

UPCOMING CLUBNIGHTS

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

4 OCTOBER 2011 | 1 NOVEMBER 2011

New Members

**Jill Faulkner and Family Kimbolton
Sarah Neill and Family Lower Hutt
Sally Laing and Family Oakura**

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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The deadline for newsletter contributions is @ the 1st week of the month. Please include a date with trip reports & images. Photos are welcome and will be included where possible - remember to include an appropriate caption for the photo, including names of people.

OCTOBER 4: Glenn Pendergast will be covering health topics relating to the outdoors. These may include 1. The decades of decrepitude: tramping and skiing between 60 and 80 2. Hypothermia: strategies to save the conscious, the unconscious, and the near dead. 3. General physio questions from the floor.

NOVEMBER 1: Hugh Wilde and Royce Mills will be running a navigation skill building night - bring along a headlamp or torch, expect to head down to the Esplanade for some of the evening. If you have a GPS please bring it along too.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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Jean Garman is the MTSC representative on the Tararua / Aorangi / Rimutaka Huts committee, an umbrella group comprising club and DOC representatives. The committee determines hut maintenance priorities in the region, which are funded from hut fees. The early MTSC constructed three tramping huts, Harris Creek and Avalanche Flats in the Mangahao valley (together replaced by Mangahao Flats) and Te Matawai, above the Ohau. We now share responsibility with DOC for these two and for many years this has been a loose relationship. It will shortly be formalized by signing a Memorandum Of Understanding. In the MOU we agree to assist DOC maintaining the huts by performing an annual "spring clean" and minor maintenance. This is something, generally organized by Jean, which we have done anyway for many years. In return our members aren't required to pay fees when staying at these huts. This is a good arrangement whereby DOC maintains the involvement of the community. The picture is from Andrew Fuller's collection and shows the framing of the first Te Matawai hut. Clearly some material was locally sourced but the initial 60 loads carried in totaled 1600 pounds. We don't know how lucky we are!

Whilst on huts, Powell hut has become very popular, particularly by school groups. During the November to February period it must now be booked via the Wairarapa DOC Office. Our huts are a little further from the road end so it's a problem we're unlikely to face. Enjoy the spring! Ken Mercer.



Building the first Te Matawai Hut. 6-13 Jun 1932. Image by Andrew Fuller, from the MTSC collection.



SKI CAPTAIN
 Howard (tom between two loves) Nicholson.

The snow keeps coming and with 3m still remaining (as at late-September), there will still be plenty for some great Spring skiing during these last few weeks of the season. Get into it before its all gone!

You may wish to consider ski touring as an option. This can be a great way to access new terrain or to get up the hill after the skifields close; daylight saving means more time at the end of the day for exploring. A few people already have their own gear, and the club has some "alpine trekkers", which fit into a regular binding, and climbing skins available for those who want to give it a try. Remember to check out the avalanche advisory service first before heading into the backcountry - see: <http://www.avalanche.net.nz/>



Syme Hut & Mt Taranaki, from Brian Webster's recent trip. Photographer A.Matich or B.Webster.

Chief Guide's Report

The next trip card is coming along nicely – along with a new mobile as soon as it is released from the clutches of Customs. Grrr!

Interesting fact: almost 80% of the land area of Hong Kong is forested and mountainous, making for very interesting tramping options if you are visiting. Mocchi lollies are a great way of refreshing yourself after a walk when you are there. You can also get ice cream versions that are fantastic.

If you have read this far, please note the Editor has paraphrased and liberally edited an email from the Chief Guide to extrapolate this report ;-). And indeed, Mocchi lollies are truly delicious. Sorry Kim, nom om nom!

CLUB NIGHTS & NOTICES

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER

POT LUCK / PRIZE GIVING

7.00pm onward

The last club night of the year will be a POT LUCK dinner at the clubrooms.

This is a chance to get together, enjoy great food, discuss trips from the past and plans for trips over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bivouac Outdoors Open Night - Tuesday 18 October 2011 from 6:00pm

Sausage sizzle and some refreshments - please come along ready to purchase all the things you need, want, would like or just come along for a look & catch up with other club members. Your support is much appreciated.

