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CLUB NIGHTS

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

2nd July "Kathmandu to Everest"

Robert Bruce recounts his Nepal experiences (1973) when he was in a small team assisting Sir Edmund Hillary construct a school at Salleri. This illustrated talk will be given in the 60th year of the first ascent of Mount Everest - 29 May 1953. Robert will review the history of the Everest expeditions and the exceptional life and work of Sir Edmund Hillary. Robert Bruce is a retired veterinarian and widely experienced climber and trumper. He regularly tramps with the Wednesday trampers and is celebrated for carrying an ice axe and talent as a raconteur.



6th August Annual Photo Competition

There will be some stunning images displayed with the three best images from each category going through to the interclub competition. Come along for an evening of exceptional outdoor photography.

CATEGORIES 1. **NZ Landscapes** - no people; 2. **Above Bushline** - predominantly alpine NZ scenery (e.g. rock, snow, and tussock, etc) and may include people; 3. **Below Bushline** - predominantly NZ bush (lowland to sub-alpine areas) and may include people; 4. **NZ Natural History** - NZ flora (plants), fauna (animals), or detail (geology, ice formations, etc); 5. **Topical** - people or detail related to tramping, climbing, skiing etc. in NZ; 6. **Overseas** - photos taken overseas, open category: e.g. landscape, people, natural history.

Entries need to be submitted by Wednesday 31 July 2013. Email your entries to Howard, photocomp@mtsc.org.nz or call 06 357 6325 for details about dropping off a CD/DVD.

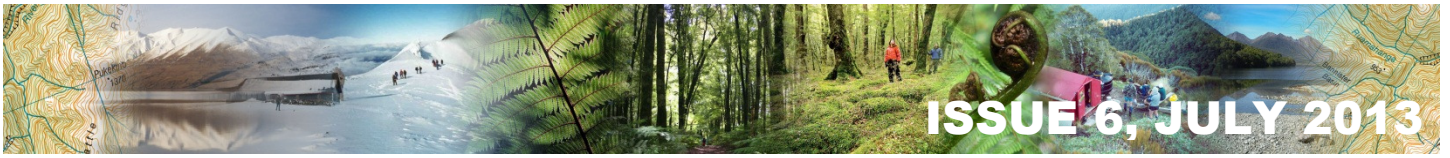
Unless you notify us otherwise by entering this competition you grant MTSC the right to: use submitted images for MTSC publicity purposes; submit your entries into the local Interclub competition; submit your entries into the Federated Mountain Clubs photo competition.

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The deadline for newsletter contributions is **the 1st week of the month**. Photos are welcome and will be included where possible – remember to include an appropriate caption.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



MTSC President: Linda Campbell

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Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the AGM. As happens each year we have a few changes to the committee. Thank you to Tim Tyler for his work and welcome to Jean Garman our new newsletter editor. Adam Matich and Jenny McCarthy will work with Jean to compile the newsletter. We also say a big thank you to Royce Mills for the work she did as a committee member and especially for the work she did toward the wonderful feature in the Manawatu Standard of Monday 3 June. Our thanks go to ex committee member Geraldine Fovakis for all her work toward the feature as well. With the changes to the constitution Hugh Wilde, our booking officer for many years is no longer a committee member but he and Liz remain the Booking Officers in an appointed position. Rob Pringle is also welcomed to the committee. I look forward to working with everyone over the next year. Other changes from the AGM are that all the proposed changes to the constitution were adopted.

I congratulate the following people who received awards at the AGM

Andrew Brodie - The Gregory Fischer Award for the work done for the Wednesday Trampers

Merv Matthews - Most Spirited Tramper

Bev Akers – Beech Leaf (Service to the Club)

Keep a look out for the Walking Magazine that is due out mid July. There will be a write up about our club.

Enjoy yourselves in the hills but take care out there.

Linda.



MTSC Chief Guide: Ken Mercer

chief.guide@mtsc.org.nz

Winter's arrived! Short, cold days are good news for skiers and less pleasant for trampers. No matter the weather slogging up a hill is hot work, but I learnt long ago to put on an extra layer as soon as I stopped for a rest rather than cooling off a bit first.

