



*PTC Monthly  
Newsletter*  
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### Our Club

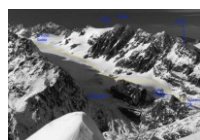
The PTC consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.



### Club Nights

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St. and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

**Tues 8 Nov**



#### **Lambert Glacier and Sierra Range Geoff Spearpoint et al**

Two superb 10-day PTC tramping club trips led by Geoff Spearpoint will be described with the adventure to the Lambert Glacier to the north of the Garden of Allah in 2015 and the traverse of the Sierra Range to the west of Mt Sefton in 2016

**Supper Duty:** Wendy Dann, Julie Davis, Jillian Fulcher

**Tues 13 Dec**



## **Christmas celebration with activities**

Come and join in the festive fun with other PTC members for our annual Christmas club evening

**Supper Duty:** Liz Cunningham, Nathan Dougherty or Shelley Washington, Derek Gane

## **Committee Notes**

- At the PTC SGM on 11<sup>th</sup> October members voted to increase subscriptions for hardcopy newsletter membership to \$40 (increase from \$35) for the 2017 financial year. Electronic newsletter membership will remain at \$30.

### **A message from our President – activating a PLB**

October Footnotes included a trip report on the Rough Creek - Lake Christabel trip on 24/25 September where a PLB was activated following an injury to one of our members. The helicopter took some time to find the party who were located in a steep, heavily forested area to the East of Lake Christabel. The Rescue Service have advised us that the helicopter crew had to land to use portable direction finding equipment to pinpoint the signal source. The lesson for us is that, even with modern PLB's, they still have to be able to see us. On activating a PLB, all or part of the party needs to get to an area where waving objects, flashing mirrors, smoke or lights at night can be seen.

**Next committee meeting:** 7:30pm Tue 29th November

## **Forthcoming 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.

4-7 Nov

### **MT TAPUAE-O-UENNUKU**

**O29,30 BS27**

**Milan Brisnik 03 313 2955**

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NZ's highest summit north of Mt Cook NP is in the Inland Kaikoura Range, and happens to be a tramper's peak, for those competent with ice axe and crampons. We'd like to approach it from the Clarence River side rather than from the Hodder. We are allowing 4 days in case of weather.

**List closes 22 Oct**

5-Nov

### **GLENROCK STREAM - TURTONS SADDLE**

**K35 BW19,20**

**Saturday**

**Angela Grigg 03-318-1988**

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A **moderate** tramp on part of Te Araroa trail east of Double Hill Station and Godley Peak. From the saddle we climb 600m to point 1805m with views across to Petticoat Lane and Godley Peak.

**Start: 7:30am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**

**Approx cost \$16**

11-13 Nov

### **LAKE CLEARWATER BASE**

**J36 BX18**

**Show Wkd**

**Geoff & Mary Korver 355 3905**

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Base camping at this site with plenty of options--Harper, Guy, Sunday, Potts, or just lazing.

