



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 Feb



PTC New Members' Evening

Bring along friends, neighbours, work colleagues, and family who are interested in the outdoors. Come and hear what PTC has to offer. Our club is increasing in membership and offers a wide range of trips. It's a great way to meet people and offers lots of opportunities to enjoy social activities and to visit interesting places.

Come along to the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park from 7.30pm with presentations starting at around 8pm.

Supper Duty: Carolyn Catt, Julie Davis, Nathan Dougherty or Shelley Washington

Tue 11 Mar

AGM plus Heather and Kevin go to Borneo

Heather Hughes will speak on her and Kevin's 2011 trip to Borneo. She will describe snorkelling, wildlife spotting, their ascent of Mt Kinabalu and their Via Ferrata (iron road) climb down the mountain.

Supper Duty: A Duck & G Fernandez, Jill Fenner, Doug Forster or Sue Hely

SUBS Due

Unpaid subs for financial year beginning 1 Feb are now overdue

AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM —7:30pm Tue 11 March

The 82nd 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 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

15-16 Feb WAIMAKARIRI FALLS HUT K33,BV20

■ ■ **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**

Go to the source of the Waimak on this **moderate** tramp up the Waimakariri River to this hut in the middle of APNP.

List closes: Sat. 15 Feb.

16-Feb PURPLE HILL L34,BV21,BW21

■ **Kerry Moore 359 5069 \$20**

Moderate round-trip from Flock Hill Station, returning via Flock Hill Stream. You will look down on Lakes Pearson, Grassmere, Marymere, and Hawdon in the Castle Hill Basin area

Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)

23Feb -2Ma TUKE RIVER - IVORY LAKE – WAITAHA J33,BV18 BW 18

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ **Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008**

Hard trip to Ivory Lake via the Tuke River. Date of trip may need to be changed to fit Geoff's "Crossings" schedule.

List closes: To be decided.

22-23 Feb TURTONS SADDLE - CLENT HILLS SADDLE J36,BW19,20

■ ■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**

A **moderate** trip up Glenrock and Turtons Streams to the 8 bunk Comyns Hut. Then up Round Hill Stream and climb out to Clent Hills Saddle. Down the Swin River and out to Lake Heron.

List closes: Sat. 8 Feb

23-Feb PURAU SADDLE - HILLTOP N37,BX24

■ **Gary Huish 332 7020 \$5**

An **easy** trip with great views of Lytelton Harbour, Port Levy and much of the peninsula.

Start: 8am Cashmere Rd, by PM Hospital

- 1-2 Mar** **CARNEYS STREAM - CAMP STREAM** **K34,BW21**
■ ■ Gary Huish 332 7020
Moderate walk up to 1874m peak outlier of the Craieburn Range between Cheeseman and Broken River ski fields. Starting from the Craieburn visitor centre. Possibility of a round trip.
List closes: Sat. 22 Feb.
- 2-Mar** **MT SOMERS FROM WOOLSHED CREEK** **K36,BX19,20**
■ Keith McQuillan 384 6164 **\$22**
Moderate walk to this 1687m peak on the Winterslow Range. Starting from Woolshed Creek and travelling via Bus Stop.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 8-9 Mar** **HUNTER STREAM** **E40,CA10**
■ ■ Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 **if you would like to lead this trip**
This **hard** trip in the Aspiring area to explore Hunter Stream with an option to climb Sir William Peak.
List closes: Sat. 1 Mar.
- 7-9 Mar** **HERBERT BASE CAMP** **0,CC18**
■ ■ Leo Manders 356 1731
Leaving Fri night and staying at Iona Camp with short walks including Waianakarua, Totara Gorge and Moeraki Boulders
List closes: Sat. 1 March.
- 8-Mar** **KAITUNA CHALLENGE** **M36,BQ27**
■ Merv Meredith 322 7239 **\$-**
 Saturday 8.30am. Our annual not-too-serious classic bike/walk/run bike event. We have **team, individual men's and individual women's** categories. Once everyone crosses the line, the day concludes with lunch and presentation of the prestigious trophy.
Entry fee to this popular event is a mere \$4 to cover costs.
- 8-9 Mar** **ROB ROY** **E,F39,CA11**
■ ■ Raymond Ford 351 9496
A well known peak in Aspiring National Park. A **hard** trip to climb the 2606m peak from the Matukituki Valley. Ice axe and crampons required. Travel down to Wanaka the night before.
List closes: Sat. 1 Mar.
- 15-16 Mar** **GLENROY TOPS** **L31,M31,BT23**
■ ■ Merv Meredith 322 7239
A **moderate** circuit to the west of Lewis Pass. Starting on the Lake Daniels track before heading onto the interesting Glenroy Tops for a high camp by tarns. Continuing along the tops to return past the lake.
List closes: Wed 5 Mar.
- 15-16 Mar** **LAKE ANGELUS - HOPELESS CREEK** **M29,N29,BS24**
■ ■ Heather & Kevin Hughes 332 6281
Popular, **moderate** tramp to this alpine tarn basin in Nelson Lakes National Park, with a large hut. An excellent circuit crossing Sunset Saddle.
List closes: Sat. 8 Mar.
- 15-18 Mar** **ROUTEburn, NORTH COL, LAKE NERINE, PARK PASS** **D40,E40,CA09,CB09**
■ ■ ■ ■ Gary Huish 332 7020
This **moderate-hard** trip starts on the five pass circuit 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. Be prepared for a wet weather alternative in the Rees/Dart or Cascade Saddle/Rees.
List closes: Sat. 8 Mar.

