



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

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CORRESPONDENCE, including changes of address etc. can be sent to the club secretary—see above

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 Nov **FMC INFORMATION EVENING**

Rob Brown our local Christchurch FMC executive member will talk to us about the role of FMC. Nearly a third of your PTC subscription payment goes to fund FMC. Find out what is happening in the bigger picture of our tramping environment and what we can do to improve it.
Supper Duty: Dennis Kemp, Geoff or Mary Korver, Rainer Kuprecht

Tue 13 Dec **TRAMPING FASHIONABLY**

A fashion show with you as the models. You'll dress in **Paleolithic, Retro, Innovative, or Futuristic styles**. A chance to release your inner exhibitionist. Let Kerry Moore know that you are a model trumper on **359 5069** or moorekj@xtra.co.nz

We need indications of interest by mid Nov.

Bring supper food for our final club night of the year

Supper Duty: Charlie or Jan Lake, Mary Lovell-Smith, Lynne Lochhead

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.


Bike Trips:

For up-to-date details of any biking trips highlighted below please contact

Rick Bolch ph 980 5156 email rlbolch@paradise.net.nz unless otherwise stated.

6 Nov Sun ■	MT SOMERS FROM WOOLSHED CREEK Keith McQuillan 384 6164 Moderate walk to this 1687m peak on the Winterslow Range. Starting from Woolshed Creek car park up the Rhyolite Track. Take an ice axe. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BX19,20;K36 Approx Cost: \$20
6 Nov Sunday 	Glentunnel - Whitecliffs - Sheffield - Coalgate Circuit A nice trip in the spring Only 40 km, with a 20 km option for lesser mortals in gentle undulating country. No pressure, so come on out all you wannabees. Meet 8.30am at Church Corner Contact Rick on 980 5156 or rlbolch@paradise.net.nz	
11-13 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■ Show wknd	MT EARNSLAW Raymond Ford 351 9496 This hard trip plans to climb the east peak of 2800m Mt Earnslaw at the centre of the popular Rees-Dart circuit. Ice axe and crampons required. List Closes: Sat 15 October	Maps CA10;E40
11-13 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■ Show wknd	LAKE HAWEA – TIMARU RIVER – BREST HILL Leo Manders 356 1731 We will stay Thurs night at Lake Hawea Hotel backpackers, drive beside Lake Hawea to Timaru River car park and climb up above the lake with views to Mt. Aspiring on a clear day. Fri night we'll stay the night at Pakituhi Hut. Next day we will climb over Breast Hill with more great views, before dropping to Stodys Hut for the night. Sun we will drop down to the Timaru River and follow the track back to Timaru River car park. Average 5 hours walking each day on tracks. Tops and river travel. This track forms a part of the Te Araroa Trail. Drive back to Christchurch Sun afternoon/evening. List Closes: Sat 15 October	Maps BZ13,14;G38,39
19-20 Nov Sat-Sun ■■	WOOLSHED HILL - EAST HAWDON Mary & Geoff Korver 355 3905 Moderate trip in Arthurs Pass National Park. Following bush track to Woolshed Hill, then along the Savannah Range and dropping into East Hawdon. List Closes: Wed 9 November	Maps BV20,21;K33,L33
19-20 Nov Sat-Sun ■■	GLENROY TOPS Merv Meredith 322 7239 A moderate circuit to the west of Lewis Pass. Starting on the Lake Daniels track before heading on to the interesting Glenroy Tops for a high camp by tarns. Continuing along the tops to return past the lake. List Closes: Wed 9 November	Maps BT23;L31,M31

