

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

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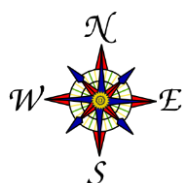
New Member Enquiries Please contact Stan Wilder, 980 5291, to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

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 11 June Do You Know Where You Are – and so what?



Club member **Trish Faulkner** will present her thoughts on navigation.

Supper Duty: Richard Battersby

John Borner or Eileen Arnett

Sue Britain

Tue 9 July Members' Photo Night



Unearth those tramping photos from a corner of your hard drive and give them an airing.

Contact Leo 356 1731 leomanders@paradise.net.nz

Supper Duty: Sven Brabyn

Rick Bolch

Mike Bourke

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

8-9 Jun Sat-Sun ■ ■	KIRWANS HUT Raymond Ford 351 9496 Easy-moderate tramp up a well-graded miners' pack track in Victoria Forest Park near Reefton. Despite the gradient it is still a near-900m climb through the forest to this comfortable hut near the bush edge. An optional side-trip to tussock-topped Kirwans Hill, gives great views of surrounding mountains. List closes: Wed 29 May	Maps BS21,22;L30
9 Jun Sun ■	MOUNT LYNDON - CLOUDY HILL Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate circuit to these two peaks between the Lake Lyndon Road and Porter Heights. Choice of route depending on mood and conditions. Probable snow on the top so an ice axe may be an advantage Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BW21;K35 Approx Cost:\$15
15-16 Jun Sat-Sun ■ ■	OTEHAKE HOT SPRING Heather Murray & Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate walk from Aickens, up the Taramakau then Pfiefer and Lake Creeks and past Lake Kaurapataka. There is a short climb to a saddle before dropping to the Otehake Rr. The hot springs are further up the Otehake. Camping out. List closes: Sat 8 June	Maps BV20,21;K33
16 Jun Sun ■	MT WHITE Merv Meredith 322 7239 A long drive from Mt White bridge, to Mt White Station then a moderate climb up open spurs to this 1741m peak. Take ice axe and crampons. Start: 7am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV21;L33,L34 Approx Cost:\$27
22 Jun	BARN DANCE — see back page	
23 Jun Sun ■	LITTLE RIVER CIRCUIT Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 Easy-moderate circuit above Little River Start: 9am Halswell School	Maps BX24;M36 Approx Cost:\$10
29-30 Jun Sat-Sun ■ ■	MAGDALEN HUT Kerry Moore 359 5069 Easy side trip off the southern end of the St James Walkway to this newish (2008) hut. Mistletoe can be seen growing near the hut. Mixture of beech forest and the open flats of the Boyle River. List closes: Sat 22 June	Maps BU23;M32

30 Jun Sun ■	BLACK HILL, RAKAIA Merv Meredith 322 7239 A moderate-hard trip, hopefully in good snow by now, to this 2067m peak. Up the south bank Rakaia road, to start up a farm track behind Redcliffe Station and over Redcliffe Hill. A round trip south to point 1934m and down it's spur back to the farm track, is possible. Ice axe and crampons required. Start: 7am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BX20;K35 Approx Cost:\$21
6-7 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	BOYLE VILLAGE Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 We'll stay at Boyle Lodge, sample a few of the new tramping recipes, celebrate midwinter, and do some of the day walks (all grades) in the area. List closes: Wed 26 June	Maps BU23;M31,M32
13 Jul Saturday ■	TEMPLE BASIN Gary Huish 332 7020 Easy-moderate day trip to Temple Basin. An opportunity to get those ice axes and crampons out and brush off the rust. If you don't have them then ring the leader and see if we can arrange to borrow or hire some. Trip to the ski-field with options to visit the col. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BV20;K33
14 Jul Sun ■	MT HAMILTON Kevin Hughes 332 6281 Moderate trip where we'll let our cars do the hard stuff, then walk up the Broken River ski field road. This will give us time to ascend this 1922m peak on the Craigieburn Range via Nervous Knob. Returning the same way. Take your ice-axe. Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	Maps BW21;K34
20-21 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	MT BROWN - NEWTON BIV - STYX RIVER Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008 An easy-moderate trip to the recently reconstructed Mt Brown Hut above Lake Kaniere with the moderate-hard option to continue on to Newton Biv and back down the Styx River to rejoin those who stayed at the hut. List closes: Sat 13 Jul	Maps BV19;J33 K33
21 Jul Sun ■	HINEWAI Kerry Moore 359 5069 This easy-moderate trip visits a 980ha botanical reserve occupying most of the Otanerito Valley in south-east Banks Peninsula. The area has about 12km of tracks and is privately managed for the protection and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife. Start: 8am Halswell School	Maps BY25;N36,N37
27-28 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	KIDSON HUT BASE Marion and Keith McQuillan Mid-winter Christmas Party at Kidson Lodge. Cars can park near the lodge (a 10 min walk away) 4WDs can park at the lodge. Marion as chief caterer never dissapoints and with Keith's wit to entertain us, it bodes well for a great winter weekend trip. Possible day trip options range from easy to moderate-hard . List closes: Sat 20 Jul	Maps BV20,21;K33,L33
27-28 Jul Sat-Sun ■ ■	MT FYFFE - KOWHAI RIVER Contact Liz Stephenson on 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip A moderate traverse of Mt Fyffe. Friday evening start to Kaikoura and walk up the 4WD track 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 20 Jul	Maps BT27;O31

