



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 14 June MEMBERS' PHOTOS

Dig out your pics and give us a visual trip report or just show a selection that you'd like to show. Leo 356 1731 will coordinate so call him if you have photos to offer

Supper Duty: ~~Murray Hight~~, Chrys Horn, Bill Hotter

Tue 12 July COAL ISLAND AND PUYSEGUR POINT, FIORDLAND

An account from **John Cook** in this isolated corner of southern Fiordland where he volunteered to be part of a stoat and rat eradication programme

Supper Duty: Fay Howden, Bayne Hunter, Grant/Anne Hunter

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.

12 Jun Sun ■	TIROMOANA BUSH - KATE VALLEY Gary Huish 332 7020 Easy trip to the coast east of Waipara to stretch the muscles after the barndance. Check out the reserve below the Kate Valley Landfill site. Start: 9am Robbies by Placemakers Cranford St	Maps BV24;N34 Approx Cost: \$10
18 Jun Sat-Sun ■ ■	PINCHGUT - BOBS CAMP - MT THOMAS Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate circuit to this 2-man biv in the Mt Thomas area. It's not even shown on the Amberley topo map. List Closes: Sat 11 June	Maps BW23;M34
19 Jun Sun ■	BLACKWATER LAKES, MT ROSA Dan Pryce 384 7523 An easy-moderate tramp in the Craigieburn basin, along farm tracks through tussock to these distinctive kettle tarns. A brisk climb of Mt Rosa provides great views of the lakes, the Waimakariri River and the peaks of Arthurs Pass NP. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21;L34 Approx Cost: \$20
25-26 Jun Sat-Sun ■ ■	MT FYFFE - KOWHAI RIVER Mary & Tim Hines 942 6486 A moderate traverse of Mt Fyffe. Friday evening start to Kaikoura and walk up the 4WD track by moonlight to Mt Fyffe hut for the night. Saturday involves the Mt Fyffe traverse across Gable to Gables End and down to the Kowhai Saddle and Kowhai Hut. Sunday is more leisurely—down the Kowhai River and out. List Closes: Sat 18 June	Maps BT27;O31
26 Jun Sun ■	FLAGPOLE Geoff Price 337 2614 Easy-moderate ramble in the foothills behind Whitecliffs to 900m viewpoint. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21;L35 Approx Cost: \$11
2-3 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	CARLYLE HUT Leo Manders 356 1731 An easy-moderate trip up the Carlyle Stream to this hut among the forests and peaks of Glenhope Station on the north side of the Lewis Pass road. List Closes: Sat 25 June	Maps BU23;M32

3 Jul Sun ■	STEEPFACE HILL Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate-hard snow trip to 1876m peak on Mt Hutt Range, overlooking the Rakaia River. Ice axe and crampons required. Start: 7:30am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW20;K35 Approx Cost: \$17
9-10 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	CROW HUT mid-winter dinner Mary & Geoff Korver 355 3905 Easy-moderate tramp, providing we don't get deep snow drifts this year, to a tidy little hut in a clearing between forested slopes and the Waimakariri River, in Arthurs Pass National Park. Come and celebrate a mid-winter "Christmas". List Closes: Sat 25 June	Maps BV20;K34
10 Jul Sun ■	PERAKI BAY - CAREWS PEAK - WAINUI Gary Huish 332 7020 Moderate walk on the south side of Akaroa Harbour from sea level to 794m on Carews Peak. Coastal views towards both Akaroa and Birdlings Flat. Start: 8am Halswell School	Maps BX25,BY25;N36,N37 Approx Cost: \$10
16-17 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	JOLLIEBROOK - GABRIEL Keith McQuillan 384 6164 Easy-moderate round-trip in lake Sumner Forest Park. Taking in the open river flat of the Hurunui, the beech forest of Gabriel Stream, going over a low bush saddle to Jollie Brook and then to Jollie Brook Hut. Downstream from the hut the valley becomes a bit more open and there are a few stream crossings. List Closes: Sat 9 July	Maps BU23;M32,M33
17 Jul Sun ■	MT HERBERT FROM ORTON BRADLEY TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip Classic easy-moderate walk to the highest point on Banks Peninsula (920m) Good tracks, historical interest at Orton Bradley Park, plus fine harbour views Start: 8am Princess Margaret (Hackthorne Rd end)	Maps BX24;M36 Approx Cost: \$7
23-24 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	NINA VALLEY Mary Hines 942 6486 Easy walk up-valley through beech forest to Nina Hut. Maybe a little exploring up the valley past the hut. Would be suitable for older children. List Closes: Fri 16 July	Maps BT23,BU23;M31,M32
24 Jul Sun ■	MT CHEESEMAN - MT IZARD Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate-hard snow trip to two 2000m peaks in the Craigieburns, via 1000m Hogsback. Ice axe and possibly crampons required. Start: 7:30am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW20,21;K34 Approx Cost: \$17
30-31 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	WAIUTA - BIG RIVER Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Easy-moderate walk to large comfy hut near Reefton. A great area for those interested in the local mining history. Lots of remains to fossick around. Start from Waiuta, which has plenty of its own relics remaining. List Closes: Fri 23 July	Maps BT21;L31

