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Upcoming club nights

club nights: 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at the Manawatu Aero Club rooms, Airport Drive.



1st June – Richmond Range

In February this year 5 club members spent 5 days in the rain and mist traversing the Richmond Range from Inward Lookout, over Mt Rintoul to Hackets Rd end. Despite being within an hours drive of Nelson this striking area is not visited often. It not only has spectacular scenery but is fascinating from both a geological and botanical point of view. Despite the weather their were some good piccies so come along and be tempted to visit this Forest Park. Oh and friendly wekas (Photo: Adam Matich)

15th June – Lima to La Paz

Via the Amazon, Nazca, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca. Come and hear about Rod and Mary McKenzie's trip (with some photos) from sea level to 5500 metres, including the modern city of Lima, piranha fishing and pink dolphins on the Amazon, the mysteries of the Nazca Lines, following the Inca Trail to the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu, walking on the floating islands of Lake Titicaca, and finishing on the heights of La Paz.



AGM snippets

The club committee remained relatively unchanged after the 2004 AGM. Hopefully good trips and settled weather for this coming year. For a list of all returned and new committee members see page 9.

Please remember the Mid-Winter Feast and Food Carry for the Club Lodge on the 19-20th of June. See page 2 and 4 for further details.

Despite the winter months, there is a great line up of trip previewed from page 3 onwards. Happy readying and safe trails!

Wei-Hang Chua
Editor

Where we've been...



Above: Adelaide Tarn, reached after two days (16 hours tramping) from the roadend. The tiny hut can be seen perched on rocks on the far left side. (Photo: Merv Matthews).

Club Notices

President's Bit

By the time this newsletter gets out the AGM will have been and gone and a new committee will have been voted in. My thanks to the outgoing committee for the work they have done over the last year with perhaps the highlight having been the 75th anniversary dinner. Thank you also to those who have talked at club nights and have led trips. Even if you are not on the committee for next year please make sure you let one of the committee members know if you would like to help with something or have any ideas for club nights or other activities and please consider whether or not you would like to be on the committee the next time around. You have a year to think about it!! The winter programme is looking great with a variety of trips to suit all so make sure you get out and do something and come along to one of the club nights.

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The club welcomes the following new members:

Juliet Mudgway of Pahiatua.

2004 Club AGM

The MTSC AGM was well attended with 33 heads on the night.

Issues ranging from the club lodge, club van, and membership were discussed.

The incumbent club committee was largely returned for another term. Notable changes were the election of Bev Akers to Social Covenor, Peter Rawlins as Ski Captain, and Ken Mercer and Darlene Westrupp to the general committee. Adam Matich and

Chief Guide's Bit

by Gary Bevins

It is good to see that the last couple of day trips I have attended, have been well supported, numbering 14 and 18 respectively. Trips to Stanfield Hut and Longview-Awatere Loop, had a good cross-section of club members. These ranged from Easy to Fit and little experience to heaps. Drag those boot out, and if you cannot make a weekend trip, consider a day trip.

Howard Nicholson take on the development and maintenance of the club website.

Thanks go to outgoing committee members and club appointed positions: Lynda Hunt who served as Ski Captain, Sam Gillingham and John Doolan from the General Committee who went about setting up the club website as it currently appears. A special thank you goes to Rod McKenzie who has served as the honorary club auditor.

The club newsletter team remains unchanged for another year. You're stuck with me as editor yet again, although I'm sure the Assistant Newsletter Editors, Janet Allan and Sue Tuohy will keep me under control and things running smoothly :)

Food Carry & Mid-Winter Feast

The annual food carry and mid winter feast is always lots of fun (unless you break your collar bone). This winter's first trip occurs on the weekend of the 19-20th of June. The carrying of the food from the road end to the lodge normally takes half a day and for this you get one nights free accomodation. There are always lots of options of how to spend the rest of the weekend including tramping, mountain biking or just lazing around. Places always fill up really quickly so be in early to

secure a bed on the social event of the year. Contact Lynda Hunt on 356-7443, hurry, places fill quick!