Raincoats, over trousers, several insulation layers, a hat – all are essential in the back country and generally carried, particularly during winter. However, something which is often omitted, particularly with a day trip or staying in a hut, is ground insulation – a sleeping mat, or a portion of one. We always carry a small piece of foam. Mine is actually quite thin, folds into three, lives in my pack, and is easy to slip out to keep my bottom dry while sitting on the side of the track. More importantly though is the insulation it gives from the ground, particularly in an emergency. Sure we carry PLBs and phones so help can be summoned quickly but that's a relative term. A helicopter might arrive in an hour or so but it is more likely that weather will prevent such a rapid response so a patient will be very cold before assistance arrives. A foam mat contributed by each member of a party and a tent fly are vital in a first aid situation. The foam makes a good splint too!

Do enjoy winter.

Ken Mercer.

NOTICES and INFORMATION

First Tracks: Howard Nicholson, Ski Captain ski@mtsc.org.nz

Each year the club receives notifications about various ski events on Ruapehu. If you are interested in hearing about these, then please email me with your email address, and I will endeavour to send the information to you when I receive it. It has been several years since MTSC has entered a team in these events, so you could make history just by joining in.

Gregory Fischer Trust Award for Andrew Brodie

Bob Hodgson

MTSC thrives because the core of members accepts responsibility. The Wednesday Trampers are well served by our trip leaders, van drivers, list takers and money banker. We are also blessed to have the services of Andrew Brodie who coordinates the group. Andrew maintains the ever-changing list of the emails and phone numbers of the active trampers. Each week he sends a timely email to all confirming the destination, assembly time and trip leader's contact details. He also collects and distributes trip photos and, GPS tracks and elevation profiles as well as news of special interest to the group. When necessary he arranges a substitute trip leader and alternative tramps. We all rely on Andrew so there was strong approval when at the start of our tramp to Herepai in the snow on 29th May, he was presented with this year's Gregory Fischer Trust Award. Once he learned that he was not required to carry the shield with him on the tramp, it was graciously accepted!



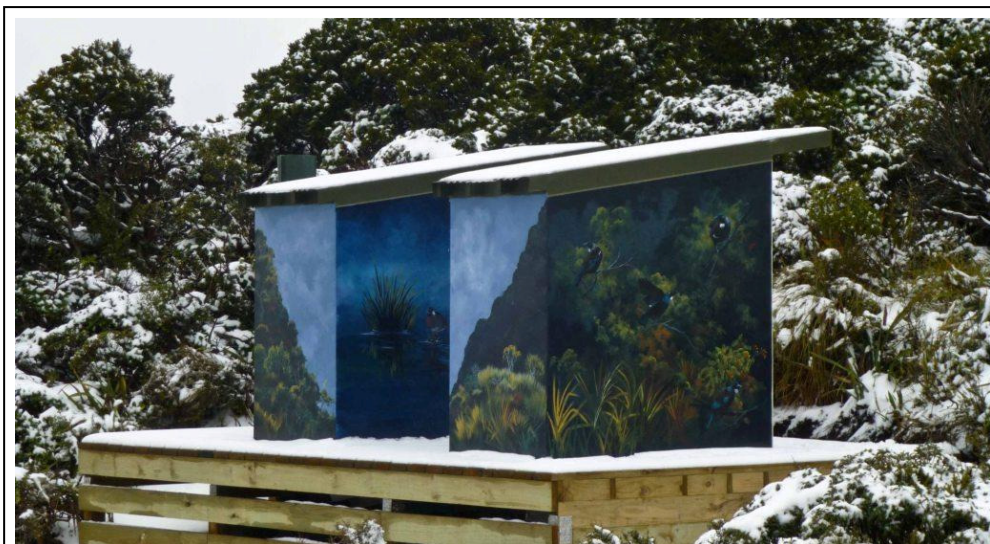
Andrew Brodie *Caroline Brodie*



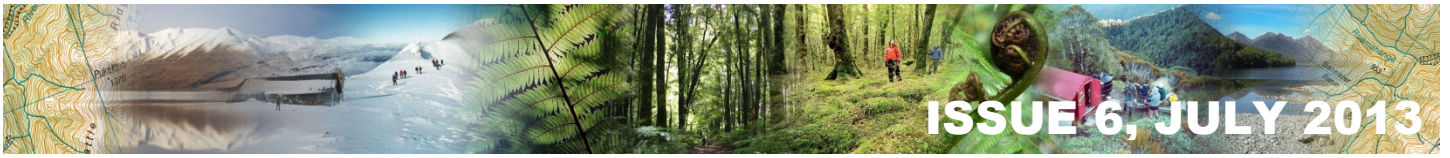
The New Kime Hut, 30 May 2013 *Barry Durrant*

Kime Hut update

The new Kime hut is almost completed and looking good but it is not officially open yet as it still needs some internal finishing work, there are a few issues with where windblown snow can get to and it needs to be signed off and handed over to DOC. While not officially open it is not locked and is available for emergency use. We will let you know when it has passed all its assessments and is officially open for use.



