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7.30 pm, 1st Tuesday of the month | Rose City Aquatic Club Room, 50 Park Road, Palmerston North

Tuesday 2nd November 2010 | Clive Jones
Live Locally Climb Globally

Tuesday 7th December 2010
Pot Luck Tea, Prize Giving and the chance of a swim

New Members

Vincent Morgan - Palmerston North

All prospective members are encouraged to go on a club trip or attend a club night before joining. This is a great way to meet current members who can nominate you. Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Secunder who are current MTSC members and have been so for at least one year. New memberships are usually confirmed at the next monthly committee meeting.

For further information or an application form please visit: www.mtsc.org.nz

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Items for the newsletter: The deadline for newsletter items is the end of the month. Please include a date with trip reports. Photos are appreciated, any number of images at 1024x768 pixels or greater if possible. For example a 2 megapixel image is 1600 x 1200 pixels. Please include the date and an appropriate caption for the photo, including names of people.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
KEN MERCER
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Spring is in the air, the days are (sometimes) warmer and longer. The snow is melting (sob), but I'm looking forward to doing some tramping.

A number of organisations I belong to send out weekly emails containing useful information and promoting upcoming trips. This is in addition to their regular newsletters. I am as overwhelmed by spam as anyone but continue to subscribe and usually appreciate this regular contact and I want to start something similar with the MTSC. It will go out on Mondays and primarily be a list of where trips are going on Wednesday, Thursday, and the weekend as well as the trip leader details. I proposed this at our recent meeting and gained support from the committee.

The first step is to build a reliable mailing list and to this end I will shortly email everyone for whom we have an address asking if you want to receive such correspondence. Email addresses change and if you don't receive my request and wish to subscribe please email me at president@mtsc.org.nz. Please note two things. You will only be included in this weekly email list if you want to be, either by replying to the initial email or actively making a request. Also, this list will be maintained separately from the list which is used to send out the electronic version of the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Kate needs a break! She has done a sterling job editing the last few issues of the newsletter and looking after a small child and working but – we'd like someone to take over as newsletter editor.

What is required? The most important thing is to be able to shuffle emailed articles and pictures into appropriate locations to give something resembling the newsletter. Emailing out requests and reminders for reports is also important. When everything is finished a PDF is emailed to the Massey Printery and those who receive the newsletter electronically. Help is available getting these technical details sorted.

So, if you think you might have the time and the talent please have a chat with a member of the committee or me.

Thanks so much,
Ken Mercer, 356 7497

Clive Jones –
“Live Locally, Climb Globally”
6th October 2010

Biographic Details

Clive Jones is the Deputy Chief Executive – Strategy & Dean of the Humanities and Business Faculty at UCOL (an Institute of Technology) in Palmerston North. He has a Bachelor of Technology degree and a Masters in Business Administration from Massey University.

Outside of work, Clive is a keen mountaineer, and over the last 20 years has been on expeditions to remote parts of the world including Peru, Argentina, Nepal, Tibet, and Pakistan. On the 15th of May 2004 Clive became the 17th New Zealander to stand on the summit of Mt Everest (8,848m) in Nepal.

His other notable mountaineering achievements include the first New Zealand Ascent of Cho Oyu (8,201m) in Tibet in 1994 and an ascent of Gasherbrum II (8,035m) in Pakistan in 1999.

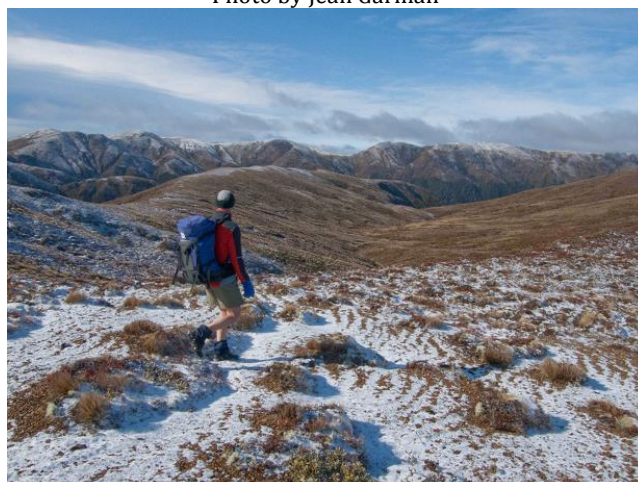
Since climbing Everest in 2004 Clive has revisited the Himalayas three times, making attempts on Mt Shishapangma (8,027m) in Tibet in 2006 and 2007, and Mt Manaslu (8,156m) in Nepal in 2010.



