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New Member Enquiries Please contact Stan Wilder, 980 5291, to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

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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 Aug MEMBERS' PHOTO NIGHT



A great opportunity to see a range of images, from short presentations on areas not normally covered on regular club nights. Usually we have around five or six tramping trips presented. If you want to do a small presentation of around 10 minutes please contact

Leo Manders 356 1731 leomanders@paradise.net.nz.

Supper Duty: Pam Steele, Yvette So, Miriam Preston

Tue 11 Sept FILM NIGHT—EVEREST 1953



Grant Hunter will screen a film on the successful expedition to Mt Everest in 1953. This features Nepal and Kathmandu within the first 4 years of visitation by westerners, (in the days when Jeeps were carted in by coolies), as well as climbing the mountain, featuring of course Kiwis Ed Hillary and George Lowe.

Supper Duty: Sophie Toutain, Rex Taylor, Jane Swift

Peninsula Tramping Club: Celebrating 80 years of tramping, 2012

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips:

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest 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.

Bike Trips:

For up-to-date details on biking trips please contact

Rick Bolch ph 980 5156 email rlbolch@paradise.net.nz

12 Aug Sun	MT OAKDEN Keith McQuillan 384 6164	Maps BW20;K34,K35
■	Moderate ascent of a 1630m peak at the head of Lake Coleridge. Quite an uncompromising grunt but you get superb views for your effort – up the Rakaia and Wilberforce Rivers towards the main divide, and of the lake itself. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$20
18-19 Aug Sat-Sun	POTTS RIVER - DOGS RANGE - MYSTERY LAKE Gary Huish 332 7020	Maps BX18;J35,J36
■ ■	Moderate tramp up Potts River to the historic Potts River Hut. Return traversing Dogs Range and Mystery Lake. List Closes: Sat 11 August	
19 Aug Sun	BUS STOP Joy Schroeder 351 4655	Maps BX19;K36
■	Popular moderate walk in the Mt Somers area taking in the Blackburn Mine site with associated relics, tussock, point 934, crossing of Woolshed Creek, a climb to about 1100m and sidling, en route to the “Bus Stop” rock outcrop. The route continues along a tussock plateau before dropping back down. Possibility of snow on the ground, particularly on higher sections of the walk. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$19
26 Aug Sun	MT OXFORD Kerry Moore 359 5069	Maps BW23;L34,L35
■	Moderate , popular walk to this 1356m peak in the North Canterbury foothills. Good track, initially through beech forest, later through tussock. Round-trip intended from Coopers Creek. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$11
1-2 Sep Sat-Sun	HANMER BASE CAMP Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BU24,25;M31,N31,N32
■ ■	Staying at the Hanmer Forest Camp on Jollies Pass Rd. We have use of the Reid Kitchen and lounge. We’ve booked for 12 in the modern Ensor Lodge bunkrooms. We can arrive from 2pm Friday afternoon or in the evening. All the usual Hanmer options including favourite trips such as the tracks up onto Isobel or Dumblane and beyond from Jacks Pass. Mountain biking is an option—maybe for Sunday morning. Non-tramping options include the pools, cafes etc. An organised pot-luck meal on Saturday night is a chance to indulge in good food and wine in good company. List Closes: Thu 16 August	