House stay opportunity in Wanaka this Aug-Sept

We (myself, brother and one or two friends) have a house booked for in Wanaka for 3 weeks this winter season. Dates are August 22 – September 12. We ski, do day tramps, etc. Do our own cooking. Enjoy each other's company.

The house is comfortable 70s design bungalow, part of a motel complex, quiet, overlooks the lake, 3 bedrooms 5 beds (could probably discreetly squash in an extra bod or so on the floor, wood fire, own spa, drying room, laundry facilities. Whole house \$250 / night (actually might be \$225 but have to check) – ie \$60 / person.

We currently have spaces during the first and third weeks. We drive down. I might hope to leave during the week before and stop off at other ski fields on the way down. Anyone interested in a space? Please contact Peter Bowker (06) 876 2911 evenings or e-mail BowkerWright@xtra.co.nz

Ascent of Mt Everest

Hilary Hurst's husband Clive Jones reached the summit of Mt Everest yesterday (Saturday

May 15). He has been away since April 20th. This has been a dream of Clive's and is his 5th Himalayan trip and his 3rd 8000 metre peak, also having climbed Cho oyo and Gasherbrum 2).



Upcoming trips

Kelly Knight-Wooden Peg
30th May **Medium**
Neville Gray **357-2768**

Kelly Knight
30th May **Easy**
Jill Chapman **326-8605**

Thursday Trampers
3rd June
Don MacLaine **357-0745**

Tararua Crossing
5-7th June **Medium**
Doug McNeur **359-1893**

As always, there are options and as usual, I haven't made my mind up. We could be going over via Kime, Mangahuka, Anderson's, Te Matawai, or even Dundas. So if you've got a preference, let me know. Even if you would just like to come for a 3 day womble, also let me know. I also need a kind person to shuttle a vehicle between the two road ends. If you can help, please let me know.

Gorge Walk
9th June **Family**
David Newstead **025 576 175 work: 350-4649**

Leader: The Pied Piper (you will however get your children back) alias David Newstead. This trip caters for all ages, but will be especially arranged for young children - we have had four-year-olds.

The trip will go from the western side right through to lunch at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe, but if

children and parents want to go only part of the way as an out-and-back, that is not a problem. We will have arrangements in place for a ride back from the other side.

As an introduction for children who have not been in the forest before, this is an enchanted place, with the atmosphere of the "Wind in the Willows" Wildwood and (temperate) jungle (last time we met the Gingerbread Man). It can be spooky if the weather is nice and gloomy. The day-time inhabitants are mainly pigeons, bell-birds, tuis, grey warblers, yellowheads and fantails. The night-time inhabitants - we won't talk about them!

The distance is about 8 km, climbing 1000 feet (300 m). The time will depend on the children, with young ones probably about 5 1/2 h, there is no hurry.

We would aim to leave from the western (Ashhurst side) track end at 8:00 (but the first to book in can negotiate an 8:30 start if they like). We go in any weather, it is sheltered in the forest, you just need rain gear, and for a 5 h trip nibbles and drink.

Wednesday Trampers
9th June
Tina Fraser **328-7757**

Thursday Trampers
10th June
Peter Carver **354-4479**

Mangituruturu Hut, Lake Surprise and beyond
12-13th June **Easy**
Hilary Hurst **354-6380** **021 343 451**

One of the prettiest Huts in Tongariro National Park, the Mangituruturu Hut is on part of the "Round the Mountain" track on Mt Ruapehu.

Drive: about 2.5hrs

Walk: 1-2hrs each way

Departure time: 9am (unless anyone particularly wants to go earlier).

Note: this may be a two ticket hut.