- 16-Mar THE PYRAMID K33,BV21**
 ■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip \$21**
Moderate-hard trip in APNP to this 1600m peak between Sudden Valley and the Hawdon. The route follows the ridge from the start of Sudden Valley. Probable round-trip.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 22-25 Mar OHAU - ELCHO - BRODERICK H37,H38,BY14**
 ■■■ **Liz Stephenson 0276 332 038**
Moderate-hard circuit between the Hopkins and Landsborough Rivers at the head of Lake Ohau.
List closes: Wed 13 Mar.
- 22-23 Mar ROLLESTON RANGE J34,K34,BV19,BW19**
 ■■ **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
A **moderate-hard** circuit on the Rolleston Range between the Kakapo and Boulderstone Streams.
List closes: Wed. 13 Mar.
- 29- 30 Mar MT ALMA I36,BX17**
 ■■ **Raymond Ford 351 9496**
Situated on the Two Thumb Range, between the Macaulay and Rangitata rivers. This will be a **hard** trip to climb the 2,510 m peak. Route will probably be via Alma Stream
List closes: Sat. 22 Mar.
- 30-Mar STONY BAY PEAK - MT BRASENOSE N36,N37,BX25,BY25**
 ■ **Bruce Cameron 365 8210 \$14**
Moderate walk behind Akaroa, crossing the new Misty Peaks Reserve between Stony Bay Peak and Mt Brasenose.
Start: 8am Halswell Primary School. Halswell Road
- 29 -31 Mar KOROPUKU - BIG TOPS – TOWNSEND HUT K33,BV20,21**
 ■■■ **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
A **hard** trip in APNP up the Taramakau past Lake Kaurapataka to Koropuku Hut via Big Tops then on to Townsend Hut and down to the Taramakau.
List closes: Sat. 22 Mar.
- 6-Apr MT HERBERT FROM PURAU SADDLE M36,BX24**
 ■ **Bruce Cameron 365 8210 \$5**
An **easy** walk on the Monument Track to the 919m peninsula high-point starting from about 400m. The route is from Parau Saddle along ridge, over Little Herbert to big Herbert then down Diamond Harbour track exiting onto a spur past a waterfall in a loop on farm tracks back to the old youth hostel and cars
- 6-Apr HUT SPUR - JORDAN SADDLE K34,BV20**
 ■ **Penny Webster 349 3693 \$23**
Moderate-hard long day, tramping up and beyond Bealey Spur to Hut Spur behind historic Bealey Spur Hut and dropping down to Jordan Saddle. Jordan Stream is followed to Turkey Flat on the Waimak River and then to the road.
Start: 7am Church Corner (across from church)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 18 Feb