- 2 Sep Sun** ■ **AMBERLEY BEACH - MACKINTOSH BAY** **Maps BW24,25;N34**
Stan Wilder 980 5291
 An **easy-moderate** trip along the coast in North Canterbury. Bring gardening gloves as the rock is quite rough.
Start: 8am Robbies Cranford St (near Placemakers) **Approx Cost: \$10**
- 8-9 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **SNOWFLAKE** **Maps BT27;O31**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 This is a **moderate-hard** trip to an 1870m peak in the southern Seaward Kaikouras. We plan to climb Homestead Spur above the Kowhai River with a high camp prior to climbing the peak. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.
List Closes: Wed 29 August
- 9 Sep Sun** ■ **STONY BAY PEAK – MT BRASENOSE** **Maps BX25,BY25;N36,N37**
Chris Leaver 322 6445
Moderate walk behind Akaroa, crossing the new Misty Peaks Reserve between Stony Bay Peak and Mt Brasenose.
Start: 8am Halswell School **Approx Cost: \$13**
- 15-16 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **BUSHCRAFT - HAWDON** **Maps BV21;K33**
Leo Manders 356 1731
Easy. Calling all family memberships with teenage children. This is the event you have been waiting for. This course is ideal for beginners or more experienced folk wanting to cover specific topics that usually we wouldn't have time for on a weekend trip. We have adults and teenage children already booked, so this is the opportunity for our family members with young children. You can just book in your children if you wish. They will be well supervised and have the company of other young people. Limited spaces available. See Presidents report Bushcraft section for topics covered. We will walk into Hawdon Hut and overnight there.
List Closes: Sat 8 September or earlier if spaces filled
- 16 Sep Sun** ■ **CASTLE HILL PEAK - GAP - KOWAI STREAM** **Maps BW21;L34,L35**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
Moderate climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly 2000m. Fine views all around. Returning through The Gap then Kowai Stream.
Start: 7:30am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$13**
- 22-24 Sep Sat-Mon** ■■■ **MT BREWSTER, MT ARMSTRONG** **Maps BZ13;G38**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
 Based at Brewster Hut above Haast Pass, we plan a moderate climb of 2174m Mt Armstrong or a **moderate-hard** climb of 2515m Mt Brewster.
List Closes: Sat 8 September
- 22-23 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **BOYLE BASE CAMP** **Maps BU23;M31,M32**
Stan Wilder 980 5291
 Departing Friday to arrive at the lodge after 5pm with an option of going Sat morning. On Saturday night we'll have a pot-luck dinner.
 An 8.30am start on Saturday, will allow us to climb Mt Faust, visit the tarns and down via scree to St James Walkway. Another option is a 9.30 Saturday start could visit Magdalen Hut, a nice easy, open walk to this new secluded hut.
 The Sunday trip starting 8.30am will go up Doubtfull River and return for an early afternoon departure. If we get enough people we will have exclusive use of the lodge.
List Closes: Sat 8 September

- 23 Sep Sun** ■ **CAMP SADDLE – LYNDON SADDLE** **Maps BW21;K34**
Evelien Baas evelien@farmsoftware.co.nz **03 317 9077 or 027 557 5521**
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. Please email, phone or text Evelien beforehand to arrange meeting at Darfield.
Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$16**
or 8:45am Darfield Supermarket
- 27-30 Sep Thu-Sun** ■■■■ **MOTATAPU TRACK** **Maps CB11,12;F40,41**
Dan Pryce 356 2617
Moderate tramp of Shania Twain fame between Arrowtown and Wanaka.
List Closes: Sat 15 September
- 29-30 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **MINGHA - DECEPTION** **Maps BV20;K33**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
Moderate. Classic crossing of the main divide from following the Coast to Coast route up the Deception River, over 1070m Goat Pass and down the Mingha to Arthurs Pass.
List Closes: Sat 22 September
- 29 Sep Saturday** ■ **MT CHEESEMAN - MT OLYMPUS** **Maps BW20;K34**
Gary Huish 332 7020
We'll let our cars do the hard stuff, up to Cheeseman Ski-field. This will give us time to ascend to the crest of the Craigieburn Range, and tramp along to Mt Olympus, one of the more dramatic viewpoints on the range. Returning the same way. Snow should still be present, so bring your ice-axe.
Start: 7:30am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$16**
- 6-7 Oct Sat-Sun** ■■ **BUSHCRAFT - PELL STREAM** **Maps BT22,23;L31,M31**
Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008
This is the second bushcraft course. The courses are very comprehensive and aim to cover most situations applying in the bush. At the end of both courses you should have the knowledge necessary to plan, run and even lead a tramping trip. Course leaders will tailor the course to members' needs.
List Closes: Sat 29 September
- 7 Oct Sun** ■ **BEN MORE, FROM LYNDON ROAD** **Maps BW21;K35**
Terry Thomsen 379 8481
Moderate snow trip to this 1655m peak in Korowai/Torlesse Tussockland Park. We aim to do a round-trip starting from the road between Lakes Lyndon and Coleridge. Views should include Lake Coleridge basin and Rakaia River. Ice axe required.
Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$13**
- 20-22 Oct Sat-Mon** ■■■ **BIG TOPS - KOROPUKU – TOWNSEND HUT** **Maps BV20,21;K33**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
A **hard** trip in Arthurs Pass NP up the Taramakau past Lake Kaurapataka up to Big Tops and on to seldom-visited Koropuku Hut. On day two we'll go up Koropuku Stream, past Mt Koeti and on to Townsend Hut. A bush track goes from the hut down to the Taramakau.
List closes: Sat 13 Oct
- 20-22 Oct Sat-Mon** ■■■ **HENRY RIVER - ANNE – BOUCHER** **Maps BT23;M31**
TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip
This **moderate** trip starts on the St James Walkway, before climbing to the Henry Saddle to cross the Libretto Range to the newly built Anne Hut. Returning via Boucher Stream to Foleys Track.