30 Jul Sat	BEALEY SPUR TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip	Maps BV20;K34
■	Popular easy-moderate walk to this historic shepherds hut, through beech forest and tussock clearings which offer fantastic views of the upper Waimak and the mountains of Arthurs Pass National Park. If time permits it is worth walking beyond the hut, further up the spur. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Approx Cost: \$21
4-7 Aug Thu-Sun	TRENT RIVER - HAUPIRI RIVER Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BU21;K32,L32
■■■■■	Merv's going back to the West Coast again, chasing more of the fantastic weather the Coast can turn on during winter. This is a classic moderate-hard , four day round-trip starting up the Trent from Waikiti Downs, staying the first night at the newish Tutaekuri Hut. The second day is an easy stroll around the corner to the Mid Trent. This is the hut that was "refurbished" from the ground up. The plan, given clear weather then is to climb to the main ridge before Mt Wilson, travelling along the top with great views both sides, dropping down toward Trent Saddle for the night after Mt Dixon. On the final day, we know the track down the Haupiri is marked, because PTC put in the markers and it was cleared by DoC in 2007. If the weather is not good, the route from Mid Trent will be via the marked track-up river to Trent Saddle. A car ferry, or car and bike ferry, is needed to close the two ends of the trip. This is a repeat of a trip first made in September 2006. Start-date flexible to suit weather. List Closes: Tue 26 July	
6-7 Aug Sat-Sun	LAKE STREAM - KLONDYKE Kerry Moore 359 5069	Maps BT22;L31
■■■	Moderate tramp from Rahu Saddle in Victoria Forest Park. Camping out in a tarn basin below some 1500m peaks. A round-trip, dropping into Lake Stream for the return trip. Some great views of the surrounding area from the tops. List Closes: Sat 30 July	
7 Aug Sun	BROKEN HILL TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip	Maps BW21;K34,L34
■	Moderate trip to this peak just off of the Arthurs Pass highway, near Flock Hill Resort. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Approx Cost: \$17
13-14 Aug Sat-Sun	ARTHURS PASS BASE CAMP Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BV20;K33,34
■■■	This is it, folks! The only winter base camp in the heart of snow country on our list this year. We didn't schedule a base camp in July this year and the only other base camp that could be part snow is the Tekapo base, planned for late September. We are back with all the comforts of home, at the Catholic Outdoor Club house in the village. It's cheap accommodation. With twelve people cost would be just \$15 pp total for Friday and Saturday night. A 'Potluck' dinner on Saturday night is always sociable after a hot shower at the end of a satisfying day's tramp. All the usual range of trips will be on our doorstep such as Avalanche Pk, Mt Aitken, or just a stroll up the Otira Valley; perhaps a chance to play in the snow and improve your ice axe skills. All welcome and departure time for the Pass on Friday afternoon/evening is flexible. Ice axe and possibly crampons needed for above the bushline walks. List Closes: Fri 5 August	

President's Report

By the time you receive the paper edition of this Footnotes, we will be holding our annual barn dance. Don't forget this is on Sat 11 June at St. Peters Parish Hall at Church Corner. By last Tues we had already pre-sold 70 tickets, our biggest number of pre-sold tickets for many years. Thanks to all of you who have already bought tickets. For those of you that still want tickets, Mary Hines has some left. **Please remember to bring a plate of**

food for supper. Tickets this year cost \$22 and include drinks, nibbles, prizes and entertainment. There will be lots of spot prizes including for best-dressed male and female so put on your best country gear. See you there.