Landscape:

1st Richard Lander - Lake McKenzie

2nd Ken Mercer - Towards Rangī

3rd Howard Nicholson - Ruapehu

Above Bushline

1st Ken Mercer - Ngauruhoe

2nd equal Tim Swale - Sawtooth Ridge

2nd equal Tim Swale - Howletts Hut

Below Bushline

1st Richard Lander - Greenstone

2nd Ken Mercer - River crossing

3rd Ken Mercer - Pahiatua Track

Topical

1st Richard Lander - Humpridge

2nd Howard Nicholson - Cattle Ridge sign

3rd Lynda Hunt - Back to Reality, Mt Olympus

Natural History

1st Richard Lander - Seal near Akitio

2nd Richard Lander - Blue duck, Tongariro River

3rd Richard Lander - Kowhai flowers

Overseas

1st Richard Lander - Stuffed Antelope

2nd Tim Swale - Canyon Duchelle

3rd Elizabeth Lander - Camel, Mt Sinai



You may have noticed these logos. Placed in recognition of their support to the recent photo competition, without their presence it would be difficult for members to obtain quality equipment and choice in the Manawatu region.

PHOTO COMPETITION



Howard Nicholson congratulates Richard Lander, who won a new pack for his efforts. Photo by Peter Rawlins.

This year Richard Lander cleaned up in the Natural History section and also won in some of the other categories. We had some awesome prizes sponsored by Macpac (including a pack and clothing) and Bivouac/Outdoors (lightweight cooker and cookware), which were eagerly received by our winners. Both companies provide quality equipment for the outdoors and are well worth a look when it is time to upgrade your gear.

The Interclub Photo Competition between MTSC, PNTMC and MUAC will be hosted by MUAC at 7:00pm on Monday 3 October 2011, in the Ira Cunningham Lecture Theatre (ICLT), ground floor of the Vet Tower, Massey University. All welcome - come along to support our entries and to see some stunning images on display.

The FMC September Newsletter is available on the following website – note that there are other issues able to be downloaded as well, if you have missed one.

www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Newsletter/Club1109.pdf

UPCOMING TRIPS

1-2 October Ruahine Ramble Jean Garman	Medium/Fit 354 3536
5 Oct (Wed) Pauline Hall	329 7707
6 Oct (Thu) Nigel & Jill Spencer	329 8738
8-9 Oct Sunrise & Beyond Linda Campbell	Med 027 333 4493
12 Oct (Wed) Pam Wilson	357 6247
13 Oct (Thu) Keith Fisher	357 1724
15-16 Oct Pouakai Circuit Linda Campbell	Med 027 333 4493
19 Oct (Wed) Bernard Cobb	328 8088
20 Oct (Thu) Royce Mills	355 8556
22-24 Oct Ngaawapurua Hut Adam Matich	Med/Fit 359 2796
26 Oct (Wed) Margaret Gillingham	356 8812
27 Oct (Thu) Gordon Clark	359 2500
30 Oct (Sun) Pukerua Bay Royce Mills	Easy 355 8556
5-6 November Mangahao Flats Hut work party Jean Garman	M/Fit 354 3536
5-6 Nov Mangahao Flats Hut work party Jenny McCarthy	Easy/Med 06 376 8838
12-13 Nov Happi Daze St-Makaretu-Awatere Med/Fit Adam Matich	359 2796
13(Sun) Nov LandSAR round robin training Technical Hugh Wilde	356 9450

22-24 October M/F

Ngaawapurua Hut Adam Matich

359-2796 This hut is in the Ngaruroro River in the northern Kaweka Forest Park. We are going to helicopter in to the hut from the Mangatutu Hot Springs road end, on the Mohaka River, then make our way north to Harkness Hut from which we will climb east up onto the tops to stay at Pukeohikarua hut for the night. Next day we will head SE along the tops to Mangaturuturu Hut for lunch then into and down the Makino River to Te Puia Lodge for the night. If the Makino River is up then we will have to climb up to Makino Hut for the Night. Either way, we will have a short third day to get to get back to the Mangatutu Hot Springs road end. Be prepared to camp out, especially at Te Puia Lodge and have your cheque books ready for the helicopter.

Sunrise and Beyond October 8-9E/M Linda Campbell ph 323 3836 or 027 333 4493.

The track to Sunrise Hut is one of the most popular tracks in the Ruahine Forest Park. It is a very good track for those new to tramping or those with children. The track travels through a variety of forest types to the open tops. Whether we go beyond Sunrise will depend entirely on the weather (especially the wind) and who comes along but the aim is to head for Top Maropea Hut if we can.

