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Upcoming club nights - Details on page 3

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

Tuesday 7 December 2010 | Potluck Tea and Prizegiving

January 2011 | No clubnight

Tuesday 1 February 2011 | To be confirmed

Notice to Kohiterere Forest Users

The Horowhenua Motorcycle club are running a trailride on the weekend of the 4th and 5th December so there will be no access for trampers/walkers in the Kohiterere Forest (including trig track) that weekend, they advise that there will be warning signs up at the entrances to the forest.



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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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DOC (or The DOC?) is currently proposing to change its rules for the Tongariro National Park in three main areas. The first is an over-snow taxi service which RAL is hoping to operate around the Whakapapa village area. This will use snow cats (groomers), or similar vehicles, to transport clubies to lodges, primarily in the evening. Snowmobiles won't be permitted and there are appropriate noise limitations.

In theory MTSC skiers could take advantage of the proposed service but in practice our lodge is so close it would have to be quicker to walk rather than wait for a ride. Snow cover would often be a problem for us too but I expect that the clubs further up Salt ridge and on Hut flat will find it useful, particularly when a blizzard is raging and children are involved. The operating area won't extend as far as the NZ Alpine hut, which is above Delta corner, and they certainly won't be allowed to take passengers above the ski area or to the crater.

The clubs at Tukino are wanting to extend their skiable area by means of a snow cat up to the 1980m mark. For reference the marker pole, which is above the NZ Alpine Club hut, is at 2150m). The argument, which I agree with, is that the environmental impact of cat skiing is less than that of installing a higher rope tow.

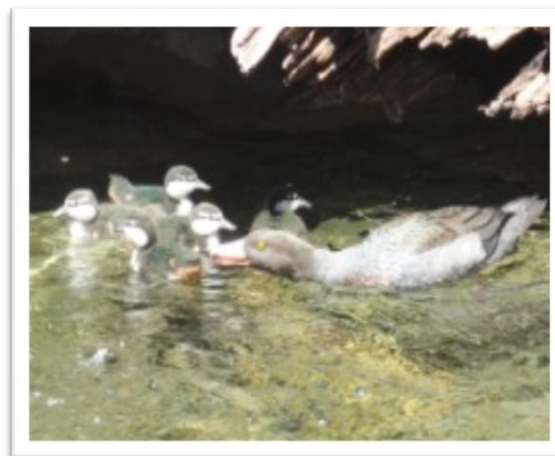
One of DOCs great concerns is the large numbers of people using the Tongariro Crossing. The current rules attempt to control this by restricting the number of bus operators which can provide transport. The proposed change will allow, at some point, restrictions on passenger numbers to be directly applied.

The last change is to allow mountain biking on the Old Coach Road, near Ohakune, and near Tree Trunk Gorge, off the desert road. Perhaps the ultimate in rubber stamping since the Prime Minister opened the Old Coach Road cycle way some time ago!

I have prepared a submission on behalf of the club supporting all these changes. It has already been past the committee and we welcome any comments from members who feel they have something to contribute. There's heaps of detail on the DOC site.

Enjoy the summer!

Ken Mercer.



Whanau of Whio on Iron Gates Creek
Photo: Tony Gates

CHIEF GUIDE REPORT

Kim Fraser

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Finally once again summer is upon us and the summer tramping boots have finally been dragged out of the cupboard, greased + oiled and are rearing to go just like me.

If you are planning on going on a tramp be it long/short, easy or hard, or if you are a novice or experienced, remember to be prepared at all times for all weather and conditions, don't let our nearly rain free past month and a half lull you into thinking the bad weather is over until next autumn.

Remember there is a list of clothing and equipment you need to take tramping, whether it be a club trip or personal trip on our website and on the tripcard, on the website there is also guidelines for tripleaders taking trips, I advise all trip participants and leaders read this before participating in any club activities. If you don't have internet access contact me and I will be happy to get the info to you.

Hope to see you out and about

Kim Fraser.