The beautiful new Rangiwahia Hut toilets *Royce Mills*



UPCOMING TRIPS

Trip Intentions

The email address for leaving trip intentions is intentions@mtsc.org.nz

Intentions sent to this address will not be acted upon UNLESS a party is reported overdue (e.g. by a family member, flatmate, friend, etc.). The email is sent to several MTSC members. This information will be provided to LandSAR only if the party is reported overdue.

The email should include: a list of participants and their contact details; a brief description of the intended route and possible alternative routes; starting point; start date; date/time due out; vehicle registration; and any other relevant details.



Trip Grading

The times listed below include tramping, rest and stops. In assessing the trip grading, terrain, weather and party fitness (which is as fast as the slowest member) are considered. Consult the trip leader if you are unsure about your suitability 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

Weekday trips generally range between Easy and Medium/ Fit. Call the leader for details on the destination and trip grade.

July Wednesday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
3	Suzanne Clark	356 8322
10	Liz/Arthur Flint	356 7654
17	Leonie Lowndes	359 5005
24	Chris Brunskill	354 2511
31	Mike Oliver	355 5320

July Thursday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
4	Hugh Wilde	356 9450
11	David Grant	357 8269
18	Judy Swainson	358 4082
25	Geraldine Fovakis	356 4327

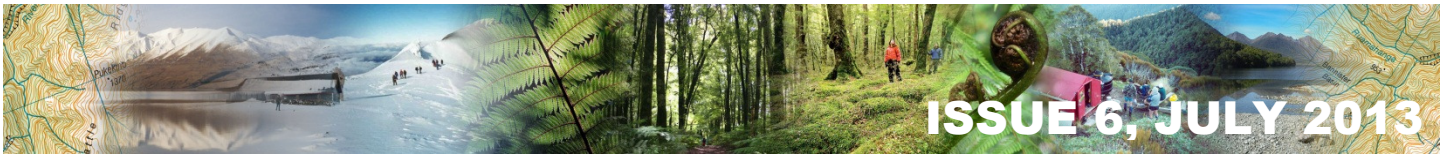
July Weekend Trips				
Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
6-7	Beginner ski weekend	E	Ken Mercer	356 7497
13-14	Basic Snowcraft	All	Howard Nicholson	357 6325
13-14	Kawekas	M/F	Jean Garman	354 3536
20-21	All you can eat, Mangaehuehu Hut	E/M	Adam Matich	359 2796

For weekend trips, unless otherwise specified, contact the trip leader by Wednesday night for overnights or Friday night for day trips.

Beginners Ski Weekend: 6-7th July 2013

Ken Mercer (06) 356 7497 or 027 364 6475

This is a good opportunity for budding skiers and boarders (do you know any?) to get together, enjoy company at the lodge, and learn how to handle long slippery feet. A tip for absolute beginners: borrow an old set of skis and shuffle around your lawn – that's lesson 1! I'll do what I can to coordinate transport.



Snowcraft: 12-14th July 2013

Howard Nicholson (06) 357 6325

Learn or refresh the skills that will help you in your "above bush-line" adventures. This trip is suitable for anyone who aspires to tramp or ski in the backcountry during winter and covers: travelling on snow, arresting a slide, use of ice axe and crampons, emergency shelters, and more. This course, or an equivalent level of experience, is a prerequisite for club trips such as snow caving and ski Ngauruhoe, coming up in August.

Kawekas: 13-14th July 2013

Jean Garman (06) 354 3536

We will leave frightfully early on Saturday morning for one of the road ends near Kuripapango. The exact route will be decided later, being very weather dependant, but we will aim to do a loop and plan to stay at a hut. If the weather is kind then there will be longish days to spend time on the tops. If it is not so kind then we will have moderate days to stay more in the bush. If it is horrible we will stay home.