**List closes 1 Nov**

- 11-13 Nov** **PENNY PASS** **M33 BV21**  
**Show wknd** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**\*\*\*** **Moderate-hard** tramp in APNP. Starting over Casey Saddle, we'll head up the Poulter River, past remote Lake Minchin, skirt Minchin Pass cross Penny Pass and exit down Thompson Stream.  
**List closes 5 Nov**
- 11-13 Nov** **LAKE ANGELUS - HOPELESS CREEK** **M29,N29 BS24**  
**Show wknd** **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
**\*\*\*** **Moderate** tramp to this alpine gem in Nelson Lakes National Park, staying in the large hut then on to remote Hopeless Creek Hut via Sunset Saddle. Route is steep and rocky in places.  
**List closes 5 Nov**
- 11-13 Nov** **GLORIANA AND FAERIE QUEENE** **M31 BT23**  
**Show wknd** **Raymond Ford 351 9496**  
**\*\*\*** Taking the Camera Gully route to the big tarn below Gloriana and on to Faerie Queene. Some may want to settle for the easier Gloriana. **Moderate-hard**  
**List closes 5 Nov**
- 11-13 Nov** **HURUNUI HUT** **BU22**  
**\*\*\*** **Chris Leaver ptc75@clear.net.nz or phone 322 6445**  
**Show wknd** We'll drive to Lake Taylor Friday morning, cycle on flat 4WD track around the lake and past Loch Katrine to the Hurunui valley and Hurunui Hut (approx. 4 hours total).  
Saturday options: 1 hour walk to hot springs up valley, or a day walk up Mac's Knob for an awesome view (1000 m climb). Sunday return via Lake Taylor or make a round trip via Lake Mason (2 small saddles to climb).  
**List closes 5 Nov**
- 13-Nov** **MT BRADLEY FROM ORTON BRADLEY** **M36 BX24**  
**Sunday** **Evelien Baas 358 5521**  
**\*** **Moderate** trip to this 855m peak on Banks Peninsula, overlooking Lyttelton Harbour and the Port Hills. Round trip from Orton Bradley Park.  
**8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, across the road by the river** **Cost \$6**
- 19-20 Nov** **CARLYLE HUT, GLENHOPE STATION** **M32 BU23**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
**\*\*** Cross the Hope River Bridge and park on the edge of Glenhope Station then walk the flat **easy-moderate** track up Carlyle Stream to this unusual hut in the valley below the Poplars Range.  
**List closes 12 Nov**
- 20-Nov** **MT MISERY--PK 1911** **K34 BV21**  
**Sun** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**\*** **Moderate** tramp over 1765m Mt Misery and Hill 1911 at the end of the Black Range then down to the Cass River which is part of the Cass—Lagoon circuit. Don't be put off by the name. Great panoramic views from the top including Mt Horrible.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Cost \$16**
- 26-27 Nov** **ANTI-CROW--FOOLS COL--AVOCA--JORDAN SADDLE** **K34 BV20**  
**Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**\*\*** **Moderate-hard** tramp into some superb country in APNP. A long first day from the Waimakariri River to the head of the Anti-Crow and up to Fool's Col, then sidle to Avoca Col and drop into the head of the Avoca River, to find a campsite a good distance down.  
**List Closes 19 Nov**

- 26-28 Nov MT ADAMS I34,35 BW17**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
**\*\*\*** This **moderate-hard** trip to the isolated sentinel of 2208m Mt Adams commences at 100m. The top commands a view from Cape Foulwind to Mt Cook. Ice axe and crampons required.  
**List Closes 19 Nov**
- 27-Nov MOUNT PIERCE M36,N36 BY24**  
**Sun Bruce Cameron 365 8210**  
**\*** An **easy** 400m climb to this 737m hill located between Pigeon Bay and Little Akaloa with stunning peninsula views. Some farm tracks in farm hill country with a short easy bush-bash section. Rehydration at Little River.  
**Start: 8am Halswell School 437 Halswell Rd Cost \$10**
- 3-4 Dec MT PFEIFER BIV K33 BV20**  
**Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
**\*\*** **Moderate-hard** trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1700m peak between the Deception and Otehake Rivers. Probably camping out around the small biv above the bush line.  
**List Closes 27 Nov**
- 4-Dec BROKEN HILL K34,L34 BW21**  
**Sun Stuart Payne 337 2275**  
**\*** Moderate trip to this peak just off of the Arthurs Pass highway, near Flock Hill Resort.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd Cost \$16**
- 3-5 Dec CROESUS – MOONLIGHT BT20,21**  
**Kevin Hughes 332 6281**  
**\*\*\*** 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 but with some bush bashing. Take in lush forest, open tops and plenty of old gold workings.  
**List Closes 27 Nov**
- 11-Dec END OF YEAR PICNIC**  
**Sun Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**\*** Diamond Harbour and its reserve is too nice and convenient to ignore, with lots of options, so we are returning this summer. The picnic will be in the Stoddart Point Reserve on the lower level at Diamond Harbour. Drive in to the left of the shops on the road down to the jetty and then to the right at the first hairpin, into the reserve. You can catch the ferry from Lyttelton. Come when it suits you. As well as walking, there are plenty of options, eg an early swim at D' Harbour or at Purau. Bring your kayak, boat. You can bike to Camp Bay or the Port Levy road.
- 17-18 Dec WAIMAKARIRI COL--MT PHILISTINE BV20**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
**\*\*** 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. A long second day over the Col and up Mt Philistine and back past the bluffs.  
**List Closes 10 Dec**
- 18-Dec MANUKA BAY O33 BV26**  
**Sun Margaret Clark 348 4993**  
**\*** The Manuka Bay track links Port Robinson with the mouth of the Hurunui River. Passing through a variety of coastal scenery, this **easy** tramping grade track is ideal for family groups.  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St Cost \$14**
- 26Dec-2J ONAMULUTU BASE BQ28**  
**Leo Manders 356 1731**

