



Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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OUR CLUB consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

CLUB NIGHTS are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park (entrance on Riccarton Ave), starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 8 Mar **AGM PLUS FIRST-AID TRENDS**



Yvette So attended a **FIRST AID** course last year and learned there have been some important updates to procedures. She will share this new information with club members in the hope that you will attend a course and update your certificates. Preceding this will be our **Annual General Meeting**

Supper Duty: , Mike Flaws or Maureen McCloy, Dorota Giejsztowt, Tony Greaves or Ann Schofield

Tue 12 Apr **TRAVELS IN THE ANDES**

Margaret Clark and Yvette So will report on their trip to South America

Supper Duty: David or Siobhan Grimshaw, Paul or Sarah Gunningham, Bill Hambidge

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The 78th Annual General Meeting of Peninsula Tramping Club will be held at Canterbury Horticultural Centre, Hagley Avenue

Agenda:

Presentation of Exec. Reports

Election of officers, executive members and auditor

General Business

Nominations for all positions are called for. They may be sent, signed by nominee, proposer and seconder, to **Merv Meredith, Secretary, 322 7239**

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips:

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town near to the destination. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips:

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

6 Mar Sun	MT ALEXANDER Mary Hines 942 6486	
■	Easy-moderate wander in open, rolling North Canterbury farm country to this 750m lookout near Scargil. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Approx Cost: \$14
12-15 Mar Sat-Tue	ROUTEburn, NORTH COL, LK NERINE, PARK PASS Maps CA09,CB09;D40,E40 Raymond Ford 351 9496	
■■■■■	This moderate-hard trip starts on the “five pass” route from the Routeburn Track over Sugarloaf Pass to the Rockburn and the spectacular Theatre Flat. The route to Park Pass then climbs the ridge to drop to Lake Nerine and then sidles to North Col and into the North Routeburn. A wet weather alternative is the Rees - Dart or Cascade Saddle - Rees. List Closes: Sat 29 Jan	
12-13 Mar Sat-Sun	ZAMPA TOPS Kerry Moore 359 5069	Maps CD06,CE06;B44,C43,C44
■■■	A moderate trip in the Spenser Mountains to the east of Cannibal Gorge. We can return via Henry Saddle and Trovatore or continue along the ridge to Ada Hut and out on a section of St James Walkway. The tarn below 1710m Zampa in an excellent place to camp. List Closes: Sat 5 Mar	
13 Mar Sun	GOLA PEAK TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip.	Maps BV24;N33
■	Moderate trip around rolling farmland to some 1300m peaks, 25km west of Hawardon. Should have views down into the upper Okuku River Valley. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Approx Cost: \$14
19-20 Mar Sat-Sun	HURUNUI HUT Kevin Hughes 332 6281	Maps CA09,CB09;D40,E40
■■■	Easy-moderate overnight trip to this comfortable hut to the west of Lake Sumner. Start from the Lake Taylor road. Option of a side-trip to Hurunui hot springs. We will look to use 4WD vehicles or may turn this one into a mountain bike trip. List Closes: Sat 12 Mar	

