rebuilt after burning down). Irongates Hut is one of the true old huts in the Ruahines and is well worth a visit. The track undulates along the edge of the Oroua river to avoid the gorge in the lower section but the upper section is relatively easy. We will leave the Police Station at 7.30.

Wednesday Trampers
5 December **Easy/Medium**
Bev Akers **325 8879**
 Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers
6 December **Easy/Medium**
Merv Matthews **357 2858**
 Phone for more details.

Howletts Hut
8-9 December **Medium**
Gary Bevins **325 8879**
 Phone for more details.

Herepai Hut
9 December **Easy/Medium**
Alla Seleznyova **355 0862**
 Phone for more details.

Tongariro Crossing
11-12 December **Easy/Medium**
Don McDonald **357 0222**
 Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers
13 December **Easy/Medium**
Carolyn Brodie **358 6576**
 Phone for more details.

Leon Kinvig via Top Gorge
15-16 December **Medium**
Adam Matich **359 2796**

This full-medium trip will start from the Longview Road End (Moorcock Saddle) from where we will head up through Longview Hut and either drop directly into the Pohangina River and follow it down to Top Gorge Hut, or head down along the tops past Rocky Knob to the high point North of 1174 (or maybe even a little short of that), and drop down the Top Gorge Hut. Then it will be all the way down the river to Leon Kinvig Hut for the night. Next day, we will climb up to 1232, on the Ruahine range, drop down through 855, past the turnoff to the no longer existent Birch Whare, and then NNW down the spur into the stream we will follow down to Makaretu Hut. We then follow the stream down to the North Branch of the Makaretu, which we follow all the way up to Awatere, to then climb back up to Moorcock Saddle. Needless-to-say, if it rains that weekend you are on your own because I will be staying home, warm and dry!

Waikamaka Hut
16 December **Medium/Fit**
Tony Evans **357 4355**
 Have had no luck with the weather on previous plans for this destination so hopefully this will be a case of third time lucky? We will leave town nice and early(7am) for a good days(maybe 8 hours?) walk. Leaving the vehicle at North Block

Road we head up the track towards Sunrise Hut and take the left fork in the track to Waipawa Forks Hut. From there we follow the Waipawa River up to the Waipawa Saddle and on down to

the Waikamaka River and downstream to the Hut. Then we eat our lunch and come home again.



Above: Whakapapa Skifield, four days after Ruapehu 'burped'
Photo: Howard Nicholson

Right: Pablo Loveridge on his way to completing the Beam Traverse
Photo: Howard Nicholson (September School Holidays at the Lodge)



Trip Reports

Thursday Trampers 4 October

by Ann Green

Five met at the Tamaki West road end, there being no minibus that week. Weather sunny and calm. To our surprise the river was clear and not too much water. By the time we got to Stanfield hut (via the Holmes Ridge) the wind was strong. On the open ridge above Cattle Creek it was full gale knocking us sideways, two, Gordon and Zach made it to the hut but the remaining three hunkered down in the scrub ate our lunch and waited for them to return. We got back to the road end having had a good day and still with dry feet. We were Keith, Graham, Gordon, Zach, and Ann

Sledge Track 7 October

by Christine Scott

Ten people from both PNTMC and MTSC wandered around the Toitoto Loop at the head of the Sledge Track under the leadership of Barry Scott. The one platinum mine investigated boasted one dead possum and little else. Lunch break at Toitoto Flats was sheltered from the strong westerly and was only spoiled by the arrival of Tony Gates announcing that the All Blacks had lost to the French in the world cup. A second lunch break was held at the junction when Warren and Terry re-joined the group after escorting one of the group back to the beginning of the

track. They were Owen Rogers, Glen White, Duncan Hadway, Richard Sun, Yin, Nicolas Braud, Terry Crippen, Tony Gates, Warren Wheeler and Barry Scott

Atiwhakatu Stream - Jumbo Loop 11 October

by Stuart Malcolm

Nine trampers completed this tramp taking approx. 8 hours, with lunch at Jumbo Hut. The weather was overcast & cool, with drizzle on the tops; of more importance in light of recent equinoctial gales was the absence of wind! The majority of this trip is through beautiful bush and we all thoroughly enjoyed the scenery and the exercise.