- \*\*\*\*\* From Dec 26 to 2 Jan 2017 the club will be running a traditional base camp like Dennis Kemp used to run. This year Leo will be running this at Onamulutu at the base of Richmond Forest Park. He will be present for the whole duration in his campervan. If you want to spend Christmas day there let him know so he can organise a Christmas dinner. Please contact Leo 356 1731, 027442 6080, leomanders@paradise.net.nz if you have any questions. No need to book just turn up  
**List Closes 19 Dec**
- 7-12 Jan FIVE PASSES D40,E40 CA09**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
 \*\*\*\*\* This classic **moderate-hard** trip takes in five passes and major river catchments in an incredible alpine environment. Starting near the Routeburn car park crossing Sugarloaf Pass into the Rock Burn, Park Pass into Hidden Falls Creek, Cow Saddle and Fiery Col into the Olivine and Fohn Saddle into the Beans Burn.  
**List closes 23 Dec**
- 8-Jan ASHLEY GORGE L34 BW22,23**  
**Sun Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help** Cost \$14  
 \* This is an **easy-moderate** classic splash down-stream along the Ashley from Middle Bridge out to the domain.  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St**
- 14-15 Jan ASHBURTON GLACIER M BW18**  
**Gary Huish 332 7020**  
 \*\* A **moderate** trip up the South Branch of the Ashburton (Hakatere) River to this glacier in the Arrowsmith Range. The glacier is one valley over from Cameron Glacier.  
**List closes 07 Jan**
- 15-Jan LITTLE MT PEEL J37 BY19**  
**Sun Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
 \* **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 Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** Cost \$18
- 15-Jan MT PEEL J37 BY19**  
**Sun 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. Planning to drive down Friday evening, camp at Peel Forest campground. Early start on Sat for Big Mt Peel approx 7am for up to a 10hr day. Cost \$18
- 21-24 Jan HARPER PASS K33,L33 BU20-23**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
 \*\*\*\*\* **Moderate.** Classic crossing of the main divide from Aickens, up the Taramakau, over the 960m pass, to Lake Sumner Forest Park, down the Hurunui and Hope valleys, to Windy Point on the Lewis Pass Highway. Good huts and an opportunity for a dip in the Hurunu Hot pool  
**List closes 14 Jan**
- 21-22 Jan BOYLE FLATS HUT—FAUST BU23**  
**Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 \*\* A moderate-hard climb from the Boyle over the Libretto Range via 1710m Faust. Anyone wanting an easy trip can return as for the inward leg **List closes 14 Jan**
- 22-Jan PENINSULA TRAVERSE M36,N36 BX24,25**  
**Sun Joy Schroeder 351 4655**



- \* 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 highpoint of the peninsula, and several bush reserves. Good views of much of Banks Pen.  
**8am PM Hospital, Hackthorne Rd end, across the road by the river**