All you can eat - Mangaehuehu Hut: 20-21st July 2013 E/M

Adam Matich (06) 359 2796

This is our annual all-you-can-eat trip to a relatively easy destination. Mangaehuehu hut is on the around-the-mountain circuit roughly three hours east of the Ohakune Mountain Road. We will start on the around-the-mountain track in a timely manner to reach the hut a bit before afternoon tea time as we need time for afternoon tea, lighting the fire, reading the paper, and making dinner and dessert. Next day, those of us who wish to do so will climb 200 m up the mountain and sidle back around the mountain to the Ohakune Mountain Road and make our way back down the road. Alternatively it is back the way we came on the track. I need to know who is coming by Tuesday night so I have time to sort out the food, at leisure. If the weather is vile, then I will be staying home!



8/17 Thursday trampers outside Rangiwahia Hut
Royce Mills



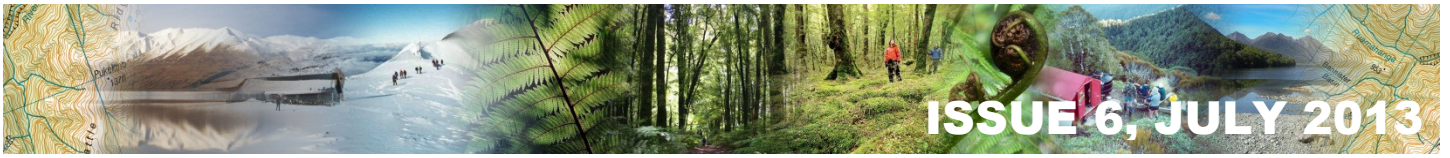
Wednesday trampers at Rocky Knob, south of Longview
Royce Mills

TRIP REPORTS

25-26th May: ~~Dundas Loop~~ Haukura Ridge to Roaring Stag Lodge

Jean Garman

Weather forecasts are so much more accurate these days, so much so that you start to believe them..... The forecast for this weekend was quite strong winds getting stronger on Sunday. No rain on Saturday but rain coming in Saturday night and clearing again around midday Sunday. The bit about strong winds was right. It was drizzling lightly as we left the Putara road end and headed toward Herepai hut. By the time we crossed the 2nd swing bridge the drizzle had got a bit heavier and we were all wearing raincoats. During a quick stop in a cosy warm Herepai hut, where a hunter



was feeding the fire, we had a bite to eat and came to the consensus that carrying on to Dundas was not a bright thing to do as the forecast rain could make the Ruamahanga uncrossable while even stronger winds could make the tops impractical, trapping us at the hut. We also knew we were going to get wet and Dundas does not have a fire. Plan B was to go round the tops to East Peak then down the Haukura Ridge to Roaring Stag Lodge for the night. Before carrying on we donned extra clothing, including over-trousers which proved to be one of the smartest things we did that weekend.

As we climbed above the bush line it was a bit windy but we were still in the lee of the range till we got to the top of Ruapae. Carrying along to East Peak we dropped into a little sheltered spot on the eastern side of the ridge and took the opportunity to scoff a very very quick lunch. Having chilled down a bit it was back into the wind and on to East Peak. We spotted the cairn before the peak that marks the turn off down the Haukura Ridge but just to be sure that it wasn't some other random cairn we carried on to the top of East Peak then back tracked. Heading down the ridge we again got into the lee of the range for a bit which gave us a break from the wind but as we carried along the ridge we hit the phenomenon of wind acceleration coming down off the Dundas Ridge and got absolutely blasted for a while. It was hard to stand, it was hard to move, it was hard to breath, the only good thing was that the wind was



Adam, Brain and Ivan getting ready to leave Roaring Stag Lodge. *Jean Garman*

constant, not gusting or I think we would have been blown away. The next turning point on the ridge was also marked with a cairn and once past this the wind was not so bad. We followed the faintest of old trails down the ridge then into the streambed and on to where Haukura biv used to be - where the stream turns a corner. From here

we climbed up to the saddle behind the biv site and up to the high point at the end of the ridge on the faintest of not really visible but easy than bashing through scrub type trails. A bit of compass work and we were heading down towards the Ruamahanga - Ruapae stream junction. Once in the bush we had an afternoon tea break then followed the advice from the hunter at Herepai hut and kept to the right as much as possible and once down on the flat kept the noise of the Ruamahanga next to us. Somehow we missed the lake and it seemed a very long way along the flat forest section before we eventually popped out at the stream/river junction. From here we climbed the bank and cut across to the track which we followed to the hut.

