



*PTC Monthly
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New Member Enquiries:	Stan Wilder	260 2340	Contact Stan to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters
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Our Club

The PTC 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

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St. and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

	<p>Tues 11 Jul Share your photos with other club members. Bring your collection on a flash drive for showing on the night. The Club will also be collecting and showing photos for the FMC competition but don't feel that your photos have to live up to that standard</p> <p>Supper Duty: John Haylock and Tim Hines</p>
	<p>Tues 8 Aug Tramping Possibilities in the Red Zone Hear about the possibilities about enhancing tramping opportunities within the Christchurch Red Zone. Details in August Footnotes.</p> <p>Supper Duty: Tanya Jacobson and Lynda Jenks</p>
<p>Wed 19 Jul 7.30 CTC</p>	<p>7.30pm at the Canterbury Minerals and Lapidary Clubrooms, 110 Waltham Road. Sue Piercey will talk about her hike along the spectacular Larapinta Long Distance Trail in the Northern territory of Australia. Shared CTC/PTC evening</p>

- 29-30 Jul Crow Hut K34 BV20**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
**** Easy-moderate** tramp to a comfortable hut (with woodfire) in a clearing between forested slopes and the Waimakariri River in Arthur's Pass National Park
List closes 22 July
- 29 July Chch 360° - Godley Cliffs**
Saturday Barry McKessar 332 9591, 021 803 934
***** This 16km sector of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL commences on the Summit Road and finishes at Scarborough. Join a number of keen, non-PTC, day walkers for this joint PTC/community group walk. Commence **9.00am** on the Summit Road – turn right onto the Summit Road at the top of Mt Pleasant Road and drive a couple of km to the point where the Summit Road is closed. Signage for Walk360 indicates the start point.
- 30-Jul Mt Binsler - 3 Peaks L33,L34 BV21**
Sun Merv Meredith 322 7239
***** **Moderate-hard** trip in the south-east corner of Arthurs Pass National Park. We go up the Binsler track to the saddle before turning south up a spur. The route is then unmarked through bush and onto the open tops. There are three peaks, ranging from 1753m to 1860m with a deep saddle between the low and middle peak. Possible round-trip depending on conditions. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd Approx cost \$20
- 5-6 Aug Big River L31 BT21**
Kevin & Heather 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. We'll go from the Reefton end rather than Waiuta
List closes 30 July
- 6 Aug Montserrat N34 BV24,25**
Sun Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
***** Bruce is planning this **easy-moderate** walk in chalk hills a little north of Waipara
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St Approx cost \$13
- 12-15 Aug Cross Country Skiing**
Calum McIntosh 376 6133
******** Cross country skiing originated in Scandinavia thousands of years ago. It's the great-great-grandfather of all ski sports. If you are an intermediate down-hill skier with moderate tramping fitness you will enjoy cross country skiing. Dates flexible according to snow conditions. Ph Calum to discuss.
- 12-13 Aug Glenthorne Base BW20**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
****** Staying in the shearers' quarters and doing a range of trips in the Lake Coleridge area
List closes 1 August
- 13 Aug Stony Bay Peak N36,N37 BX25,BY25**
Sun Wendy Wallace 338 0550
***** **Easy-moderate** walk behind Akaroa, crossing the Misty Peaks Reserve between Stony Bay Peak and Mt Brasenose.
8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr Approx cost \$14
- 19-20 Aug Lawrence Hut BW18**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
****** An **easy-moderate** flat walk from Erewhon Station up the Clyde River and into the smaller Lawrence River to this cosy hut
List closes 13 Aug

- 20 Aug Sun** **Mt Cheeseman - Mt Izzard** **K34 BW20,21**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 * **Moderate-hard** snow trip to two 2000m peaks in the Craigieburns, via 1000m Hogsback. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$14**
- 26-27 Aug** **Camp Creek, Alexander Range** **K32 BU20,BV20**
Kevin & Heather Hughes 332 6281
 ** **Easy-moderate** trip to the hut at the base of the Alexander Range east of Lake Brunner.
List closes 19 Aug
- 26 Aug Saturday** **Chch 360°--Estuary Marshes**
Details in August newsletter
 * An easy, flat leg of Chch 360° trail
- 26 Aug Saturday** **QUAIL ISLAND TREE PLANTING**
Kerry Moore 359 5069