**28-30 Jan** **SAWCUT GORGE** **P29 BS28,29**  
**Kevin Hughes 332 6281**

- \*\*\* An **easy-moderate** trip through these fascinating limestone gorges north of Kaikoura. The second gorge consists of a narrow slit that leads to a sculptured wonderland of water-worn limestone. Staying at Isolation Creek Hut with the possibility of side trip  
**List closes 21 Jan**

**29-Jan** **CANNONBALL GORGE** **M34 BV24**  
**Sun** **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**

- \* **Easy-moderate** walk in this odd-ball terrain. You'll see a large limestone slip which has created little lakes and revealed 70 million-year-old dinosaur bones. Then you get to the giant "canonballs"—hard limestone concretions.  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St** **Cost \$12**




## **CHRISTMAS BASE CAMP**

### **Update on Christmas Base Camp**

A few of us will now be at Onamulutu for Christmas Day arriving 24 Dec why not have Christmas dinner with us? Contact me if you want to join us



## **Social Events**

<p><b>Sun 20 Nov</b></p>  	<p><b>Waipara Valley Winery Trail/Ridge Sculpture Park</b></p> <p>In the morning we'll cycle or walk the vineyard trail (left onto track just after Sherwood Vineyard) see map at <a href="http://hurunutrails.org.nz/files/hurunui-trails-map.pdf">http://hurunutrails.org.nz/files/hurunui-trails-map.pdf</a></p> <p>The route goes past a small lake below the Glenmark Vicarage, under highway 1 and to 5 vineyards where we can stop for tastings - (Greystone, Muddy Waters, Dancing Waters, Mountford Estates and Black Estate).</p> <p>The track is quite stony in places and so the pace will be leisurely (some may want to push their bikes up-hill). Wonderful views across the valley to the hills beyond.</p> <p>Afterwards BYO picnic lunch at the Iron Ridge Sculpture park (Raymond Herber). This is at the old Amberley lime quarry, 707 Ram Paddock Rd (\$10 entry fee), complimentary tea and coffee. Meet: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St.</p> <p>Contact Chris Leaver <a href="mailto:ptc75@clear.net.nz">ptc75@clear.net.nz</a> or ph 322 6445 to co-ordinate bike transport</p>
<p><b>Thur 24 Nov</b></p> 	<p><b>Mt Vernon Farm track loop followed by dinner at Protocol</b></p> <p>Meet at 6.00 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Mt Vernon Valley track car park. (Go to the far end of Hillsborough Terrace and turn left after Heybridge Lane down a narrow lane to the car park). We will do a loop walk up the Farm track with good views over the city. Back to the cars at 7.15 pm and drive to Protocol at 2 Colombo St for dinner at 7.30 pm. Mains \$27 – \$36, Pizzas \$21, smaller dishes \$14 – \$18.</p> <p>No need to book for the walk but please book for the restaurant by Friday 18 November. Maureen Thompson 377 2482, 021 2665778, <a href="mailto:mothompson@xtra.co.nz">mothompson@xtra.co.nz</a></p>
<p><b>Tues 13 Dec</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas celebration with activities</b></p> <p>Come and join in the festive fun with other PTC members for our annual Christmas club evening</p>

## Notes

**Membership:** We welcome returning members Bridget O'Regan & Noel Collins and new member Shi Ping Wang

**Deadline for the November newsletter:** 31<sup>st</sup> October - send items for the newsletter to Ruth Barratt [rannalong@gmail.com](mailto:rannalong@gmail.com)

## Trip Reports

### Cameron Hut & Peg Col – 1-3 October 2016

Funny how things sometimes work out for the better. This was scheduled to be Boulder Col which I have good memories of in Jan'99. Talking to Glenfalloch was frustrating with vehicle access now restricted to a car park on the eastern side of the station, adding a few kilometres of walking. 'Why don't you just walk up the river' wasn't helpful. Anyway, it was a niggle, but phoning Lake Heron Station for access beyond Lake Stream was the killer. 'Gosh, I've got cattle over there until November. You would be very welcome any other time'. Friendly as ever, but no way did we want to push it, so a Plan B was needed

A team email discussion resulted in a 3 day trip with a climb to Peg Col on the middle day? Coincidentally Peg Col is just out of sight around a spur from Boulder Col. Then Colin W phoned and said he had work to do to the Cameron mountain radio and could he tag along? So then we had five.