The Plan: this would be a good trip if you haven't been on an overnight trip before and want to get used to carrying your pack. It is mostly downhill to the hut so you can bring heaps of good food and wine. The track is a bit rough in places and there may be some snow around so waterproof tramping boots would be a good idea. We



Above: Graham Pritchard and Ann Green seen negotiating a rocky ridge in wind and rain on the route between Boulder Lake and Adelaide Tarn, Kahurangi National Park. Shakily holding the camera was Merv Matthews who followed them soon after.



Above: Loch Maree Hut on the Dusky Track, Fiordland National Park.
(Photo: Wei-Hang Chua)

are out in the open for most of the way also, so plenty of warm clothing.

Terrain: down from the road to boggy tussock and a small stream, then amongst the rocks and dodgy wooden structures (you can walk around them), then down to the beautiful cascading streams in lava beds (my favourite), a descent into beech forest for a few minutes before the grassy flats to the hut. Plan: get to the hut. Leave the heavy stuff there. Continue (up) to Lake Surprise for a look and even further if people are keen. The idea is for this to be a mellow social trip. Families welcome (its not far) but they need a staunch and flexible attitude due to the cold conditions likely. Back-up plan if there is too much snow on the road then will probably be Blyth hut. This is a bit further to walk with more uphill.

Ruahine Run
13th June **Medium/Fit**
Mark Street **353-7442**

This trip will start from the Mangakukeke Rd carpark in the western Ruahines. We head up to Purity Hut, on to Wooden Peg, Iron Peg and the Ruahine high point Mangaweka. The return path is back to Iron Peg the along the southern portion of the Hikurangi Range. This ends in a spur track

down to Kelly Knight Hut. The final stage is the track above the Pourangaki River and the walk across farmland (permission to be sought) back to the carpark. Given a fine day the views on top of the range can be superb. Depart P.N. at 6:30 am. Tramping time: 8.5 h.

Sunrise Hut
13th June **Easy**
John Stantiall **354-5521**

This is planned as an leisurely trip up to Sunrise Hut and back (approx. 2 hours each way on a graded track). Going beyond the hut will depend on the weather at the time. Approx. 2 hour drive each way through Tikikino. Departing at Palmerston North Police Station at 7.30 am.

Thursday Trampers
17th June
Merv Matthews **357-2858**

Mid-winter Feast & Food Carry
19-20th June **All Welcome**
Lynda Hunt **356-7443**

The annual food carry and mid winter feast is always lots of fun (unless you break your collar bone). The carrying of the food from the road end to the lodge normally takes half a day and for this you get one nights free accomodation. There are always lots of options of how to spend the rest of the weekend includig tramping,

mountain biking or just lazing around. Places always fill up really quickly so be in early to secure a bed on the social event of the year.

Saddle Creek
20th June **Medium**
Rod McKenzie **357-0136**

Saddle Creek is part way along the Waitewaewae Track which starts at Otaki Forks. We begin by walking along an old bush tramway, then head up a creek (several crossings will mean wet feet) before reaching the edge of the plateau at Saddle Creek. We will stop for lunch, then return the same way. We will leave the Police Station at 7.30 am.

Wednesday Trampers
23rd June
Jennifer Leaman **323-3914**

Thursday Trampers
24th June
Carolyn Brodie **358-6576**

Maude Track Loop
26-27th June **Medium/Fit**
Adam Matich **359-2796**

I originally rated this as a medium, but upon actually studying the map I have upgraded it to a medium/fit. This road end is reached via Inglewood up on the northeast Side of Mount Taranaki.

It is an 800 metre, 5-km climb up the Maude Track to Maude Peak from the end of Maude Road (3 hours). From Maude we head southeast over Henry and down along the Kaiauui Track to rustic Kaiauui Hut, to the base of the Kokowai Track (3 hours) which we then climb 500 metres (2 hours) to reach the Holly Track. It is an hour from here to Holly Hut for the night (9-hour day).