There was no one else at the hut but we soon had the fire going and the drying rack full of damp/wet clothes. There was fair bit of food left in the hut so we depleted it by two cans of soup as a warming entree. The hut reached a balmy 22°C and layers had to be removed while we consumed dinner and desert. During the night, instead of the forecast rain it cleared to a lovely blue sky morning but we could tell the wind was whipping across above our heads at an even more furious rate than the day before. We cleaned up the hut and carried out an accumulation of rubbish. The rain held off all the way out although it was threatening to drizzle again by the time we reached the road end. We were home in time for lunch. The wind battlers were Brian Webster, Adam Matich, Ivan Rienks and Jean Garman.

26th May: Deadmans Track

Linda Campbell



Ken, Mary, Mark and Linda on the Rangī – Deadmans loop
Tim Swale

What a great day! We got to walk part of the new track to Rangiwahia Hut which zigzags up and over the slip. A lot of work has been done to make this track and as we walked there were several comments likening it to the track to Sunrise Hut. Most of the way we were in the mist but it wasn't long before the hut came into view. There has been some work done there too in the form of two new toilets and they really are the best. We had never seen anything like it before! They have the most beautiful murals painted on the outside walls. Thanks to DOC and artist Julie Oliver it is worth going up there just to see the art work! After morning tea we headed out and before long noted the drop in temperature and the wind coming up. There was very little in the way of views due to the mist but it was still beautiful. We had a very short lunch stop near the tarn as it was a bit calmer there but by then it was

rather cold. Once we were off the tops and out of the wind our hands thawed and we quickly warmed up. I very much enjoyed the trip and look forward to a summer trip and seeing the views. Thanks to Tim Swale, Mary and Ken Mercer and Mark Learmonth for their great company.

29th MAY 2013: EVEREST ANNIVERSARY TRAMP

GUIDO ROBERTO

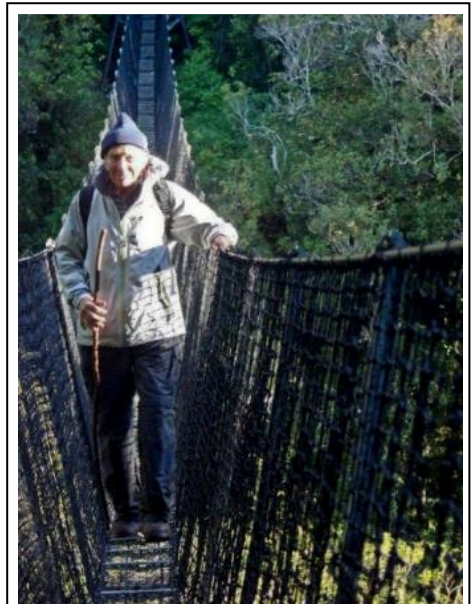
ROBERT A. BRUCE

On the 60th anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Everest in 1953 by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, twenty of the fittest and finest sahibs and memsahibs of the MTSC Wednesday trampers chose to celebrate by climbing up to Herepai Hutte ~ 790 m ASL.

In the preceding days, the gods had delivered a big chill with snow down to 400m. How fortunate in an otherwise mild autumn. After teaming up and heading out in the direction of Putara, bus driver Bernard detoured around the Massey campus, "Because it is there," maybe.

While the day was fine and windless, we became quite wet from snowmelt off the forest canopy. Parkas emerged as we enthused at the magic of fresh snow on the flora both tall and small. The chill kept us moving. Without supplementary oxygen, an accelerate mini-mob surged upwards towards Herepai Peak 1125 m but way short of Mount Everest's elevation of 8,848 m.

We lunched and then sloped back down to the Mangatainoka Valley. Significantly, our party included our very own John Hunt who led the British Everest Expedition in 1953. I carried my trusty Simond ice-axe from Chamonix and the same model as Sir Edmund's that he used to chip, poke and belay his way to the top of the world a mere 60 years ago. Sir Ed's axe is now in the Auckland War Memorial Museum.