20-29 Mar Sun-Tue ■■■■■ ■■■■■	DUSKY TRACK Darcy Mawson 388 9284 The Dusky Track offers trampers a moderate-hard 84 km tramping track which requires at least eight days to complete. It links Lake Hauroko with Lake Manapōuri, offering a two-day detour to Supper Cove in Dusky Sound. It traverses three major valley systems and crosses two mountain ranges. List Closed	Maps BT23;M31
20 Mar Sun ■	ONEPUNGA FALLS - WAIPARA GORGE Evelien Baas 03 317 9077 evelien.baas@ihug.co.nz An easy-moderate trip starting from the Waipara Gorge. Phone or email Evelien. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Maps BV23;M33 Approx Cost: \$14
26-27 Mar Sat-Sun ■■	HICKORY BAY BEACH PARTY WEEKEND Chris Leaver 322 6445 A number of our PTC imports are having anniversaries this year so join in this weekend base camp on the Rothschild farm in Hickory Bay. There are a variety of walks around Hickory Bay with it's spectacular beach and cliffs; probably Sunday a longer walk from Le Bons Bay via Panama Road beneath The Dykes and up Bush track to Lavericks Peak (day trippers from Chch welcome). Nearby in Fisherman's Bay is the Simpson Garden which is open to view (charge \$10). List Closes: Sat 19 Mar	Maps BU22;L32,L33
26-27 Mar Sat-Sun ■■	PINNACLE Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate-hard trip in Victoria Forest Park, involving some bush-bashing, rock scrambling and ridge travel. Camping out in one of the numerous alpine tarn basins along the way. List Closes: Sat 19 Mar	Maps CD06,CE06;B44,C43,C44
27 Mar Sun ■	BEALEY SPUR - POWER STREAM Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate trip at Arthurs Pass heading up the Power Stream and return down Bealey Spur. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BV24;M34 Approx Cost: \$20
31-4 Apr Thu-Mon ■■■■■	EGMONT NP - ROUND THE MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT Leo Manders 356 1731 Heading for the North Island to the Egmont National Park with incredible scenery on the Round the Mountain Circuit. List Closed	Maps BX25,BY25;N36,N37
2-3 Apr Sat-Sun ■■	AMPHITHEATRE CREEK Mary Hines 942 6486 A moderate round-trip in the Black Range near Arthurs Pass NP. This creek with a grand name is a tributary of the Avoca River. We will cross Lagoon and Jordan Saddles List Closes: Sat 26 Mar	Maps BT22;L31
3 Apr Sun ■	CAVE STREAM, FLOCK HILL Keith McQuillan 384 6164 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 back-up if you have one, and a dry set of clothing to change into later. We plan to spend time exploring Narnia in Flock Hill and possibly Castle Hill Basin as well. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BV20;K34 Approx Cost: \$14

9-10 Apr Sat-Sun ■■	HOPE-KIWI LODGE TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. Easy-moderate tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park, overnighing in Hope Kiwi Lodge. Good track all the way through beech forest and river terraces, besides three lakes and crossing the Hurunui River (there is a swing bridge if wet feet aren't your thing!) List Closes: Sat 2 Apr	Maps BH28-30,BJ28-30;PQ19,20
9-12 Apr Sat-Tue ■■■■	MOTATAPU TRACK Margot Bowden 332 7020 Moderate tramp of Shania Twain fame between Arrowtown and Wanaka. List Closes: Sat 19 Mar	Maps BV20;K34
10 Apr Sun ■	TRIG Q - MT MANSON Kerry Moore 359 5069 Easy-moderate. We'll start from the Craieburn Ski Field Road. This will give us time to ascend to this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craieburn Range. Snow may be present, so bring your ice-axe. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21;K34 Approx Cost: \$14
16-17 Apr Sat-Sun ■■	BRASS MONKEY - GRAND DUCHESS Merv Meredith 322 7239 A classic, moderate-hard , Lewis Pass tops trip to this bivvy situated just off the main divide. A round-trip from the Nina Valley up Lucretia Stream and down Duchess Stream. Commanding views from Grand Duchess tops. List Closes: Wed 6 Apr	Maps BU22,23;L32, M32
17 Apr Sun ■	SUGARLOAF Keith McQuillan 384 6164 Easy-moderate. Sugarloaf, at 1360m near Cass, is one of the bigger sugar mountains. 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. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Maps CB11,12;F40,41 Approx Cost: \$17
22-25 Apr Fri-Mon ■■■■ Easter	WAI AU PASS Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate-hard. From Lake Tennyson to the headwaters of the Clarence River, crossing to the upper Sabine River in Nelson Lakes NP and returning via Waiau Pass and Maling Pass. Plenty of great scenery on this round-trip. List Closes: Sat 6 Apr	Maps BV21,BW21;L34
21-25 Apr Thu-Mon ■■■■■ Easter	SABINE - BLUE LAKE - MOSS PASS - D'URVILLE Mary Hines 942 6486 A classic moderate circuit taking in the best of Nelson Lakes NP. Thursday 21 Drive up to St Arnaud to stay at backpackers. Friday 22 shuttle and boat up Lake Rotoroa to Sabine Hut, walk to West Sabine. Sat 23 Walk to Blue lake hut with a side trip to Lake Constance. Sun 24, Walk over Moss pass to Ella Hut. Mon 25, Walk to D'Urville Hut and take water taxi out. List Closes: Tue 8 Mar	Maps BT23;M31
22-25 Apr Fri-Mon ■■■■ Easter	WILKIN RIVER - GILLESPIE PASS - YOUNG RIVER Leo Manders 356 1731 Classic moderate tramp between Young and Wilkin Rivers over 1500m Gillespie Pass in Mt Aspiring NP. Starting and finishing near Makarora, the valleys are tracked and the route over the pass is poled. Possible side-trip to Crucible Lake . List Closes: Sat 6 Apr	Maps BV21;K34 L34