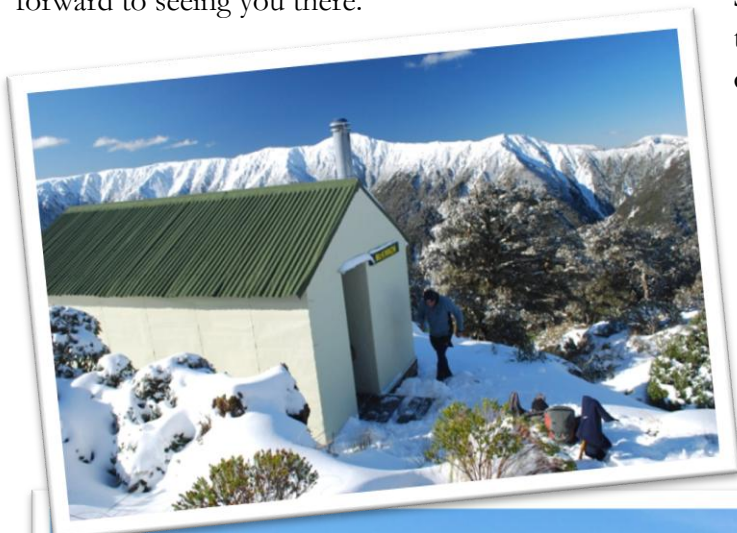
FINAL CLUBNIGHT OF 2010 - POT LUCK TEA AND PRIZE GIVING

Tuesday 7th December 2010

From 6pm some members intend getting together for a swim at the Lido (Cost \$3-50 adult and \$9 for a family).

Following this, at 7pm there will be a pot luck tea in the clubroom. Please feel free to bring along digital photos of your adventures during 2010 so that they can be shown during the evening.

We will also have the end of year prize-giving to recognise the great work and spirit of adventure shown by members during the year. We look forward to seeing you there.



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

Left | Mckinnon Hut

Below: Gary steaming towards lunch at Dun Mt hut
| Richmond FP





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.

McKinnon Hut
27-28 November
David Newstead
Medium
027 4576175

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
Kim Fraser
Medium
355 5496

Whatever David decides I will do the opposite, my plan is a one way trip from Purity to Kawhatau or vice versa depending on the conditions mentioned above.

Wednesday Trampers
1 December
Rita and Arthur Hodson
 Please call for more details
Easy/Med
323 5491

Thursday Trampers
2 December
Hugh Wilde
 Please call for more details, **note-change of trip leader**
Medium
356 9450

Wakelings Hut
4-5 December
Jenny McCarthy
Med/Fit
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.

Waipawa Saddle
5 November
Bev Akers
Easy/Med
325 8879

This weekend trip is now a day trip as far as you want to go, we hope to meet up with the Wakelings hut trip who will be walking out.

Poutaki Hut - Hike and Bike
5 December
Tim Swale
Easy/ Med
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
Bev Akers
Easy/Med
325-8879

Please phone for more details



UPCOMING TRIPS

Thursday Trampers

9 December

Nigel Spencer

Please call for more details

Medium
329 8738

Kiriwhakapapa Loop

12 December

Adam Matich

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.

Medium
06 359 2796

Mid Pohangina/Ngamoko Hut

18-19 December

Kim Fraser

This trip is very weather dependant but the plan is to tramp into Mid Pohangina Hut, and up river to Ngamoko Hut for the night. On Sunday head up onto the Ngamoko range, then southish along the range and drop into Piripiri Stream and back to the car. There may be some scratchyness involved as it is uncertain what condition the track is currently in on the Sunday part of the trip.

Med/Fit
355 5496

Elder Biv

8-9 January

Dave Mitchell

Please call for more details

Med/Fit
329 2803

Thursday Trampers

January

No trip planned, please call one of the regulars if you wish to go for a tramp.

Medium



Frozen sign on Hikurangi Range | Mckinnon Hut

Mangiora Stream

9 January

David Harington

Dave plans to travel up the full length of the Mangiora Stream and return via Dead Mans track. This will be possibly be a long day.

Fit
06 839 5766

Dundas from Harris Creek

16-16 January

Jean Garman

Please call for more details

Fit
354 5356

Tararuas Crossing

22-23 January

Adam Matich

Please call for more details

Medium
359 2796

Pisa Range, Central Otago

“Christmas” Trip (actually end January)

22,23,24 January 2011

David Newstead

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. This will be a joint trip with the Christchurch ‘Over 40s’ Tramping Club. 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.

Med/Fit
027 4576175

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 Matakanui 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
Christchurch, (Over 40sTC) Robin Palmer, phone, home 03 3571143, work (dd) 03 3602477.



