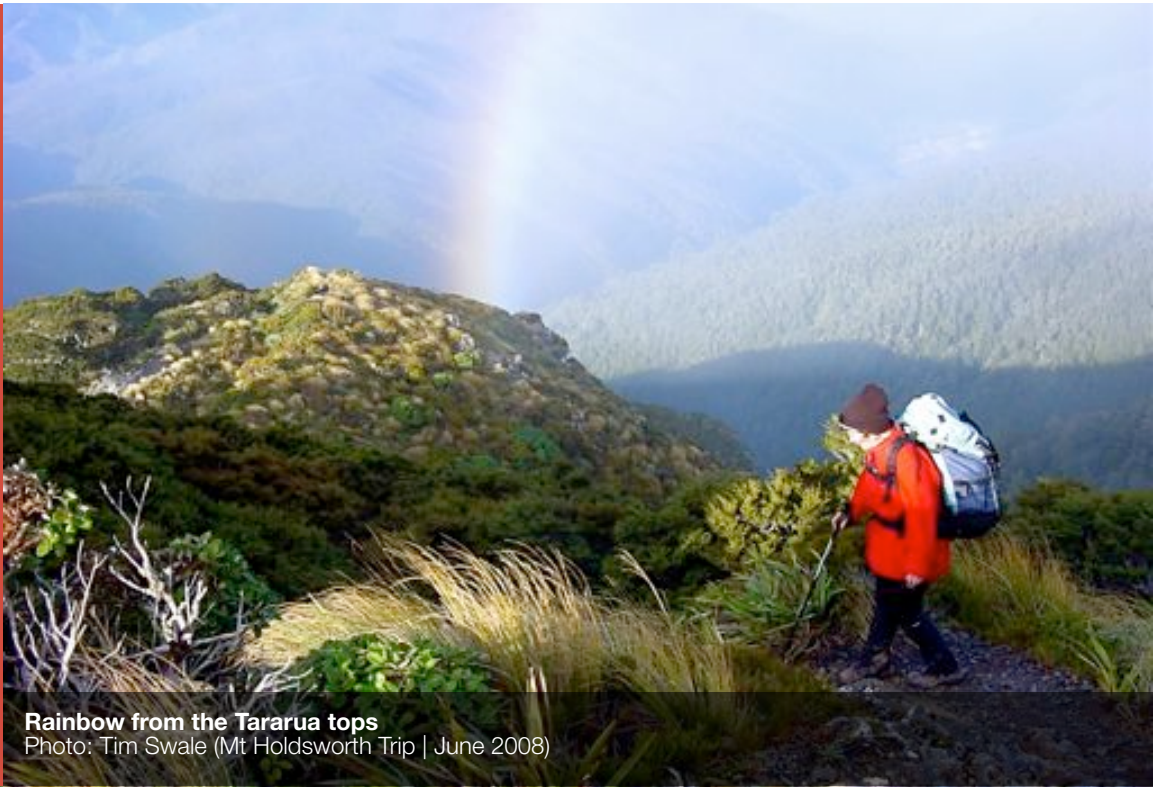


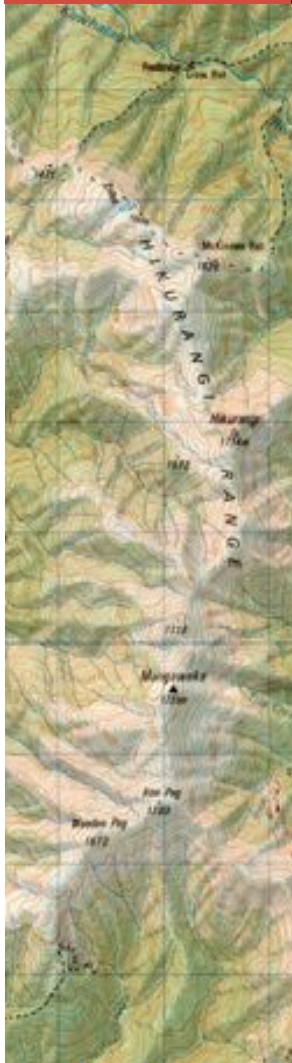
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**Rainbow from the Taranui tops**  
Photo: Tim Swale (Mt Holdsworth Trip | June 2008)



