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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 13 Nov Whanganui River Trip. Tall stories and antics



The story of the Club's 6-day, 145 km journey paddling down-river, with thrill spills and laughs. A ragtag fleet of assorted craft started at Cherry Grove, ending at Pipariki Landing with a few excursions along the way.

Supper Duty: Aarn Tate or Devi Benson, Maureen Thompson, David Ramm

Tue 11 Dec Creative Captions



Merv will provide the photos. Your team will devise clever captions for them. Take a pen and paper for doodling on. **Everyone brings a supper plate for a Christmas pot-luck supper**

Supper Duty: Gareth Wright Alice Yung, Graham Allely

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A **Special General Meeting** of Peninsula Tramping Club will be held at Canterbury Horticultural Centre, Hagley Avenue

Aim: To remove the family membership surcharge

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

11 Nov Sun ■	RED BEECH STREAM - SUDDEN VALLEY TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip Moderate-hard circuit in the Hawdon River area on the south side of Arthurs Pass. Start: 7am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV21;K33 Approx Cost: \$23
16-18 Nov Fri-Sun ■■■	MT TAPUAE-O-UENNUKU Kevin Hughes 332 6281 New Zealand's highest summit north of Mt Cook National Park is in the Inland Kaikoura Range, and happens to be a trumper's peak, for those competent with ice axe and crampons. The moderate-hard trip takes a day just to walk into the Hodder Huts near the foot of the mountain. List closes: Sat 2 Nov	Maps BS27;O29,30
16-19 Nov Fri-Mon ■■■■ Show w/e	OHAU - ELCHO - BRODERICK Raymond Ford 351 9496 Moderate-hard circuit between the Hopkins and Landsborough Rivers at the head of Lake Ohau. Ice axe and crampons required. List closes: Sat 2 Nov	Maps BY14;H37,H38
15-20 Nov Thu-Tue ■■■■■■ Show w/e	WANGAPEKA TRACK Leo Manders 356 1731 Classic, historic, moderate tramp, crossing the southern half of Kahurangi National Park. There are two saddles to cross and well-spaced huts to stay in. If enough people sign on we can walk from each end and do a crossover trip. List closes: Sat 2 Nov	Maps BQ22,23;L27,M27,M28
18 Nov Sun ■	DRACOPHYLLUM FLAT Jane Swift 337 1117 An easy track runs from the lower section of the Broken River ski road in the Craigeburn area Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BW21;K34 Approx Cost: \$16

24-25 Nov Sat-Sun ■ ■	MT MISERY - PEAK 1912 - CASS SADDLE Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate-hard trip in the Craigeiburns. Starting up Mt Misery to camp in Long Valley Stream, then up Peak 1912, descending to the Cass Valley track. List closes: Wed 14 Nov	Maps BV20,21;K34 Approx Cost: \$13
24-25 Nov Sat-Sun ■ ■	CAMERON HUT Dan Pryce 356 2617 This moderate trip visits a spectacular location in from Lake Heron with splendid views of the Arrowsmith Range. An early start on Sunday morning gives time for a view down onto the glacier from a prominent lateral moraine before returning. List closes: Sat 17 Nov	Maps BW18,19,BX19;J35
25 Nov Sun ■	MT PHILISTINE Gary Huish 332 7020 Probably the most spectacular of the moderate-hard day climbs in the Arthur's Pass area. From the Otira Valley, there's a tricky ascent through the Philistine Bluffs, and then it's fairly plain sailing to the summit for marvellous views of Mt Rolleston's Otira Face and Waimakariri Col. Ice axe and crampons required. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV20;K33 Approx Cost: \$25
1-3 Dec Sat-Mon ■ ■ ■	PLUTO PEAK Raymond Ford 351 9496 This hard trip plans to climb Pluto Peak via Spaniard Valley above the Dart. Ice axe and crampons required. List closes: Sat 17 Nov	Maps CA10;E40
1-2 Dec Sat-Sun ■ ■	CARROLL HUT Liz Stephenson 358 3281 From Otira, a steady easy-moderate climb through bush to 8-bunk Carroll Hut, just above the bush line. Opportunity to explore the nice tops on the Kelly Range. The alpine spring flowers should be spectacular. List closes: Sat 24 Nov	Maps BV20;K33
2 Dec Sun ■	PUDDING HILL STREAM - MT HUTT Evelien Baas evelien@farmsoftware.co.nz 03 317 9077 or 027 557 5521 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) or 8:45am Darfield Supermarket	Maps BX20;K35,K36 Approx Cost: \$15
8-9 Dec Sat-Sun ■ ■	WAIMAKARIRI COL - MT PHILISTINE Raymond Ford 351 9496 This hard trip across the Main Divide is one of those "must-do" tramps. It still requires a slog up the Waimakiriri but the location of the Falls Hut makes it worthwhile. Sunday will be a long day over the Col and up Mt Philistine and back past the bluffs. List closes: Sat 1 Dec	Maps BV20;K33
8-9 Dec Sat-Sun ■ ■	MT PEEL Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate-hard ascent of this 1743m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub with 7km along the tops beyond Little Mt Peel. Drive down Friday evening and camp at Peel Forest campground. Early start on Sat for Big Mt Peel for up to a 10hr day. Pot luck evening meal. Short strolls on the Sunday, including the church and the giant fragrant himalayan lilies at the Mt Peel Station gardens. Drive back home after lunch. List closes: Sat 1 Dec	Maps BY19;J37

