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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 12 Dec</p> 	<p>GUESS THE TITLE of a movie, book, or TV series</p> <p>As usual our Christmas Party is done PTC-style and you provide the food and the quality entertainment. Dress up to illustrate the book/movie. To cater for people who don't like doing dress-ups we have the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print out a one-sentence summary of the book/movie and stick it on your back or forehead. For example, a man and a woman kill their way to gain royal titles, go insane and lose everything. • Print out a famous sentence from the book/movie and stick it on forehead or back (they could jumble the words up to make it harder), For example I, Frankly, don't give my dear to a dam. <p>Continued over page</p>
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- Do a short charade of the title.
- Draw a picture or make a model to illustrate the title. For Example, toy whale for Moby Dick
- Or just come along for the entertainment and be an appreciative audience.

Format

- On arrival you will be given a numbered name tag and put into teams of four or five.
- Fruit punch and nibbles as we mix and mingle, guessing the titles
- Take a break to watch the charades. The first person to guess the charade wins a point for their team. Let us know in advance if you are doing a charade so we know how much time to allocate.
- Answers read out and winners announces.
- Supper

Contact: No need to book but if you have queries, want ideas or are going to do a charade contact:

Maureen Thompson: E mothompson@xtra.co.nz | M 021 266 5778

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Bring a plate of goodies with a Christmas theme for a shared supper. People are welcome to bring something to drink if they want. Non-alcoholic punch and the usual tea and coffee will be provided.

Supper Duty: Irene Kilgour and Jan or Charlie Lake

Tues 13 Feb



The Summit Road Story

Harry Ell and his legacy – the Summit Road, the rest houses, the toll gates, and the Summit Road Society. Hear an overview of the damage done by the February 2017 fires and the restoration work that has since been undertaken.

Supper Duty: TBA



FORTHCOMING 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, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip. If the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader or if you use email check the Communicator the day before for trip updates.

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

The Club has a mountain biking section, Fat Tyre Fanatics, who head out on casual day trips throughout the year. For details in biking trips contact Chris Leaver 322 6445, or ptc75@clear.net.nz.

- 8-10 Dec Carrington Base BV20**
Keith McQuillan 384 6164
******* A 3-day trip staying at spacious Carrington Hut so we can do a day trip to Waimak Falls Hut or Barker Hut up the White River. **Moderate**
List closes 1 Dec
- 8-10 Dec Campbell Pass--Gorgy Creek BV20**
Diane Mellish 337 5530
******* A **moderate-hard** climb via Campbell Pass to a beautiful tarn at the head of Gorgy Creek
List closes 1 Dec
- 10 Dec Ben More--Big Ben--Dry Acheron BW21**
Sun Gary Huish 332 7020
***** A **moderate** through-trip along the Big Ben Range, from near Lake Lyndon, over 1605m Ben More and along to 1416m Big Ben, then down Dry Acheron Stream to the Coleridge road. This trip requires two cars so one can be placed at the far end. It would be helpful if you could tell Gary you are interested
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd Approx Cost \$15
- 16 Dec Ashley Gorge L34 BW22,23**
Saturday Keith McQuillan 384 6164
***** This is the classic splash down-stream along the Ashley from Middle Bridge out to the domain. It's an **easy-moderate**, fun trip on a fine day. Be sure to take a full change of clothes for afterwards.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St Approx Cost \$10
- 17 Dec Year End Picnic, Ashley Gorge L34 BW22,23**
Sun Keith McQuillan 384 6164
***** Keith and Marion will be in the camping ground, on the right, near the sheltered far end, from Friday evening. So make a weekend of it, pack the tent and join us. The camping ground is Ashley Gorge Holiday Park, 697 Ashley Gorge Rd, just before the bridge, ph 03 312 4099. Powered campsites are \$19 pp, there is a kitchen with fridge, etc. You don't have to book before Christmas. Cabins are available. More detail at www.agkhp.co.nz/
Call Kerry M if you want to car-pool 359 5069
- 24 Dec-2 J Cobb Valley Base M25,M26 BP23,24**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
We have booked the DoC Cobb Hostel in the Cobb Valley for our annual Christmas Base Camp. Enjoy superb scenery, our usual gourmet meals, good company and a range of walks. You could either do day walks or head out for a night or two to some of the many huts.
Contact Kerry now to indicate your interest
- 7 Jan Orton Bradley Waterfall BX24**
Sun Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
***** An **easy** exploration of the valley to Big Rock and the Hunter Valley waterfall. Expect to pay a minimal entry fee
9am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr 3.52
- 13-14 Jan Oamaru Base J41**
Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069
****** Lots of places to explore—Hunters Hills, Herbert Forest, Moeraki, Trotters Gorge, Danseys Pass and Oamaru itself. A range of **easy** trips for everyone
List closes 3 Jan