Photo by Ken Mercer

Linda Hunt, Peter Rawlins, Mary Mercer and Howard Nicholson ascending Gliding Gladys above Turoa

Ivan on the rolling Te Hiwiokaturi Ridge
Photo by Jean Garman





INTERCLUB PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS 2010

Section	Place	Taken by	Title	Club
Landscape	1 st	Richard Lander	Hump Ridge boardwalk	MTSC
	2 nd	Martin Lawrence	Lake Sylvester, Kahurangi National Park	PNTMC
	Commended	Ken Mercer	Cave near Karamea	MTSC
Above Bushline	1 st	Sam Johnson	The climb before the ski - Ngauruhoe	MTSC
	2 nd	Richard Lander	Ruapehu	MTSC
Below Bushline	1 st	Tony Fransen	Lost world	MUAC
	2 nd	Richard Lander	Stream, Hump Ridge Track	MTSC
	Commended	Tony Fransen	Lost world 2	MUAC
Natural History	1 st	Eric Liu	Gannets	PNTMC
	2 nd	Richard Lander	Gull – Tora Walk	MTSC
Overseas	1 st	Chris Tuffley	Arapiles Sunset	PNTMC
	2 nd	Josh Sydney- Smith	Snow Gums	MUAC
	Commended	Christine Scott	Masai, Zanzibar	MTSC
	Commended	Mike Archer	Ski touring	PNTMC
Topical	1 st	Nic Durkin	Sock tree	MUAC
	2 nd	Eric Liu	On Kapakapanui	PNTMC
	Commended	Hayden Short	Hut climbing	MUAC
	Commended	Tony Fransen	Lost world abseil	MUAC

Jean and Jenny above the bush line on the climb up to Mitre Peak looking at Baldy North King and Adkin
Photo by Adam Matich





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 grading 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.

TRIP SAFETY

Trip leaders are reminded that trip intentions can be emailed to intentions@mtsc.org.nz, although this is not a substitute for leaving full written details with the designated contacts within the club. If you require further information on this please contact the Chief Guide. The club also has tent flies and personal locator beacons available free of charge, the club transit van will always have these so there isn't any reason not to take these on a trip short or long, they way next to nothing.

Manawatu Gorge Track

Standing Invitation

David Newstead

Easy
027 4576175

I walk the Gorge Track (W to E) most Sunday mornings. This is a reminder that the invitation to join me still stands.

Starting time is usually 8:00 to 9:00 (flexible). I walk over and meet my wife at Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe, for morning tea / lunch, as appropriate, and she drives us back to the Western car park. So if you feel like a Sunday morning walk (vigorous or ambling, your choice) give me a call. Families, young children, everyone welcome.

Wednesday Trampers

3 November

Margaret Foot

Please call for more details

Easy/Medium

357-8003

Thursday Trampers

4 November

John Thornley

Please call for more details

Medium

356-9681

Mangahao Flats Work Party

6-7 November

Jean Garman

We will leave PN bright and early on Saturday morning and do any necessary light track clearance along the walk into Mangahao Flats hut. Once there we will be cleaning the hut, trimming back encroaching vegetation and cutting up a bit of firewood. The evening will be spent

Medium/Fit

06 354 3536

eating yummy food and socialising over a few BYO drinkies followed by some BYO fireworks and weather permitting a little bonfire in the evening. Anything not completed on Saturday will be finished off on Sunday morning before the walk out either back down the track or via the river or some combination of the two depending on the weather and individual inclination.

