



Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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OUR CLUB consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

CLUB NIGHTS are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park (entrance on Riccarton Ave), starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 12 Oct **CROSSING THE JAPANESE ALPS**

Geoff and Mary Korver went on a three week holiday in Japan which included a four-day crossing of the central alps. The tramp included climbing Yari-ga-dake, which is Japan's third highest peak at 3180m.

Supper Duty: Jim or Margaret Clark, Marie Cooke, Gavin Chalk,

Tue 9 Nov **SGM followed by REDUCING AVALANCHE RISK**

An introduction to ATEs (Avalanche terrain exposure scale) a new system being introduced to New Zealand by DoC and the MSC. Speaker is **Don Bogie** of DoC

Supper Duty: Debbie Corbett, Carol Crawford, Pam Crosswell

Special General Meeting to discuss subscriptions.

7:30 Tue 9 Nov at our usual club night. Note the early start.

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips:

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town near to the destination. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips:

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

10 Oct Sun ■	FOG PEAK Margot Bowden 332 7020 Easy-moderate climb from Porters Pass to the first peak on the Torlesse range. Fine views all around. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21; K35 Approx Cost: \$8
16-17 Oct Sat-Sun ■■	CROW HUT Keith McQuillan 384 6164 Easy tramp to a tidy little hut with a good wood burner in Arthur's Pass National Park. Saturday morning departure from town, and only 4 hours walking up the Waimak Valley from the road bridge. We might do a short day walk further up-valley or you can take a book if you're feeling lazy. List Closes: Sat 10 Oct	Maps BV20; K34
17 Oct Sun ■	MT PHILISTINE Raymond Ford 351 9496 Probably the most spectacular of the moderate-hard day climbs in the Arthur's Pass area. From the Otira Valley we climb steeply before using Phil Novis' route to bypass the Philistine Bluffs, and then it's fairly plain sailing to the summit for marvellous views of Mt Rolleston's Otira Face and Waimakariri Col. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BV20; K33 Approx Cost: \$22
23-25 Oct Sat-Mon ■■■	SCAMPER TORRENT - SMYTH RANGE Merv Meredith 322 7239 Friday evening start to stay at Ross overnight. There is a description of this moderate-hard three-day trip through classic West Coast scenery, in Sven's guide book. First day in is up the Waitaha from Allen Rd. From Kiwi Flat, the track climbs steeply then drops into Scamper Torrent basin, where a four bunk hut is on a great site. The middle day has two options. (1) A day trip up to Mt Durwood and return for a second night at Scamper Torrent. From the top, both the Garden of Eden and Mts Evans and Whitcombe are part of the superb view. (2) Continue on with packs across Durwood and traverse around to Headlong Spur, camping part way down. Day three—continue down the Headlong Spur track to complete the circuit at Kiwi Flat, out down the Waitaha. List Closes: Wed 13 Oct	Maps BW17,18; I34