Trip Grading

The times listed below include tramping, rest & stops. In assessing the trip times & guides, terrain, weather & party fitness (which is as fast as the slowest member) must be considered. Consult the trip leader if you are unsure about the trip grading for a particular trip.

FAMILY	All welcome, casual pace, any age
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 Med/Fit
TECHNICAL	Qualifying requirements to be announced by the trip organiser



Gary Bevins & Adam Matich looking at the views from Hunter's Hut spur. Image J Garman.

Weekday trips generally range between Easy & Medium/Fit, so call the leader for details on these to plan a daytrip to suit your preference & ability.



TRIP REPORTS

SUNRISE HUT AND ARMSTRONG SADDLE Weds. 10th August By John Ridge

Clear skies and a good forecast for the day - the weather was perfect for our tramp to Sunrise. The approach road passes through lush green Hawkes Bay farmland with remarkable scenery. We certainly enjoyed the bus trip.

Twenty-five of us set out from the carpark across farmland before arriving at the bush edge and access to the Eastern Ruahine Forest Park.

The track climbs steadily uphill and at the junction at the top of the ridge we re-grouped for morning tea. After a 10 to 15 minute break we continued uphill to Sunrise Hut. The track continues to climb in a series of zigzags with a very good gravel surface which makes for a very easy access to the Ranges.

As the track climbs it passes the site of the old Shut-Eye Hut which is marked with a sign that informs us that the hut was planned to be built a little further up the hill. Apparently the horse carrying the building materials died at the spot. This is one of several information boards on the track which add interest to our day. From this point on we were walking on snow which at times was a bit slippery. The appearance of mountain beech and leatherwood indicates that the bush edge is fast approaching and the hut appears quite suddenly as the track leaves bush and into tussock.

From the hut many of the group took the short walk to Armstrong Saddle - the outstanding views including Mt. Ruapehu were amazing.

We enjoyed our lunch on the hut verandah in warm sunshine and surrounded by snow. Most were reluctant to get moving again. Some of our group have had the experience of being in this spot to see a sunrise - simply magic !!

We began the descent in due course and made our way back to the carpark with short stops to re-group and to admire the views.

At the suggestion of Robert Bruce we took advantage, on our return journey, to take the Hardy Road - Blackburn Road route, also known as Blackburn Ridge, which runs parallel to the ranges which on this occasion were covered in snow, another camera opportunity. We stopped en route to admire the Bibby Memorial Church in Blackburn Road. A Trust has been set up to maintain this church and it is used occasionally. It is well worth a visit if you are in the area.

By the time we reached Dannevirke we were ready for a coffee, this time at McCafe, then back on the bus/cars for the ride home.

Thanks to Bev, Bernard and Alison for helping with transport and to Chris our driver for the day.

Rangipo Hut 20-21st August by Adam Matich

We decided that following the round-the-mountain track would be a bit pedestrian, so Dave drove in @3 km from the desert road before we found a suitable parking spot. We walked a bit further up the Tukino Road (to 1060 m ASL) to where the terrain looked appropriate and headed across country. There wasn't as much snow down low so it wasn't too difficult, effort required being for the climbs out of the gullies in the deep snow blown off the ridges. The tops & descents were easy. We landed on the fully-snowed round-the-mountain track less than 1 km from the Whangaehu River crossing. There was a bit of ice on the approach, and so we wore our crampons from thereon. Fortunately, the river was fully covered and we didn't need to cross by the bridge, which would have been awkward in crampons. Climbing out of the gullies became more difficult in sometimes knee-deep snow so we changed the lead-person every now and then. Finally, after 4½ hours we reached the snow-blockaded Rangipo Hut. The Tukino Rd sign suggests it takes 2 hours from that point. The snow was up to a metre deep on the verandah of the hut, covering the firewood, but fortunately not the axe - the wardens' quarters needed digging out. We spent some time clearing a path to the front door & the pile of snow in the rear bunk room (open window). We chopped some wood and Jenny got a good fire going for the mulled wine and dinner. All the nibbles we ate in the afternoon meant that dinner and desert were rather modest. Later in the afternoon 2 other parties arrived. One came up the Whangaehu, the other came in from Tukino Rd. They found the going slow without ice axes and crampons and so had to find routes around the icy patches. The hut book reported no visitors for a month prior to us & only a dozen in the last 3 months...no wonder half the country is obese and diabetic. They don't do any exercise. Next morning was another sunny day, but with a bit of wind so we headed straight down the mountain from the Hut and followed the border of the army land (there are Lands and Survey markers) back to the truck, which only took us three hours. The snow conditions were better low down and so we didn't need ice axes or crampons. Dave decided that a drive up the Tukino road, to where it crossed the round-the-mountain track, was in order before we headed back home. We were Dave Mitchell, Jean Garman, Jenny McCarthy & Adam Matich.

