



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

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New Member Enquiries Please contact Stan Wilder, 980 5291, to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

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 10 July



CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO

A well-developed sense of adventure, love of the wilds, kayaking and photography, led **Jillian Wilson** to Svalbard, an outpost of Norway, Arctic Ocean, July 2011.

To see a polar bear—just one would do—walrus, guillemots, ivory gulls and maybe a beluga whale or two? See if she achieved this and more on her second visit to this Archipelago.

Supper Duty: Richard Smith, John Rice or Lois Moore, Yvette So

Tue 14 Aug



MEMBERS' PHOTO NIGHT

A great opportunity to see a range of images, from short presentations on areas not normally covered on regular club nights. Usually we have around five or six tramping trips presented. If you want to do a small presentation of around 10 minutes please contact

Leo Manders 356 1731 leomanders@paradise.net.nz.

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips:

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, 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 on biking trips please contact

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

8 Jul	MT ENYS	Maps BW20,21;K34
Sun	Merv Meredith 322 7239	
■	Moderate-hard snow trip to this 2200m peak in the Craigieburns, via Dead Man Spur. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.	
	Start: 7am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$16
14 Jul	BARN DANCE see back page	
15 Jul	HORSESHOE LAKE, TRAVIS WETLAND	Maps BX24;M35
Sun	Kerry Moore 359 5069	
■	An easy, flat walk through some of our urban wetlands. Should be some bird-watching opportunities.	
	Start: 9am Robbies Cranford St (near Placemakers)	
21-22 Jul	WOOLSHED CREEK BASE CAMP	Maps BX19;K36
Sat-Sun	Keith McQuillan 384 6164	
■ ■	Easy tramp to the modern, comfortable hut, behind Mt Somers. We will celebrate close to the longest night with a mid-winter feast.	
	List Closes: Sat 7 July	
22 Jul	MT CHEESEMAN - MT IZARD	Maps BW20,21;K34
Sun	Merv Meredith 322 7239	
■	Moderate-hard snow trip to two 2000m peaks in the Craigieburns, via 1000m Hogsback. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.	
	Start: 7am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$16
28-29 Jul	BROKEN RIVER HUT	Maps BW21;K34,L34
Sat-Sun	Liz Stephenson 358 3281	
■ ■	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: Sat 21 July	
28 Jul	BROKEN HILL	Maps BW21;K34,L34
Saturday	Gary Huish 332 7020	
■	Moderate trip to this peak just off of the Arthurs Pass highway, near Flock Hill Resort.	
	Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$17

- 2-5 Aug** **TRENT RIVER - HAUPIRI RIVER** **Maps BU21;K32,L32**
Thur-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ■■■■ Merv's going back to the West Coast again, chasing more of the fantastic weather the Coast can turn on during winter. This is a classic **moderate-hard**, four day round-trip starting up the Trent from Waikiti Downs, staying the first night at the newish Tutaekuri Hut. The second day is an easy stroll around the corner to the Mid Trent. The plan, given clear weather then is to climb to the main ridge before Mt Wilson, travelling along the top with great views both sides, dropping down toward Trent Saddle for the night after Mt Dixon. On the final day, down the Haupiri.
List Closes: Sat 21 July
- 4-5 Aug** **MT FYFFE - KOWHAI RIVER** **Maps BT27;O31**
Sat-Sun **Dan Pryce 384 7065**
 ■■ A **moderate** traverse of Mt Fyffe. Friday evening start to Kaikoura and walk up the 4WD track just after full moon to Mt Fyffe Hut for the night. Saturday involves the Mt Fyffe traverse across Gable to Gables End and down to the Kowhai Saddle and Kowhai Hut. Sunday is more leisurely, down the Kowhai River and out.
List Closes: Sat 28 July
- 5 Aug** **TIROMOANA BUSH - KATE VALLEY** **Maps BV24;N34**
Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445**
 ■ Easy trip to the coast east of Waipara. Check out the reserve below the Kate Valley landfill site.
Start: 8am Robbies Cranford St (near Placemakers) **Approx Cost: \$9**
- 11 Aug** **QUAIL ISLAND TREE PLANTING**
Saturday Help the Quail Island (Otamahua) Restoration Trust with the greening of the island. Trees, tools and harbour transport provided. Call Kerry Moore to enlist **359 5069**
- 11-12 Aug** **YOUNGMAN STREAM HUT - LILBURN HILL** **Maps BV22;M34**
Sat-Sun **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**
 ■■ Easy-moderate tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley. On Sunday up to Lillburn Hill and impressively located Tarn Hut.
List Closes: Sat 4 August
- 12 Aug** **MT OAKDEN** **Maps BW20;K34,K35**
Sun **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**
 ■ **Moderate** ascent of a 1630m peak at the head of Lake Coleridge. Quite an uncompromising grunt but you get superb views for your effort – up the Rakaia and Wilberforce Rivers towards the main divide, and of the lake itself.
Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$20**
- 18-19 Aug** **POTTS RIVER - DOGS RANGE - MYSTERY LAKE** **Maps BX18;J35,J36**
Sat-Sun **Gary Huish 332 7020**
 ■■ **Moderate** tramp up Potts River to the historic Potts River Hut. Return traversing Dogs Range and Mystery Lake.
List Closes: Sat 11 August
- 19 Aug** **BUS STOP** **Maps BX19;K36**
Sun **Joy Schroeder 351 4655**
 ■ Popular **moderate** walk in the Mt Somers area taking in the Blackburn Mine site with associated relics, tussock, point 934, crossing of Woolshed Creek, a climb to about 1100m and sidling, en route to the "Bus Stop" rock outcrop. The route continues along a tussock plateau before dropping back down. Possibility of snow on the ground, particularly on higher sections of the walk.
Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church) **Approx Cost: \$19**