23-25 Oct Sat-Mon ■■■	ROUGH CREEK - BOSCOWAN SADDLE - NINA Kerry Moore 359 5069 Moderate round-trip starting up Rough Creek from Lewis Pass with good views from the saddle on the way to the Lake Christabel Hut. We'll use the Robinson Saddle track to get above scrub and on to Boscowan Saddle, then down to the Nina River. List Closes: Sat 16 Oct	Maps BT22,BU22; L31,M31
23-25 Oct Sat-Mon ■■■	MT ARTHUR - TABLELANDS CIRCUIT Mary Hines 942 6486 Easy-moderate circuit taking in the highlights of the Mt Arthur Tablelands, starting from 1000m at the Flora car park. The circuit visits the amazing Gridiron rock shelters, the Salisbury Lodge "palace" and Gordons Pyramid with an ascent of Mt Arthur if weather permits. List Closes: Wed 13 Oct	Maps BP24,BQ24; M27
23-25 Oct Sat-Mon ■■■	HAAST BASE CAMP Leo Manders 356 1731 A chance to explore down to Jacksons Bay and walking tracks around Haast Pass. List Closes: Sat 9 Oct	Maps BY12; F37
24 Oct Sun ■	CAMP SADDLE - LYNDON SADDLE Evelien Bass 03 317 9077 Easy-moderate loop that gets you above 1500m in the Craigieburn Range. Features some nice ridge walking, with great views of the range and its beech forests. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21; K34 Approx Cost: \$13
30-31 Oct Sat-Sun ■■	MT SOMERS CIRCUIT Gary Huish 332 7020 Moderate trip, starting at Staveley end and climbing to the high point of Staveley Hill, 1077m then traversing along the sub-alpine south-west route to Woolshed Creek Hut. Return via Pinnacles and Bowyer Stream to Staveley car park. List Closes: Wed 20 Oct	Maps BX19,20; K36
31 Oct Sun ■	MT WALL Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate walk up to this 1874m outlier peak of the Craieburn Range between Cheeseman and Broken River ski fields. Starting from the Craieburn visitor centre. Possibility of a round-trip. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21; K34 Approx Cost: \$13
6-7 Nov Sat-Sun ■■	LAGOON SADDLE - MT BRUCE Evelien Bass 03 317 9077 Easy-moderate trip at Arthurs Pass heading up to Lagoon Saddle to camp and climb Mt Bruce. List Closes: Sat 30 Oct	Maps BV20; K34
7 Nov Sun ■	AMBERLEY BEACH - MACKINTOSH BAY Stan Wilder 980 5291 An easy-moderate trip along the coast in North Canterbury. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Maps BW24,25; N34 Approx Cost: \$11

7 Nov Sun ■	PEAK 1912 - CASS SADDLE Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate-hard trip in the Craigeiburns. Starting up the Cass River to Long Valley Stream, then up Peak 1912, descending to the Cass Valley track. Start: 7am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BV20,21; K34 Approx Cost: \$8
12-14 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■	MT EARNSLAW Raymond Ford 351 9496 This hard trip plans to climb the east peak of 2800m Mt Earnslaw. This peak is the centre of the popular Rees-Dart circuit. Ice axe and crampons required. List Closes: Sat 30 Oct	Maps CA10; E40
12-14 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■	MT OWEN Leo Manders 356 1731 Moderate trip to this 1870m peak, the highest in Kahurangi National Park. This is fascinating karst country which you may have already seen in the Lord of the Rings movies. This could become a moderate-hard if the more exciting Bulmer Creek route is chosen. List Closes: Sat 30 Oct	Maps BQ23, BR23; M28, M29
12-14 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■	INLAND PACK TRACK Miriam Preston 329 3139 Easy-moderate. Between the Fox and Punakaiki Rivers in the Paparoa Range on the West Coast. Features include lush forest, spectacular limestone gorges, Fox River caves, "The Ballroom" overhang and plenty of river crossings. Camping out. List Closes: Sat 30 Oct	Maps BS19,20; K30
12-14 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■	RAINCLIFF BASE CAMP Marion & Keith McQuillan 384 6164 We'll be staying at the Raincliff Lodge, and doing some of the day walks (all grades) in the area. List Closes: Sat 30 Oct	Maps BZ18; J38
14 Nov Sun ■	PUDDING HILL STREAM Evelien Bass 03 317 9077 Easy-moderate walk along the ridge to the west of Mt Hutt forest. Good views of the plains, Mt Hutt and the Alfred and Taylor Ranges to the west. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BX20; K35, K36 Approx Cost: \$12
20-21 Nov Sat-Sun ■■	SYLVIA TOPS TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. Moderate tramp over this 1500-1600m range between Nina and Doubtful valleys in the Lewis Pass area. Probably camping out at the bush-edge at Devils Den Biv. List Closes: Wed 10 Nov	Maps BU23; M31
21 Nov Sun ■	SELWYN GORGE Kerry Moore 359 5069 Easy-moderate walk from the forest at the end of Dalethorpe Road, between Sheffield and Springfield. This will be a bit of a river-splash along the Selwyn to the gory section. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21; L35 Approx Cost: \$10