22-25 Apr Fri-Mon ■■■■ Easter	NASEBY BASE CAMP Mary & Geoff Korver 355 3905 Base camp in this popular area with a variety of walks amongst mining relics or some serious tramping. List Closes: Sat 6 Apr	Maps BS24,BT23,24,BU23;M30,M31,N30,N31
25 Apr Sun ■	GHOST CREEK TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. Easy-moderate trip starting down the Porter River from the Craigeburn Road before heading up Ghost Creek behind Castle Hill Peak. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21;K35 Approx Cost: \$14
30-1 May Sun ■	BROKEN RIVER HUT Kerry Moore 359 5069 A moderate trip near Castle Hill, starting from the Avoca incline. This descends to and then follows Broken River to the hut. Possible round-trip returning through No Man's Land. List Closes: Wed 20 Apr	Maps BW21;K34,L34
1 May Sun ■	MT TORLESSE TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. Popular moderate-hard trip to this near 2000m peak on the Torlesse Range. Walking up the Kowai River to the hut before the serious climbing begins. Though not tricky it is still a 1100m ascent from the hut. Ice axe may be required. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BV20;K34 Approx Cost: \$11
7-8 May Sun ■	BANFIELD HUT Leo Manders 356 1731 Easy-moderate trip up the Rakaia River to a small hut a short way up Jagged Stream. Largely 4WD track with a stream crossing and possibly a little scrub and a washout to negotiate. From the hut there could be time for some exploration either up Jagged Stream or up the mountain-sides, to give views of peaks and glaciers of the northern end of the Arrowsmiths. List Closes: Sat 30 Apr	Maps BW19;J35
8 May Sun ■	LEITH HILL TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip. Easy-moderate trip to this 1384m peak behind Castle Hill Villiage. Possibility of round-trip behind the Castle Hill scenic reserve. Start: 8am Church Cnr (away from church)	Maps BW21;K34,35 Approx Cost: \$14

President's Report

Earthquake Tue Feb 22

I hope you and your family are safe and well following the devastating earthquake last week. Life has certainly changed for many of us. I sent an email out last week asking for club members that needed help and those able to offer help. Our normal committee meeting was postponed to Mon Feb 28 allowing us to see how we can work things through. Thanks to all of you who have responded to this so far. I have contacted those people who needed help and we have been able to assist those to date. There are many of you offering assistance, thanks for that. We are still seeking people that may also need help or others that can offer help.

We have set up a database which can be accessed through either Kerry Moore or me. Our contact details are Leo ph 356 1731, or 027 442 6080 leomanders@paradise.net.nz, Kerry ph 359 5069, moorekj@xtra.co.nz. You can use either of us as a coordination point for any assistance. I have my mobile on all the time. Texting is also a good option.

At this stage we have a number of members who have uninhabitable homes, some with rocks through them, and many more members sustaining house damage. To my knowledge we have at least one member on the missing persons list, believed to have been in the CTV building. Some members have temporarily left town.