Maurie McDonald on the 2nd swing bridge
Robert Bruce

Our convivial expedition chattered even more convivially at the Putara Base when our “Great Dane” aka Dennis sahib produced an intact bottle of Islay single malt whisky. The drams of this superb Scotch were a unique embellishment on this most memorable of occasions.



Robert Bruce with his trusty ice-axe *Jenny Orange*



Some of the fittest and finest sahibs and memsahibs
Robert Bruce

Then it was off to the bustling bazaar at Eketahuna for some warm cha before puttering over the Pahiatua Track. In the cool glow of a clear evening, Mount Taranaki 2,518 m was beckoning in the distance. However, priorities ruled as all of us were heading off for an extended happy soak in the hot tubs.

~~1-3rd June, Urewera South West Trails Queen's Birthday~~ 1st June: Hinerua Hut *Adam Matich*

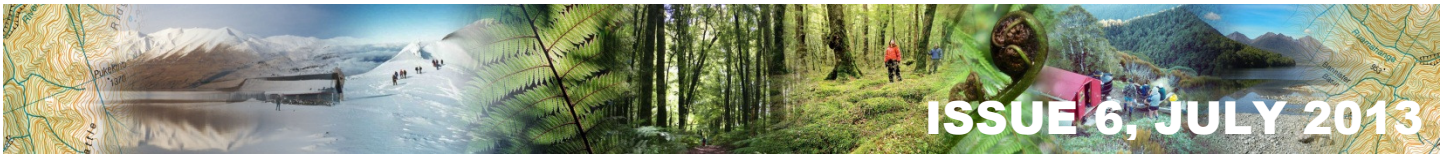
Disinterest and a self-destructive domestic cat meant that the advertised trip just wasn't meant to be. Maybe next year! Instead we managed a day trip to Hinerua Hut after Mark got the necessary (locked gate) permission from the helpful farmer at the road end. On Alder road the stream crossings were a little bit difficult for a low-slung car and the front seat passenger spent time directing traffic to prevent the car bottoming-out!

We parked above the air-strip at the farmer's batch (private land) as directed and Mrs Farmer handed us a bag containing apples and a pumpkin so that we could feed the pigs that reside in one of the paddocks a little further up-hill. The pigs were very grateful and we couldn't help thinking that the piglets could well do with a few hours in a warm oven. All of the steep 300 m climb to the forested Hinerua Ridge is on the farmer's tracks, one of which eventually ran parallel to the deer fence with the gate that gives access to the marked DOC track. The track is in good condition all the way through to the hut and is easy going, apart from the spot where Mark slipped on the ice-rimed log and came up looking muddy. There was also a bit



Adam admiring the view above Hinerua Hut

Jean Garman



of snow around from the southerly a few days previous. It only took us 75 minutes to reach Hinerua hut and so feeling ashamed of not having done much, after lunch Jean and Adam continued on up to the bush line. Mark, who knows no shame, stayed behind to read the hut literature. After a quick 20 minutes climb through what is attractive forest, they reached the tussock and were there all of two minutes before the strong, cold wind drove them back into the forest and down to the hut again. It took around an hour to get back to the farmers place where it was warm and sunny. On the way the piglets, who still remembered their feed, squeezed through the fence and followed. Unfortunately, there were witnesses so we couldn't invite them into the car!

We were Adam Matich, Jean Garman, and Mark Learmonth



Grateful (tasty) piggies

Adam Matich

8th June: A-frame Standfield Ruapehu

Jean Garman

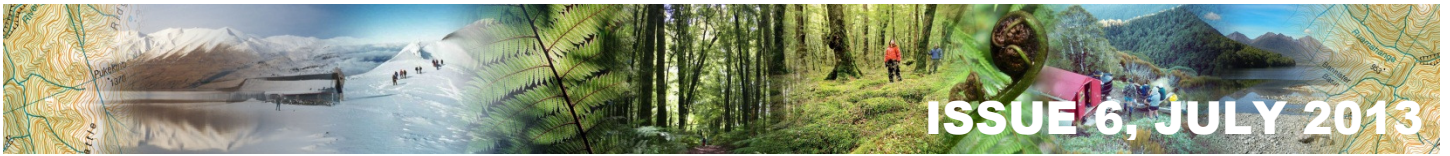
Plan A was the A-Frame Standfield loop, a nice day trip which can be done in any weather but since the forecast looked so very very good we changed it to Plan B a crater camping trip on Ruapehu then at the last minute the forecast no longer looked very good for Sunday so we scaled it back to Plan C a day trip up Ruapehu.