20 Nov Sun ■	PUDDING HILL STREAM - MT HUTT Yvette So 351 6407 Easy-moderate walk along the ridge to the west of Mt Hutt forest. Good views of the plains, Mt Hutt and the Alfred and Taylor Ranges to the west. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BX20;K35,K36 Approx Cost: \$8
20 Nov Sunday 🚲	Stour River to Lake Emily Circuit A flat ride in spectacular scenery mostly on farm track and road. Starting a bit past the Mt. Somers township. DoC has put in a car-park and toilet. One river crossing so take a change and a camera. We did this trip early this year on a magic day! Around 35 km—you could push your grandmother on this track. Meet 8.30am at Church Corner Contact Rick on 980 5156 or rlbolch@paradise.net.nz	
23 Nov Wed 🚲	Midweek Ride and Pot Luck Meet 6pm along the road just beyond Rosendale Winery Old Taitapu Rd. Cycle to Rhodes Rd (left opposite Domain) past Raspberry Café, Gibraltar Farm and around to Otahuna Rd (shingle bottom of hills). Back via Cossars Rd to cars. Pot-luck at Chris and Graham's, Quarry Hill from about 7:20pm. Bring your cycling photos (on USB drive in jpeg format) of previous rides. Phone Chris 322 6445. If weather turns bad on the day, phone Chris at work 364-0118.	
26-27 Nov Sat-Sun ■ ■	DISCOVERY STREAM - SUDDEN VALLEY Kerry Moore 359 5069 Moderate-hard tramp in Arthurs Pass National Park, linking Sudden Valley and Hawdon Valley via Discovery Stream. Travel in Discovery Stream will initially involve boulder hopping up the creek bed from the Hawdon, before ascending the north-west branch onto the Polar Range. A scree gives convenient back-door access to Sudden Valley List Closes: Sat 19 November	Maps BV21;K33
26-27 Nov Sat - Sun ■ ■	SUDDEN VALLEY Margot Bowden 332 7020 Easy-moderate tramp in Arthurs Pass National Park. Travel in Sudden Stream involves stream crossing from the Hawdon, before ascending a spectacular narrow gully to by-pass a gorge and on to the open upper valley. Camping near the new biv. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV21;K33
27 Nov Sun ■	SUDDEN VALLEY TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip Moderate day tramp in Arthurs Pass National Park. Travel in Sudden Stream involves stream crossing from the Hawdon, before ascending a spectacular narrow gully to by-pass a gorge and on to the open upper valley. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV21;K33 Approx Cost: \$22
3-6 Dec Sat-Tue ■ ■ ■ ■	MT TAPUAE-O-UENNUKU Gary Huish 332 7020 New Zealand's highest summit north of Mt Cook National Park is in the Inland Kaikoura Range, and happens to be a tramper's peak for those competent with ice axe and crampons. It takes a day just to walk to the Hodder Huts near the foot of the mountain, so we are allowing four days for this trip, to allow for weather eventualities. List Closes: Sat 19 November	Maps BS27;O29,30
3-4 Dec Sat-Sun ■ ■	BLACK HILL HUT - CHEST PEAK Merv Meredith 322 7239 A long, hard trip from Lees Valley to this 1936m peak, the highest point on the Puketeraki Range. Views include the plains, Waimak Basin, Arthurs Pass NP and the Craigieburns. List Closes: Wed 23 November	Maps BW22;L34

3-4 Dec Sat-Sun ■ ■	CARROLL HUT Mary Hines 942 6486	Maps BV20;K33
From near Otira, a steep but short easy-moderate climb through bush to 8-bunk Carroll Hut, just above the bush-line will give opportunities to explore the alpine flowers on Kelly Range. List Closes: Sat 26 November		
4 Dec Sun ■	BANKS PENINSULA TRAVERSE Kerry Moore 359 5069	Maps BX25, BY25; N36, N37
A long day makes this a moderate trip. Walking between Orton Bradley Park and Montgomery Park (near Hilltop Tavern) along the summit walkway. Includes Mt Herbert, the high point 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!		
Start: 8am Princess Margaret (Hackthorne Rd end)		Approx Cost: \$10
10 Dec <u>Saturday</u> ■	KNOWLES TOP, ASHLEY GORGE Graham Allely 389 3831	Maps BW22,23;L34
Easy trip up a ridge off the Glentui Road, with good views from Ashley Gorge to the coast.		
Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers Cranford St		Approx Cost: \$7
11 Dec Sun ■	YEAR END PICNIC, ASHLEY GORGE Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BW22,23;L34
	As they did at Okains Bay and Purau, Glenda and Merv will be in the camping ground at the sheltered far end of the camping ground from Friday evening. So too will Keith and Marion, so make a weekend of it, pack the tent and join us. The camping ground is Ashley Gorge Holiday Park , 697 Ashley Gorge Road, just before the bridge, ph 03 312 4099. Powered sites are \$16 pp, there is a kitchen with fridge, etc. Showers are \$2 coin. You don't have to book, before Christmas.	
Alternatively, arriving any time on Saturday, provides options. This might be your first swim of the season. Bring the MTB and try the local roads. Graham Allely is leading the Knowles Top trip on the Saturday. This is just around the corner off the Glentui Bush Road—the one that leads to Mt Richardson. Do the walk and join us afterwards.		
On Sunday, the PTC picnic will be from late morning in the large, lower area immediately behind the river. Look for our old silver Subaru. Pack the chilly bin with all your goodies, deck chairs, etc and be prepared to blob out. If the weather is fine, you might like to extend the day and stay for an early BBQ tea. Bring your own everything.		
If you're coming from town on Sunday morning and want to car pool, meet at Robbies, Cranford St, as you would for a tramping trip, but at 10am. There is no 'trip leader' so make your own arrangements on the morning.		
Any questions, ring Merv or Glenda. Yes, it's that time of year again already!		
18 Dec Sun ■	RED HILL Gary Huish 332 7020	Maps BW20,21;K34,35
Moderate trip to this 1641m peak between Lake Lyndon Road and Porter Heights. Choice of route depending on mood and conditions.		
Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)		Approx Cost: \$15
24-2 Jan Sat-Mon ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	MESOPOTAMIA BASE CAMP Co-leaders: Dennis Kemp 347 4875, Murray Hight 347 4014	Maps BX18;I36,J36
A chance to visit Mesopotamia Station at the end of the road, inland from Mount Peel. The very rustic but comfortable cookhouse holds about thirty people, with bunk rooms, good kitchen and showers. The Manager's Cottage, built in the 50s, has a log burner and sleeps seven. Charges; \$60 per night up to the first six people and \$10 per person per night after that. Mesopotamia is one of Murray Hight's favourite places to tramp. There is so much to do with a whole range of possible tramps ranging from easy to hard. For those that just want to chill out, bring a good book.		