Members' Photo Night

This month's club night on Tue 14 June, we will be running our Members' Photo Night. This is a great opportunity to see a range of images from short presentations on areas not normally covered on regular club nights. If you want to show and do a small presentation of around 10 minutes please contact me before the night. I currently have room for a few more people.

New Member Enquiries

The contact person for new member enquiries has changed from John Borner to Stan Wilder. Stan can either be contacted directly by phone or at club nights. See the front page of Footnotes. Contact can also be made as always through our website or by snail mail through the Secretary.

Trip List 2011 – 2012

With this copy of Footnotes you will also receive our new trip list for the next 12 months, starting 1 July 2011. Have a look at this and keep the list handy for future trips. If there is a trip on the list that you would like to lead please contact Gary Huish. We will endeavour to highlight all the multi-day and base-camp trips in Footnotes next month, as we did last year. We have leaders for a lot of these already, but would appreciate more leaders. This enables you to book early for these trips which normally require trip numbers to be known so that arrangements can be made for facilities, transport etc. We will also list the trips for two months ahead in each Footnotes as we normally do which will include any later amendments, changes to the annual trip list. It has been encouraging to see many of you registering early for trips during the last 12 months. This has had a major impact on cost savings to trip members by enabling us to organise appropriate facilities for upcoming trips well ahead of time.

Special Training Events

In the annual trip list you will see two Bushcraft sessions to be held 10 – 11 Sept 2011 and 8 – 9 Oct 2011. These will be organised by our club members. We are still open to suggestions on what you would like covered. These spring dates will ensure you get the knowledge you need before the summer season this year. You can contact either Kevin Hughes, Geoff Spearpoint or myself for your thoughts on this. More details later.

PTC 80th anniversary

We plan to mark our club's 80th anniversary with a social dinner on Sat night 9 June 2012 followed by the walk from Victoria Park along the summit crater rim walkway and down the Bridal Path to Lyttelton on Sun 10 June 2012. If you have any thoughts on this event please contact a committee member with your ideas.

Happy Tramping – Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

**Saturday
11 June**

Annual Barn Dance

June 11 8 till midnight

St Peters Church Hall, Church Corner, Upper Riccarton

The Incredible Ceilidh Band will provide the music

Colin Forsyth will call the dances so you don't need to know any steps or moves

You can order tickets by calling/texting or emailing Mary Hines

on 021 049 1835 hinestandm@clear.net.nz

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper

Bring out your jeans/skirts and hats, cowboy boots, chaps, western shirts

as there is a prize for 'Best dressed'

Tickets are \$22 and include: all drinks, called dances, spot prizes



Friday 8 July Indoor Mini Golf & Thai Meal

Meet 6.15pm at CaddyShack, 21 King Edward Terrace, Woolston

This will be followed by a Thai meal at Thai Talay, 9 Humphries Road at 8pm.

"CaddyShack is Christchurch's most exciting indoor all-weather mini-golf experience."

For directions & other info go to <http://www.caddyshack.co.nz>

Mini golf cost \$13.50 for adults (\$12 for seniors).

We will need to book for both so please get your names to Mary Hines

by Sunday 26 June -- 942 6486 or hinestandm@clear.net.nz

If you can't make the mini-golf, then join us for the meal (or vice versa)

NOTICES

Membership We welcome **Margaret Lovell-Smith** to the club

Rogaine Saturday 18 June. Heights of Winter 6-hour and 12-hour rogaines. Culverden area.

Full details at www.papo.org.nz

This year's 80th FMC AGM will be held at Te Papa in Wellington, 4.30pm Saturday 11 June 2011.