Wednesday Trampers

10 November

Mona Webb

Please call for more details

Easy/Medium

323 4212

Thursday Trampler

11 November

Bryan Evans

Please call for more details

Medium

323-7614

Baber and Dick Creeks

14 November

Adam Matich

This trip involves crossing #1 Mangahao Dam and following the sidle track to the beginning of Baber Creek, at the base of the Puketurua Track. We then head up Baber Creek until we can pick up the spur to the Baber-Dick Saddle. From the saddle we drop into and then head down Dick Creek to the Mangahao River sidle track, which we will follow down to the bridge. If the dam and the river are both low, then we will drop into the river and head back down to the top dam (wet feet). Otherwise we will continue on down the track. It should be no more than a 7-hour day.

Medium/Fit

06 359 2796



UPCOMING TRIPS

Wednesday Trampers

17 November Easy/Medium
 Angela & Kel McKinnon 358-9025
 Please call for more details

Thursday Trampers

18 November Medium
 Jill Spencer 329-8378

Oroua Stoat Line

20-21 November Easy/Medium/Fit
 21 November Easy/Medium/Fit
 Kim Fraser 06 355 5496

There are 2 hundred and something stoat traps in the Oroua valley area and our club is checking them in November. The traps are spread from the Heritage lodge carpark to Triangle hut, the Oroua river, Irongates stream, Umutoi and Tunupo creeks, partway up to Tunupo High Point, and down to the Oroua River so I am looking for a range of people to help with the trap clearing as the location of the traps means more than one party is required to get them cleared in a weekend and also means I can accomodate everyone from fit to lazy. So if you are keen on helping out let me know and I shall organise something.

Wednesday Trampers

24 November Easy/Medium
 Marian Beadle 323-3246

Thursday Trampers

25 November Medium
 Keith Fisher 357-1724

McKinnon Hut

27-28 November Medium
 David Newstead 027 457 6175

McKinnon Hut is just under the Eastern side of the Hikurangi Range, to the West of the main Ruahine Range. We can get to it from either the Kawhatau Base (Rangitane Road end) which would make it an 'easy-medium', or even 'easy' trip, or from the Mangakokeke Road end via Purity Hut and the Hikurangi Range (Wooden Peg, Mangaweka, Hikurangi), a comfortable full day in good weather.

Which route we take will depend on, first, the weather and, second, the preferences of the party. If there were enough people wanting each route, there would be no problem in making it two coinciding trips.

E-mail: Newstead@clear.net.nz

McKinnon Hut

27-28 November Medium/Fit
 Kim Fraser 06 355 5496

I will be going in via Purity Hut and out to the Kawhatau Base if transport permits.

Wednesday Trampers

1 December Easy/Medium
 Rita & Arthur Hodson 323-5491

Thursday Trampers

2 December Medium
 Royce Mills 355-8556

Waikamaka Hut

4-5 November Easy/Medium
 Bev Akers 06 325 8879
 Please phone for more details

Wakelings Hut

4-5 December Medium/Fit
 Jenny McCarthy 06 376 8838

I am hoping to do a crossing of the Ruahines. We will go to Wakelings hut on Saturday. Sunday we will go up the river to Waikamaka Hut out over the Waipawa Saddle. This is all dependant on weather and transport. Please phone early

Poutaki Hut - Hike and Bike

5 December – Easy/ Medium
 Tim Swale 06 376 6556

This rarely visited hut in the Wakarara Range can be accessed much more quickly by carrying bikes across the Makaroro River and riding about 7km on forestry roads before starting the tramp. We can stash bikes and scramble up a steep spur to Poutaki summit for great views across the Ruahine Ranges. The return trip is mostly downhill so should be fast. Hopefully we will be in time to catch the café at Ongaonga on the way home.