20-22 Oct	BOULDER LAKE	Maps BN23,24,BP23,24;M26
Sat-Mon	Leo Manders 356 1731	
■■■	Easy-moderate trip in NW Kahurangi NP with access along Brown Cow Ridge. Spectacular limestone formations and possibility of side trips for views of Anatoki Peaks.	
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20-22 Oct	NELSON LAKES BASE CAMP	Maps BS24;M29,N29
Sat-Mon	Heather Murray & Kevin Hughes 332 6281	
■■■	A very pretty area with all grades of day-tramps catered for. Possible options are a moderate traverse along the St Arnaud Range, starting from the Rainbow Ski Field so that the vehicles do the hard work, and dropping down to St Arnaud. Mt Robert is another excellent easy-moderate to moderate option (depending on how far you go). If you want an easier time of it, there are nice tracks on the shores of Lake Rotoiti, and in the 'mainland island' with its enhanced wildlife.	
Labour		
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President's Report

Barn Dance

Thanks to all who went to our barn dance. I think you will agree that we had a fun night in a venue with plenty of space. The supper was one of the best yet and proves the worth of bring-a-plate, while also keeping ticket prices down. As usual the band was great and they tell me they enjoy our event because nearly everyone dances right through the night. Thanks to Dan and all his helpers for ensuring a great well-run event—no mean feat for Dan who had surgery only days before the night yet still managed to turn up on the night. Our volunteer bar lady, Liz was lucky to win the hamper. Brian Smith had secured over \$500 worth of prizes which were won throughout the night by many dancers.

Members Photo Night

I have had an overwhelming response from members wanting to show photos this club night. We have a good number of presenters and many trips with not-before-seen photos will be presented so a great night is ensured. More details on front cover. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tent Purchase

Due to requests from various members about tent accommodation when we have an odd number of people on trips, trip leaders now have another option available. Your club now has a single-person Macpac Microlight tent as part of our gear range. Along with our other gear it will be available for members to hire for private trips. Members can borrow locater beacons free for private use. Your executive examined a range of options before coming up with the Microlight. We are committed to making sure our club gear is relevant, workable and of assistance to members. Thanks to **Brian Smith** for making the purchase and who also maintains our club gear to a high standard. Over the last few years we have acquired equipment to give members more choice of club gear.

Trip Leader Guidelines

We are currently reviewing and updating guidelines for trip leaders. If you have any thoughts on this please let Gary Huish or a committee member know by 25 August. Once we have the latest version we will distribute it to trip leaders.