28 Jul	KIDSON LODGE BASE, DAY TRIP	Maps BV20,21;K33,L33
Sun	Contact Liz Stephenson on 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip	
■	Join the group at Kidson Lodge for a range of day trips ranging from easy to moderate-hard .	
	Start: 8am Church Cnr (across from church)	

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sat 22 June Barn Dance. Details on back page

7.30pm
Tuesday
23 July



Kings of the Gym - By Dave Armstrong

The writer of *The Motor Camp* delivers another laugh-out-loud Kiwi comedy
Directed by Conrad Newport. Featuring Tom Trevella

We will book the best seats in the **Court Theatre, Bernard Street, Addington.**

Book your seat, \$41 discount price by Monday 1st July, with Brian Smith

Ph 355 9945, brian21x@xtra.co.nz

Laurie Connor is an old-school P.E. teacher whose comfortable existence is challenged when a new headmistress decides to modernize the syllabus and do away with such terms as “winners” and “losers”.

NOTICES

Membership We welcome **Laurayne & Nigel Devery, Penny Webster, Gayle O’Halloran**

Deadline for the July newsletter Sunday 30 June. 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 25 June at Leo’s**

GEAR AUCTION of Tramping and Outdoor Gear

Do you have excess gear taking up valuable space?

Take it to the PTC auction being held at a club night later this year. If you have items to sell please email Brian Smith brian21x@xtra.co.nz with a brief description including quality, age, etc. If you have a reserve price include that also.

A catalogue will be compiled and distributed. Absentee bids will be accepted.

A date will be set when enough items have been promised.

TRIP REPORTS

Clarence Conservation Park — 25-28 April 2013

A rainy forecast on the Wet Coast forced a re-think of our planned Toaroha, Mungo, Frews, Whitcombe circuit and we settled on Clarence Reserve up Kaikoura way. We met at Bill’s place with a view to taking his vehicle. My car would be secure in the garage. Attempting a slick backing manouvre into the garage my car wiped out the Templeton’s letter-box. Wendy kindly volunteered that the same thing had happened twice before so it seems the letter-box has a magnetic attraction for autos. The unflappable Bill got a hammer, straightened the nails and re-attached said box, and the four of us were away.

At the Kowhai River we turned onto the Inland Road and went south for 23km and parked at a locked gate 500m off the main road. As we were getting our kit together, three 4WDs rolled up and struggled with the combination lock securing the gate. We climbed the stile wondering if we would be the only ones who’d make



Looking down Seymour Stream. Photo by Ruth Barratt

it up the vehicle track. Away in the distance we could see the track going up Driving Spur at a considerable altitude—rather daunting. The vehicles soon passed us and not long after that a convoy of seven Nelson 4WD club vehicles went by. Later there were assorted vehicles carrying hunters, guns and dogs. This was a long Anzac weekend and they were making the most of the four days. The DoC web-site has a good map of Clarence Conservation Park though Bill noted it had Bushy and Blind Saddles mis-labelled. From 1100m Blind Saddle onward the track is downhill and the view down Split Rock Stream and Seymour Stream is most impressive in this rugged terrain. In the distance we could see a few willows and poplars about to shed their golden leaves. We called in to historic Tentpoles Hut then on to spacious Warden Hut which is alongside historic Bluff Dump Hut. As we neared Warden Hut we were struck by the sight of a low sun illuminating a stand of tall poplars clothed in golden autumn leaves. I regretted leaving my camera in Bill's car.