Deadline for July newsletter Monday 4 July. Trip reports, news and items of interest may be e-mailed to Kerry Moore, moorekj@xtra.co.nz phone **359 5069**

Next committee meeting 7:30pm 28 June at Raymond Ford's

BITS AND PIECES

MSC Training Courses

Outdoor First Aid	Fri 24 eve 25-26 June
Advanced Alpine	Fri 15 eve and 16 July
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Intermediate Alpine	Fri 22 eve 23-24 July
Advanced Alpine	Fri 5 eve and 6 Aug
Advanced Alpine	Fri 5 eve and 7 Aug
Basic Alpine	13-14 Aug or 10-11 Sept
Backcountry Avalanche awareness	20-21 and 27-28 August
Outdoor First Aid	Fri 2 eve and 3-4 Sept
Outdoor First Aid—re-validation	16 Oct
Basic Navigation	28-30 Oct
River Safety	Mon eve 31 Oct and 5 Nov
GPS	Sat 6 Nov
Outdoor First Aid	Fri 18 eve and 19-20 Nov
Bushcraft	25-27 Nov

Details at <http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Training/>

TRIP REPORTS

Mount Taranaki—Up and Around 30 March – 6 April 2011

Two cars headed to Picton at the ungodly hour of 4am to catch the 10am ferry to Wellington. Kristi was able to leave home a little later from Murchison and meet us. Leo's and Kerry's car rolled off in our capital city and headed north. Our first stop was Paraparaumu Barnacles YHA to book a room for six at the backpackers for use

on our return journey. This backpackers is located right on Paraparaumu Beach directly beside where the Kapiti Island boat trips depart from. Driving on through Manawatu and Wanganui, then Taranaki we enjoyed seeing unfamiliar territory and then our quest, Mt Taranaki came in sight. In Stratford Wayne joined our group, we bought food at a supermarket and then had a sit-down meal at a Stratford pub before driving off to North Egmont Visitor Centre where we got a key to the Camphouse which Leo had booked well in advance. The Camphouse is a large old iron-clad hut with backpacker-type accommodation. It has lockable bunkrooms that groups can stay in, a good modern kitchen and large dining/living room. A convoy of boy racers painted a proportion of their tyres onto the road on the last part of the drive up the mountain all the way to the locked gate near the Camphouse.

Thur: The day dawned fine and clear so we prepared day packs for the ascent of Taranaki/Egmont. The track starts in nice forest with mountain cabbage trees and cedars and climbs moderately as a vehicle track to the scrub-line and then straightens up a steep section called “the puffer”. By the time the front-runners (walkers) got to Tahurangi Lodge, a private hut, our group was getting spread out. A woman on the upstairs balcony was the sole occupant of the lodge. She had stepped out to admire the sunrise over distant volcanic cones when the breeze closed the door and locked her out. While we were there an alpine club guy arrived with a key to rescue her. The time was around 11am so she was very relieved. With a rest and snack we set off together again. From the lodge the track goes up a rugged rocky gully with long stairways on steep or loose rock sections. Going up the long scree section we got strung out. There were lots of other groups on the mountain lured perhaps by the absence of snow on upper slopes. People with walking poles seemed to manage better on the loose gravel. It was a relief to get onto a solid lava flow—well cooled now—since no eruption has occurred for 300 years. In the crater there was some solid snow which we crossed to climb to the high-point of the crater wall. We spent time taking lots of pics of each other, Syme Hut, Mt. Ruapehu in the distance and the dappled cloud effects well below us. Back at the Camphouse after the long descent the more motivated few set to, preparing a lavish dinner which Leo had assembled. We ate our fill and settled in for our second night in this pleasant lodge.

Fri: This was to be an easy day—return the key to DoC, move a car to the other side of the mountain and set off on the round-the-mountain walk. On this fine day we had lunch and set off, climbing to a good contour-track which goes from gully to gully above the scrub line. We enjoyed looking up at impressive blocks of rock as we crossed dry streams. As we walked opposite a swampy lowland our track headed down and eventually we arrived at Holly Hut with its solar panel lighting system and 500 breadboards. The boards were actually 3cm thick, neatly cut slab firewood, a bit bigger than a paperback book. The last rays of sun on the mountain gave us another photo-opportunity. We lit a fire as the day got cold after sundown and chatted to a Singaporean couple who were doing the Pouakai Circuit on the north side of the mount.