- 27-1 Jan** **Lk CHALICE-GOULTER-RINTOUL-TOP VALLEY STM** **Maps BR26;N28,O28**
Tue-Sun **Margot Bowden & Gary Huish 332 7020**
 ■■■■■■ This is a classic **moderate** round-trip in the Richmond Range beyond Blenheim. We start from Lake Chalice and camp down the Goulter River on the first night. Next day is all uphill to Tarn Hut with a shorter following day to Rintoul Hut and a great view. The next day leads over Mt Rintoul and along the often interesting ridge, to Old Man Hut. A connecting spur then runs south from Old Man with a track dropping back down directly to the eastern end of Lake Chalice.
List Closes: Sat 3 December
- 14-17 Jan** **ANNETTE PLATEAU** **Maps BX15;H36**
Sat-Tue **Raymond Ford 351 9496**
 ■■■■ A **hard** trip along the Sealy Range beyond the Mueller Hut in Mt Cook National Park. We should obtain the reward of some impressive views, including Mt Cook, Hooker Glacier, Mt Sefton with its ice-falls and the Mueller Glacier.
List Closes: Sat 7 January
- 14-16 Jan** **KOROPUKU - BIG TOPS** **Maps BV20,21;K33**
Sat-Mon **Dan Pryce 384 7523**
 ■■■■ A **hard** trip in Arthurs Pass up the Taramakau past Lake Kaurapataka and up to Big Tops to this charming hut. Returning via Koropuku Stream or a high route to Townsend Hut.
List Closes: Sat 7 January
- 15 Jan** **WAIPARA GORGE** **Maps BV24;M34**
Sun **Mary Hines 942 6486**
 ■ An **easy-moderate** splash along Middle Waipara Gorge in fascinating limestone country.
Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers (Cranford St) **Approx Cost: \$9**
- 21-22 Jan** **GRAND DUCHESS - BRASS MONKEY - NINA** **Maps BT23;M31**
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ■■ A classic, **moderate-hard**, Lewis Pass tops trip to this bivvy situated just off the main divide. A loop from the Nina Valley up Lucretia Stream and down Duchess Stream. Should give commanding views from Grand Duchess tops.
List Closes: Wed 11 January
- 22 Jan** **TIMUTIMU HEAD - SCENERY NOOK** **Maps BY25;N37**
Sun **Leo Manders 356 1731**
 ■ **Easy-moderate** tramp over Peninsula farmland, via 380m Lucas Peak to Timutimu Head, the western head of Akaroa Harbour. Returning via a natural tidal swimming pool at Scenery Nook.
Start: 8am Halswell School **Approx Cost: \$15**
- 28-29 Jan** **CROESUS - MOONLIGHT** **Maps BT20,21;K31**
Sat-Sun **Mary Hines 942 6486**
 ■■ Two of the best-known tracks in the Paparoa Range incorporated into a single **moderate-hard** round trip, without the need for a car shuffle, though with a bush bash! Take in lush forest, open tops and plenty of historic gold workings.
List Closes: Sat 21 January
- 29 Jan** **MT NOBLE** **Maps BV23;M33**
Sun **Dan Pryce 384 7523**
 ■ A trip into the foothills off the Lake Sumner Road. An **easy-moderate** circuit with views of Virginia Peak and the Three Deans.
Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers (Cranford St) **Approx Cost: \$16**