Next Day we trundle for an hour past the Ahukawakawa Swamp and up to Pouakai Hut, Along to Maude Peak (15 min), and then back down the Maude Track. Some of this trip requires quite a bit of climbing, some slippery river crossings and travel over open tops so inclement weather may increase the entertainment.

If anyone wants to do a medium-grade trip they could split off from the Medium/Fit party at Maude and head to Holly Hut through Pouakai hut, which is a trip of 90 minutes from Maude. Next day they can take the upper Holly track to North Egmont to be picked up from there.

Roaring Stag Hut

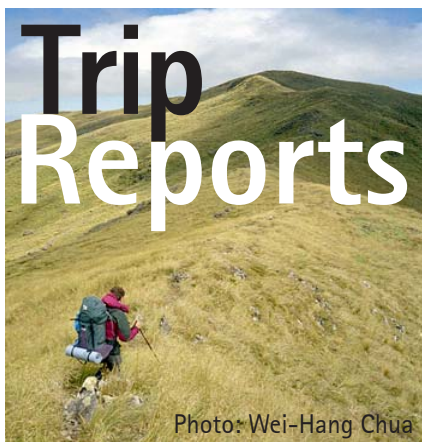
27th June **Easy/Medium**
David Newstead
025 576 175 **work: 350-4649**

The First Ski Trip

30th July - 2nd August
Christine Scott **354-0510**

Time to dust off the skis (or snow boards), sharpen the edges and apply the wax OR hire a pair of skis (or snowboard) and hit the slopes. Whether a beginner, intermediate or advanced skier, or you just like being up Mt Ruapehu, this trip is for you. Lots of good company, lots of fun and plenty to do - whether it be taking it easy in the Lodge, tramping, skiing or snowboarding.

Transport to the Lodge: \$30 pp return (or take your own vehicle). Accommodation at the Lodge: \$21 per night per adult club member (including food). For other prices see the trip card or visit our web site.



Editor's Note:

Janet Allan is my copy procurer. If you have led, or are scheduled to lead a trip, Janet may phone to remind you to send in a preview or report. Don't give her any lip!

Bannister-Dundas

24-25th April

by Jean Garman

We left as early as possible on Friday evening arriving at the Putara road end just on dark to head off towards Roaring Stag. It was a remarkably calm and humid night as we sweated our way up onto the ridge. By the time we reached Roaring Stag Lodge around 9.00pm there was a general consensus that carrying on to Cattle Ridge that night would be lunacy.

Roaring Stag was pretty tidy all things considered and before we knew it Garry and Gary were leaping out of bed and it was time to get up. An early start just after 7.00am saw us tearing up to Cattle Ridge through a calm sunny morning. A quick bite to eat and a refill of the water bottles at the hut and we headed off along Cattle Ridge. The views were outstanding with a hint of breeze to stop us from overheating.

An early lunch was called on Waingawa to fortify us for the Banister Ridge which as usual took ages to get across due to the fact that it goes severely up and down with monotonous regularity. The various rock steps were navigated without too much concern and eventually we popped onto the easier slopes of the Dundas Ridge. Gary and Garry took a quick detour to check out Arete Biv, the rest of us had been there before and preferred to conserve our energy. Over the last couple of hours the clouds had been fermenting and now our views were occasionally partly obscured but there was still very little wind and it was nice and mild.

Energy was running low as we dragged ourselves along the Dundas Ridge with the final descent to Dundas Hut finishing as the last of the light faded. Maximum use of daylight hours. According to Adams calculations we had climbed over 1900m and descended around 1100m during the day so a certain degree of

tiredness was justified. We were the first to visit the hut after an 'extreme makeover' had occurred and it was immaculately clean, tidy and dry. The final reports before retiring told of a starry sky so we dressed warmly for a chilly night. Unfortunately shortly after we went to bed it must have clouded over and turned into quite a warm night.