9 Dec Sun	LITTLE MT PEEL Chris Leaver 322 6445	Maps BY19;J37
■	Easy-moderate to moderate ascent of this 1300m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub. Quite a long climb, but it's a good track. Those wanting an easier day may want to go only part of the way up, or explore the bush tracks in the area.	
	Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Approx Cost: \$24
15 Dec Sat	ASHLEY GORGE FROM MIDDLE BRIDGE Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BW22,23;L34
■	This is the easy-moderate classic splash down stream along the Ashley from Middle Bridge out to the domain. The length of day depends on the river level. 4 – 6 hr depending on river flow. It's a fun trip on a fine day. Don't forget the full change of clothes for afterwards. Glenda & Merv will meet the party from town on the Lees Valley Rd, so ring Merv if you are able to organise the cars at Cranford St on the morning.	
	Start: 8.00am Robbies, Cranford St. Approx cost: \$15	
	Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Approx Cost: \$15
16 Dec Sun	YEAR END PICNIC, ASHLEY GORGE Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239	Maps BW22,23;L34
■	Glenda and Merv will be in the camping ground, on the right, near the sheltered far end, from Friday evening so make a weekend of it, pack the tent and join us. The camping ground is Ashley Gorge Holiday Park, just before the bridge, ph 03 312 4099. Powered sites are \$16 pp, there is a kitchen with fridge, etc. Showers—\$2 coin. You needn't book before Christmas. 4-bunk cabins are \$60 for first 2 people.	
	Arriving any time on Saturday, provides options, maybe your first swim of the season. Bring a bike and try the local roads. Or join the Ashley Gorge Splash . At about 8.45am Glenda and Merv will meet the PTC party travelling from town at the Lees Valley turn-off on Ashley Gorge Rd. See the trip description above.	
	On Sunday , the PTC picnic will be from later morning in the large lower area immediately behind the river. Look for the silver Subaru Legacy. So pack the chilly bin with all your goodies, the deck chairs, etc and be prepared to blob out. You might like to extend the day and stay for an early BBQ tea. Bring your own everything.	
	Coming from town on Sunday morning you can meet 10am at Robbies, Cranford St. There will be no 'trip leader' but Merv will be co-ordinating via the club 'Communicator' email. So give him a ring by Thursday evening if you are going or want a ride.	
24 Dec-2Ja Mon-Wed	MAVORA LAKES BASE	Maps CC09,CD09;D42,43,E42,43
■■■■■■■■■■	This year we intend to return to the Mavora Lakes area for a camping Christmas. Come for the whole period or just drop in. No formal leader is proposed although we would like someone to co-ordinate so that particular arrangements can be made for Christmas and New Year festivities.	
12-15 Jan Sat-Tue	ANNETTE PLATEAU Raymond Ford 351 9496	Maps BX15;H36
■■■■■	A hard trip along the Sealy Range beyond the new 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 icefalls and the Mueller Glacier. We intend to camp on the Annette Plateau and climb 2627m Mt Sealy. Descending from the plateau via Sebastapol Ridge.	
	List closes: Sat 22 Dec	
12-13 Jan Sat-Sun	AVALANCHE – CROW TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip	Maps BV20;K33
■■■	A classic moderate trip ascending Avalanche Peak and then following the ridge before dropping down a scree ramp to the new Crow Hut. Sunday is a shorter day to Klondike Corner.	
	List closes: Sat 5 Jan	