29Jan-6Feb Sun-Mon ■■■■■■■■	OLIVINE ICE PLATEAU Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008 A moderate-hard trip to the fabled Olivine Ice Plateau. List Closes: Sat 26 November	Maps CA10;E39,40
1-6 Feb Wed-Mon ■■■■■■■	REES - DART Heather Murray 322 5030 The Rees-Dart Track is a 4-5 day tramping circuit which follows the Rees River and the Dart River, through leasehold farmland and the southern part of Mount Aspiring National Park. Spectacular mountain scenery, forest and alpine vegetation, rivers and the Dart Glacier are all significant features of the walk. List Closes: Sat 21 January	Maps CA10;E39,40
3-6 Feb Fri-Mon ■■■■■	THREE PASSES Dorota Giejsztowt 352 9130 & Tim Hines 942 6486 Celebrated moderate-hard route from Arthur's Pass to Kokatahi, Westland. The passes are Harman, Whitehorn and Browning. A variation is to return to the start via Popes Pass and the Taipo River. List Closes: Sat 21 January	Maps BV19,20;J33, K33,34
4-7 Feb Sat-Tue ■■■■■	QUEEN CHARLOTTE WALKWAY Leo Manders 356 1731 The Queen Charlotte Track in the Marlborough Sounds offers a spectacular trip from historic Ship Cove through to Anakiwa in the Grove Arm giving unsurpassed views of Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds. List Closes: Sat 17 December	Maps BQ28,29;P27

President's Report

Hororata Highland Games

Sat 5 Nov for this event. Runs all day Saturday at Hororata Domain. \$15 for entry. All proceeds to help restore Hororata's quake damaged church. If you want to share transport with other club members going, meet 8.30am at Church Corner opposite church on Yaldhurst Road.

Walking Access Commission

We had a very good meeting at club night last month with Geoff Holgate, the Canterbury representative for the Walking Access Commission, WAC. We presented Geoff with numerous access points where the club has historically had access denial issues from private landowners. All the issues raised have been logged into the WAC system and many are being worked on. I think we can make real progress on future access by working more closely with WAC. Since the club night talk, I have had numerous email contacts with WAC on our issues. To help in this regard it is anticipated that WAC will work more closely with tramping clubs from early next year, to help identify tracks and areas maintained by clubs and not by DoC. It is anticipated to eventually also show this on the Walking Access Mapping System WAMS. Around \$1 million is going into WAMS. Currently it is up and running and can be accessed by anyone by going to www.walkingaccess.govt.nz At present it shows all access to date with DoC tracks and is a very good tool to use if you are unsure about access into an area. We will put the WAMS link on our own www.peninsulatrampingclub.org.nz website. Actual names and phone contact details of individual farmers are generally not shown and will still require you to research this yourself. Generally our club has many of these details anyway, accessible by contacting Gary Huish our trip planner. I have and will continue to raise the contact details issue with WAC and will try to help them lobby for access.

Website and Facebook

Our club has both its own website and facebook page. If you have not discovered these yet, they are useful club communication tools. If visiting facebook please make sure you click the "like" tag so we can gauge the size of our audience. If you have your own facebook page, mention the club site on your own page, this will also post club messages on your own page. Anyone can contribute messages on our club facebook page, just like I have

done. Our website is a very useful place to steer people wanting to know about the club to. Our website is also really useful if you are planning a tramping trip. Kevin has managed to put on a good number of useful links on the links page, such as weather, DoC, river levels, snow, FMC, WAMS. This is a useful one stop shop where you can very easily gather the necessary information.