A slightly later start on Sunday morning (Garry and Gary managed to contain themselves for a whole 15min longer) saw us puffing back up to the ridge nice and early. The cloud which had been blowing in and out since we got up came and settled on the ridge and with reduced visibility and a freshening breeze we headed north. As we descended from West Peak the cloud cleared and once more we were treated to fabulous views. As the cloud came back Adam tried to test our awareness of our surroundings by heading off down alternative spurs at every opportunity. Luckily we were onto his game pretty quick so he failed to lead us too far astray.

On the final descent from Herepai Peak we spotted figures coming up to greet us. It was Bev, Janet, Neville, Rod and jJemma. Gary unable to bear being away from Bev too long had talked her into organising a posse to meet and greet us. Back down to Herepai Hut for lunch we were horribly disappointed at the lack of scones and/or piklets that been brought along to revive our flagging bodies/spirits. Despite the lack of sustenance the conversation levels rose to noise control standards and we jovially set off down the Bottles Track.

Along the way we surprised (were surprised by) two hunters who popped out of the toitoi claiming to have spotted 2 stags and numerous hinds in their travels. Much discussion of where the route went saw us blundering along in the right direction to pop out just where expected. Home via an ice cream

in Eketahuna. We were Adam Matich, Gary Bevins, Garry Grayson, Mark Learmonth and Jean Garman

ANZAC Family Trip 25th April

by Howard Nicholson

We were not up at the crack of dawn like thousands of other New Zealanders that day, but the overcast sky made it feel that way as we drove towards Apiti. A few showers of rain did not dampen our parade as we marched down the track towards Umutoi Stream. A couple of slips from the February rains were easily crossed before climbing the humpback bridge over the stream. By the time we reached Heritage Lodge, many battles had raged, several limbs had been severed by beech swords, and arms had been twisted for "one more" somersault along the track.

A brew and a series of high quality nibbles were eaten while Easter eggs were stalked and eaten. By midday the rain had stopped, so we made our way down the broad track to the river, traversing a muddy slip on the way. A paddling pool was constructed on the banks of the Oroua River, while the sandflies had their fill of chocolate-fortified blood. We passed through a zillion gates (each requiring a secret password to open them, and known only to the boys) before reaching the main track again.

Some people received minor medical attention (plasters) and TLC before we climbed back up the farm track, this time admiring the view of the tops that had been obscured earlier in the day. In keeping with the theme of great company, fine food and good times, we finished the trip with ice

creams at Cheltenham. The thirteen troopers on this trip were: Kathy, Nicola, and Brendan Corner; Lesley, Giles, Alice, Hamish and Gregory Bates; Stan Mackowiac; Sue, Hugh, Tara and Howard Nicholson.

SAR Navigation Training 25th April

by Jenny McCarthy
Putara Road End.

This was a fun day; we were divided into small groups, I was with Arran Demalmanche (MTSC) and Leigh Drew (Central Districts Field and Game).

A few words about grid and magnetic bearings and where we were going and Terry Crippen handed out the work sheets. The scenario was a group of people were overdue and they were thought to be

Below: Photos from the ANZAC Family Trip (Photos: Howard Nicholson).



camping about 1km down stream from the Ruapae Falls. The second bridge was out due to a tree falling down and the stream was too high to travel up. Once we got to the flat where the people were camping the river had gone down and we could come out using the bottle's track.

We had to work out the bearings magnetic and grid, what sort of country we would be crossing and how long it was going to take us. Our first point to get to was a bridge and our estimated time was a lot longer than it took us. Here we were met by Brian Webster, who checked that we were going off in the right direction (it would not have been a good look to get misplaced).

We set off up the hill taking turns to be the person at the back with the compass calling out the direction of travel. It took a while to get to the top but we did well, Brian was there waiting for us.

Across the top of the hill watching out for the second little high point that we had to cross before going down. On the way down we had to make a tricky little turn so we ended up in the saddle not going straight down into the river. It was very tempting to follow the worn path and pink tape but we stuck to our compass bearing and often the tape and path were going our way. We arrived at the destination in time for a late lunch.