Waterfall Hut 13-14 October

by Doug McNeur

The weather forecast wasn't too bad so we headed up to the western Ruahines with high hopes. There was a bit of consternation at the road end when we saw 2 empty minibus's already there but we didn't let that faze us (too much). The climb up the fence line to the bush edge was as hard as I remembered it but we can't have been going slowly as we passed a group from Wellington that were just heading to Purity for the night. We had an early lunch at the new hut and then wandered up into the cloud and snow. Fortunately there wasn't much wind so it was pretty easy to start along the Gisborne ridge for a short while before turning left and dropping into the Ironpeg stream. There was a bit of scrambling and several bunches of

sharp pointy spaniard grass were found the hard way but we didn't have to contend with leatherwood and most of us got down to the Kauwhatau river with mainly dry feet.

We eventually decided that the river would be too cold for us mere mortals to travel up to the hut and besides, the other group were probably already there.

So we camped beside the river and, in true tramping spirit, got a fire going and burned as much wood as we could.

Sunday was a glorious day so we charged up onto Mangahuka to enjoy it. Ruapehu was shining in all it's glory and we had some wonderful views. We then meandered our way back to the van and wombled on home. All in all, just another good weather tramp as I usually provide.

We were: Jean Garman, Ivan Rienks, Gary Grayson, Adam Matich, Kim Dowson, Duncan Fraser, Jenny McCarthy, and Doug McNeur (leader).

Cobb Valley 20-22 October

by Adam Matich

Because of difficulties with flights we found ourselves driving down to Wellington Airport at 5 on Saturday morning, to pick up the 20 minute flight (8:10 a.m.) to Nelson where we were met by our rental van (cheaper than a shuttle service) in which it took us 2 ½ hours to beetle over the Takaka Hill and up the Cobb Dam Road to Trilobite Hut at the head of the Cobb Reservoir (12 pm). It was wet and windy on the tops, from which we decided to avoid. We made our way up the easy track on the gently sloping valley floor and soon it got wet there too, so our rate of travel was brisk. It was however, just possible to keep our socks dry. 100 min saw us at the derelict Chaffey Hut in which a party from Nelson were sheltering. After a short rest we carried on, and the weather got wetter and colder and 60 minutes later saw us cowering from the rain in the shelter of the canvas-roofed structure called Tent Camp, which was 60 min short of Fenella Hut. After putting on warmer clothes, we headed on up the valley again and were lucky to

see the rain be replaced by hail, so we dried out and warmed up.

The upper end of the valley is a very attractive area. The mountains close in a bit and look quite spectacular with the snow on the rocky outcrops. The vegetation is also particularly colourful, with reds and oranges littered through the tussock and dracophyllum. 30 minutes saw us at Cobb Hut (4 berth, no fire) which is still in reasonable condition, and from there we had our final 30 minute climb up to the very comfortable Fenella Hut (3 ½ hours) for a slightly late afternoon tea. It rained, hailed and snowed all afternoon and overnight and didn't really start to clear until about 9 the next morning. We decided that there wasn't much hope of a tops travel loop at the head of the valley due to the suspect weather, and so at around 10 a.m. left to go up to the swimming hole, where the views were pretty good, but the water was a bit cold. From there we went over to the Lake Cobb track, down to Cobb Hut, and back down the valley to Trilobite Hut for the night. As we headed back down the valley the weather got better and better, with a bit of sun showing itself. There were quite a few waterfalls draining the tops after the previous day or so of rain, hail and snow.

As the weather was holding, we did a 40 minute round trip that afternoon to Myttons Hut, which is a tidy 4-berth affair with a good view down the reservoir towards the dam wall. The weather was nasty overnight again, but it started to clear up around mid-morning on day three. We drove down and across the dam wall to have a look at the car park at the Sylvester Hut (formerly Bushline Hut) road end. Sylvester Hut is in a lake-infested region on the open tops and looks to be a really good place to go in nice weather. On our way back up out of the Cobb Valley we stopped at the lookout to view the reservoir, and view across to Sylvester Hut which is just visible up on the bushline. The Cobb Dam Road then dropped us back down into the Takaka River and we picked up the 4WD track that sidles up the river to the asbestos mines (1 hour).