Club Night Meeting Charges

We have had notification that the venue hire charges at the Horticultural Hall where we meet, are rising by around 50% starting Feb 2012. Your executive has agreed to keep our current subs and charges the same as last year, however once the final accounts have been produced in Feb 2012, then the question of the club night charge will need to be looked at. Currently we have a gold coin donation system in place. On average attendance figures, a \$2 donation by everyone present should cover our club night running costs including the proposed increased hall hire costs. We will be looking closely at each month's club night donations figure from now till March next year. I would personally encourage all members from now on, to donate \$2 for supper at club nights which really is very reasonable in today's environment. If club night takings look reasonable then it will make it easier for your executive to recommend minimal change to the current system. We could also look at alternative venues but the reality is that many venues have now disappeared and our hall hire costs have not changed for a number of years. In the meantime we have booked the Horticultural Hall for next year.

Supper Duty

On each of our club nights we roster up to 3 club members to look after supper. Kerry Moore is now the contact and notification person for this. He will email prospective supper duty people and if necessary ring you. We also publish the names in Footnotes covering two months ahead. To confirm or change your supper duty please contact Kerry, this saves him having to contact you. Duties on the night include setting up supper, serving supper and cleaning up dishes. Duties also include getting the hall ready by putting out chairs, tables, pulling curtains closed and putting chairs away afterwards and vacuuming. Chris Leaver normally looks after providing supper supplies, biscuits, fresh milk etc. Brian Smith arranges speakers and will let you know of any changes to how to lay out the hall. If these people are away see any committee member present.

Happy Tramping – Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 15 Nov PTC Evening Walk & Picnic at Victoria Park

Meet **6.30pm** at the main car-park near the children's playground for hour-long walk. Bring picnic and chair and warm clothes for afterwards. We will have a couple of small gas BBQs with us. No need to book but any queries to Mary Hines 942 6486, hinestandm@clear.net.nz
All welcome!

Wed 25 Jan A Short Cut to Happiness - by Roger Hall



Join in celebrating the return of the **Court Theatre** to Christchurch, **7.30pm**
We have booked the best seats in the new Court Theatre, Bernard St, Addington.
Book your seat, \$45, discounted price, by Tuesday 3rd January, with Brian Smith
Ph 355 9945, 027 740 3035, or brian21x@xtra.co.nz

The comedy is described by The Court's Artistic Director, Ross Gumbley, as the perfect play to return the theatre to Christchurch. Christchurch-based actress and singer, Ali Harper, plays Natasha, a Russian immigrant who, in order to help improve her English and meet new people, teaches the dance class. Among her students are two ladies on the prowl, a widower and a smooth-talking Romeo who is more than he seems.

Everyone learns a great deal more than dance moves in this Kiwi comedy filled with Hall's usual trademarks of acute observation, compassion, and plenty of humour.

Full cast: Bruce Phillips, Ali Harpe, Jude Gibson, Matt Hudson, Helena Ross, Yvonne Martin, Tim Bartlett and Lynda Milligan.

Novelist Vicki Baum once said, "*there are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them.*" Hall's new play follows the lives, loves and misadventures of a folk-dancing class. Roger Hall says, with *Short Cut* he was inspired in part by his own experiences learning folk dancing in Hawkes Bay.

NOTICES

Deadline for December newsletter Sat 3 Dec. 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 Nov at Dorota's

TRIP REPORTS

Maruia River, Ada, Gloriana, Faerie Queen—Labour Wknd 22-24 Oct 2011

Day 1: Raymond limited numbers to eight so 2 car-loads headed west at 0700 on the Saturday morning. Cannibal Gorge car park has a bad reputation for car break-in so we'd arranged for a car minder to keep the cars at Boyle Lodge. Rather than wait and feed the sandflies non-drivers headed off on the Cannibal Gorge section of the St James Walkway. Gary nobly stayed at the car park till the drivers came back. We all met up in an hour just before we came upon avalanche snow lying in a stream-bed. We had to walk on hard snow over a snow-bridge then climb off a steep wall of snow to resume the track. Now we had an inkling of why DoC closed the walkway a few weeks back. Numerous signs tell walkers not to loiter in avalanche zones. We stopped for lunch in warm sun at a picnic table outside Cannibal Gorge Hut then walked on another hour and took a break at Ada Hut. When we got opposite Camera Gully we left the walkway, headed through beech forest, crossed the winding Ada River and headed through denser trees then alongside the respectable gully stream. When we emerged into scrub and tussock we looked around for tent space and found adequate sites for four Minarets. It was now 5pm on a mild afternoon and we made ourselves comfortable. 🏕️ KM To be continued.



Maruia River near Ada Hut