Styx Mill Walkway followed by dinner at Arjee Bhajee

Meet at 6.15pm at the Styx Mill Rd parking area (not the Hussey Rd entrance). Walk through the Styx Mill wetland and then back to the cars and drive to **Arjee Bhajee** at 5/478 Cranford Street opposite Gun City, for dinner at 7.30pm. www.arjeebhajee.co.nz. Mains are about \$20. You are welcome to come for just the dinner. Bookings for dinner by Sunday 16 February to **Maureen Thompson** phone 377 2482 or email mothompson@xtra.co.nz

Tue 18 Mar

Flowers Track walk plus dinner in Sumner

We will walk the Flowers Track on the Scarborough Hill. Meet at 6pm at the Clock Tower at Sumner Beach. Details on the dinner to follow in next Footnotes. No need to book for walk only. More details from Margot Bowden phone 332 7020, margot.bowden@gmail.com

NOTICES

8-Mar

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DoC Web Updates

Stoat-versus-rifleman <http://blog.doc.govt.nz/2013/12/12/stoat-versus-rifleman/>

Falcon photography <http://blog.doc.govt.nz/2013/11/11/falcon-karearea-photography/>

Intention to grant concession licences for aircraft landings in Mount Aspiring National Park and other sites in Western Otago -- Submissions close: 14 February 2014

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/all-consultations/2013/concession-licences-for-western-otago-aircraft-landings/>

Membership We welcome **Jillian Fulcher and Julie Wagner**
Robert and Ann Sherlock are resigning

Deadline for the March newsletter Sunday 2 Mar

Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 25 Feb at Kevin's

TRIP REPORTS

Manakau. Show Weekend 15-17 Nov 2013

The weather forecast was bad for the proposed Faerie Queene trip so a visit to the Seaward Kaikouras was substituted. After an early meeting at my Dad's (Douglas') place, the party consisted of me and five blokes. A good sleep in the front seat and then it was necessary for a 'Raymond coffee stop' at Cheviot. Arriving at the start of the track; let the tramping begin! Day one consisted of about 4 hours up the Hapuku River. After leaving the Hapuku River for Stace Saddle the plan was to keep going up Surveyor Spur until we could find somewhere suitable for camping and had snow as our water supply. We reached the spot at about 1560 metres where Gary and Aarn camped last time, taking 3 hours. At this stage it was about 5 o'clock. I got my hopes up that we were done for the day, but there was no snow! So, we had no choice but to keep going up. I must admit I felt rather zombie-like as we continued for another hour or so to just under 2000 metres. In the end, it was well worth it, the higher camping spot was far superior and of course it meant the next day's climb of Manakau would be easier, even if it did mean carrying our heavy packs for a lot longer and higher. We did not muck around and dinner then bed shortly followed.

Day two entailed sidling to the upper basin and then Bill trail-blazed ahead in conjunction with plugging great steps for the rest of us up to the main ridge. We followed along the ridge and used our crampons for about the last 20 minutes. Reaching the top in about 4 hours was a great feeling. Manakau became the tallest mountain I have climbed, by a long way. The views were fantastic towards the ocean and the Kaikoura Peninsula and also in the other direction towards Mt Tapuae-o-Uenuku.

The trip down Manakau was relatively quick and fun. Douglas claimed it was one of the best bum-slides he'd had. It was a good couple of hundred metres. Back at the camp, we packed up and headed down to

the Hapuku, aided by a couple of good shingle screes. We arriving at around 6 o'clock—about 7 hours from the top—and decided to camp for the night dining on the usual soups, dinner and dessert.



The Manakau campsite



Doug, Gemma and Raymond crossing the Hapuku Rr

We were away before 8am on **day three** and walked out in about 2½ hours, led again by Bill. It seemed we were able to find a lot more shortcuts than we had when walking upstream. Tiredness however must have been setting in as I fell over about 5 minutes away from the cars. After a well-deserved post tramp meal at Kaikoura (Hislops Café) we were back in Christchurch by mid-afternoon. Thanks guys for a great tramp. Given this was my third tramp with the club I can now officially be a member so hopefully will see everyone again soon!