Left: Chaffey Hut
Photo: Adam Matich
(Cobb Valley Trip | 20-22 Oct 07)



Above: The Cobb Reservoir from the lookout Photo: Adam Matich (Cobb Valley Trip | 20-22 Oct 07)

We soon found that we were overdressed, as now we were out of the Cobb Valley, the weather had miraculously improved. Holding our collective breathes while passing through the mine workings proved impossible, so we trusted to luck and took the 40 minute climb up to the historic Asbestos Cottage. This quaint 4-berth cottage is on a steepish hillside in a small clearing on a track that leads down into the Mt Arthur track system. Once back out again we headed back to Nelson to pick up our 6:30 p.m. flight back to Wellington to subsequently get back the Palmerston North well in the dark.

The Cobb Valley area has quite a lot of scope for some good tramping (in clement weather). A couple of days can be spend up at Fenella with trips up to Waingaro Peak and around Xenicus Peak and through Round Lake. It is also possible to travel the Lockett range from just south of Waingaro Peak to Sylvester (Bushline) Hut. The Mt Arthur track system is also easily accessible from here, up through Myttons Hut and Lake Peel to Balloon hut and right around and back out through Asbestos Cottage. It is a popular area though, and so it is advisable to be prepared to camp out, which is a good gambit if you want to avoid the ubiquitous parents with their poorly-controlled demon spawn.

We were Mark Learmonth, Garry Grayson, Dave Mitchell, Bev Akers, Gary Bevins, and Adam Matich.

Wednesday & Thursday Trampers

Glencone Hut - Cone Peak (Apiti) [Wed]

Leader: Rose Strahan (17 trampers)

Thanks Roger McIntyre for allowing us once again on his property. We followed a track up through bush to a hut on Cone Peck which is on the ridge leading up between Toka & Tunupo.

Manawatu Gorge [Wed]

Leader: Jill Chapman (12 trampers)

Weather forecast lousy - Access track disappearing into the river again. Sunshine all the way and a jovial lunch at the Bridge Cafe.

Waihohonu Hut (Thu), 11 trampers

Deadmans Track (Wed), 7 trampers

Burn Hut (Thu), 10 trampers

Cattle Creek Hut (Thu), 5 trampers

Herepai Hut (Wed), 11 trampers

Jumbo (Thu), 9 trampers

Waitewaewae Track to the Boiler (Wed), 19 trampers

Deadmans Loop (Thu), 11 trampers

Atiwhakatu Hut (Wed), 14 trampers

Mountain House (Wed), 5 trampers

Forks Hut (Thu), 15 trampers

Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is \$90 but is reduced to \$63 with your Federated Mountain Club (FMC) card discount. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post you an Annual Hut Pass. Note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family. Contact Jean at jeanandivan@value.net.nz or phone (06) 354 3536.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860. Lodge bookings can be made between 9:30 am and 9:30 pm on any day. Do not call outside of these hours.



Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is to be made in advance by personal cheque, bank cheque or cash. There is no Internet banking for lodge fees. Contact Hugh & Liz Wilde on (06) 356 9450.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$21	\$33
Secondary School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26

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 Thurs day, and certainly no later than 6 pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others needing the van have time to amend travel arrangements.
3. A fly should be carried on every tramp, there is always one in the passenger door of the club van and they are available from the Gear Custodian at no charge.



Trip leaders and those planning trips should use this effect club asset. Adam Matich is our minibus custodian and he can be contacted at (06) 359 2796.

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 bivvy bags and two 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 (06) 356 7443.

Articles for the newsletter

Send by the 15th of each month to Wei-Hang Chua at mtsc.editor@xtra.co.nz. Please contact me if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by email only. Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North or email info@mtsc.org.nz

Club website | www.mtsc.org.nz

This includes a list of contact details and a club email address. The club webpage is maintained by Howard Nicholson and is kindly hosted by InSPire Net.

People to contact

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

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