- 13-14 Jan** **Mt Norma** **M31 BT23**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
****** **Moderate** climb near the Nina and Boyle Rivers to this 1722m peak in the Lewis Pass area
List closes 6 Jan.
- 14 Jan** **Lyttelton--Cavendish Bluffs** **M36 BX24**
Sun **Graeme Paltridge 384 3592**
***** Easy walk starting from Lyttelton and climbing to Mt Cavendish Reserve, visiting coastal battery locations and the gondola before returning.
Meet 9am cnr Oxford & London in Lyt
- 20-22 Jan** **Huxley Forks** **BY15**
Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069
******* **Easy-moderate** walk staying at Huxley Forks Hut with a day trip to Broderick Hut.
List closes 13 Jan
- 20-22 Jan** **Glen Mary Glacier--Jamieson Stream** **BY15**
Diane Mellish 337 5530
******* **Moderate-hard** to Glen Mary Glacier and Jamieson Stream. Alpine trip, ice axe and crampons essential, substantial river crossings, no tracks or signed routes. 3 days. The Glen Mary Glacier is the one clearly visible directly above the head of Lake Ohau as you drive along the lakeside road. We approach from the Hopkins Valley, staying at Red Hut the first night. Next day starts with steep travel in bush, then up moraine to about 2300m, and on down the glacier, camping at its foot. Day 3 we scramble down Jamieson Stream to the Dobson Valley, along the valley floors and back across the Hopkins River to complete the circuit.
List closes 13 Jan
- 21 Jan** **Timutimu Head - Scenery Nook** **N37 BY25**
Sun **Evelien Baas 027 557 5521**
***** **Easy-moderate** tramp over peninsula farmland, via 380m Lucas Peak to Timutimu Head, the western head of Akaroa Harbour. Then on to a natural tidal seal swimming pool at Scenery Nook. Impressive red rock for rock hounds
Meet 8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr **Approx Cost \$13**
- 27-28 Jan** **Lake Stream - Klondyke** **L31 BT22**
Gary Huish 332 7020
****** **Moderate** tramp from Rahu Saddle in Victoria Forest Park. Camping out in a tarn basin below 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 20 Jan
- 28 Jan** **Cave Stream and Five Rivers** **K34 BW21**
Sun **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
***** **Easy-moderate** walk following Cave Stream as it flows 360m underground and emerges into Broken River. Be prepared for wet and cold conditions. Take a torch and a second one for backup if you have one, and a dry set of clothes to change into later. We'll also explore the many streams in the area.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx Cost \$15**