Warden Hut was empty of people when we arrived but as darkness loomed eight 4WDs rolled up for the night so we had fourteen guests. Of course they had heavy food and heavy cookers to prepare it. This they did outside on the deck. The tour leader from Kaikoura lumped a lead-acid battery into the hut and connected a modern LED light to it. He told us to be sure to make a 10 minute side trip to Black Spur Hut as we went down Seymour Stream. I looked on as a three-some played cribbage and put them straight on a few rules. Yvette chose to sleep on the floor on thin mattresses offered by the Nelson people and everyone was in bed by the ridiculously early hour of 8pm. Some of the motorised group slept on camp beds in the historic hut which has no bunks.

Historic Black Spur Hut was well worth the detour. It is made of locally hewn timber and is surrounded by a grove of poplars which had turned golden. The vehicle track goes down the Seymour's stream bed, crossing the stream many times. With the stream at low-flow we were able to keep our socks dry. At one point, steeply dipping limestone forms a narrow gorge which soon emerges to join the mighty Clarence. We lunched at Seymour Hut just 15 minutes down from the confluence, then did an afternoon walk down to Quail Flat with its historic buildings. A 400m climb in from the flat got us onto the well-weathered volcanic Red Hill and then it

was down a farm track back to the hut. Yvette and I gathered some good-sized mushrooms to supplement our evening meal. We thought Seymour Hut would be full with all the 4WDs in the area but apart from a brief visit by the Nelson crowd and some curious steers we had the hut to ourselves.

For day three we decided to head back to Warden Hut; we didn't want a 30km walk to the car on our fourth day—12 plus 18km seemed more civilized. On the way back up Seymour, Ruth chose to climb a long dry ridge to 1481m Warden Peak. The remaining three had an early lunch at Warden Hut and then went exploring up a small stream near the hut. The stream was gorgy with some nice waterfalls. It cuts through interesting stratified sediments and we saw lots a small concretions embedded in the rock. To get a better view we climbed a spur leading out of the gorge. Half-way up Bill spied a pig with his binocs and we watched it for 5 minutes. Further up the spur the rock got shaley so only Bill went on for a better view. Down in the stream again we went further upstream until we came to a pool that called for wading, so again, only Bill went ahead. While making our way back down the stream Bill saw a pig busily feeding nearby and because the noise of the stream masked our footsteps Bill was able to stalk it with camera at the ready. He got a great close-up of pig with dirty snout, at which the startled animal shot up the slope like greased lightning.

On day one, Yvette was grumbling about being overloaded with club gear but then on the third day she found a bowling ball-sized concretion and put it in her pack to carry to the car, so now we know not to listen to her complaints. With an 8am start from Warden Hut and only 500m height gain needed to Blind Saddle, we made good time and Yvette and I cheated by accepting a ride when we were an hour from the car. The noble Ruth wouldn't accept a ride. Yvette and I had time to kill, watching bees gather at the edge of a puddle. Our foursome drove back via Waiiau and Culverden, happy trampers and glad that Bill had suggested this fine weather alternative to a drenching in Westland. This is a fascinating, rugged area with a mixture of volcanic and sedimentary rock—black through to white and browns of all shades. When you go, take your camera.

We were: **Ruth Barratt, Yvette So, Bill Templeton and Kerry Moore.**

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/nelson-marlborough/clarence-reserve-conservation-area.pdf>



Black Spur Hut—made of slab willow. Photo by Ruth Barratt



Pig, willows and poplars shot by Bill Templeton



Announcing
The Peninsula Tramping Club's
Annual



Barn Dance

Saturday 22 June, 8pm till Midnight

Roy Stokes Community Hall, 146 Seaview rd, New Brighton

Fancy Dress Theme - Dancing

(Country, Scottish)

Prizes for Best Dressed

Bring a plate of Finger Food for supper

Drinks Supplied

Entertainment

Called dances with Colin Forsyth & The Incredible Ceilidh Band

Spot prizes

Tickets \$25 from any PTC committee member

Contact DAN 021927716 or 03 384 7065