Wharite Trig – report by Ruth Evans.

16 of us had an enjoyable tramp up to Wharite trig on the 1st September. The weather was rather indifferent with low cloud so we couldn't see the tower until we were on it and then we couldn't stand up for the wind. We beat a hasty retreat back to the shelter of the bush and the clouds did blow away briefly to give us a glimpse of the views below. The track was muddy so it made for careful walking up and down but there were a few muddy bottoms



Adam Matich at the Hunter's Hut door. By J.Garman

Tunupo, 8 September, by John Thornley

Fifteen members of the Thursday group headed uphill in calm weather conditions, marvelling, as always, at the display of groundcover ferns under mature beech, matai, etc. Again, as often, the cloud came over the tops, the cold wind got whistling. But as the cliché says, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going'. Those who had climbed before lunched below the summit ridge and in shelter of the leatherwood. Eight of the party struggled up 'the south Col' (well, 'west' really) – see Richard's photograph – including Milo, Paul Carroll's dog, who leapt and bounded up the steepest section with enviable agility. There was little point or pleasure in dining out on the tops, so all descended to have lunch at a more sheltered altitude. Another invigorating day's outing!

3-4th September Tokomaru Overnighter by Adam Matich

We descended 300m down into the Tokomaru River on the northern end of Burton's Track & Jean noted that calling what was obviously a tramping track, a part of a walkway, was like claiming New Zealand roads are as smooth as a billiard table. Some distance along the Tokomaru river we turned south off Burton's track to clomb up a spur on which the going

was straight-forward & after gaining about 250m of altitude we went up & over a broad high point & through the shallow saddle beyond. Unfortunately, Gary & Jean weren't listening to me so we climbed a little bit too far out of the saddle before dropping SW off the side into the adjacent stream. The descent into the stream was not difficult; once reached, we crossed it & began our climb up to the adjacent spur to find the Hut thereon.

Unfortunately we were too far up the stream from the base of the spur & this saw us climbing into a dense tangle of reclining KieKie, which like leatherwood, strongly resists upwards passage. By the time we discovered that we didn't like where we were, it was decided that a common sense approach (backing out) was foolish, because everyone knows that is a sure way to avoid fun & adventure. So we kept climbing across the top of the vegetation towards the track on the spine of the spur. The dog liked it even less than we did & the increasingly persistent whining started to get a little trying. Eventually, I found myself cast & the dog took the opportunity to sit on my lap & refuse to continue on.

Well, it is amazing how sulky GPS's get when you beat them. Spiteful & vindictive too! Not long after, the brute failed to warn me that there was a 2mt drop beneath the vegetation, so I had to discover it myself.

Fortunately, it was not much longer before we hit the track, where we dropped our packs & headed up the spur to take in the views from the bush line. After our viewing we headed back down the spur, picked up our packs & dropped down to the Hut after a 5-hour day. The hunters' hut was a pleasant surprise, being roomy, dry, sporting a gas cooker and a wood stove.

Next day we dropped west into & over the stream, then climbed the marked (pink tape) trail onto the spur. The trail-marking led us all the way down the spur to Burton's Track, so day two was only 3 ½ hours long. A part way down the spur we discovered a nest of piglets. If one of them hadn't panicked & done a runner, only the dog would have known they were there. They were very small, almost completely white in colour. There was a lot of pig sign on the spur and fortunately we never encountered an angry sow!

Gary decided that our day really hadn't been anywhere exciting enough & so on our way home he got the truck almost terminally bogged. Jean & I refused to get out & muddy, so we watched while Gary waded through the beauty-parlour grade mud to attach the winch cable to a pine tree. We had to do a couple of winchings before the wheels gained traction again. We were Jean Garman, Gary Bevins, Jemma, and Adam Matich

LONGVIEW, September 4 by Linda Campbell

The weather forecast was good and fortunately correct -fine, with light winds. Six of us (Dave Allen, Carl, Matt and Luke Pester, Tim Swale and I) set off to Longview Hut for lunch stopping regularly to take in the wonderful views and to take photos. While at the hut Tim and I made the most of the opportunity to locate the geocache situated nearby. We are new to the 'game' having been introduced to it on a recent trip to the USA and we had with us a travel bug collected in the White Mountain area near Show Low, Arizona. It was requested that the travel bug be placed in the forest somewhere and while the tops of the Ruahine are not forest they are part of the forest park so we figured it would be okay. Perhaps a keen geocaching club member may consider taking the travel bug to another forest sometime soon.