TRIP PREVIEWS/TRIP REPORTS

Wednesday Trampers

26 January

Sue Pither

Please phone for more details

Easy/Med

357 3033

Pureoroa Forest Park

29-30 January

Mark Learmonth

Please phone for more details

Medium

355 9143

Lake Surprise

29-30 January

John Doolan

Easy/Med

027 468 740

This is a pleasant trip to a hidden lake on the western side of Mt. Ruapehu. There are only three opportunities to visit Lake Surprise: go on a round-the-mountain tramp (3-5 days), do it all in one day (and have sore legs for a week) or have an overnighter with us on the last weekend in January.

It will be a relaxed tramp with lots of time to have fun and socialize. It's just 2.5 hours from the car park to the hut (mostly downhill) where we can set up camp. There's a good tenting spot for those who snore.

From the hut to Lake Surprise is mostly uphill for 1.5 hours after crossing a reasonable river. There is no chance of not getting your feet and legs wet.

We can have a good sleep in on Sunday and be back in Palmy early afternoon.

Contact John Doolan: john.doolan@inspire.net.nz,
06 3555 495 office hours: 0274 468 740

Otaki Forks-Waitewaiwai Track

13 October

By Patsy Inkpen

18 trampers left a gloomy, overcast, cold SE wind in the Manawatu to tramp this track in beautiful clear blue skies and light a breeze.

19°C later in the day, after leaving the carpark at 9.30am, traversing the two new bridges. The 1st – maximum of 13 people at a time, and the 2nd - 3 people at a time which speeds up the time to do this enjoyable track, especially with a large group. One hour later we stopped for morning tea in a grassy area overlooking the valley, then we proceeded along the track, through some boggy areas, scrambling up over and down the track DOC have cut above a Massive slip, not far from the log hauler. We arrived about midday, had lunch in the bush in dapple sunshine. We then retreated our steps and enjoyed a welcome coffee stop at the Brown Sugar Cafe in Otaki.

Kimbolton and Rangiwahia Scenic Reserves

27 October

By Andrew Brodie

Having been on the Rangiwahia Scenic Reserves trip, led by Graham Pritchard in September (see the October issue of Beachleaves for his report), I thought it would make a suitable trip for the Wednesday group. Marion Beadle had the good idea of adding in the Kimbolton Reserve as well which we did. This latter reserve is looked after by the Kimbolton School students and has some impressive old native fuchsia trees as well as a very active bird life – we heard a shining cuckoo and tuis as well as others. It would be worth incorporating this reserve into an outing to the rhododendron gardens in the area. After a quick snack we went on to go through the Rangiwahia Reserve, had lunch in the sun before going through the Kaikawaka Reserve and then onto the Pemberton Reserve. Each reserve has its distinctive character, and as Graham said in his report, are all well worth visiting. On the way home all seventeen of the group stopped at the Cross Hills Café for



Gary and Mark descending to Middy Hut from Rocks hut | Richmond FP



Jean Gary and Mark heading down the Windtrap Gully track from Dun Saddle towards the road end at the Maitai Dam | Richmond FP

refreshments – we did not have to pay the entrance fee to the gardens – and to admired a photograph there of Marion's grandmother driving her mother in what would have been a very modern car in the 1920s. Finally thanks to Mike Oliver, our van driver, for getting us home safely.

The Pelorus River
23-25th October
By Adam Matich

This trip started from Maitai Dam, which is Nelson's main water supply at around 8 km ESE of the town centre. For the first km we climbed through pine plantation, but then turned off the logging tracks onto the Rush Pool track on which we passed through manuka forest, open scrub, and proper forest on our way up to Dew Lakes on the Bryant Range (800 m, 2½ hr). Fortunately the sections of open scrub were brief, and so a lot of the trip was under shade. We had decided to travel at our own various speeds (this was a holiday not a race), and so Mark trailed on behind at a more relaxed pace to maybe catch up with to us at a later time or date. A bit over an hour from the dam saw three of us at Rush Pool, which is a wet, reedy opening in the trees. The Dew Lakes were also a bit grandiosely named, as in reality they are a number of tarns surrounded by rushes and water-sodden mossy ground. From the Lakes we made our way SW along Bryant Range towards Little Twin, over which we had an unnecessary 200 m climb. The forest on it, however, helped make up for the climb..... a little bit!