13 Jan Sun ■	MT KARETU TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip Easy-moderate trip to this 970m peak, west of Mt Grey. Starting from Okuku Pass and possibly returning via a forestry track. Start: 8am Robbies near Placemakers, Cranford St	Maps BW23,BV23;M34 Approx Cost: \$11
19-20 Jan Sat-Sun ■ ■	ROLLESTON RANGE Merv Meredith 322 7239 A moderate-hard circuit on the Rolleston Range between the Kakapo and Boulderstone Streams, in the Lake Coleridge area. List closes: Wed 9 Jan	Maps BV19,BW19;J34,K34
19-21 Jan Sat-Mon ■ ■ ■	MT COOK BASE CAMP TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip Base camp at Unwin Hut. Superb day tramps for fitter people include Mueller Hut, Sefton Biv and Mt Wakefield, whilst easier tramps include Sealy Tarns, Red Lakes and the Hooker and Tasman valleys. List closes: Sat 5 Jan	Maps BX15,BY15;H36
20 Jan Sun ■	BIRDLINGS FLAT - MAGNET BAY TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip Easy-moderate trip along the coast from Birdlings Flat to Oashore, Tokoroa, Hikuraki and Magnet Bays. Returning the same way. Start: 8am Halswell School	Maps BY24;M37,N37 Approx Cost: \$8
26-27 Jan Sat-Sun ■ ■	MARUIA SPRINGS BASE CAMP TBA Contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you want to lead this trip Moderate climbs of Mts Haast and Mueller are likely trips in the area. Other trips are possible, depending on leader. Camping at Maruia Springs with access to the hot pools. Likely Friday evening start. List closes: Sat 12 Jan	Maps BT22,23;M31
27 Jan Sun ■	DRY ACHERON STREAM TO BIG BEN Gary Huish 332 7020 Moderate trip to this 1416m peak in the south of the Korowai / Torlesse Tussockland Park. Travelling up the Dry Acheron Stream easement. Views should include Lake Coleridge basin and Rakaia River. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BW20,21;K35 Approx Cost: \$15
2-9 Feb Sat-Sat ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	LAMBERT - GARDEN OF EDEN - GREAT UNKNOWN Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008 A moderate-hard traverse of the Garden of Eden from the Lambert Glacier to the Great Unknown. List closes: Sat 22 Dec	Maps BW17;I38
2-9 Feb Sat-Sat ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	HOLLYFORD TRACK Heather Murray 332 6281 The Hollyford Track is a four-day easy-moderate tramp, with no real climbing, from Gunn's Camp to Martins Bay where we will take a day to rest or visit the seal colony along the beach track towards Long Reef. Instead of retracing our entire route we will take a jet boat up Lake McKerrow then have only 1½ days to walk out. We currently have 5, possibly 7, names down for this classic tramp so get in quick. List closes: Sun 6 Jan	Maps CA09,CB09;D40
2-9 Feb Sat-Sat ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	GREAT BARRIER ISLAND BASE Leo Manders 356 1731 Base camp in the tropical north. List closes: Sat 1 Dec	Maps AY34,AZ34;S8,T8

President's Report

Molesworth Station Management Plan

DoC manage Molesworth Station and several months ago our club was invited to help with input into the now-released draft management plan for the next 10 years. Brian Smith did this on our behalf. The FMC October 2012 newsletter emailed to you recently has a link to the 115 page document, should you wish to read it. The public are invited to make submissions up to 14 December 2012. Having read through the whole plan myself together with a couple of the executive, it was felt the draft plan as it stands fulfils our concerns and we support the plan. Of note is the new tramping route under construction. Road opening times will be as they are at present. Where farming activities are carried out, access will be restricted or controlled in this area.. The majority of Molesworth will be accessible to the public. In most instances the current policy of access and management remains in this draft. It is also noted that the now adjoining St. James Station provides combined area recreational opportunities.