27-29 Nov Sat-Mon ■■■	MT ADAMS Gary Huish 332 7020 This hard trip to the isolated sentinel of 2208m Mt Adams commences at 100m. The top commands a view from Cape Foulwind to Mt Cook. Ice axe and crampons required. List Closes: Wed 17 Nov	Maps BW17; I34,35
27-28 Nov Sat-Sun ■■	CARROLL HUT Mary Hines 942 6486 From near Otira, a short, sharp easy-moderate climb through bush to 8-bunk Carroll Hut, just above the bush line. Opportunity to explore the nice tops on the Kelly Range. List Closes: Sat 20 Nov	Maps BV20; K33
28 Nov Sun ■	MT OXFORD - WHARFDALE Stan Wilder 980 5291 Moderate round-trip from View Hill car park. Up to the bush-line on Mt Oxford, down to the Wharfedale Shelter and back on the Wharfedale Track. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW23; L34 Approx Cost: \$8
3-6 Dec Fri-Mon ■■■■	BANKS PENINSULA TRACK (4-DAY) Leo Manders 356 1731 The 35km Banks Peninsula Track is the original private walking track of New Zealand. It has a unique blend of whimsical and historical accommodation and a stunningly diverse track route. This is an easy tramp over four days. List Closes: Wed 10 Nov	Maps BY25; N36,N37
4-5 Dec Sat-Sun ■■	GRAND DUCHESS - BRASS MONKEY - NINA Kevin Hughes 332 6281 A classic moderate-hard , Lewis Pass tops trip to Brass Monkey biv situated just off the main divide. A round-trip from the Nina Valley up Lucretia Stream and down Duchess Stream. Should give commanding views from Grand Duchess tops. List Closes: Sat 27 Nov	Maps BT23; M31
5 Dec Sun ■	BANKS PENINSULA TRAVERSE Merv Meredith 322 7239 A long day makes this a moderate trip. Walking between Orton Bradley Park and Montgomery Park (near Hilltop Tavern) along the summit walkway. Includes the highpoint of the peninsula, Mt Herbert, and several bush reserves. Good views, weather permitting. We aim to have a group starting at each end with a car-swap. Take plenty of water! Start: 7:30am outside Halswell School	Maps BX25,BY25; N36,N37 Approx Cost: \$11
11-12 Dec Sat-Sun ■■	WAIMAKARIRI COL - MT PHILISTINE TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. This hard trip across the Main Divide is one of those "must-do" tramps. It requires a slog up the Waimakiriri but the location of the Falls Hut makes it worthwhile. A long second day over the Col and up Mt Philistine and back past the bluffs. List Closes: Sat 4 Dec	Maps BV20; K33
11 Dec Sat ■	NIKAU PALM GULLY TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. This bush-clad gully is quite a dramatic spot, and the plentiful nikau palms here are notable for being the southern-most limit of this species in New Zealand. This is an easy tramp towards the eastern heads of Akaroa Harbour. Start: 8:00am outside Halswell School	Maps BY25; N37 Approx Cost: \$14

12 Dec Sun	YEAR END PICNIC Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BX25; N36
■	Glenda and Merv are still mourning the closing of the camping ground at Purau so we are returning to the camping ground at Okains Bay with a similar formula. Glenda and Merv will be camping from Friday night, so making a weekend of it, or arriving any time on Saturday, provides options. The PTC picnic will follow the usual walk to the headland in the morning. Pencil in the date and look for full details in the November Footnotes.	

President's Report

Daylight saving has arrived, the days are getting longer and the sun is out reminding us of summer to come. We have lots of trips on, so book in and join us. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to book for Labour weekend and Show weekend trips. Labour weekend particularly has close-offs looming.

Early Bookings For Trips

Thanks to those of you who have booked early for our long trips. We will email out the Long Trips List again shortly, so you can plan your long trips up to June 2011. This was published in July 2010 Footnotes (refer to this if we don't have your email address). The trips to Stewart Island Port Pegasus in Feb 2011 and Egmont Round the Mountain, Mar 2011 are approaching final numbers, so let me know soon if you want to go on either of these and haven't already got your name down. If you think you may want to walk the Banks Peninsula track in early Dec 2010, you need to let me know within the next couple of weeks otherwise this trip will be cancelled.