A 100 m climb out of the saddle beyond saw us in the open tussock at Dun Mountain Hut for a lunch in the sun. This very basic hut has a floor and no bunks or bench, but does have a water tank, so it is a viable place to stay for the night and has great views out to Tasman Bay. However, we continued on for another 90 minutes down to Dun saddle and beyond to Rocks Hut (6½ hr day). Gary and I decided that Rocks was a comfy (flush toilets), social place for us to stay the night. However, Jean was still in denial about her approaching senior citizen status and so, like the teenager she isn't, brashly continued on. This resulted in a further 4 hours to Browning Hut, which is above the headwaters of the Pelorus River. A couple of hours after we arrived at Rocks hut Mark turned up, much rested from the nap he had enjoyed at Dun Mountain Hut. As the afternoon progressed the hut filled up, with the last party arriving after dark, to a total of 26 people on only 16 mattresses. Some people ended up sleeping on the floor.



Rocks Hut | Richmond FP

Fortunately, there were no loonies (apart from the late arrivers) or loud party-goers, and so the hut quieted down in a reasonable time.

Day two started cloudy but soon burned off, so we headed off on a day trip down into the Pelorus River. In two hours we wandered 700 m down to the 6-berth Middy hut in a grassy clearing by the river. There are however, sand flies! The sign post at the hut claimed 2½ hours down-river to Captain's Creek Hut, so Gary and I decided to head on down there for lunch. The track between the two huts turned out to be excellent and so we shaved an hour of the advertised time. The Pelorus River is attractive, sporting clear green water, both shingle and sandy bottoms, and banks of both sand and solid rock. There were many inviting swimming spots, and from the sidle track we spotted a couple of trout and a large eel. After a boil-up for lunch we headed back up-river to Middy Hut, and then to Rocks Hut for the night (8½ hour day). Ten minutes after starting the climb up from the river, teenage-Jean turned up after having come down-river from Browning hut though Roebuck Hut. She followed us up after visiting Middy hut.

Monday turned out to be rather cloudy and a bit windy, so we were glad to have gone over Dun Mountain on day one. We took the short route back down to Maitai Dam, through Wind-trap Gully, and not far below Dun saddle the Wind-trap Gully track has been made into a mountain-bike track, which meant an easy 4-hour day back down to the car. In fact we took it so easy that a father and his 8 & 10 year old daughters passed us on the way. Perhaps we really are getting old!

We were Gary Bevins, Jean Garman, Mark Learmonth, and Adam Matich.



TRIP REPORTS

Sheridan Creek 31st October By Adam Matich

From the very southern end of the Otaki Gorge road we dropped into and crossed Waiotauru River and then a large grassy river flat, to pick up the Sheridan Creek track. Travel up-creek on the remnants of the generally well-marked logging track was quite easy, although the numerous crossings do result in wet feet. Work has been done to resurrect some of the railway lines on new sleepers in a couple of spots and apparently more renovation work is in the offing. Recently, a slip has partially dammed the stream so now a 30-metre section of it is rather deep; a couple of metres in places instead of the normal calf-deep. It is necessary to clamber over and through the slip, which in places has the sloppy consistency of fresh concrete. Messy! It only took us an hour from the road end to the steam engine, but lots of other visitors had gotten there before us. They were from the Kapiti DZDSA and were doing a hunts course in and around Sheridan Creek.

After morning tea we headed a little way up Sheridan Creek, crossed a side-stream, then headed down and across Sheridan Creek, and commenced our climb up the other side towards the Field Track. The first 10 m of the climb was a bit steep and difficult, but thereafter it was no trouble, apart from the first 150 m of climb being through low density supple-jack. It was a 370 m climb to the Field Track on Bump 591, with the forest becoming more accommodating the higher we climbed. A paint-marked trail heads NW from 591 and we followed this down through more friendly forest, which at around the 400 m contour developed into a series of grassy clearings. The paint markers ran out and so from thereon it was necessary to do a bit of navigation. Travel seemed to be best when heading down the spur towards the up-river end of the river flat we crossed on the way in. About 100 m above said flat we found ourselves on a trail that wended through the scrubby mess and down onto the nice grassy flat, which could do with a bit of grazing by herbivores. We didn't really deserve it after only a four hour day, but given we had done so much more than most of the population, we treated ourselves to the traditional ice creams anyway.

We were Jenny McCarthy and Adam Matich.

Mangahao Flats Work Party 6/7 November 2010 By Jean Garman

Five people and one little dog drove slowly up the road to the Mangahao Dams; good job we were driving slowly or the encounter with the logging truck might have been unpleasant. The Mangahao valley is well sheltered from the chilly southerly that was blowing this weekend so the weather was cool but pleasant.