Ivan and Jean heading towards the Crater Lake

Adam Matich

We left the Turoa car park not long after 9 am and walked up, mainly on rock, past various people working on the snow guns, moving rocks, etc in preparation for the ski season. Above the Giant Cafe we were onto the white stuff and needing crampons not long after that. It was excellent cramponing conditions with frozen snow and a bit of textured ice on top. We were just a tad too early in the morning as we climbed all the way up in the shadow of the mountain and by the top of the High Noon it was getting pretty chilly. On with extra clothes and over trousers and then with wind chill it got even colder for a while until higher up were we more sheltered and feeling could be coaxed back into the fingers. We reached the skyline ridge in time for lunch which was sheltered if just back from the wind whipping up the edge. After lunch we made the steep descent into the crater passing the only other walker we saw on the mountain making his way up. Down in the crater and we decided to go down to the lake for a closer look, only a little whiffy and the yellow sulphur coloured rocks we very pretty. With no other points of interest beckoning



to us we climbed back out and headed for Parre saddle before sidling and dropping back towards Turoa. Still cramponing on a pretty hard surface the toes were getting a bit squished from all the sidling so when we reached the ridge on the edge of the ski field we dropped straight down before crossing over a gully and sidling back to the Homeward Ridge and back to the car. We were Ivan Rienks, Adam Matich and Jean Garman



The Crater Lake outlet

Adam Matich

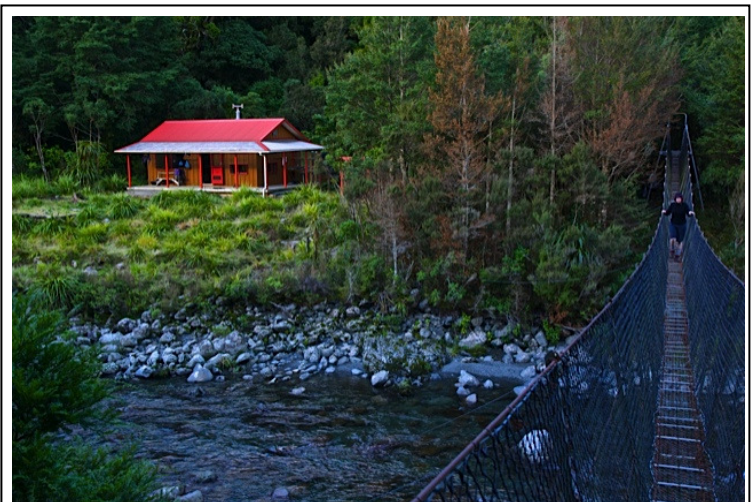
8-9th June: Roaring Stag Lodge

Nicola Wallace

My little Toyota Starlet was chocka block by the time I'd picked up my two passengers. Just before Mangamaire I realised that Bev was two cars back, and we all stopped at Eketahuna while she got a coffee and I sipped green tea from my thermos. It was to be my first ever all-girly tramp. What would it be like?

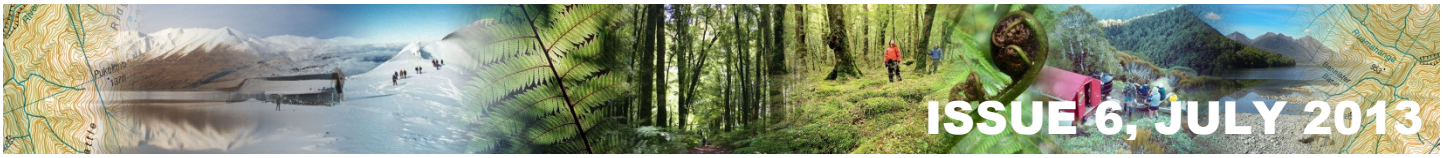
On arrival at the Putara Road end, I was surprised to find no one else there, on such a lovely, sunny day. The six of us had a chatty but uneventful walk to the bottom of the hill. There was even talk of going up to Cattle Ridge Hut for a nosey, but I didn't think there would be enough daylight to get up there and back down. We spread out on the climb, and it was lovely, with dappled sunlight falling on the track and the sounds of riflemen and wax-eyes accompanying me. Up higher, the atmosphere was cool and damp, with my breath condensing in front of me. Morning tea at the top soon became pretty cold, and we made a group decision to head to the hut and have lunch there.