Special General Meeting

Elsewhere in this issue of Footnotes are the details of a **Special General Meeting**, timed for Tue 9 Nov 2010 starting at 7.30pm. Please note the time which is earlier than that for the normal Club Meeting. Doors will open from 7pm. Our normal club meeting will start at the conclusion of the SGM. As reported over the last two months, the motions proposed for the SGM are the result of discussions by your executive to come up with a realistic, viable way to run your club. At the last exec meeting we decided to propose that **family memberships** to be set at \$5 more than **single memberships**. As we're proposing \$35 for single memberships, family memberships would go to \$40. The exec is suggesting a \$5 discount on both these memberships for those of you that opt to receive Footnotes electronically only. Club notices such as the Club Member List, Annual Trip List, Notices for upcoming AGM, would also be electronic unless they can be mailed out with an FMC bulletin. Four mail-outs a year of FMC bulletins and your FMC card would go out to all members as in the past. Apart from these motions proposed, all other club policy remains the same. Obviously if you opt to pay the full membership without the discount (necessary if we don't have your email address) then everything will be mailed out to you as it currently is, you would also get the electronic copies in this case provided we have your email address.

Email Addresses

If you haven't provided us with your email address, there is likely to be another incentive, a financial one. Email addresses are easy to obtain even if you don't have a computer. You can always use a library computer. An email out recently on Back Country Cuisine products at wholesale prices for club members has drawn a great response, however it was all email-based. There is lots of information that may get mentioned at club nights then go out via email. Only if it is not time-sensitive will it appear in Footnotes.

Mountain Biking

The Mountain Biking division of PTC is known as Fat Tyre Fanatics. The group is currently coordinated by Rick Bolch ph 980 5158 or email rbolch@paradise.net.nz. Rick is planning a number of trips over the warmer months and will endeavour to highlight these in Footnotes. In addition to this, Rick also has an email list of enthusiastic members who will get advice at short notice if it seems the weather is right for an outing. If you are keen on Mountain Biking give Rick a call.

Earthquake

A month has gone by after the big shake and a number of us have had to put in claims. Once again, through email we have been able to get a wealth of information out to club members. A very big thank you to all those members who were able to join a combined Christchurch Tramping Club group offering work party assistance at the weekend in Kaiapoi. We have also been invited by CTC to their club night to hear a talk by a geologist

Tenure Review – Erewhon

The final draft of our submission has now been sent to DoC with a copy to FMC.

Happy Tramping - Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 19 Oct



PTC Treasure Hunt—work your brain and your body

At Halswell Quarry on **Tues 19th October at 6pm**, meeting at the main car-park near the toilets (just past the visitor centre). Bring a pen or pencil and something to eat and drink at a pot-luck supper afterwards. Be prepared to explore for a couple of hours and then to Chris and Graham's for supper and prize-giving. Entry fee \$2 each. Pay on the night.

So we have idea of numbers, please email:

Maureen Thompson **377 2482** mothompson@xtra.co.nz or

Mary Hines 942 6486 hinestandm@clear.net.nz

Sat 30 Oct



Adrenaline Forest

Fancy taking a leap outside your comfort zone?

Challenge yourself at Adrenaline Forest on

Approx time 2-5pm at Heyders Road, Spencerville

See web for more details <http://www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz/>

Cost \$37 (or group rate of \$31.50 pp for 10 or more)

Names and \$10 deposit to Mary Hines by **Friday 22nd October**

email hinestandm@clear.net.nz or tel 942 6486

Tue 23 Nov



Sign of the Kiwi—Walk and Meal

Make the most of these long evenings!

Meet at Sign of the Kiwi car park at **6.30** for a 1 hour stroll, followed by a meal and views at the newly refurbished Sign of the Kiwi café. The venue will open specially for us if we get 20 people along. Menu choices include fish and chips, steak, Caesar salad, gourmet burgers and vegetarian options such as filo parcels, vege lasagne.

Names to **Mary Hines** as soon as possible (22 Oct latest) so we can confirm this social event - please email hinestandm@clear.net.nz or tel. **942 6486**

NOTICES

Exciting Conservation Volunteer Opportunity See <http://www.kakaporecovery.org.nz/index.php>

<http://www.peakware.com> World Mountain Encyclopedia

Deadline for Nov newsletter **Sun 31 Oct**. Trip reports, news and items of interest may be e-mailed to Kerry Moore, moorekj@xtra.co.nz phone **359 5069**

Next committee meeting **7:30 Tue 26 Oct at Evelien's**

BITS AND PIECES

Friendly Fat Tyre Fanatics



Our tramping club has an alternative group of crazy mountain bike riders called the '**Friendly Fat Tyre Fanatics**', formed about eight years ago. We do a variety of rides, trips and epics, and some of us go in organised mountain-bike events as well. Some of the trips will be in the newsletter and others are advised by email. Our easiest trip was about 30 km. this year, crossing every bridge over the Heathcote River! Our hardest—a couple of years ago we rode 100km into Molesworth and back on the hottest day of the year! However most trips are somewhere in between.