Wednesday Trampers

8 December Easy/Medium
 Bev Akers 325-8879

Thursday Trampers

9 December Medium
 Nigel Spencer 329-8738

Kiriwhakapapa Loop

12 December Medium
 Adam Matich 06 359 2796

This trip heads from the Kiriwhakapapa road end, along the Mikimiki tramway to its high-point at the saddle. Then the track is abandoned to head south into the bush to bump 615, 613, and then 725 for lunch. After lunch we head over Whakapapa peak, and then northerly to the bush line from where we will compass our way back down to the Kiriwhakapapa road end.



**Pisa Range Central Otago
“Christmas” Trip (actually end January)**

22,23,24 January 2011

Medium-Fit

David Newstead,

027 4576175

The reason for running this trip in late January, rather than Christmas, is the reliability of the weather at 6,000 feet (1,900 m) uncertain at the best of times.

The three days (Wellington anniversary weekend) is the actual tramping trip, getting there and back (own arrangements) is extra. The going will be easy-medium, but for 30 miles, up to 6,000 feet with heavy packs.

The trip entails a “traverse” of most of the Pisa Range, among the schist outcrops, from about Luggate, near the head of Lake Dunstan, to Lowburn, near Cromwell. This will be mostly on farm roads. The top of the Pisa Range is pretty well flat, with first and second night’s camps at around 6,000 feet (third night will be at Lowburn/Cromwell).

If the weather forecast at the time is unfavourable, an alternative lowland route, of about the same distance is planned, (also out of Luggate). This will be the old gold coach road, Thompson Gorge Rd, from Bendigo Station through to the Matakau gold fields, and back, probably by a different route over the Dunstan Mountains; details again dependant on the weather.

Please let us know of interest as early as you can. I need to arrange transport between the assembly/dispersal point(s) (Luggate and Cromwell) and start/finish points; and also to give the run-holders an idea of how many we will be.

Contacts: Palmerston North, (MTSC) David Newstead, phone 027 4576175



On the high point of the Te Hiwiokaituri Ridge
Photo by Ivan Reinks

**Trip Reports
Waiopehu Hut**

Sept 25-26

Bev Akers.

The weather forecast was not good, but then it had been that way for the last month. Because of this, the trip was changed from Waiopehu (a cold hut with no heating) to the lower, more sheltered and warmer Totara Flats. This meant we could join up with the fit group, who were going to Totara Flats via High Ridge.

On arrival at the car park there were a few vehicles but it was not over crowded. We didn’t need our raincoats on the way in and it was quite warm while you were moving. Some people managed to get to the hut with dry feet, even though the several stream crossings were higher than normal. We arrived at the hut with half a dozen people in residence. This was soon to change .People started arriving in droves. There were hunters, rifles ,dogs, families, students and some real trampers. The hut was overflowing by the time it was dark and they still kept rolling in.

We cooked our tea while there was still available bench space. Sleeping arrangements saw people on the floor of the hut, out on the deck and in tents, on the flats nearby. It was a lesson to everybody, that even when heading to such a large hut, you should always have the gear to sleep out ,If required. It was reasonably noisy during the night with talking, laughing, farting and snoring.

At 5 o’clock a party of school students heading to Neil Forks arose. This meant that a lot of people were up early, since they had been disturbed. We had a leisurely breakfast and headed away just after 8 o’clock old time, really a late 9 o’clock new time. We struck rain and strong winds on the way out, wearing raincoats all the way back to the vehicle.

We were Jeannete Watkins ,John Beech, Nicolla Wallace, Emma Callesen ,Gary & Bev with sidekick Jemma.



Adam and Jenny arriving at Tarn ridge Hut
Photo by Jean Garman



Tarn Ridge
2-3 October
Jean Garman

When I gave the two other people interested in the trip the option of an early start on Saturday morning or a Friday night walk in to Mitre Flats I got a very quick and unanimous response back that a Friday night start was preferred. It was a bit of a rush to get away at a reasonable time but it only took us about 2½ hours to get to the hut (with a bit under an hour of that being in the dark) so not too traumatic overall. No one else turned up in the night although the pitter patter of little feet on the decking, a fair amount of hissing and some high pitched squealing were heard indicating that there are plenty of possums/rats/mice in the area but luckily not in the hut.