Back to the map reading and we were tasked to find the bottles track and make our way back to the road end. This was a fun exercise it was good to be off the track and in such easy to travel in bush. Thank you to Terry Crippen for organizing the day.

Longview-Awatere Loop

9th May

by Adam Matich

Eighteen of us piled out the vehicles at the road end on what was a fine, sunny morning and the 90 minute climb up to Longview Hut began. We were soon spread across the landscape like a phalanx of ants making a bee-line for a knife with jam on it. Fortunately a cooling breeze timidly made its present felt and we reached the hut without needing to mix any more metaphors. The advance scouts had the billy boiled for our morning tea stop.

We then headed off from the South-East corner of the hut in a South-Easterly direction on what appeared to be a trail, and eventually had to make a slight detour south across a narrow, shallow depression to find ourselves at the top of the spur (2776895E, 6134460N). Down we went (ESE) with a little bit of scrub to wend our way through, but with no bush-bashing necessary. We only travelled 100 metres or so before dropping North-East off the spur down a steep Toi Toi covered slope to eventually find ourselves in the headwaters of the North Branch of the Makaretu River (2777240E, 6134550N). River travel was not difficult and eventually we found a nice lunch spot about an hour from Longview Hut. Another hours travel saw us at Awatere Hut, where some of the party stayed while the rest visited the Historic (Derelict) Black stag Hut 5 minutes down stream.

From thereon we had a bit of a climb up onto the ridge and into the cooling breeze to reach the vehicles in less than an hour after a rather pleasant 5½ hour day. And no one misbehaved. Even Neville was good!

We were: Allan Hardacre, Allan Rae, Bev Akers, Christine Scott, Garry Grayson, Gary Bevins, Harold Pederson, Lynda Hunt, Mark Learmonth, Michael Beech, Neville Gray, Owen Mills, Pam



Above: Gathering at Longview Hut (Photo: Peter Rawlins).

Phease, Peter Rawlins, Rod McKenzie, Royce Mills, Suzanne Clark, Adam Matich.

Sledge Track

16th May

by Christine Scott

Sixteen of us ventured into the depths of Sledge Track with 3 of us having completed the full loop before. Sledge Track lived up to its reputation of being a mite confusing with even our most experienced route guide missing the turnoff down into Otangane Stream due to upgrades of tracks in the area. From then on he was relegated to the back where he kept the troops entertained. A brief stop was had in a clearing with views across to points 622 and 573 to teach/reinforce map and compass skills and then it was down into the stream and up onto the ridge overlooking the Wairarapa. A relatively sheltered lunch spot was found on a tussock clearing looking down into the Otangane catchment. After investigating the old platinum mine shafts we headed back to the cars only to find a great day spoiled by finding 2 windows smashed in the van and 4 bags of clothes stolen.

We were: Lizzie Chambers, Hugh

Wilde, Neville Gray, Royce Mills, Suzanne Clark, Alan Hardacre (& friend), Gary Grayson, John & Heather Todd, John Cochrane, Dave & Janet Allan, Peter Rawlins and Christine Scott.

Fernwalk & beyond

23rd May

by Briony (who made us all write a bit each!)

Woe is me! The lovely loo is kaput after the flood – couldn't even open the door. Fortunately the cockatoos had departed to Raumai for the day, and we enjoyed peace and quiet. (Jill)

A bridge along the track had collapsed during the flood, which meant we had to detour – we thought the scenery was much nicer than the old way. (Helen)

Allan decided maybe we could jump down a steep bank and then clamber up another steep bank, but the ladies (AKA 'Allan's harem') decided to follow the new detour signs, and found a much nicer track. (Lesley)

Two (!) morning tea stops brought us back to the road.