## Upcoming club night

### Club Photo Competition

**7.30 pm, 1st Tuesdays of the month at the RSA, Palmerston North, 200 Broadway Avenue**

#### 2nd September - MTSC Club Photo Competition

The annual club photo competition is coming up this September. There are lots of different categories, just get them in before entries close. See the details for entry on page 3 and get you entries in. This is going to be a great way to show off or see what places and sights we've all captured. Trampers are a trigger happy lot when it comes to photography and you don't have to have the most expensive digital camera with the biggest zoom to take good photos. So if you don't have any photos for this competition, start clicking for next year or photos to go with your trip reports for the newsletter.

#### Reminder of Clubroom Change

A reminder that Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club now meets once a month at the RSA Clubrooms.

Venue: RSA Palmerston North, 200 Broadway Ave, Palmerston North

When: First Tuesday of every month (except January) – start 7:30 pm

We will continue to provide a range of interesting speakers at our club nights, and expect that our new central city venue will entice more people to come along.

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# President's Report

## New Club Night Venue + Club Competitions + Trip Card Meeting

by Howard Nicholson

email [mtsc.president@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mtsc.president@xtra.co.nz) or phone (06) 357 6325

We have had our first club night in the new location of the RSA, and feedback has been positive. Hot drinks on tap and an en suite bar have their attractions! I hope that you can make it to the September meeting, where you will have the chance to enter, view, and judge some stunning photos taken by our club members; have a look at the web site ([www.mtsc.org.nz](http://www.mtsc.org.nz)) to see what won last year.

Speaking of competitions, we have two annual interclub events coming up – the Interclub Photo Competition and the Interclub Quiz – which we usually do pretty well at. Look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Summer is still a way off, but planning for the next trip programme, covering November through to April, kicks off with a planning meeting on 26 August; again, more details are elsewhere in this newsletter. We have a huge area of superb tramping areas right on our doorstep, it is more fun to share a trip with others, and with current fuel prices it is also more cost effective. It may be time to revisit an old favourite location, and maybe you could introduce someone else to it as well.

If you get the chance to stay at the Lodge, check out the great work that has been done on the relined bedrooms and drying room, the new bunks and mattresses, and for the ladies a new shower.

There is still plenty of skiing/riding to be had, so I hope you take the opportunity to have a play in the white stuff before it all disappears again.

### The Club Welcomes...

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

- The Lyttle Family of Jean-Luc, Jeanette, Iseak, Tomas, Amy, and John.
- Li Ding.
- Julia, Izaak, and Bel Milne-Lewar

### Trip Card Meeting - 26th August

by Bev Akers

email [bev.akers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bev.akers@xtra.co.nz) or phone (06) 325 8879

The next trip card meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday the 26th of August at Adam's place, 798 Main St. So bring along the list of trips that you want to lead, or phone Bev before-hand to avoid a pitched battle, on the night, with others for the dates you want.

You may have noticed that there are quite a few empty dates on the current trip card, viz. some weekends without overnights and some without Sunday trips, unlike the Wednesday and Thursday trampers who are as strong as ever! That is because people have shown a limited amount of interest in leading trips. Well fatties ;-) you might want to think about getting out there for some calorie-burning exercise so that when summer comes rolling along you won't be. In winter it is important to maintain your fitness so summer tramping is enjoyable, so you can see the sights and have some fun.

So come along to Adam's place to give suggestions or phone me with ideas about where you want to go and maybe lead a trip...or two...or three. We need you to make our summer, and perhaps your own as well!. Thanks guys.

### Chief Guide's Report

by Bev Akers

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#### Leaders, and their Trip Lists

Trip leaders used to leave their Trip Lists at the Police Station before they went into the hills. However, this is no

longer viable and therefore our SAR team need somewhere else to pick them up from if need be.

#### Here are some options:

1. Leave your trip list at home with someone responsible.
2. On our club trip card, under Overdue Trips (square box), are listed four people with whom you can leave your Trip List. Arrange to leave your list in their letter box or come to some other arrangement.