If you would like to join our elite group, contact the chief “disorganizer”, Rick Bolch at 980 5156 or email ribolch@paradise.net.nz *May the Great Wheel be with you* ☻ **Rick**

Quake Talk—Thursday 7 October

CTC have invited PTC members to their club night talk on the Darfield quake.

This presentation will focus on both details of the actual event, and where it fits into the bigger picture of plate tectonics in New Zealand. The speaker is Kevin Furlong of Geodynamics Research Group, Penn State University. All proceeds from the gold coin entry donation will go to an earthquake fund. Horticultural Hall—our usual room. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the speaker will start approx 8:20

TRIP REPORTS

Broken Hill – 15 Aug 2010

Seven trampers' hopes of escaping the Christchurch cloud were only slightly dashed when we arrived at Craigieburn cutting to find the hills still shrouded in low cloud. Ever optimistic, we were sure we would climb above it and, in order to do so as quickly as possible, we headed into the trees and scrambled straight up the hillside. Mercifully it was a short climb and we quickly emerged onto a gentler ridge where, whilst we weren't actually in the cloud, we were still surrounded by it.

The lack of a view proved interesting in itself. Only the tips of the mountains were visible. They appeared to float on top of the clouds and, in addition, we got to see a fog-bow displayed against the cloud bank behind us (a phenomenon related to a broken spectre). By the time we reached the snow the view had cleared although the cloud stayed in the valley below, until early afternoon.

After lunch we headed over to the higher peak at the back. Enjoying the walk in snow and sunshine we smugly wondered if it was still cloudy back in Christchurch. From the top the plan was to head down a ridge to pick up a farm track back to the cars. At this point the three committee members in the group whipped out their crampons and headed down the snow leaving the rest of us to try the scree covered ridge (crampons weren't mentioned in the newsletter). We mulled over this seeming conspiracy as we slowly picked our way down scree which was mostly frozen (with just a thin unfrozen loose layer to make travel interesting). Lower down the scree was deeper but with large rocks, one of which set a large area of scree moving when I put my foot on it. Keith, below me, nimbly leapt out of the way. The crampon group also found the snow difficult and were surprised to reach the bottom first. At this point the trumper whose slow careful travel down the scree had slowed down the non-crampon group, quickly volunteered to write the trip report (note: this method of avoiding mention may not work if the editor is on your trip).

Walking along the dirt track we had a great view of the steep, rocky ridge behind Cave Stream, which also reminded us just how far we still had to walk. We did, however, get to enjoy the pink blush the setting sun painted on the snow-covered Torlesse Range. After a 5pm afternoon-tea stop, Tim and Gary went on ahead to the cars but ended up waiting to direct the group when they reached a point where they decided it would be best to leave the track and cut across to the road. This was a good decision with the only obstacle, a narrow but deep channel to jump. I can only report what I saw, which was Mary being helped up the bank by Keith after not quite falling in. I won't spread the rumours that I heard, as I promised to be nice to Keith for staying with me on the scree slope. I'm sure he was just being a hero and that there's no way he would stoop to a bit of pay-back over the crampon incident.

We got back to the cars at 6.10pm (after 8½ hours tramping) and got changed as darkness fell. Despite the late hour (or perhaps because of it) we did stop at Springfield with everyone opting for food with their coffee. The trip finished on a sad note as the Old West Coast Road was closed for several hours while a fatal accident was investigated. Tim and Mary followed their GPS down a maze of dirt roads with Kevin and another car following trustingly. We made it out to the West Coast Road eventually but lost the other car on the way—are they still out there driving in circles or did they know their way all along?

Mary & Tim Hines, Kevin Hughes, Keith McQuillan, Ken Rapson, Gary Huish 🏔️ Heather Murray