 Book with KM by **Thurs 25 Aug** for a short day of planting. Tools and transport provided. Take garden gloves if you have them. Meet on the Lyttelton--Diamond Harbour jetty at 0855. Launch leaves Q Isl at 3.30pm
- 27 Aug Sun** **Maukuratawhai** **N31 BT24,25**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 * Over Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this **moderate** tramp climbs to the 1615m summit with the challenging name
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$21**
- 2-3 Sep** **Duffy Creek** **L31 BT22**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 ** A short **moderate** trip to the tops through open forest in the Victoria Range.
List closes 26 Aug
- 3 Sep Sun** **Kowai Hut** **L34,35 BW21**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 * An easy walk to this hut then east to the ridge for a view of the plains, or explore further up the Kowai
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$11**
- 9-10 Sep** **Basins Hut--Casey Tarn--Birdwood Range** **K34 BV20,BW20**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
 ** A circuit along the Avoca River to Basins Hut then up to Casey Tarn and on to the Birdwood Range to exit at Glenthorne Station. **Moderate-hard** or **easy** if anyone wants to go in and out the same way
List closes 2 Sept
- 10 Sep Sun** **Sugarloaf, Cass** **K34 L34 BV21**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 * Sugarloaf, at 1360m near Cass, is one of the bigger ones of this name. Situated inside a bend of the Waimakariri River, there will be superb views of the river, of nearby Mt Binser, and of the various lakes and hills of the Cass area. **Moderate**
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$18**
- 16-17 Sep** **Black Hill Hut** **K33 BV20**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 ** **Moderate** trip to this hut in Oxford Forest. On Sunday morning we will walk the short distance up to 1300m Black Hill.
List closes 9 Sept

- 17 Sep** **Castle Hill Peak** **L34,L35 BW21**
Sun **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**
* **Moderate** climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly 2000m.
Fine views all around. Returning through The Gap and Kowai Stream.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$12**
- 17 Sep** **Kowai Stream-Gap-Castle Hill Peak** **L34,L35 BW21**
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
* **Moderate-hard** climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly
2000m. Fine views all around. Returning through The Gap and Kowai Stream.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$11**
- 23-24 Sep** **Princess Bath, Lk Tennyson** **M30,M31 BT24**
Diane Mellish 337 5530
** **Moderate** tramp to this tarn basin at 1700m, behind Lake Tennyson in the upper Clarence
Valley. If time permits it should be possible to climb nearby Mt Princess, 2126m. Camping out.
List closes 16 Sept
- 24 Sep** **Coach Stream - Rabbit Hill** **K35 BW21**
Sun **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**
* **Easy-moderate** trip overlooking Lake Lyndon in Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park.
Starting where the road climbs to Porters Pass.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$11**
- 29-31 Sep** **Raincliff Base Camp** **J38 BZ18**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
*** Staying at the Raincliff Lodge, and doing some of the day walks (all grades) in the area.
List closes 19 Sept
- 30-1 Sep** **Hawdon - East Hawdon** **K33 BV21**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
** A **moderate-hard** trip to East Hawdon Biv and on to Mt Valiant or along Savannah Range to
Woolshed Hill
List closes 23 Sep
- 30 Sep** **Chch 360° Dunes and Wetlands**
Saturday **Details in Sept newsletter**
- 1 Oct** **Panama Rock--Otepatotu Reserve** **N37 BY25**
Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445**
* Starting in Le Bons Bay we'll explore tracks in Panama Rock Reserve including the grunt up to
Laverick Ridge road. Then follow a legal road to Otepatotu Reserve and 755m Lavericks Peak.
Spectacular views of the dyke, bays and remnant totara forest
Meet 8:30am outside Halswell School on Halswell Road **Approx cost \$13**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tues 18 July

City Lights



See the regeneration progress followed by dinner. Follow the extent of the city's reconstruction at night. We will walk the well light city streets for a different view of downtown. Meet at 6pm at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets (Margaret Mahy Playground). Dinner is at Mumbaiwala, Indian Street Kitchen, BNZ Centre, 120 Hereford, Christchurch Central at 7.15pm. Meals from \$13-\$27. Restaurant is licensed. Please let Margot Bowden know if you are coming to dinner by Sunday 16 July. Phone 332 7020 or margot.bowden@gmail.com

**Thurs 24
August**

Potluck and quick quarry walk.

Meet 6:15 pm at the entrance to Halswell Quarry Park on Kennedys Bush Road. Bring a torch. Then enjoy a potluck meal at Chris Leaver and Graham Townsend's house (11 Watling's Place, Kennedy's Bush). email Chris or Graham ptc75@clear.net.nz

NOTES

Membership: There were no new members or no resignations for last month

Deadline for the May newsletter: 31st July - send to Ruth Barratt rannalong@gmail.com

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 27th July 2017

Trip Photos:

The Club maintains a gallery of photographs on its website. Keeping this up to date allows people to see what recent trips the Club has undertaken. Can trip leaders send or nominate someone to send some photographs from each trip to Kevin Hughes, ptc@nivek.co.nz, so we can keep this record current?

PTC - FMC Photo Competitions 2017

Again this year, we are planning a full PTC competition to choose entries for the FMC Photo Competition moved to a different time slot for 2017 and closes on 15th September. Entries to the PTC competition are open NOW, so please have a look at your recent piccies, load some on a memory stick and pass to Brian Smith or ask Brian how best to submit. Closing date for entries to the PTC competition is 30th June 2017.