We were: **Gary Huish (leader), Raymond Ford, Aarn Tate, Bill Templeton, Douglas Woods and Gemma Woods.** 🏔️ GW

Hinewai 8 Dec 2013

Our intended goal was Gola Peak along Virginia Road, Hawarden but in a phone call to the farmer I was told that pig hunters would be in the area. Helen was keen to go somewhere, so I rang her in the morning and suggested Hinewai Reserve. 7 km from Akaroa. Arriving at Placemakers, I found Dan waiting and keen for a tramp as he is strengthening his ankle after a bad fall. Hinewai proved to be just what the doctor ordered. The day was warm with a light breeze. Lunch was on the best seat in the house, looking towards Otanerito Bay, then a slow amble back up the east track and we were back at the car by 2.30 pm. A detour to Akaroa for hot drinks and a bite in the sunshine proved very enjoyable. What a great spot Hinewai is, on our back door-step!

We were: **Helen Harkness, Dan Pryce and John Robinson.** 🏔️ JR

Goat Pass – Lake Mavis – Edwards 27- 29 Dec 2013

Six of us gathered at Penny's place on the Fri morning and after careful deliberation decided not to attempt the scheduled Five Pass trip. Five of us were keen to do a shorter trip in Arthur's Pass NP as we thought the weather would hold out for three days. With food and gear reapportioned for two nights we set off in Penny's roomy vehicle and parked at Greyneys in fine conditions. Rivers were at low flow and we made good time, though this was a snail's pace for Penny who would have breezed over this terrain in former times, unencumbered with a weekend pack. We had a brief stop on Dudley Knob and a longer one at Mingha Biv at which Milan shared cherries around. You don't get cherries on a winter trip! Care was taken not to leave the stones where they could compete with the local vegetation. Goat Pass Hut was occupied by a father and daughter team and a young American guy. Another couple came later. We whiled away the time with sudokus, comparing notes on GPS models, reading hut literature and playing Zilch. Penny had brought 6 dice along and taught us to play. You score off ones and fives and three of a kind. You need to balance restraint with daring; too much greed and you can blow what points you've

earned. Dinner featured gnocchi, a cut above common old macaroni and definitely better than the 2-min noodles the American had. We turned in before it got dark, anticipating a longer hike next day.

Saturday dawned cool with mist on the tops. The father and daughter team headed for Lake Mavis a short time ahead of us and we arrived at the lake as they were leaving. Getting back on the spur that led to the clouded-in ridge that contains Mt Oates we caught the others up and conferred. Both teams were studying GPSs carefully. We were keen not to climb the gnarly part of the spur and chose to sidle a good distance until finally the west-leading ridge appeared in the murk. We walked west a way and then down some useful scree. Danny and Kerry made the most of little snow patches to “ski” down. We stopped to regroup and have a bite to eat where the stream showed signs of becoming gorged. Keeping left in the valley that leads down to Taruahuna Pass we picked up cairns that followed the 1400m contour. Father and daughter went right to T Pass so they could go up to Tarn Col and then to Hawdon Hut but we were keen to get off the Fallen Mountain rubble heap. We had the official lunch amidst Mt Cook lilies as we reached the Edwards track.

Following the river down for nearly 7km we arrived at an empty Edwards Hut. With rain threatening Penny went to the edge of the beech forest and retrieved wood so she could light the stove. Milan produced cheese and crackers for a pre-dinner snack and dinner was a delicious venison stew that Julie cooked up. Danny and Kerry played 500 with one of the many card packs in the hut, then the whole crew had a game of Zilch which Penny won convincingly.

In the morning we headed down-river with coats on but warm humidity soon had us shedding them. 1km from the hut we were treated to a close-up view of a pair of blue ducks that were unconcerned by us camera-clicking spectators. We had a snack break on river flats where the track diverts into the bush to avoid a gorgy last section of Edwards River. Soon after our stop we were back to the Mingha and then the car at Greyneys. At Arthurs we visited DoC HQ and some had coffee at the shop after seeing that the Wobbly Kea was too busy on this fine Sunday.

We were: **Penny Webster (leader) Julie Wagner, Milan Brisnik, Danny Lee and Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM





In the lower Edwards River