25-26 Aug Sat-Sun ■■	HANMER BASE CAMP Merv Meredith 322 7239 The second of our classic winter base camps this year, doing it in style, staying at the Forest Trust Camp. We have three bunkrooms booked in the modern Ensor Lodge, plus our usual kitchen/lounge, the Reid kitchen. Friday night: drive up there, when it suits. A full range of trips on offer, from an easy few hours to a moderate-hard all-day hike. Be in early to book a place. List Closes: Sat 11 August	Maps BU24,25;M31,N31,N32
26 Aug Sun ■	MT OXFORD Kerry Moore 359 5069 Moderate , popular walk to this 1356m peak in the North Canterbury foothills. Good track, initially through beech forest, later through tussock. Round-trip intended from Coopers Creek. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BW23;L34,L35 Approx Cost: \$11
1-2 Sep Sat-Sun ■■	MT BROWN TOPS TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip A moderate trip to the recently reconstructed Mt Brown Hut above Lake Kaniere. List Closes: Sat 25 August	Maps BV19;J33 K33
2 Sep Sun ■	AMBERLEY BEACH - MACKINTOSH BAY Stan Wilder 980 5291 An easy-moderate trip along the coast in North Canterbury. Bring gardening gloves as the rock is quite rough. Start: 8am Robbies Cranford St (near Placemakers)	Maps BW24,25;N34 Approx Cost: \$10
8-9 Sep Sat-Sun ■■	SNOWFLAKE Merv Meredith 322 7239 This moderate-hard trip is to an 1870m peak in the southern Seaward Kaikouras. Weather permitting, we plan to climb Homestead Spur above the Kowhai River with a high camp prior to climbing the peak. Ice axe and possibly crampons required. List Closes: Wed 29 August	Maps BT27;O31

President's Report

Last month we distributed our full year's trip schedule which commences at the start of this month and runs through to 30 June 2013. Once again in this issue of Footnotes, I have identified all the trips where advance booking is recommended.

Booking for Trips

While you don't have to book for our day trips, club members can turn up on the day but please make sure of the day the trip is running. Due to member requests we do run some Saturday trips instead of the usual Sunday. Ring the leader if you are doubtful of your suitability for a trip. Non-members always need to ring the trip leader. For all overnight trips, you must book before the closing date.

Multi-day and Base Camp Trips to book early for:

The following list covers all base camps and multi-day trips on offer, so you can plan now for, time off work etc. To make it easy we have also identified all the long weekends.

We encourage you to book for these trips in particular as early as possible, even many months before the trip is due to depart. Don't wait for the next Footnotes, use the full year trip schedule. If you think you may be interested in going, put your name down now, even if you have to pull out later. You can always pull out before the close-off date. This gives the trip leader an idea of numbers, which for many trips lets us book the best possible accommodation, transport, food etc. Please check and register your name on the following trips:

date	start date	days	trip name	area	grade	leader
21 – 22 July 2012	21 July	2	Woolshed Creek Base Camp Mid Winter Dinner	Mt. Somers	Base	Keith McQuillan 384 6164
2 - 5 Aug	5 Aug	4	Trent River – Haupiri River	Westland	H	Merv Meredith 322 7239
25-26 Aug	24 Aug Fri night	2	Hanmer Base Camp	Hanmer	Base	Merv Meredith 322 7239
15 – 16 Sep	15 Sep	2	Bushcraft – Hawdon River	Arthurs Pass	E	Leo Manders 356 1731
22 – 23 Sep	21 Sep Fri night	2	Boyle Base Camp	Lewis Pass	Base	Stan Wilder 980 5291
27 – 30 Sep	27 Sep	4	Motatapu Track	Wanaka	M	Dan Pryce 356 2617
6 – 7 Oct	6 Oct	2	Bushcraft – Pell Stream	Lewis Pass	M	Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008
20 – 22 Oct Labour w/e	20 Oct	3	Koropuku – Big Tops - Townsend	Arthurs Pass	MH	Kerry Moore 359 5069
20 – 22 Oct Labour w/e	20 Oct	3	Henry River – Anne - Boucher	Lewis Pass	M	TBA 332 7020
20 – 22 Oct Labour w/e	19 Oct Fri	3	Boulder Lake	NW Nelson	M	Leo Manders 356 1731
20 – 22 Oct	19 Nov Fri night	3	Nelson Lakes Base Camp	Nelson Lakes	Base	Kevin Hughes and Heather Murray 332 6281
3 – 5 Nov	3 Nov	3	Mt. Adams	Westland	H	Contact Gary Huish 332 7020
16 – 18 Nov Show w/e	15 Nov Thu night	3	Mt. Tapuae-o-Uennuku	Inland Kaikouras	MH	Kevin Hughes 332 6281
16 – 19 Nov Show w/e+	16 Nov	4	Ohau – Elcho - Broderick	Lake Ohau	MH	Contact Gary Huish 332 7020
15 – 20 Nov Show w/e+	15 Nov	6	Wangapeka Track	Kahurangi	M	Leo Manders 356 1731
16 – 18 Nov Show w/e	15 Nov Thu night	3	Moana Base Camp	West Coast	Base	Keith McQuillan 384 6164
1 – 3 Dec	1 Dec	3	Pluto Peak	Fiordland	H	Contact Gary Huish 332 7020
24 Dec – 2 Jan Xmas+		10	Mavora Lakes Base Camp	Southland	Base	Contact Gary Huish 332 7020
27 Dec – 30 Dec Xmas+	27 Dec	4	Taramakau River – Harper Pass – Lewis Pass	Arthurs Pass	M	Kevin Hughes 332 6281
12 – 15 Jan 2013	12 Jan	4	Annette Plateau	Mt. Cook	H	Contact Gary Huish 332 7020
19 – 21 Jan	18 Jan Fri night	3	Mt. Cook Base Camp	Mt. Cook	Base	TBA 332 7020
26 – 27 Jan	25 Jan Fri night	2	Maruia Springs Base Camp	Lewis Pass	Base	TBA 332 7020
2 – 9 Feb Waitangi+	2 Feb	8	Lambert – Garden of Eden – Great Unknown	Sth Alps	MH	Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008
2 – 9 Feb Waitangi+	2 Feb	8	Hollyford Track	Fiordland	M	Heather Murray 332 6281
2 – 9 Feb Waitangi+	1 Feb	8	Great Barrier Island Base Camp	Nth Island	Base	Leo Manders 356 1731
2 – 6 Mar	2 Mar	5	Lathrop Saddle – Zit Saddle	West Coast	MH	Merv Meredith 322 7239

29 Mar – 1 Apr Easter	29 Mar	4	Copland Pass – Welcome Flat	West Coast	MH	Raymond Ford 351 9496
29 Mar – 1 Apr Easter	29 Mar	4	Welcome Flat	West Coast	M	TBA 332 7020
29 Mar – 1 Apr Easter	29 Mar	2	Moss Pass	Nelson Lakes	M	Mary Hines 942 6486
29 Mar – 1 Apr Easter	28 Mar Fri night	4	Karamea Base Camp	West Coast	Base	Leo Manders 356 1731
25 – 28 Apr Anzac+	25 Apr	4	Frews – Mungo – Cedar Flats	West Coast	H	Kerry Moore 359 5069
25 – 29 Apr Anzac+	25 Apr	5	Milford Track	Fiordland	M	Dan Pryce 356 2617
25 – 29 Apr Anzac+	25 Apr	5	St. James Walkway	Lewis Pass	EM	Leo Manders 356 1731
30 Apr – 3 May	30 Apr	3	Kepler Track	Fiordland	M	Dan Pryce 356 2617
4 – 5 May	3 May Fri night	2	Akaroa Base Camp	Banks Pen	Base	Leo Manders 356 1731
1 – 3 Jun Queens B	1 Jun	3	Wilberforce – Unknown – Moa Stream	Mid Cant	MH	Merv Meredith 322 7239
1 – 3 Jun Queens B	1 Jun	3	Cedar Flats	West Coast	EM	TBA 332 7020
1 – 3 Jun Queens B	31 May Fri	3	Durville Island Base Camp	Marl	Base	Leo Manders 356 1731

FMC Membership Cards

Shortly you will receive your FMC membership cards. These can be used to identify you as a club member. The cards are also useful to get your DoC annual hut pass for just \$85 instead of \$122. There are a number of useful discounts that come with the card. I strongly urge you to make use of these discounts so that they remain, in future, for us tramping club members. FMC have worked on our behalf to secure these discounts for us. Often you will need to book direct, rather than online to secure the discount. If you feel that you have no use for the card or if you have surplus cards, due to you belonging to other FMC-affiliated clubs, then we encourage you to recycle your excess card with us—it will find a good home with new members and save club funds. Family memberships are entitled to one card. Extra cards can be purchased from the club for \$10.