Brian and Dave volunteered to walk the first section of track to clear any small to middling windfalls while the rest of us headed up the river to the bridge. Once there we dropped our packs and worked back towards the others clearing numerous small windfalls along the way. The number of windfalls dropped dramatically once across the bridge until we were almost at the Harris Creek Bridge, but that one needed a chainsaw. Lunch was had at the picnic table by the river before continuing on up the track. The dry feet option over the slip now requires you to climb a little higher to get onto it and the dismount is quite a scramble and may become impossible if more rock slips away. The river is cutting into the track near the hut so it will need realignment in the not too distant future (the track that is – I don't think the



Top | Jean heading towards little twin from dew lakes - Bryant Range - Richmond FP
Bottom | Gary on the bridge across the Pelorus River at Middy Hut - Richmond FP



TRIP REPORTS

river would cooperate). The hut was looking good; the clearance and drainage works behind the hut from the previous year has made quite a difference. The rest of the afternoon was spent cleaning and cutting and chopping before a halt was called for the consumption of nibbles and drinkies followed by a light dinner then it was off down to the river to burn the non-firewood cuttings along with creating some pretty flashes and echoing bangs once it got dark. Back to the hut for desert with an appropriate accompanying wine then a nice long sleep.

There was a touch of frost down on the river flats in the morning but that soon disappeared as we continued with a general tidy up. As the sun was shining brightly most of us opted to head down the river to Harris Creek; while this is still a very pleasant walk a few waist deep wades are now required. We met up again at the picnic table for lunch then a few of us opted to carry on down the river, at least until the sight of Brian up to his armpits sent us back to the comfort of the track. Back at the road end there were a few people around (the first we had seen for the weekend) and before long we were having ice creams in Shannon. Many thanks to the willing workers for a pleasant relaxing weekend. We were Brian Webster, Dave Mitchell and Fred, Malcolm Thomas, Ivan Rienks and Jean Garman.

Baber and Dick Creeks **14th November** **By Adam Matich**

The three Mangahao Dams were full and overflowing, but we hadn't had very much rain out on the plains. Perhaps things are different in the mountains. In a spirit of misplaced optimism we made our way across #1 Dam wall and along the sidle track to the College-Baber Creek forks. Baber Creek was in flood and rather dirty, but it still looked possible to make our way up it. Unfortunately, Duncan, Rene, and Jenny decided that it was their day to be difficult and refused to get



Jenny heading up Sheridan Creek

their feet wet, the big girlies. After much argument they finally agreed that perhaps we could do the Burn Hut loop. We headed up College Creek, but it soon became evident that they really didn't want to get their feet wet, so we had to sidle through the bush and sometimes had to climb quite high to stay out of the stream; just so they could stay out of a bit of discoloured water.

All this sidling was taking time and two of the troublesome trio started expressing doubts about us finding the track up onto the tops and to Burn Hut. Duncan was particularly cynical about us finding it before we died of exposure. Still being young and full of optimism, Rene didn't seem to suffer so much from geographical hysteria. One of the follies of their insistence that we sidle in the forest was that we mistakenly sidled up a side creek. Fortunately, trip leader spotted that it was somewhat smaller than it had been a couple of minutes before, so we backtracked to the main stream, crossed over the side-stream and found the beginning of the Burn-Hut track about 50 m further on (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hr). The sign said 3 hours, but it took us 90 minutes to get to the hut for a late lunch. The track up to the tops is still pretty good, but along the tops it is a bit overgrown with flax in places. The weather wasn't pleasant, it was wet, windy, and not photogenic, and so the hut was a welcome shelter.

It was still wet and windy outside so we rugged up a bit and headed out on the track down to #2 Dam. Most of the track along the tops is not fully in the open, there being a bit of a leatherwood corridor, and so the weather would have had to be biblical in order to cause us distress. Regardless, it was nice to drop down into the shelter of the forest on the friendly track down to the river. However, the sidle track up to #2 Dam was a bit narrow in place and the descent into and climb out of #2 stream is a bit steep and is potentially dangerous for a clumsy person. We heard the dam before we saw it, because quite a bit of water was spilling over the tipping gates. Just over 2 hr saw us crossing the dam wall and then we had a 45 minute walk up the road back to the top dam (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr day).

We were Rene van Oosten, Jenny McCarthy, Duncan Fraser, and Adam Matich



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. B ox 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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