SAR advisers	- Peter Rawlins	356 7443
	- Hugh Wilde	356 9450
Chief Guide	- Bev Akers	325 8879
Transit Bus	- Adam Matich	359 2796

3. If you are taking the Transit Bus and Adam is not on the trip, then arrange with him to pop the list through his cat door - Be warned, Bruce may be on patrol.

#### What to include on your Trip List

1. Destination & Dates (start & return).
2. Participants' names and the phone numbers people who should be notified if they are overdue.
3. Vehicles you travel in.
4. Road end you are parked at.

The Wednesday & Thursday Trampers leave their list with Peter, the Terrace End Cobbler.

For those of you who end with the Trip List, if it is late in being retrieved then phone someone on the list of overdue contacts to advise them of the situation and they will take it from there. If they are traveling by Transit Bus, phone Adam to see if the Bus has returned.

### Snow Stuff

by Ken Mercer

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phone (06) 356 7497 pr (027) 364 6475

It's the usual winter story – snow is falling but the weather is so bad that mountain is often closed. I think this is a

consequence of living in the roaring forties and it's one of the main differences between skiing here, and in Canada, where we spent January.

Another difference is the freeze/thaw cycles our snow is subjected to as weather pattern move across. A high, for example will bring cold Southerlies as it approaches hopefully with a cold front to drop snow. While overhead the clear skies may warm the snow during the day and freeze it again at night leaving frozen railway tracks off-piste in the morning. Northerly winds and possible warm rain will generally follow an anticyclone.

A cyclone leads with Northerlies and ends with Southerlies but doesn't have the clear skies in the middle. We're seeing several of these at the moment!

I generally use two websites to evaluate the weather. The first is the mountain forecast which MetService has and the second are the forecast charts which James McGregor of Victoria University provides. These are a numerical prediction of the isobaric pressures and rainfall and go forward just over a week. It is very useful to "see" how the weather develops.

<http://metservice.com>  
<http://www.metvuw.com>

But back to Canada. The last major difference is that "our" mountain is less than three hours away. The terrain too is more interesting and the snow often sculptured by the wind. Come on up!

## MTSC Photo Competition

contributed by Howard Nicholson

### Photo Competition

On the 2nd of September you can see your pictures on the big screen! That's right, it's Photo Competition time once more. The best three pictures in each category will go forward to the interclub competition with PNTMC and MUAC. As in past years, the categories will be:

#### Alpine (NZ)

Predominantly alpine scenery in NZ (ie above bushline rock and snow)

#### Scenic (NZ)

Pictorial interest in NZ hills etc (ie predominantly below the bushline)

#### Natural History (NZ)

NZ flora and fauna or detail, eg geology, ice formations etc)

#### Topical (NZ)

People or detail related to tramping, climbing, or skiing related activities in NZ

#### Overseas (Open)

Alpine or scenic; People met while tramping or climbing overseas.

Entries shall not have been entered in a previous Interclub Competition. If possible, please send your digital picture entries, along with a title and/or brief description, to me by the 30th of August, on CD (call me so that I know when to expect them – 357 6325) or email ([mtsc.president@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mtsc.president@xtra.co.nz)) so that they can be arranged into categories and tested prior to the night. I can also scan slides if you wish, provided I have them by 30 August.

This year the Interclub Photo Competition will be will be hosted by MUAC. It will be at 7:00pm on Monday 22 September, at Massey University in the Vet Tower. They will even provide snacks and beverages and of course prizes for the winners!

## MTSC Photo Competition

contributed by Howard Nicholson

This is advance warning that PNTMC is hosting the Interclub Quiz on Thursday 9 October, Quakers Hall, 227 College St. 8.00 pm start. Start sharpening your brain cells now...



### For Sale

**Waterproof Raincoat**  
 Phone Bev on (06) 325 8879

Woman's XL Gore-tex XCR (long) Macpac "Resolution" raincoat - weight only 730 grams. In excellent condition (looks new) cost to you \$200. Good tramping or alpine waterproof coat. Phone Bev on (06) 325 8879.