Multi Day and Base Camp Trips

Last month in Footnotes, all the year's trips that need early booking were listed. A reminder that in order for a number of these trips to run, trip leaders need to know now, if there is interest and how much interest for a particular trip. A few of you have already booked. You can still pull out without penalty before trip confirmation and closing time. We prefer that if you think you are interested to tell us early. This makes all the difference into how a trip will be run. This applies especially to Great Barrier Island where I need to know how many are interested.

Bushcraft

Here is your opportunity to take part during spring this year in time for summer tramping. The courses are very comprehensive and aim to cover most situations applying in the bush. At the end of these courses you should have the knowledge necessary to plan and run tramping trips, including trip leading. Course leaders will tailor courses to the needs of members attending. We have different course leaders and instructors for each weekend to enable you to get a range of experiences from different people. Both courses have limited spaces so register now. This is your opportunity, rarely available, to acquire the necessary skills from a range of experienced club members. Club members will be able to attend at no charge, except for the normal transport, food and shared

gear costs as for normal trips. Club members have first priority for these courses (but you need to book promptly), however we will also advertise for non-members who will be able to attend for a non-refundable \$40 fee. At the end of the course this fee can go towards their club membership costs on successful application for membership. I encourage club members to book now.

Bushcraft 1 - Sept 15–16. On going to print we still have limited spaces left on this course, so if you want to participate, ring me now. Contact Leo Manders 356 1731 and book your space.

Course contents flexible according to members' needs. Some points we aim to cover on this course include: Trip planning, back-country challenges, weather, injuries, hut etiquette, navigation, observation, map, compass and GPS, locator beacons, mountain radios, emergencies, equipment, river crossing, tent pitching, food and first aid basics. We aim to use Hawdon Hut in Arthurs Pass as our base.

This course is ideal for both beginners and those of you wanting to cover specific topics. We have adults and teenagers already booked, so this is a good opportunity for our family members with children. Young people without accompanying parents are welcome and will be well supervised.

Bushcraft 2 - Oct 6–7. Open to all members and prospective members. Limited spaces available. This course will be more advanced than the bushcraft 1 course. It will entail more tramping with tenting overnight. Learn skills along the way from our most experienced members. It will cover bush navigation, river crossing and fire lighting to name a few. More details to follow. Contact Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008 to book your space.

Happy Tramping – Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wed 29 Aug Topkapi Licensed Restaurant



6:30pm, 64 Manchester Street (south side of St Asaph Street)

Come and join Graham and Chris at the new location for some genuine Turkish cuisine. For menu and prices visit www.topkapi.co.nz

To book please contact Chris Leaver by **Friday 24 Aug** at ptc75@clear.net.nz

NOTICES

2013 Alpine and Antarctic calendars

The ever-popular Hedgehog House calendars designed by Colin Monteath

Caxton Press are late sending out the order form, so you will have to be in quick.

We aim to send our order soon after 14 August club night. The bulk order price is still \$17.10

If we get 30 or more, the price goes down to \$16.15 each

Order now from Andy Duck, ph 355 4875 or email andyduck33@paradise.net.nz

MSC - Intermediate Alpine - 1-2 September 2012

Pre-course evening + 2 field days at Temple Basin

The course is aimed at those who are solid in basic movement techniques and are comfortable moving on 30 – 45 degree slopes. This course will suit those who intend to travel on moderately technical snow and alpine terrain and wish to use a rope to increase their safety.

Details at http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Training/training_results.asp

MSC - Avalanche & Backcountry Awareness

For the recreational traveller who is skiing, snowboarding or climbing in 'uncontrolled' alpine terrain. The course is aimed at those with basic avalanche knowledge. It will ideally suit those who intend to travel in alpine terrain and are looking for instruction on making evaluative decisions on route selection and personal safety.