Full details of the PTC and FMC Photo Competition, including categories, formats, etc. shall be circulated again on Communicator.

Merv M

TRIP REPORTS

Moa – Unknown - Wilberforce, 3 – 5 June 2017

Aarn and I first did this trip at QB weekend 2002 along with Yvette and two others. I scheduled it again twice including in 2013 when we were ready to go but the norwester wasn't going to be fun. So this time, at last, the weather on Sat and Mon was looking good and Sunday was forecast as a bit wet but not much wind.

The trip starts from the canal road end or a bit further up the Wilberforce and involves a fair amount of wide river valley plodding. The timing and route is:

Saturday Diagonally up the river. Up Moa Stream to Moa Stream Hut

Sunday Further up the Moa to North Stream. Up this to Moa Saddle at the end and plunge down into the Unknown. Down the Unknown a bit to Unknown Hut

Monday All day plod down river, around the top and down the TR to the old Moa Hut, then diagonally down river back to the start

But it's more fun than that sounds.

SATURDAY

We left Halswell at 7.00am, drove away from any cloud and managed to drive beyond the canal end at least a kilometre upriver to park. The trudge up river wasn't a problem in sunny calm weather. Just that the TR didn't seem to be getting any closer. But it did eventually and we stopped for lunch on the edge of the terraces south of Moa Stream. We were aware of fresh vehicle tracks and turning up Moa Stream, it didn't take long to find the vehicle parked half way up. The stream is more washed out in places compared to 2002, so it took us a little to decide where the hut is and find the markers leading into the bush. The four bunk hut sits in a small clearing a little way back. We found three young people all set up inside, one of them a hunter well familiar with the area. So we had a chat with them then moved on to find ourselves a sheltered tent site close to the North stream mouth about 4.00pm. Not under the trees but at least in a grassy enclosure.

Getting up into the Moa Basins



SUNDAY

In the small hours, what sounded like drizzle was actually fluffy light snow on the tent. But that wasn't too bad for breakfast and packing up. Away by 9.15am the snow had all but stopped as we moved up North Stream which has a shallow gradient all the way upstream to the saddle at 1078m. Here we found a shelter spot for lunch as the weather had deteriorated again. Since 2002, DoC have installed their markers, both leading over the knoll to the west and also getting down the dramatic drop into the Unknown. The Unknown Hut is then a relatively short walk down the TL to a terrace some distance back

from the main stream. Contrary to my memory, it is a four bunker with an open fire. And it had a fairly new bow saw, so with not too long a walk to the bush edge where windfalls were, we managed to cut and collect enough logs to keep us cosy until bedtime.

MONDAY

The cloud took all morning to mostly clear and once around the top corner, we were walking into a light southerly all day. We left the hut at 8.55am and were soon circling around the top to join the Wilberforce. Further south, the Logans Mistake area sported numerous massive rocks that had arrived over time from the bluffs above. Occasional streams descended as waterfalls from very high hanging valleys, including Hut Stream, not long before we arrived at the old Moa Hut at 12 noon. The ancient hut is a classic and the weather was now ideal for an early lunch there.

Moa Hut



Crossing Moa Stream after lunch, we did continue along Kiwi Flat on a farm track instead of finding our way out to the river. Mistake. We ended up having to get out of the bush edge via a boggy cattle track. But once out; it was then the reverse of the first morning crossing diagonally back to the TL. Or more like zigzagging. With the vehicle in sight over the last two hours. Arrived at the car about 4.15pm for an easy drive home, back to the wet weather in Christchurch after what turned out a pretty satisfactory long weekend

We were: Merv Meredith(leader), Calum McIntosh, Aarn Tate and Peter Umbers. MM.

High Peak -- 14 May 2017

We arrived at Quartz Hill Station on this frosty Sunday morning and placed vehicles at the point we planned to walk to. The start was up a muddy vehicle track on tussocky hills. Volcanic rocks projected in places as our dozen trampers climbed a foot track.



968m **High Peak** is marked with a big stone cairn and gave great views towards Mt Hutt with its peppering of snow. Lake Coleridge was just visible 15km away. We pushed on and had lunch in the lee of an impressive pinnacle out of the cool wind. The map shows a row of tors along the ridge and these lured us onward to the headwaters of Copper Stream which runs into the upper Selwyn River. Farm tracks took us past a herd of black beef-cattle to our cars, all in this case high-ground clearance vehicles. Regular cars would have been a bit stretched on these farm roads.

We were: **Chris Leaver (leader), Graham Townsend, Kevin & Heather Hughes, Andrew Duck, Dorota Giejsztowt, Vesna & Milomir Mojsilovic, Peter Umbers, Mike Bourke, Sue Britain and Kerry Moore # KM**