Adam heading towards Wooden Peg  
(July 2008).  
Photo: Jean Garman

## Upcoming trips

### TRIP GRADING

The times listed below include tramping, rest and meal stops. In assessing the trip times and grades, terrain, weather and party fitness (a party is as fast as its slowest member) must be considered. As these factors will never repeat themselves, times are only estimates. Contact the trip leader if you are unsure about trip gradings for a specific trip.

<b>ALL</b>	All welcome
<b>EASY</b>	4 hours per day, pace slower than Easy/Med. Does not relate to terrain.
<b>EASY/MEDIUM</b>	5 hours per day at a pace slower than medium.
<b>MEDIUM</b>	7 hours per day at a standard walking pace.
<b>MEDIUM/FIT</b>	8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium.
<b>FIT</b>	Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium/fit.
<b>TECHNICAL</b>	Qualifying requirements to be announced by the trip organiser.

**Tutuwai Hut**  
**16-17 August**  
**Tony Evans**

**Easy/Medium**  
**357 4355**

Leaving Palmy on Saturday morning and down through Masterton and Carterton to the Waiohine Gorge Road end, hopefully finding a good bakery on the way. Into Cone Hut for lunch and on to Tutuwau Hut for the night and on Sunday morning returning to the vehicle via the Mount Reeves track. The map shows a dotted line all the way with no major stream crossings so although this part of the country is new to the leader a leisurely stroll to shake off the winter blues is planned.

**Jumbo Hut**  
**17 August**  
**Christine Scott**

**Medium**  
**354 0510**

Jumbo Hut has to be one of my favourite huts in the Tararua's with its magnificent views out over the Wairarapa and the goblin forest you walk through to reach

it. I expect it to take 3-4 hours to walk into the hut and less to walk out. We will leave the Police Station at 7.30 am.

**Wednesday Trampers**  
**20 August**

**Easy/Medium**  
**356 8538**

**Rosemary & Ken Hall**

Mt Thompson subject to weather conditions, please phone for more details closer to the date.

**Thursday Trampers**  
**21 August**

**Easy/Medium**  
**328 7884**

**Ray Pratt**

Phone for more details.

**Mangatainoka Hot Springs**  
**23-24 August**

**Easy/Medium**  
**357 0222**

**Don McDonald**

Phone for more details.

**Wednesday Trampers****27 August****Ken Rush****Easy/Medium****357 2529**

Ken intends taking a trip up Mount Bruce, please phone him for more details.

**Thursday Trampers****28 August****John Thornley****Easy/Medium****356 9681**

Phone for more details.

**Otukota Hut****30-31 August****Garry Grayson****Medium/Fit****326 8837**

Unfortunately Garry is unable to take this trip, if you are interested in leading this trip please contact Garry for more details or speak to the Chief Guide.

**Wednesday Trampers****3 September****Liz Flint****Easy/Medium****356 7654**

Phone for more details.

**Thursday Trampers****4 September****Royce Mills****Easy/Medium****358 4398**

Phone for more details.

**Climb/Ski Ngauruhoe****6-7 September****Peter Rawlins****Technical****356 7443**

This is a great opportunity for people to use their alpine skills. Ngauruhoe is a relatively straight forward climb requiring just ice axe and crampons. Some people take skis, while others are just there for the climb up and walk down. The trip will be based from Mangatepopo hut and is always a fun trip. Contact me if you have any questions.

**Tunupo****7 September****Tony Evans****Easy/Medium****357 4355**

Leaving Palmy at 7.30 am on Sunday morning we drive through Apiti and up to the carpark on Table Flat Road. From there it is not far to the new Heritage Lodge Hut for morning tea. We retrace our footsteps for a few metres then head uphill until there is no more uphill in front of us, weather permitting we can then admire the magnificent view before heading back down again.

**Wednesday Trampers****10 September****Rose Strahan****Easy/Medium****328 9861**

Phone for more details.

**Thursday Trampers****11 September****Royce Mills****Easy/Medium****358 4398**

Phone for more details.

**Pines-Reed Hill Farm****13-14 September****Adam Matich****Medium/Fit****359 2796**

This trip starts from the Pines road end and ends up at Reef Hill Farm, which is the last gate on your left before

you cross the Ruamahanga River on your way north to Mt Bruce from Masterton. It takes about 3-4 hours up the Barra Track to Mitre Flats hut for lunch, after which we will go another 3-4 hours up the Waingawa River to Cow Creek Hut for the night. That is if it doesn't rain heavily because the North Mitre Stream can be impassable - I fully expect winter to be all rained-out by then though.