During this time we can offer help to you with the following:

If you can access your property and you need help shifting belongings contact Kerry or me immediately and we will help organise vehicles and people, as you will probably only have very limited time to move things. If you can't get hold of us, contact any other committee member so they can ring others to assist you.

If you need a place to organise things, contact me – I have a spare bed and room and can also help with full broadband internet access, including a laptop for your personal use at my place, together with phone services, power and water.

If you need use of a car contact Mary Hines ph 942 6486 or 021 049 1835 hinestandm@clear.net.nz.

If you need storage contact Tim or Mary Hines as above.

If you need help with silt removal contact Kerry or me as above.

If you need a place to stay contact Kerry or me and we will supply you with the list of offers on our database.

Club Night

I have checked the horticultural hall and the building is all clear, ready for our normal club night on Tue Mar 8. We will run the program as usual, starting with our AGM at 7.30pm. This will also be a good opportunity for you to talk with other club members—very important at these times. A large water tank has been installed to ensure adequate water pressure for our use. At present there are large numbers of cars parked in the vicinity. If this is still the case next week than drive right up to the hall front entrance and go through the gate on the west side which will be left open onto the grass, drive right around to the very back of the building to the back of the “campervan city” which has been set up here. Do not park on the side of the building. Access to the Horticultural Hall is available by either Riccarton Ave from the Riccarton roundabout or Hagley Ave off Moorhouse Ave. If coming from the East try to avoid Fitzgerald Ave as this road is largely closed. Get onto Bealey or Moorhouse Avenues. The whole CBD within the four avenues is obviously closed.

Cell Phone Numbers

We strongly urge you to add your cell phone number if we don't have it to our members' database. It has become apparent that right now in many cases it is the only way of communication, is useful for texts and we can still communicate even if you have left town. Please contact Geoff Price ph **337 2614** or **027 244 1306** geoff.price@xtra.co.nz. Texting him with your “name, cell phone number and add to list” is a simple way for you to do this.

Postage, Printing, Subscriptions

We still have a limited postal service around town and we have had to redirect all our club mail from Armagh Street. There may be subscriptions still in our box at Armagh Street, posted there before our redirection took effect. If you sent in a cheque within the last three weeks including the week before the earthquake, your mail may be stuck there. Please contact Geoff Price and let him know, so we don't cancel your membership. For those of you that have paid your subs, thank you. For those that haven't, please pay now – you will need to be paid up to vote at our AGM. This newsletter will also be the last one you will receive. At the next committee meeting on Mar 29, we will strike off non-payers. Remember you can save \$5 off your subs by opting to receive the newsletter electronically only. If you have misplaced your sub form contact Geoff. We are having the newsletter printed at a different location due to the CBD cordon. Everyone with email addresses on our database will get an electronic copy. The annual accounts, president and trip planner reports will also be sent electronically with a printed copy for those of you who elected this. These come bundled with Footnotes.

Social Events

For obvious reasons we have relocated the Sumner Indian stroll. See Social Events for up-to-date details.

Club Trips

While last weekend and Sunday trips were cancelled, we are committed to running trips where possible to our usual club schedule. For all day trips during the next month, please contact the trip leader before hand for any late information before arriving at the departure point.

Tenure Review

Maryburn and Irishman Creek are coming up for tenure review. If you want to contribute to club input on this please contact Raymond Ford ph 351 9496 fordm@snap.net.nz. Let him know if you want further details.

Barn Dance

Still scheduled. We are checking the South Brighton Hall to make sure it is useable after the last quake.

PTC Firearms Policy

It was decided at our Jan committee meeting that the following policy will apply to firearms on club trips. Firearms are not encouraged on club trips. If you want to take a firearm please discuss this with the trip leader beforehand in all circumstances.

Team up together and stay strong.

Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wed 16 Mar

The Groynes followed by Indian Meal

Meet 6.30pm for the walk. We'll eat afterwards at Curry Time 284 Main North Road Redwood at 7.30pm.