Details at <http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Training/course.asp?bc=596&c=41&cc=5>

Tracks Closed During Lambing Season

Pigeon Bay 15 July – 30 Sept All Mts Herbert & Bradley tracks 1 Aug - 16 Oct

Port Robinson 28 Jul - 20 Oct

Deadline for August newsletter Sat 4 Aug. 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 Tue 28 Aug at Liz's

TRIP REPORTS

Broken River Hut — 28-29 July 2012

Our group included Lovisa, an experienced trumper on her first trip with our club, but a recent injury meant Geoff Spearpoint had withdrawn. With Broken River low enough and Flock Hill Station's permission, we proceeded to Springfield as arranged to meet up with Gary Huish who was leading the day trip to Broken Hill. Our leaders dropped the troops off at the entrance to Broken River Ski-field road then drove on to Flock Hill, signed in, left Liz's car there and thanks to Gary, Liz got a ride back.

A few paces along the road towards Christchurch, we turned left onto a 4-WD track with its hard, frosted surface sparkling in the sun. Unfazed by us, serenading bellbirds seemed happy in the conifers, many of which had been sprayed. At the sign, we followed the "Narnia Track". Ahead lay the Torlesse Range and to our right a long limestone escarpment where Barney pointed out a "tiger". Further on it became a pussy cat. Un-shaded parts of the track now had horrible sticky yellow mud that clung tenaciously to our boots. It was as if we had flippers on. Lunch made a welcome break from lifting our weighted feet. There was no sign of Gary's group who had talked about looking down on us. Just after 1pm we moved off, shortly arriving at a criss-cross of tracks. Liz recalled the station's advice "Just follow the 4-wheel drive track. It goes straight to the hut." But which track? We consulted the map and agreed the one most recently used looked the best bet. "Goodbye Narnia Track."

Ahead, wide sweeps of track with more sticky mud encouraged a couple of short cuts up and down through light manuka, matagouri and patches of beech. While off-road we spotted a small pale-green box set back on a terrace on the opposite side of the river—our hut. Although Avoca is the area for relics, all we found were some old coal seams. The track we joined had cattle, horse and dog footprints and led down to the river. Against our better judgment, we couldn't resist crossing the river in front of the hut. This meant a scramble up the steep bank. Thanks folks for extra help.

Once up, Lovisa and I investigated the track from the hut and found the proper crossing. We should have followed the curve of the river to a flat area sporting a large orange DoC marker. It was uphill and quite a way back to the hut which DoC grades as "basic". The door reads "Broken River Hut, built 1960, 490 m." It has four bunks, an open fire, a loo but no water supply. Barney calculated we took 6 hours 7 minutes to do 14.3 km, longer than the estimated 4-5 hours, due to a relaxed pace and clingy mud.

There was no sign of the hunters we had been warned about. Perhaps they had gone to the bigger Avoca Hut. Liz and Barney proved accomplished fire makers, although comments in the hut book concerning a smoky fireplace were all too true. The hut door handle was equipped with a loop enabling the door to be kept partially open which helped. Despite the smoke, a cheerful Liz juggled pots and pans over the fire producing a two course gourmet delight.

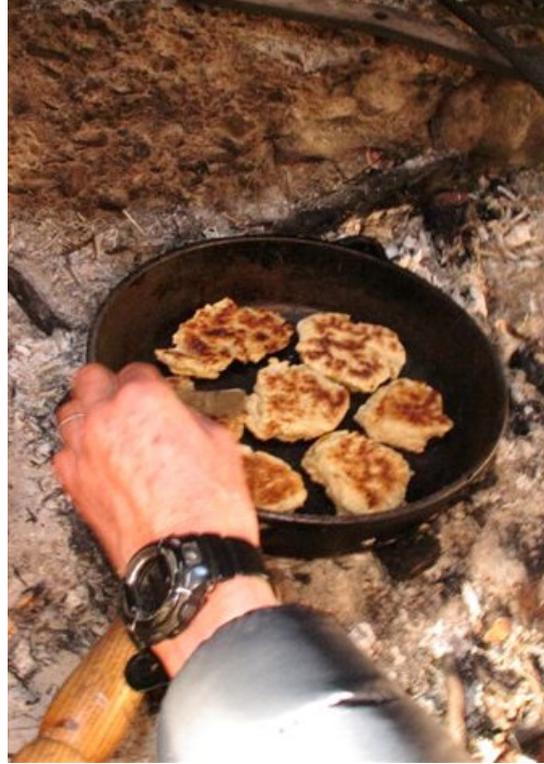
No furry things disturbed us overnight despite Barney's concern about a large hole cut in the side of the chimney, presumably an attempt to reduce the smoke problem. With time in hand, a breakfast fire was lit and Liz made scones in the hut frying pan (see photo) which she served with butter and jam from Barney's mother's nectarines. These were accompanied by real coffee—what a start! Gathering manuka twigs and branches had to suffice, as a blunt saw and broken axe handle made cutting firewood difficult. We were curious as to what lay behind the hut and a short climb revealed another terrace which we imagined dotted with tents. Then had a group photo while posing on the big rock outside the hut where we lost count of the "takes" for the perfect shot. At 11am, we left for Flock Hill homestead.