The six berth Cow Creek hut was tidied up a couple of years ago, so it should be reasonably comfortable... for an old forestry service hut. There is a nice new bridge at Cow Creek, so next morning we won't have to get our feet wet when we make our way across and up to Cow Saddle. I can't say much for the rest of the day though. The descent from Cow Saddle is not as is shown on the map. It now fairly quickly drops into and follows a new watercourse, and to get down to the Ruamahanga River track we need to cross Cleft Creek and there is another even more substantial watercourse about 3 km further East. Unfortunately, both streams tend towards being wet, especially in winter. At least you won't need a shower when you get home! It will probably be a 6 or 7-hour day out from Cow Creek hut, the last hour being across farmland. Once we pick up the car we will then head back to the Pines to pick up the car we left there and head back home.

**Skiing at the lodge****13-14 September****Christine Scott****Downhill****354 0510**

Phone for more details

**Makairo Track****14 September****Linda Campbell****Easy****323 3836**

The Makairo Track is in the Waewaepa Range out the back of Mangatainoka (near Pahiatua). Until the 1960s it was a public road but the rugged terrain and frequent slips made it difficult to maintain and it eventually fell into disrepair. Nowadays it is a popular track for hunters, mountain bikers and trampers. The walk climbs gently for about 6 km up to the summit with some excellent views along the way. Most of the track is through a DOC reserve with attractive vegetation.

**Wednesday Trampers****17 September****Pam Wilson****Easy/Medium****357 6247**

Phone for more details.

**Thursday Trampers****18 September****Gordon Clark****Easy/Medium****359 2500**

Phone for more details.

**Howletts Hut****20-21 September****Tony Evans****Medium****357 4355**

Drag up the preview from an aborted trip 2 years ago and change the dates, that was quick and easy. From Kashmir Road end we will travel up to Longview Hut, across Pohangina Saddle and up to Otumore, along the ridge and across the saddle to Taumatataua and along Daphne Ridge to Howletts Hut for the night. Next morning we return to the road via Daphne Spur and Daphne Hut.

This trip needs good weather so plans may change, if the weather is marginal we may head to Makaretu Hut from Longview and if it is too bad we stay home.

### Wednesday Trampers

24 September

Kevin & Angela McKinnon

Phone for more details.

Easy/Medium

358 9025

### Thursday Trampers

25 September

Rose Strahan

Phone for more details.

Easy/Medium

328 9861

### Ruapehu Snow Camping

27-28 September

Peter Rawlins

Phone for more details.

Technical

356 7443

### Atene Skyline

28 September

Christine Scott

Phone for more details.

Medium

354 0510

### Kaiparoro Crossing

12 October

Adam Matich

This trip involves two rather separate road ends and so will require some car shuffling. We will leave one vehicle at the end of Kaiparoro Road, a few km S of Eketahuna, and drive round to Putara Road, viz. Herepai Hut road end, to start our tramp. We will head up the track to Herepai and Roaring Stag Huts. At the intersection we turn left towards Roaring Stag and after 1.5 km veer left

Medium/Technical

359 2796

off the main track onto and old track system that takes us to bump 713. We then head SE through a little saddle and curve around to the NE through bump 858 and then 835. We have travelled this section of the route before so it shouldn't be too difficult, although the necessity for route-finding really does make the trip "Technical Grade". There appears to be a continuance of the old track or trail from 835, east to 815 and presumably ultimately to Kaiparoro peak, which is then properly tracked down to Kaiparoro Road. We intend to find out if this is the case. It may be 'entertaining', or it may be a breeze. But even if it is unpleasant it will certainly be something new and given that we live in the best of all possible worlds, it is sure to work out for the best! Given the uncertainties involved, I would expect it to be a 7-hour day.

## Department of Conservation News



### Takapari Road Barrier

The Takapari Road barrier has now been installed about 1km before A Frame Hut as planned. This is quite timely as DOC staff have noticed increasing mess and vandalism at the hut. The reason for the gate is simple; the road is not maintained past the barrier and is dangerous. Signs advising road users of the turnaround point and time to hut etc will be installed.