Lesley and Monica left us at this point, but Briony decided to stay

with the group for the afternoon. This walk included a couple of stops with decent views and not too many hills – very easy. (Allan)

We crossed the road and followed what we could of the Old Coach Road, ducking and diving through fallen trees and blackberry until we reached the area by the river where the far bank has suffered massive slips. We went back into the trees to get out of the wind, and dived into our packs for some lunch. Rain threatened – Jill hoisted her umbrella, and Briony covered her head with Allan's hat with the funny ear muffs. (Jan)

After lunch we started packing up to head back to the car. The river was rolling roughly and it was a dirty brown colour. Allan and I threw some big stones into a little pool of brown soupy water. Allan started picking up a big log to throw into the river and I helped him with it. Then we walked back to the car and went to 'The Pilgrim's Rest' for a cuppa and a coffee. (Briony).

We were: Helen Davidson, Jill Chapman, Monica Cantwell, Lesley Findlay and Briony, and Jan and Allan Watts.

Right: "Twins" from the Longview-Awatere Trip.
(Photo: Peter Rawlins).



14th Apr (Wed) Six Disc Track
(8 trampers)

15th Apr (Thu) Kiritaki Ridge Loop
Leader: Merv Matthews (12 trampers)

Climbed up Kiritaki Ridge then turned south and dropped down the next ridge called Hunters Track.

22nd Apr (Thu) Mangahua Loop
Leader: Neville Gray (8 trampers)

28th Apr (Wed) Atiwhakatu Hut
Leader: Tina Fraser (10 trampers)

29th Apr (Thu) Burn Hut
Leader: Stewart Malcolm (10 trampers)

6th May (Thu) Mountain House Loop
Leader: Don McLaine (11 trampers)

The trip was to Powell Hut but because of the strong winds at Mountain House they detoured down the track to Atiwhakatu. But were then stopped by an active slip before Atiwhakatu Hut.

12th May (Wed) Sunrise Hut
Leader: Bev Akers (8 trampers)

20th May (Thu) Titirangi Bush Reserve
Leader: Phil Pearce (14 trampers)

14 trampers travelled by car to an access to the Titirangi Bush Reserve near Mangaweka. A Five hour walk over interesting farm land and through a large area of native forest with lots of bird life.

wednesday & thursday trampers



Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Support our club huts in the Tararuas. Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC Waikanae. Full price \$65, with FMC card discount \$45.50. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and your FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post your Annual Hut Pass back to you. Please note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family. Email: jean.garman@fonterra.com or phone (06) 354-3536.



For Sale

Howard's Bargain Basement

DOC hut tickets – discount rates to members. Phone Howard on 357-6325.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mt Ruapehu

The lodge is reasonably close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The phone number there is (07) 892 3860.



Lodge bookings may be made between 9:30am and 9:30pm on any day of the week. Please don't call outside these hours. Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is in advance by cheque or cash.

	Members	Non-members
Adult	\$21	\$33
Sec. School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26
Group Prices	on application	on application

Booking and use of the MTSC Transit Van

The normal run-of-the-mill things you need to do if using the Transit Van are:

1. Book preferably by Thursday, and certainly no later than 6pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others who may want the van have time to amend their travel arrangements.
3. Check oil, water, and tyres.
4. Fill in the travel sheet (kilometres, people, and dollars).



Trip leaders and those planning trips should seriously consider using this cost effective club asset. **Neville Gray** is our minibus custodian, and he can be contacted at 357-2768.

Club equipment

We have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, fly-sheets, snow mats, sleeping bag cover, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, two new bivvy bags and two of the big tent flies. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. Food Dehydrator: ideal for drying large and small quantities of fruit, vegetables, and meat for tramping rips. Easy to use, works well, and is available for hire from the Gear Custodian. Hire cost for members, \$1 per day. Contact the Gear Custodian – Peter Rawlins on 356 7443.

People to contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please drop a line to Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club, P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North and it will reach the appropriate person. If you want a particular topic discussed at the Committee meetings, this is a good way to go about it.

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