Tenure Review

Middle Hill in the Seaward Kaikouras is up for tenure review. If you have knowledge of this area, please contact Raymond Ford 351 9496, fordrm@snap.net.nz to help him put together a submission on our club's behalf, safeguarding future access for us.

Increase in Postage

Postage rates increased this month, making it more costly to send mail by post. Thanks to those members electing mail by email only—nearly half of you now. Postage still has an impact however when we have to mail out to everyone with the FMC bulletin, four times per year. To help save on the postage increase, your executive has made sure we now have a year's worth of prepaid postage envelopes available in stock. This means the increase for us starts about this time next year, taking some pressure off increasing costs in the meantime.

Members' Photo Night

Dig out your pictures and give us a visual trip report or just show a selection that you would like to show. We always get a great selection of different trips from members with pictures not normally shown at other club nights. Contact me if you want to show some of your pictures. Usually only 10 minutes of presentation time will suffice.

Happy Tramping – Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mon 23 July

BRAINY!



Pub quiz night Speights Ale House 263 Bealey Avenue

Come along and help us make up teams for quiz at 7 pm - no entry fee.

Possibility of meal beforehand or bar snacks during quiz. For menu see

bealeysalehouse.co.nz Please let Sue know if you are keen on the meal and/or quiz by Fri 20 July. phone 388 2329 or e-mail suebritain@gmail.com

NOTICES

Membership We welcome new members: **Dave & Karen Girling, Shane Wright, Ann & Robert Sherlock**

Deadline for August newsletter Sat 4 Aug. 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 31 July at Leo's

TRIP REPORTS

NELSON BASE CAMP — EASTER 6–9 April 2012

The team left Christchurch on Thursday afternoon, planning to reach Nelson in the evening. Despite a dodgy weather forecast during the week, the weather was great for all of Easter.

On Friday morning everybody did the historic Dun Mountain Railway. Starting from Brook Street, we headed up the track to Coppermine Saddle, and onto Dun Mountain. This track was the route of a horse-drawn railway, used for mining chromite in the 1850's and 60's. We made it to Coppermine Saddle at approx. 1.30pm for lunch. After a nice snooze in the sun, some of the party continued onto Dun Mountain, arriving at 3pm. The trip back down the mountain was fairly rapid. The last of us made it back, just as it was getting too dark to see where we were stepping.

On Saturday we decided on an easier day after our big day. We took a shorter walk up Hackett Stream. Everyone made it to the Hackett Hut, with the keen trampers going onto the Browning Hut. Along the track were clumps of flowering *Gentianella stellata*, which only grows on ultramafic soils in the upper part of the valley. This plant has a very limited distribution. We were all back at the motor camp by 5pm, and ready for an evening meal out at the Honest Lawyer. Some visited friends instead.

On Sunday the weather was still fine—unbelievable. Most of the team headed off to Abel Tasman Park. By this time there were a few sore feet and wobbly knees, so we took it quietly from Marahau to Stillwell Bay and back again. The sky was blue and the views divine (Why did we ever leave Nelson?). We finished with refreshments at the coffee shop in Marahau. This was pretty good too, with the Tasman Sea close enough to touch. Despite being footsore and weary, we had clocked up about 60km of tramping during the Easter break.

On Monday morning (still fine), the fun was over and we headed back to Christchurch. We dropped Marion off at the beginning of the Matiri Track near Murchison, to head off for another week with Keith. Unfortunately, they weren't taking extras.

We were home in Christchurch by mid-afternoon.

The group were: **Helen Harkness, Jill Fenner, Tim Hines, Marion McQuillan, Mary and Geoff Korver. Keith Patterson (aka gatecrasher).**

Barn Dance

Saturday 14 July, 8pm till Midnight

Roy Stokes Community Hall

146 Seaview Road (opp police station)

Dancing – Country, Scottish, RocknRoll

Called dances with Colin Forsyth and

The Incredible Ceilidh Band

Spot prizes

Fancy Dress Theme

Prizes for Best Dressed

Bring a plate of Finger Food for Supper

Drinks Supplied

Tickets \$25 from Dan Pryce

ph. 384 7065 mobile 021 927 716 (txt is fine)

email: dan.pryce@mas.co.nz

or any PTC committee member