As we descended, we warmed up. All the way down to the hut, the whirring wings of native pigeons were heard above. One of the side streams was up a bit, and I got damp feet. On arrival at the hut we were



Roaring Stag Lodge and swing bridge

Pam Dransfield



surprised to see evidence of someone in residence – who turned up shortly after, a hunter whose father had dropped him off at the road end. It had taken us about 3.5 hours to get to the hut, and a late lunch was relished on the front veranda, as the clouds came over and the sun said goodbye for the day.

In the afternoon, all except Bev crossed the swing bridge and explored the local area. (Bev kindly stayed back at the hut, and got the fire going for us). Pam even got us into a couple of games of “Ruamahanga River petanque”. What lovely camping spots there are, close to the river. Maybe not so good in the winter though. About 4 pm we headed back to the hut for brews as a high school party of about six boys had arrived. They were on the first day of an Outdoor Education class five day tramp. Their teacher was a very capable lady, and I had an interesting chat to her about Outdoor Education as a school subject.

Shortly after, I went to go outside, and found that the door wouldn't open from the inside - broken door handle. I banged on the window, and one of the boys let me out. Then I saw the bit of paper on the table “Door won't open from the inside”. Now that would be great in a fire, wouldn't it? Or in the middle of the night when you want to go out for a pee. A “fix up” job was done with some bits of cardboard and strapping tape, so the door would shut but not latch.

Time to start cooking tea, and I found a baby weta on my food bag. I took him outside, and put him on a log, where he promptly scurried off into a knot hole. Fare well, little fellow.

With tea over, we all conversed on some fairly girly specific topics, including stuff of interest to the mid-life girly. We invited the boys to join in, but none did.

The hut was fairly chokka, so I slept on the veranda, around by the sink. I had a good night's sleep, as did most of



those inside, as there were reportedly no snorers. In the morning Pam made Bev a cup of coffee and delivered it to her sleeping bag. Now that's service. At about 8 am the school crew headed off, their day entailing going up to Cattle Ridge Hut, along Cattle Ridge, and down to Cow Creek Hut for night two. As they headed off, I wished I was going with them.

We headed off just before 9 am, and found the side streams a little lower today. We had a very pleasant walk back to the car park, taking just slightly longer than yesterday's “in” tramp. Mind you, there was some pretty

serious conversation happening at the top of the hill, and down the long descent to the swing bridge.

We ate a late lunch at Eketahuna, while discussing what a good weekend we'd had. Bev departed shortly after with her passengers, as she had stuff to do. I was not as prompt, as my tea was too hot to drink, but I still had us back in Palmy before 3 pm. My first all girly tramp had been really enjoyable, a little more relaxed than most other tramps, with lots of good conversation. I might even do it again!

We were: Bev Akers (leader), Leonie Lowndes, Pam Dransfield, Emma Callesen, Caroline Nixon and Nicola Wallace



CLUB INFORMATION

New Members

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.

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

Club Equipment

Hire equipment: we have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, tent flies (small and large), snow mats, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, food dehydrator and two bivvy bags. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. We have two personal locator beacons (PLB) for which there is no charge.

Contact Peter Rawlins (Gear Custodian) (06) 356 7443.

Club website | www.mtsc.org.nz

This contains club information, photos, contact details and back issues of this newsletter, Beechleaves.

The club website is maintained by Howard Nicholson (06) 357 6325 and is kindly hosted by **InSPiRe Net**, a locally based company.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, heating, hot showers and is well stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome.

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

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$30	\$45
Secondary School	\$25	\$40
Primary School	\$20	\$35
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$10	\$10

The Lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860.

Booking the MTSC Van

For bookings:

- Contact Ken Mercer (06) 356 7497.
- Cancellations should be made as soon as practicable to accommodate other potential users.

A fly (in the passenger door) and a Personal Locator Beacon (in the glove box) are available for use free of charge on trips.

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