### Hut & Track News

There has been a recent review of DOC hut fees, a summary of outcomes is below. In our area this will only affect Rangiwahia Hut but good to be aware of happenings elsewhere:

- New gas bottles and a fresh long-drop tank have been installed at Rangiwahia hut ready for winter.
- Pohangina staff walked the Mania, Diggers, Mid Pohangina and Oroua tracks with chainsaws and cleared windfalls and overhanging vegetation.
- Rat bait has been laid in the bait stations at Te Ekaou, Forks, Piripiri, Otukota, Maropea Forks and Kelly Knight Huts where rats are known to be a problem.
- New track direction signs were fitted at Otukota Hut, Bruce Ridge, Maropea Forks and on Mokai Patea Range
- The broken cable winder on the Kawhatau River cableway has been repaired and a new cable run is installed. By all accounts, the cableway is working well now.

(From "Keep Tracking on with DOC" Issue 11 - July 20th 2008 - Palmerston North Area)

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**What are these Thursday Trampers looking at? Maybe it is that rarely observed "Sun" phenomenon**  
 (Awatere Hut Trip | 10 July 2008).  
 Photo: Keith Fisher

## Trip Reports

### Mount Holdsworth 14-15 June

by **Tim Swale**

Leaving the road end at Holdsworth Lodge we filled in the intentions book with our planned route which was to take us up to Powell Hut for lunch and then across the tops to Jumbo Hut for the night. Despite a forecast of strong North Westerly winds about the tops we climbed steadily up in deceptively benign conditions, until we emerged from the bush into the tempest just before Powell Hut.

A quick brew and a bite to eat and we were off again towards Holdsworth's summit. By now suspecting that the forecast easing of winds in the afternoon may not take place, we thought we would make a final decision when we got to the trig. The short but wind battered stagger from the hut to the summit took us fifty minutes so we had little hesitation in deciding that rather than being martyrs to the cause we would retreat to Powell Hut and leave the crossing for another day.

Despite the gas heater again being out of action we had a great evening in the company of fellow trampers from Wellington and Kapiti Coast tramping clubs. You really do meet some of the nicest people up in the hills. The hut shuddered and creaked all night so it seemed pointless getting up early to do the tops crossing.

After a leisurely breakfast we headed back down the hill, turning off at Mountain House to drop down into the Atiwakatu valley. Along the way we were approached by a slightly embarrassed lady who wondered if we would keep our eyes open for her knickers that she had lost somewhere on the track! Not much later the said item was duly recovered and as they were not really my style were stashed ready to be returned to owner's car. The new track

and boardwalk just before Donnelly Flats is very impressive. Sitting in the sun with hardly a breath of wind back at the car park it was hard to imagine that less than three hours earlier we had been battling to stay upright. All in all a great weekend despite the wind.

### Rangiwahia 17 July

by **Keith Fisher**

Ten trampers left the van at 9.05 am with 4 trampers heading for the Rangi Hut and 6 setting off up Deadmans Track. The Deadmans Track group reached the crest of the range after 2 hours 20 minutes. Three returned the way they had come and the remaining 3 continued on up Mangahuaia and then completed the loop down the Rangiwahia Track. We were all back at the van by 2.55 pm. The weather was threatening about midday but luckily the rain passed us by. Most of snow had gone off the tops but there was still enough around to fill in the hollows and make for good traveling on the way down. The views from the top of the range were impressive. There appeared to be more snow remaining on the central ranges and in the dull weather they looked cold, remote and rather bleak.

### Beginners Ski Weekend 19-20 July

by **Ken Mercer**

Initially I thought running this trip might have been just a bit self sacrificial as I figured I'd be spending time in Happy Valley instead of up the mountain. Also the forecast was for lousy weather and the closer to the weekend the worse it appeared. However, despite my best

efforts, no one was put off by the weather so off we set on Friday evening, only a few minutes late.