After crossing the river by the marker, we retraced steps to then choose a track following Winding Stream/Creek—no nasty mud today and just an easy plod. We nestled in the manuka near beehives for lunch before veering west into the breeze. Mt. Saint Bernard and Purple Hill were on our right now. Winding Stream is just that, the various farm tracks much straighter. When Lovisa found a live bullet, Liz had to be assured that it would not go off accidentally if carried. A shiny vehicle fuel cap was also found. The owners' seemed pleased to get these back. We learned that the pig hunting competition resulted in 20 pigs and 1 deer from the Rosa area and

the biggest pig was 35kg. It had taken us under 4 hours to do the 11.7 km and 3 o'clock was perfect to fulfill our promise to have coffee at Flock Hill Cafe.

This trip has great views and we four had bagged a hut that Geoff S hadn't—sorry, Geoff! Thanks to Lovisa and Barney our water carriers and fire sustainers, and special thanks to leader Liz, route finder, cook, and chief cheer-leader. I greatly enjoyed your company.

We were: **Liz & Barney Stephenson, Lovisa Eriksson and Helen Harkness.** 🏠 HH



Woolshed Creek Hut - Mid-Winter Dinner - 21-22 July 2012

Two fully laden vehicles departed from St Albans and Cashmere and met at Templeton for the journey to Rakaia and along Thompsons Track, Mt Somers and on to the Woolshed Creek car-park. By 10 we were walking alongside Woolshed Ck then up to the former Blackburn Mine to re-group. Near Point 934m we stopped to admire the view up-valley towards Lake Heron and east to the Winterslow Range. Woolshed Creek Hut was unoccupied though we did see a few trampers as they visited the hut then moved on. Our two gas burners soon boiled water for a cuppa to go with our lunch. Outside the hut in watery sunshine it was warmer than inside so we used some of the ample pine in the wood-shed to make the hut comfortable. Most of our group went exploring up the creek while three went to the famed bus-stop.

As darkness closed in Marion assembled an excellent chicken meal complete with gravy. Dessert was a fruit loaf topped with lashings of custard. Our after-dinner entertainment was the ever-popular lucky dip for presents which each of us has brought along. Those that drew last had the great advantage—they were allowed to “steal” presents the previous people had drawn. The most coveted item was a cute doggy hat with ears and this changed hands many times in this hilarious game. No-one stole the stripper kit which Miriam acquired. Keen singers in our group then attempted songs such as *Pub With No Beer*, *Fastest Milk-cart in the West* and many easier songs.

The hut stayed quite warm overnight so it wasn't too difficult getting up at 8am. For variety we took the vehicle track that passes north of point 934, re-joining the foot-track near the coal-mine. The day was overcast and mild. Our drive back home was broken with a coffee-stop in Rakaia. We were back home by 2:30. Thanks go to our able leader Keith and chef Marion.

We were: **Geoff & Mary Korver, Gary Huish & Margot Bowden, Keith & Marion McQuillan, Linda Dauber, Miriam Preston and Kerry Moore.** 🏠 KM