Sat: Westside Story. We set off in frosty, fine weather for Waiaua Gorge Hut. The track descends quite a way and crosses many sizeable streams which judging from their beds can swell to be very respectable. We made a ten minute diversion to Bells Falls. In the dim early morning light they were impressive but hard to photograph. Walking down a river it seemed we were going to leave the park but a big triangle beckoned us up into the forest where we saw lots of tawa and kamahi and even a group of trampers out for a day walk. We set a pattern of walking through forest for 20 minutes then coming to an incised river where we’d have to descend a ladder, cross the minimal river and then climb up into the trees again. We had crossed the Kahui track which joins a road and Kahui Hut, higher up the mountain when we came to an awkward washed out clay section with few hand-holds. Alas Mary fell almost 2m and landed badly with a cracking sound. She was able to stand but said her arm felt out of place. It didn’t take a doctor to diagnose a broken arm. Mary could walk without too much discomfort so we retreated back to a stream bed and pulled the pin on our emergency locator beacon. We stayed in the trees where it was warmer, had a brew and waited. In a bit more than an hour a big yellow TSB rescue chopper circled us and landed with three medics and a pilot. They eased Mary on board and offered to take Leo to North Egmont to retrieve the car. Those of us left standing walked back to the Kahui Track and in an hour we were out at the road as the sun went down. Leo in the meantime drove to New Plymouth and booked two cabins allowing him to off-load gear from the car so it could carry five people. He then drove to where he knew we’d emerge and whisked us off to the comforts of civilisation. The camping ground is right on the NP shore and when the sun shone in the morning proved a very attractive spot. Mary, with her arm in plaster was kept in hospital for the night, her boots, still plastered in mud, and pack beside her.

Sunday: In the morning we took Mary to the airport and the rest of us headed for the hills again. A “track closed” sign at the road-end thwarted our plan to go to Lake Dive Hut so we went to Dawson Falls visitor centre

where the other car was parked. Hiking again, we had an easy walk to comfortable Waingongoro Hut. A long way below was the river in a tree-shrouded gorge.

Monday: With gear for a day walk we went to the Stratford Mountain House, a classy new lodge for a cuppa, then up a road which serves the local ski field. At the car park on The Stratford Plateau the weather was threatening so we headed down a little to find a warmer spot, had lunch and then bolted for Waingongoro Hut as rain started. The rain set in so we were happy to spend the whole afternoon reading the paper and jointly doing a general knowledge crossword. There were quite a few we couldn't get.

Tue: With rain all night we were pleased we hadn't tried to get to Lake Dive Hut. On our way to the cars the nearby Dawson Falls were a compulsory stop. Back in our street clothes we motored off towards our island. The Barnacles YHA backpackers is a rambling old building but comfortable enough. We had a bunkroom for our group.

Wed: An early start, allowing extra time for rush-hour congestion got us to the ferry comfortably. The day was fine and sunny, the ferry crossing enjoyable. Both cars stopped at Kekerengu for a late lunch and then on to Chch.

This was a memorable trip and well worth a re-run to do the full circuit. The good news is that Mary's arm has healed well. A big THANKS to Leo for his meticulous planning and execution. We were: **Leo Manders, Kristi DuBois, Mary McKeown, Yvette So; Wayne Thomas, Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM



Forest Ride—May 2011

Sunday morning three of the PTC Fat Tyres group met in Rangiora and after a little organizing with warm gear etc we headed off, riding towards Ashley Forest. Liz set a good pace as she seems to like to do. Andy and I followed along behind, with me giving directions as we went. My permit though the North Canterbury Mountain Biking Club lets me take people into the forest area. We took one of the side roads that climbs onto the main ridge where the road leads through to Mt Grey. Once along to Seaview Road ahead of us was a good 3 to 3.5 km of fast down-hill riding. There is a spot I like to stop at which overlooks Pegasus Bay and Chch. After a snack and drink I pointed out where the track went to. Liz came to the creek crossing at the foot of the hill in a hurry. Another good climb and we were ready for another buzz as we dropped down to the old Carter Holt Harvey settlement. Twenty minutes later we were across the Ashley River and back in Rangiora, what a way to kick-start the day—3 hours 16 minutes total. We'll do this ride again some-time.

Thank you **Andy Duck** and **Liz Stephenson** for your company. 🚲 **John Robinson.**