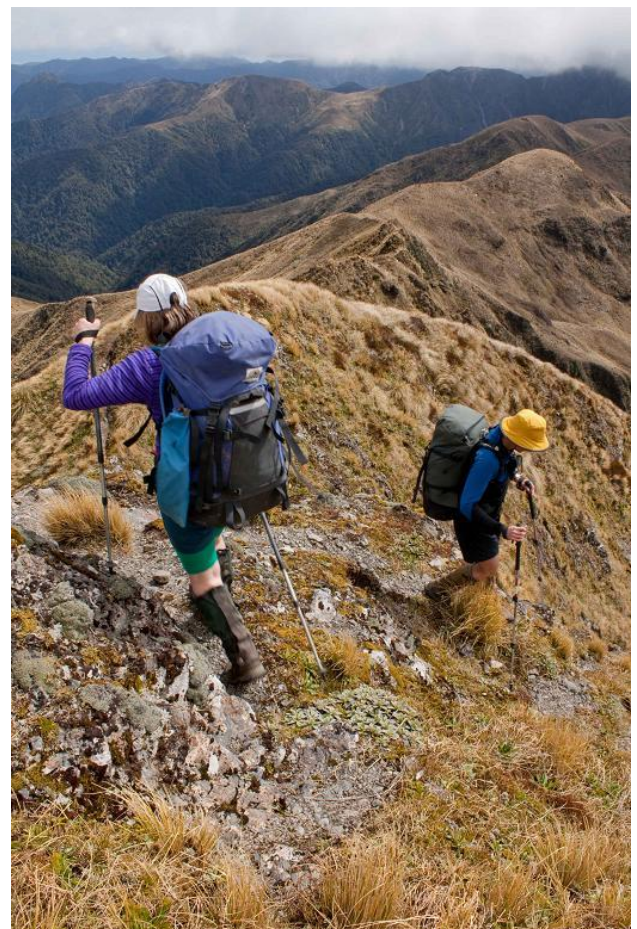
Although there were some quite big wind gusts in the night the morning dawned calm and clear and we headed off up the ridge with high hopes of a pleasant stroll on the tops in fabulous weather. An early lunch was held on the very top of Mitre just because we could; normally it is far too cold and breezy. By this point we had dubbed the trip “the tarn ridge photography trip” as we were all stopping frequently to snap many pictures of the stunning views, each other and the first of the alpine flowers. The breeze picked up a little and a few clouds appeared above us so it wasn't quite sunbathing on the deck weather when we reached Tarn Ridge Hut in the early afternoon. Inside most of the mattresses were looking pretty revolting, covered in mildew,

so we spent several hours giving them a good scrub. Luckily the locked cupboard had been broken into which yielded up some Handy Andy which did a much better job than dish wash liquid however what was really needed was the more vigorous Exit Mould. Mid scrub another chap turned up and helped out for a while but at some point our hands started getting too cold so we left the last 3 mattresses for someone else to have a go at. There was a reasonable amount of reading material in the hut and the periodic breaks of sunshine through the windows was quite warming so a pleasant evening was spent until the onset of darkness saw us all tucked up in bed for the night.

Adam and Jenny On Tarn Ridge
Photo by Jean Garman

During the night all the cloud cleared away once more and Sunday morning was again crystal clear and calm. We all set off around 8am so had the extra company of our hut mate until he turned off to carry on south along the range back to Holdsworth while we retraced our steps over Mitre. Again we had a good long break on the very top just because we could and at this point the geocache was discovered so we recoded our names in it even though we had no GPS. The walk down the ridge was equally pleasant and we arrived back at Mitre Flats in time for lunch. While it was warm enough for me to consider a walk out down the river (the others didn't even consider it) it was unfortunately still a bit murky and a little higher than normal so we all trudged out via the track with thoughts of ice creams in Masterton to lure us on.