Saturday was wet and everything but Happy Valley was closed. However, it did have plenty of snow which wasn't icy. Liping rented skis and joined a lesson and Christina suggested I lean forward on my snowboard. That was helpful, as were the foam knee pads I was wearing! Also important – the queues weren't too big nor the slope too crowded. With hindsight we had perfect weather.

There was a roast for tea followed by chocolate desert and we rounded off the evening with music, dancing and table traverses.

Sunday was an improvement – 10 cm of snow had fallen overnight! Locklin (5 years) threw snow balls in Happy Valley and, next time, will have a go at skiing. The upper mountain was still closed so we left early, stopping for sticky buns and vegetables in Ohakune. Thanks Howard for going back into the lodge and shutting it down as no one came in during the week.

In the van were Liping Ding, Lindsey & Locklin Elwood, Mary, Ken, Christina.

### Cafe Domain via Gorge Track 23 July

by Rita Hodson

A good option as the weather for the planned trip to Transmission Gully was atrocious.

We enjoyed the shelter of the bush from the high winds and showers and at the 3rd lookout enjoyed a break with the sun shinning through.

Of interest were the growth patterns of the lovely Nikau Palms and how they showed their age with a ring for each year.

Finished tramp at the busy Cafe Domain with coffee and cake It was good to see Chris back on the track again.

### Sunrise Hut 6 August

by Pam Wilson

Sixteen trampers

Drivers: Don McDonald & Marian Beadle

We headed off to Hawkes Bay on a day full of promise. The promise of a brilliant sunny day. Looking out from the track that is what we saw.

But in the bush it was a very different story serving as reminder of why we carry the load we do. The cold strengthened as we gained height and eventually we were walking in snow. The hut offered shelter only, not warmth.

Despite having to accept that Hawkes Bay's forecast did not include the Ruahines, we all had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

### More Wed & Thu Trampers Trips

#### Wednesday Tramps

9th July Track to Burn Hut (15 Trampers)

There are a couple nasty spots in between the second & third stream heading in, which would not be nice for some. One is the exit off a slip, which claimed the life of an expensive leki stick. The other is the climb out of the second stream. But certainly the first hour is the worst - rest is good.

16th July Deadmans Track (8 Trampers)

23rd July Manawatu Gorge Walk (15 Trampers)

#### Thursday Trampers

10th July Awatere Hut (10 Trampers)

17th July Deadmans Loop (10 Trampers)

24th July Sunrise Hut



#### Parks Peak

(Parks Peak Trip | August 2008).  
Photo: Jean Garman



# Club Information

## Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is \$90 but is reduced to \$63 with your Federated Mountain Club (FMC) card discount. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post you an Annual Hut Pass. Note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family. Contact Jean at [jeanandivan@value.net.nz](mailto:jeanandivan@value.net.nz) or phone (06) 354 3536.

## Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860. Lodge bookings can be made between 9:30 am and 9:30 pm on any day. Do not call outside of these hours.



Lodge bookings should preferably be made by e-mail ([wildeh@clear.net.nz](mailto:wildeh@clear.net.nz)). If for some reason you cannot e-mail then phone. Please note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is to be made in advance by personal cheque, bank cheque or cash (but don't send cash through the mail). There is no internet banking for lodge fees. Contact Liz and Hugh Wilde on (06) 356 9450.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$25	\$38
Secondary School	\$22	\$35
Primary School	\$19	\$30
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$10	\$10

## 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 6 pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others needing the van have time to amend travel arrangements.
3. A fly should be carried on every tramp, there is always one in the passenger door of the club van and they are available from the Gear Custodian at no charge.



Trip leaders and those planning trips should use this effect club asset. Adam Matich is our minibus custodian and he can be contacted at (06) 359 2796.

## 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 bivvy bags and two 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 (06) 356 7443.

## Articles for the newsletter

Send by the **end** of each month to Wei-Hang Chua at [mtsc.editor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mtsc.editor@xtra.co.nz). Please contact me if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by email only. Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North or email [mtsc.memsec@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mtsc.memsec@xtra.co.nz).

## Club website | [www.mtsc.org.nz](http://www.mtsc.org.nz)

This includes a list of contact details and a club email address. The club webpage is maintained by Howard Nicholson and is kindly hosted by InSPire Net.

## People to contact

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

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