Names to **Mary Hines by Sunday 13 March 03 942 6486 or 0210491835**
or email hinestandm@clear.net.nz

Wed 20 Apr

Nordic Walking at Little Hagley Park

Meet in car park off Harper Ave at **6pm** followed by pizza at Spagalimis, Church Corner at approx 7pm. There will be small charge for hire of poles.

Names to **Yvette So, 351 6407** by **Sunday 17 Apr**

NOTICES

Membership We welcome **Irene Kilgour** to the club.
Barry & Hillary Moore are resigning

Deadline for April newsletter **Sunday 1 May**. Trip reports, news and items of interest may be e-mailed to Kerry Moore, moorekj@xtra.co.nz phone **359 5069**

Next committee meeting **7:30pm Tue 29 March Kerry's**

BITS AND PIECES

NZ Walking Access

For background information go to: <http://www.walkingaccess.govt.nz/page/6/Publications.html>

If you have fast internet take a look at WAMS (walking access mapping system) <http://wams.org.nz/wams/index.aspx>

Walking Access Commission Publications

To request a printed copy of a pdf publication you can email contact@walkingaccess.govt.nz

TRIP REPORTS

Mt Alexander— 22-23 January 2011

Let it be known that a '99 Mazda Familia hatch can take five people and packs if a pack and some tents are carried on the roof-rack. A 6am start from the Russley area got us to Jacksons in good time. At the bridge just past the pub we turned towards Lake Brunner and drove a little way to Poerua, then up an overgrown DoC vehicle track to a well kept car park.

Walking from sunshine into west coast bush is like going into a tunnel—the dense canopy cuts most of the light. We could hear good-sized Camp Creek briskly flowing to our right as we walked on a good, not-too-steep, track. A small part of the track uses the stream-bed but we got carried away and stayed in the stream, losing 30 mins until we realized we'd missed a turn-off somewhere. Back-tracking we saw an obvious cairn leading to a not so conspicuous track. The vegetation changed as we gained height. Near the Landcare Research Hut there are mountain cabbage trees, cedars and ratas, though no rata flowers could be seen. After lunch at the hut we set off and 30mins on, we crossed the rushing Camp Creek and headed up a narrow spur which steepens as you get near the bushline. Now we were glimpsing some of the impressive blocks of rock that inhabit the upland. Last time the club did this trip we camped by elongated tarns near point 1328 but this plan takes you further from Mt A, so now, track poles lead to a small tarn which is where we camped. It was cool and windy so we huddled in the lee of big rocks. There is one giant rock there that gives good shelter but a lone tramper, with a heavy Dutch accent and no tent, was camping beside it. We ate a macaroni meal and instant pudding and with lots of daylight still available, retreated to the tents to escape the wind. It was a long night but some found it sleepless thanks to flapping tents.

Morning and the sky was a bit cloudy. The wind persisted and the very top of Mt Alexander was shrouded in cloud. We set off up the ridge towards Mt A, through angular blocks of rock and soon arrived at a minor peak. Along the way we saw quite a few rock wrens. The one in the photo still had downy yellow feathers—a youngster—so it was curious enough about these non-flying, two legged animals to hang around and be photographed. The ridge seemed to go on forever but finally we got within striking distance of our quest and it was still enshrouded. It was 11am and we were almost at the top but there was a down and then an awkward rock-climb so we retreated.

Back at the tarn we packed up, had a bite to eat and marveled at the oranges and heavy food that Danny had carried up 1200m the previous day. It was still windy and someone's load was lightened when their ground mat went irretrievably skyward. Chris was amazed to see a mid-sized, solid dog come near but veer away when it saw us—probably a pig dog that's "gone bush". The journey down called for fewer stops than the upward one and we made good time so Danny didn't find time to eat his oranges. At the car we managed to squeeze all the club gear inside the car with only one pack on the roof and we were motoring by 7pm. Sven's book rates this trip as moderate but as a two day trip, climbing 1200m the first day and 550m the second day, then losing all 1700m on the downward stage, my legs told me it was a moderate-hard hike.

We were: **Danny Lee, Joy Schroeder, Christine Leaver, Rick Harlow and Kerry Moore.** 🏔️ KM