- 3-6 Feb Harper Pass** **K33,L33 BU20-23**
Waitangi **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**
******** **Moderate.** Classic crossing of the main divide from Aickens, up the Taramakau, over the 960m pass, to Lake Sumner Forest Park, down the Hurunui and Hope valleys, to Windy Point on the Lewis Pass Highway. Good huts and an opportunity for a dip in the Hurunui Hot pools en-route.
List closes 21 Jan
- 3-4 Feb Edwards Hut—Williams Saddle** **K33 BV20**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
****** A **moderate** round-trip to Edwards Hut then crossing the 1327m Williams Saddle and returning by the Mingha River. Likely to see blue ducks in the Edwards River.
List closes 28 Jan
- 3-9 Feb Alpine Expedition**
Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008
********* A hard trip in the Southern Alps. Details to come.
List closes 20 Jan
- 3-9 Feb Anatoki--Stanley** **BP24**
Heather Hughes 332 6281
********* This loop track starts at Upper Takaka and follows the historic Kill Devil Pack track along part of the ridgeline of the Locket range. After dropping down through the forest to Lake Stanley it follows the Anatoki River out to Takaka. The track features gold workings, several restored historic huts, a replica tent camp and could include a side trip to either Adelaide Tarn or Yuletide Peak. 5 to 7 days tramping and 2 days travelling. Please let Heather know early January if you are interested
List closes 13 Jan
- 4-Feb Knowles Top - Ashley Gorge** **L34 BW22,23**
Sun **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
***** **Easy** trip up a ridge off the Glen Tui Rd, with good views of Ashley Gorge, plains and coast.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$13**
- 10-12 Feb Goat Pass--Lake Mavis--Edwards River** **K33 BV20**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
******* **Moderate-hard** walk up the Mingha River to Goat Pass and then up to this scenic gem. We'll camp by the lake at 1600m. Day 2 will take us over to the Edwards River with a great view of Falling Mountain and Taruahuna Pass. Day 3 - Edwards Hut to the Mingha River then Greyneys Shelter. **List closes 4 Feb**
- 11-Feb Woolshed Creek Gorges** **K36 BX19**
Sun **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**
***** An **easy** exploration of Woolshed Creek and Morgan Stream gorges in this fascinating volcanic terrain. If its hot you can cool off in the steams but can avoid getting wet on a cool day
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 17-18 Feb Centre Creek--Thesis Peak** **K34 BW20**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
****** **Moderate** climb to this 2042m peak in the Lake Coleridge area. Less energetic people could do a flat trip to Avoca Hut and back the same way.
List closes 11 Feb

- 18-Feb** **Mt Noble** **M33 BV23**
Sun **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**
 * A trip into the foothills off the Lake Sumner Road. An **easy-moderate** circuit with views of Virginia Peak and the Three Deans.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx Cost \$16**
- 23-27 Feb** **Serpentine** **CB09,10**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
 ***** **Moderate-hard** trip to the area north of the Routeburn Track. Ice axe and crampons may be required. Departing the day before and staying at Glenorchy. The trip will start and finish on the Routeburn Track. We will visit Lake Unknown, Park Pass Glacier and traverse along the Serpentine Range past Lake Nerine and Lake Wilson, camping along the way. The trip dates may vary a bit depending on the weather forecast.
List closes 3 Feb
- 24-25 Feb** **Turtons Saddle--Redcliff Saddle** **J36 BW19,20**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 ** An **easy-moderate** circuit up Glenrock and Turtons Streams to the 8 bunk Comyns Hut and back to the Rakaia River via Redcliff Saddle.
List closes 18 Feb
- 25-Feb** **Banks Peninsula Traverse** **N36,N37 BX25,BY25**
Sun **Dan Pryce 356 1962**
 * A long day makes this a **moderate** trip. Walking between Purau Saddle and Montgomery Park (near Hilltop Tavern) along the summit walkway. Includes Mt Herbert, the highpoint of the peninsula, and several bush reserves. Good views of much of Banks Peninsula. We aim to have a group starting at each end with a car-swap. Take plenty of water!
Meet 8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr **Approx cost \$18**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tues 19 Dec



Christmas walk and barbeque

People who are still around in the week before Christmas are welcome to come for a walk and barbeque with Margot and Gary at 5 Patchett Place, Cashmere. Meet at 6pm for a walk around the Cashmere Hills and return for a barbeque at approximately 7.15pm. Bring your own meat (or tofu), a salad to share and your favourite tippie.

Tues 16 Jan



New Brighton Estuary walk and dinner

An evening walk along the New Brighton Estuary red zoned area, now a lovely grassy walkway for us to enjoy birds, sea and conversation. Meet at corner of Ebbside Street and Caspian Street at 6pm. Dinner at Phad Thai Restaurant, [59 Brighton Mall, New Brighton](#) at 7.15pm.

RSVP to Margot for dinner P: 332 7020 | E: margot.bowden@gmail.com by Sunday 14 January

Wed 21 Feb



Halswell walk and dinner

Details in February newsletter.

Contact: Margot P: 332 7020 | E: margot.bowden@gmail.com

NOTES

PTC Subscriptions for 2018: It's that time of the year when we have to set the PTC subscriptions for the start of the financial year in January. There have been increases in the costs of FMC membership and postal costs. Despite these increases, the Executive Committee considers that the state of the club finances is sufficiently healthy that these can be absorbed for another year *without increasing the current subscription rates*.