After lunch, with a few dark clouds forming, we made our way across the tops through the tussock to the track that leads to Daphne Hut and then back to the road end. As we walked across the tops the clouds cleared and the colours of the tussock and other alpine plants were just wonderful. Tim and Dave went uphill to the top car park for Tim's vehicle while the rest of us made our way down to where Carl's car was parked. The great company, weather and stunning colours made it a great walk.



Rangipo Desert near the Waihohonu Hut. One of the newest huts in the country, completed late last year, it has bunks for 28. Image H.Nicholson

We arrived at our backcountry hotel in time for a late lunch. Picture windows, enough space for close on a zillion people, solar+wetback heated hot water and solar powered lights make for a very comfortable destination. Being outside the Great Walks season meant there were no gas cookers or waiting staff yet, but we had brought our own anyway.

Later we made a trip to the crystal-clear Ohinepango Springs and a cross-country traverse to the original Waihohonu Hut. Built in 1904, the hut was a destination for tourists arriving by coach until the opening of the North Island Main Trunk Railway on the other side of Ruapehu in 1908. It was a base for alpine skiing from about 1913, and is the oldest mountain hut in New Zealand. Next, we crossed the stream to the second hut, built in 1968 but now disused.

After dinner, Tim-tams, hot chocolate and marshmallows we settled in for some serious games of last card, before retiring to our choice of mattresses; soft and firm options are available.

On Sunday, Sue and Tara returned to the car while Lizzy, Hugh and I headed south in the sunshine towards Tukino. This side of Ruapehu fascinates me. Only scrub grows here in the poor, wind-blown soils on terrain that has been shaped by massive lahars and the cold, windy climate. Several snowballs found their mark along the way, and soon we left the scrub behind as we descended into the wide open valley of the Mangatoetoenui Stream.. Our last trip through here was in bucketing rain; this time light snow fell but did not settle, making for a very picturesque setting for lunch. We regrouped at the road before heading back to the real world in time to have dinner and put Lizzy on a bus back to the Wairarapa. We were: Elizabeth Jolly, Hugh, Tara, Sue and Howard Nicholson



Longview Hut. Image by T.Swale

Waihohonu Hut 17-18 September.

By Howard Nicholson

Saying the name of this hut was harder than the trip itself. We cruised up to the Desert Road on Saturday morning, wondering which part of the mixed weather forecast we would encounter first.

We needn't have worried; apart from a short shower as we set off, we had a sunny, albeit cool, day.



Images from a recent trip up Mt Holdsworth on 31 July.



Jenny McCarthy looking happy because she is probably going to survive the day scaling Ross Peak. D.Harrington



Smile thanks to 15yo ESS jacket & boxers... T.Tyler



Steppenwolf's cousin in Dec 2010. T.Tyler



Whakapapa snowcraft July 2011



Adam Matich looking less than enthused despite the nifty Leatherwood duelling scar. Image from the Ross Peak trip. D.Harrington



Whakapapa snowcraft July 2011

Due to a software glitch with the images contained in the last issue of Beechleaves, the images on these 2 pages were not printed. They are reproduced here for your enjoyment.
Tim Tyler, Editor.



Wednesday trampers Linda Darbyshire, Liz Flint, Anne Rush & Bev Akers on the Apiti Track, 27 July. Photo by Andrew Brodie.

CLUB INFORMATION

Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is now \$122.60 but is reduced to \$85.60 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 call (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 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	\$26	\$39
Secondary School	\$23	\$36
Primary School	\$20	\$31
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$11	\$11



Mt Tunupo., scene of recent SAR callout. Image R.Elliott

Booking and use of the MTSC 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 trips. 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. Back issues of Beechleaves can be found on the site and it is updated regularly with new information.

The club webpage is maintained by Howard Nicholson and is kindly hosted by **InSPire Net**, a locally based company.

People to Contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please write 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.

Alternatively an email to the below addresses will suffice.

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