Besides many excellent photos the weekend also produced the first hint of sun burn for the season so it is now time for the tubes of sunscreen to make a re-appearance. We were Jenny McCarthy, Adam Matich and Jean Garman.





TRIP REPORTS

A Frame Hut

Thursday Trampers

Oct. 14th

Ann Green

Due to exceedingly wet weather we abandoned our plans to go to Daphne hut and 10 of us went to the A frame. Reaching it in time for morning tea, but as there was no let up in the weather we went straight back down. Dry Stream, between the camp site and car park, usually a little trickle was fast and dirty and some of us were happy to link up to cross. We then went to a nearby member's house to eat lunch and dry out.

Mitre Flat

October 16-17

Linda Campbell

Four of us (Lisa, Dan, Tim and Linda) set out from Pahiatua mid morning and stopped for the promised coffee and cake at Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre. Feeling full and ready for action we set off for The Pines at the Upper Waingawa Road end. It was 'Goldilocks weather' - not too hot and not too cold but just right. There was a light breeze and the hills were standing out against clear skies beautifully, but the cloud hugging the tops showed it was very windy up there. We had spectacular views of the Waingawa River as we walked. The water was so clear we could see each rock clearly. Our maps showed seven creeks to cross but in reality there were nineteen!! A number of these were really beautiful with small waterfalls cascading down.

Before dinner two of us decided to take a short walk and have a bit more of a look around. Whilst strolling back toward the bridge we met four very keen people who had left at 7.00am, come up the Ohau River, across the Tararuas and down to Mitre Flat. They were dressed for a run, had very small day packs and planned to go out to The Pines after a quick feed at the hut. We were surprised with the distance they had covered in one day and how lightly they were travelling. The wind increased during the night and woke us several times. As we had breakfast it began to rain and we knew our decision not to go to Mitre after all was the right one. There was light drizzle pretty much all the way back. As it is just a small walk we stopped off at Mt Bruce again for lunch. When unpacking at home it was discovered that Tim had had furry little visitors in his food bag. Something to remember next visit!

Jean and Jenny climbing up to the bush line from Mitre Flats

Photo by Adam Matich



The Gorge Walk Wednesday

6 October

Anne Rush

Branch Road Track was closed because of a slip, and as we had to be at the Ashhurst Domain by 12.30 pm we chose to walk The Gorge. Twenty trampers turned up and in 3-1/2 hours most did the return trip either to the Klein Track turn off or Windy Point. Our group had previously met with four Massey University second year nursing students who had asked if we would be prepared to receive a presentation on issues that we would be interested in and we chose heart attacks, stroke, angina and nutrition. We met in the shelter shed at the Domain and ate our lunch while the students gave their presentation. It was well researched and well received, with plenty of questions being answered. Congratulations to the students for a very successful presentation which was videoed to be assessed by tutors.