New Members

This month we welcome 3 new members: Calum and Pat McIntosh, Ken Brown and Karen Keith. A further two members have rejoined: Andrew Aldridge and Deb Corbett. We welcome these new members and they join a good number of new members who have joined our club since April 2012. This year is shaping up to be a great year for new memberships. Many thanks to all of you who have helped make life comfortable for our new members. Stan and Liz are doing a great job on our new membership program.

Grant Application to Canterbury Community Trust

Liz on behalf of our executive is putting together our grant application to pay for new prospective member advertising for early next year, and for climbing helmets as part of our club gear. In February next year we will feature both a new members welcome club night and a weekend new members "*come and see what our club does*" event. These events, although focusing on new members are also for our current members and indeed we need as many of you as we can get to support these events for them to be successful. More details to follow.

Audit or Financial Review

With the FMC constitution making changes with regard to audits, your executive is looking at what this could mean for our club. Our treasurer is checking with our auditor. Due to the result of some poor financial auditing undertaken by accounting firms of finance companies in recent years, the rules on auditing have been tightened. Generally in many cases a full audit now is much more stringent and hugely more costly than what is termed a financial review. Also audits now could make the auditor liable. A financial review is the same procedure as currently undertaken for us but with no promise of audit, providing protection for the auditor. At this stage for our club, we have not been made aware that we need to make any changes. If this does impact on our club we may need to alter our constitution to accommodate these new changes in terminology. The Incorporated Societies Act 1908 is also under review and will probably go before the House in 2013 with new amendments coming in from 2014. This will probably impact on us then and may result in changes to our constitution.

WELRA/DoC Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting to formulate this new group was held on 16 October 2012 and was attended on our behalf by Brian Smith. The group is being set up to assist DoC in environmental management and recreational facility management and is being driven by funding shortfalls for DoC and the hope by group members that we can help. Outdoor recreation organisations and environmental organisations in Canterbury have been invited. Merv Meredith is our club representative and has further information available to interested members. The next meeting is at 7pm Mon 12 November at Saint Andrews College Cricket Pavilion. This meeting will set up a steering committee for the advisory group. Please contact Merv if you wish to attend.

PTC Recipes

Liz is still looking for more recipes, please keep these coming in. Thanks to those members who have now contributed about 20 recipes to date.

PTC Web Site

Kevin Hughes is currently in the process of building a new server for our web site. Have you visited our web site

lately? There is lots of useful information including our full annual trip list, upcoming trips, social events, past newsletters for download, dating back to 2010, guides for prospective members, trip reports, photos and very useful links to other websites related to tramping. If you haven't checked it out recently the address is www.peninsulatrampingclub.org.nz or just simply google peninsula tramping club. Our facebook page is also worth a visit and while you are there click the "like" button and maybe report on something of interest to potential new members.

Happy Tramping – Leo Manders

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thur 22 Nov **Curletts Reserve Walk & Meal**



Explore the source of the Heathcote River then dine at **Halswell Tavern**

Meet at Templetons Road off Halswell Road at **6pm** for a walk along a large and secluded reserve along the young Heathcote River, then head to Halswell Tavern for a meal at **7.30pm**.

Names for meal to Margot Bowden Margot.Bowden@gmail.com

or phone 332 7020 by **Saturday 17 November**

Tue 4 Dec



Flowers Track Sumner to Taylors Mistake walk and picnic

Meet at the clock tower on the Esplanade (Scarborough end) Sumner 6:15pm for a walk and possible early summer swim. Plenty of places on the way to purchase food items if needed.

For more info contact Sue Britain suebritain@gmail.com or 388 2329

Sun 16 Dec

End of year picnic – Ashley Gorge Maps L34 & BW22,23

See entry in **trips**

NOTICES

Membership We welcome new members: **Calum & Pat McIntosh, Ken Brown, Karen Keith Andrew Aldridge and Deb Corbett** have rejoined.

Deadline for December newsletter **Sun 2 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 27 Nov at Tim'**

TRIP REPORTS

THE MOTATAPU TRACK - 27-30 SEPTEMBER 2012

This is a bit of an awkward trip to plan and organise, but Dan did a great job of it. A DoC hut at Macetown would make planning easier. We drove down to Arrowtown and stayed at the Poplar Backpackers overnight, before setting off at 8am Thurs morning for Macetown, fifteen slow uphill kilometres away. The river crossings have been eliminated with bridges and bypass tracks, allowing us to reach this historic gold mining village in only 4 hours.