Membership: The PTC welcomes new member **Helen Tapper**.

Deadline for the February Newsletter: Wednesday 31 January - send to Bridget O'Regan
bridgetandnoel@gmail.com

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 30 January 2018

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.

The Peninsula Tramping Club has carried Forest and Rural Fires Act insurance cover for a number of years. This was to cover individual members who may not carry their own contents insurance rather than the Club. Most contents insurance includes Public Liability, normally including Rural Fire cover. The premium for this cover has been steadily increasing each year for the same coverage. The Executive Committee has reviewed the need for this cover and considers that it is no longer a need for the club to provide cover for individuals when the risk through members smoking or lighting unsafe fires is not significant.

TRIP REPORTS

Wild Cattle Hill (Banks Peninsula) – Sunday 19 November '17

With a large anticyclone weather system firmly anchored over much of the South Island, good weather for this day trip seemed guaranteed. The morning dawned with a clear blue sky and still conditions that lasted the entire day. The 13 of us gathered at PMH for this trip bundled into three cars and headed off for Puari (the Port Levy settlement) where we parked next to the Marae. Jet skis were already whizzing around on the bay and we were all hoping that we weren't going to hear them during the day. We started with a short walk along Pa Road and then northwards along Putiki Road to the gate across the road. That was our cue to start the steady climb on the distinctive ridge skirting around and above the steep bushed gullies to the south. Further along the ridge sufficient height was gained for panoramic views to be enjoyed along the entire Port Levy Bay and over the other side of the ridge into Pigeon Bay and beyond. This certainly seems to have been a long-time cattle farm with plenty of old barbed wire fences to negotiate.

A well-earned and relaxing lunch break was had in the lovely sun with perfectly still conditions before the final climb for the day onto Wild Cattle Hill itself. Fortunately, the earlier noise from the jet skis was now only a distant memory. From the top of the hill, to complete a round trip, we descended the broad open ridge that dropped us back onto Pa Road and the walk back to the cars, but not before having to negotiate a paddock of cattle – hopefully not living up to the namesake of the hill we had just climbed. After a good day trip with a variety of terrain to negotiate, who could have passed the Diamond Harbour village on such a fine day and not have a cone ice cream? That certainly was not to be us!

We were: **Helen Tapper, Dan Pryce, Jun Wi (Jerry), Hank Boer, Ainslie Talbot, Andy Duck, Pat McIntosh, Joy Schroeder, Lucie Stanley, Haroon Shaikh, Diane, Susan Brechin and John Cook.**

Dun Fiunary - 17-19 November. Seven of us arrived at Ferintosh Station by Lake Pukaki to find Milan already there. After a chat to the lady in charge, we set off up Whale Stream. With the river flowing swiftly and the track not maintained, progress wasn't fast. A reasonable campsite was found at about 400m. Saturday morning was a plod all the way up to a saddle southeast of the top, but we were able to avoid the snow most of the way. Geoff was slowed by a virus requiring a few stops. The final ridgeline was a bit scrambly, but we made it for lunch. The cloud to the north of us cleared completely by 12:30 to reveal the full 360°. Some good lengthy bum slides were had on the way down. Nice to have some sun to relax in before tea with a lone kea keeping us company. Sunday was another clear day for the way out. A falcon was the object of a few photos at one spot. Had lunch back at cars. Then a bit of drama with Raymond's car having to be towed up a steep loose track by Merv.

We were: **Merv Meredith, Aarn Tate, Raymond Ford, Liz Stephenson Geoff Spearpoint, Milan Brisnik, Gary Huish, Peter Umbers**

Three Mile Stream – McMillan Stream – 25-26 November

Bill got us to the locked gate at the top end of Loch Katrine in the Prado. A late start saw us having lunch soon after at Lake Sumner. The shorts touched the water upon crossing the end of the lake. We saw a native falcon at track junction to 3-mile stream. There were four others at the seven-bed hut so room for us. Sunday was a very pleasant walk down to the Hurunui and across to the swing bridge. A 6hr day back to the vehicle. A great place to visit, enjoyed by **Bill Templeton, Marina Iliina and Peter Umbers.**