TRIP REPORTS

Te Hiwiokaituri 9/10 October 2010 Jean Garman

A very early morning start saw Ivan and I roll into the Urchin car park at exactly 8.30am, David Debbie and Monique were already there. Soon we were all racing off up the track towards Urchin, not much talking as there was too much heavy breathing going on. The skies were grey but it was not yet raining. The trail across Urchin was shrouded in mist with a chill breeze blowing through. We reached the intersection where the 'new' track between Urchin and Umakarikari branches off from the descent to the Waipakahi River in about 2 hours and it was around here that the raincoats went on and stayed on for the rest of the day. We made Monique walk at the back to save being blinded by the brilliance of her rain coat. The track along the bushy ridge line was well marked if not a little rough and when we hit the bush edge on the other side we stopped in the last remaining shelter of the day for lunch. Shortly after we climbed away from the bush my fingers started to go numb and a skin searing blast of hail made us grimace in pain, luckily it didn't last for long and the snow that came afterwards was far gentler. The snow quickly stopped and the fingers thawed, there was even the odd patch of brightness as the sun tried to break through the cloud but then the fingers started to go numb again and sure enough another snow shower followed by a warming phase came through. This cycle continued a number of times so we hardly stopped at all, aiming to get across the open tops as quickly as possible in case the weather really set in. Towards the end of the Umakarikari range the clouds rolled back and we had views of the surrounding ranges and the lakes but then the fingers started to go numb again..... It was quite surreal watching the snow swirling through the valley as we descended back into the bush. Once we reached the hut the sun shone on us, until the next snow shower came through that is. Attempts to get water flowing through the pipes failed and once the tank was stirred a little no one wanted to drink from it, luckily there is a stream not too far behind the hut. The five of us took over one bunk room while two parties of three who turned up after us had the other. Monique got the fire going and although it took a while to heat up once the coal was burning well it got quite toasty, so much so that several members of our party preferred to stay outside. The last snow shower before dark was a bit more prolonged and left a light sprinkling on the

ground, this got another layer overnight but the morning dawned calm and when it got light enough to see properly also reasonably clear with only a bit of high cloud. The sprinkling of snow was frozen and crunchy – very beautiful. We were off a wee while after 7am heading up the 'new' track to the middle range. In the shelter of the trees it was positively warm so the layers were rapidly stripped off; however, on exiting the bush the gentle breeze was rather frigid so most of the layers went back on. Stunning views of the snow dusted tops and interesting cloud formations kept us ohing and ahing as we climbed up to and then carried on along the Te Hiwiokaituri range. All beautiful rolling Kaimanawa tops that you can just gallop along, except for a bit of a rocky pinnacle on the decent which could be easily sidled on the eastern side by dropping and traversing on a series of little ledges. The bush however was not very lovely as there was a proliferation of windfalls and thickets of bushlawyer. I was in front and my navigation at a crucial point left a bit to be desired so we ended up dropping off a side spur near the end of the ridge instead of following the ridge all the way to the very bottom. At the confluence of the Thunderbolt Stream and the Waipakahi River we had a leisurely lunch as we basked in the warmth of the sunshine, the epitome of a summer's day. Shortly thereafter we crossed the river; while not actually seeing the event the laughter from below indicated someone had taken a dunking and sure enough a few minutes later Deb turned up in a different set of clothes. We carried on down on the true right along trails across the river flats and through sections of bush all the way to the track up to Urchin. After refilling the water bottles a 45min sweaty climb saw us back at the intersection from the previous day. This time we had fabulous views across Urchin along with a cool breeze to dry the sweat from the climb. It was a pleasant stroll back across the tops and down through the bush, reaching the vehicles around 4.30pm. We left the others have a pre-departure brew while we bolted for home before the predicted next phase of bad weather came through.

This is a stunning area not that often visited by the club but less than a 2 ½ hr drive from Palmerston North. Many thanks to David for organising the trip; we were David, Debbie, Monique, Ivan and Jean.



CLUB INFORMATION

Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is \$120 but is reduced to \$84 with your Federated Mountain Club (FMC) card discount. For further information or for the forms to complete 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 mains power, heating, hot showers and is well stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome. (Lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860).

Lodge bookings should be emailed to Liz and Hugh Wilde lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz. If for some reason you cannot email, please phone 06 356 9450. To confirm your booking, payment must be made in advance by cheque, or cash (in person) to 179 Cook St, Palmerston North 4410. Internet payment is not available for lodge fees.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$25	\$38
Secondary School	\$22	\$35
Primary School	\$19	\$30
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$10	\$10



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 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. There is a Personal Locator Beacon, in the glove box, for people using the van to take with them.

Trip leaders and those planning trips should use this club asset. Adam Matich is our minibus custodian and he can be contacted at (06) 359 2796 or at work (06) 953 7679.

Club Equipment

We have two personal locator beacons (PLB), 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 (no charge for PLB). Contact the Gear Custodian: Peter Rawlins on (06) 356 7443.

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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