We enjoyed lunch in the shade then took the well-marked high track instead of the river because of recent rain. This proved to be a very slow, rough track, but was well poled as was the whole length of the track which eventually left the Arrow River and headed up a long ridge to Roses Saddle and then down another meandering ridge to Roses Hut. This was a long 10½ hour 25km day.

We set off early next morning in a light frost over tussock across river flats before climbing another long ridge with blue skies and views of Lake Wanaka in the distance. We travelled along the tops before

dropping down through a small beech-forested gully, then up and over another saddle before reaching Highland Creek Hut after 8½ hours—a nice day out in really awesome scenery and sunshine, capped off with a chocolate cheese cake for dessert that night to celebrate Dan’s birthday!

We made another early start on a bright Sat morning. After a bit of contouring around, we climbed up and over Jack Hall Pass and followed a stream bed down to Fern Burn Hut, retiring for an early lunch in the sun-drenched tussock above the hut—a comparatively easy day of 4½ hours walking. All the huts were identical with 12 mattresses on two sleeping platforms, insulated, double glazing, veranda, plenty of bench space, a table and seating.

Sunday morning’s walk out was relatively easy with some sections contouring along the creek, through a pretty beech forest and across river flats to the car park—about three km. from Glendhu Bay—2¾ hours with light drizzle at the end. Our pick-up arrived just before noon to take us back to Arrowtown. After a shower at the Backpackers and a caffeine fix in Arrowtown, we headed for home, arriving about 10 pm.

The Team: **Dan Pryce, Sue Piercey, Joy Schroeder, Penny Coffey, Rick Bolch.** 🏔️ RB

Lake Angelus 20 – 22 Oct 2012

With bad weather predicted, the scheduled Korupuku Hut – Townsend Hut Arthurs Pass NP trip was switched to the Nelson Lakes area where the weather forecast was a little better. I had sent an e-mail to the Saint Arnaud DoC HQ asking how much snow they’d had but got no timely reply. At the HQ we learned there was a lot of snow so that our planned Lake Angelus, Sunset Saddle, Hopeless Hut, Travers circuit was a no-go. We chose to do an up and back to Lake Angelus via Speargrass Flat. In fine weather we crossed the footbridge to Speargrass Flat after a 3hr bush-walk and pressed on up the track towards Lake Angelus. Soon we were out of the trees and walking alongside the upper Speargrass Stream. Above 1200m we encountered snow which became deeper as we climbed. Where the track reached Robert Ridge, snow was over a metre deep with some snow poles fully buried and invisible. The weather turned mean with wind-blasted sleet and white-out conditions. Doug’s GPS showed the way and Angelus Hut loomed through the mist. At 6pm our four settled in to join two Motueka men. Occasionally the mist thinned a little and someone exclaimed, “look, you can see the toilets”. With no firewood the hut was a refrigerator. Mattresses and sleeping bags were brought into the living room where our burners raised the temperature a few degrees. Water taps on the tanks were iced up so we had to melt snow. Doug read his electronic book and others read the magazines on hand.

No one complained of the cold overnight and in the morning we looked out to more of the same so stayed in our shelter. After lunch the weather seemed to improve so at 2pm we headed down to Speargrass Hut, taking only 2hr in good weather. We could see a tarn half-way down but never did get to see Lake Angelus. Our new hut had firewood, warmth and no snow to bother us but all bunks were taken so we knew our four would be sleeping on the floor.

Our hut-mates included young Israeli guys, a Chch couple, the Mot men, and a charming family. Our four on the floor were first up, to avoid being trodden on and by 11:30 we were back at Shelter Car Park in reasonable weather. At a coffee stop in Murchison we bumped into a car-load from the St Arnaud base-camp. A snow warning for Lewis Pass didn’t bother us. We had chains but got over the pass before any snow fell.

We were: **Liz Stephenson, Joy Schroeder, Doug Woods and Kerry Moore**—all happy to manage a Labour weekend trip in spite of the weather. 🏔️ KM