#### Saturday

It was 1995 when I was last at Cameron Hut; with Victor Paul on a very memorable trip. Walking at 10.20am from the road end, the valley is still nice. Coming across a nationally vulnerable Banded Dotterel was a small highlight. Straggling into the hut from 5.20pm onward we eventually became concerned that Colin hadn't turned up yet. Colin's knowledge from previous trips led him up the main stream on flatter ground over the final section, so had diverted. And we had no idea just how heavy the toolkit including radio battery was he was carrying. So Merv set out at his best speed back down the side valley, later followed by Chris and Diane. No sign of Colin within the available time, but returning to the hut, all were relieved that Colin had safely arrived, no trouble, just that his memory of the 'short cut' was a little faded.

While this was going on, a party of twelve from the US based NOLS Mountaineering Group arrived for a week, spoke to Sue, left food in the hut storage bin and departed over a ridge to tent. So dinner was enjoyable but a bit late that evening. The weather after dark got damp but still no wind.

#### Sunday

Another calm day on this side of the hill, sheltered from the N/W. The day started at 6.30am when a NOLS individual stomped into the hut and put two packs of toilet paper in the storage bin. It really started for us at 7.00am when we arose and found he had bolted the outside door when leaving. Lovely! A few concerns about getting to the loo which were soon amended using a couple of screwdrivers to easily unscrew the door hinges (the screws were obviously used to it).

At 9.10am we left Colin to work on the radio and set out for PEG COL. Over the moraine wall and up the TR of the Peg Col valley in soft snow. Picked a good line up and crossed over to the TL for the final bit, now with limited horizon visible for placing the next step.

#### Diane coming up through the cornice on Peg Col



As the climb steepened, Sue P and Chris L turned back leaving Merv and Diane to continue on, climb the very steep final section and then push vertically up through the cornice and sit beside the Peg. Well for all of a minute at least. Enough to take photos both ways and then front point down out of the wind again.

Dropping further down valley after lunch at 3.00pm, we caught up with Sue and Chris who had waited for us. If the morning snow was soft, the afternoon snow was far worse, with regular crashes through down the sides of rocks and getting a boot trapped a number of times. Back to the hut by 4.30pm

At 7.30pm, Lisa from Rakaia arrived, travelling on her own, so we had more company for the evening and she was able to tell us of her former experience in the NZ Army band.

### **Monday**

A beautiful clear sky dawn. Diane went for a walk up The Carriageway, which, in limited snow conditions, was somewhat isolated at the top. Merv, Colin and Lisa left at 8.50am and we agreed Diane, Sue and Chris shouldn't be more than an hour behind. Back to the vehicles by 3.00pm, the others were less than a half hour behind arriving.

So sometimes Plan B's can be just the bees knees. Thanks for the Peg Col suggestion Diane. We were: Chris Leaver, Diane Mellish, Merv Meredith (Leader), Sue Piercey & Colin Wilmshurst. MM

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### **Harry Ell – Mitchells – Gilpins – Latters Spur - Saturday 1st October 2016**

With the promise of Gary's special cake and refreshments at the end, 14 PTC members joined Margot for a leisurely tramp around the hills above Cashmere. It was the first lovely day for a couple of weekends so of course everyone, (and their many dogs), were also making the most of the network of tracks that we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. On our travels we came across a university group studying ethics and land appreciation.



However our best chance encounter were the two ladies giving out free bottles of 0.0% alcohol drinks at the top of the bike park on the Summit Road. We all enjoyed the refreshments and, never to pass up a freebie or two, Geoff Spearpoint accepted a full box of bottles, which he carried to the end of the tramp at Gary and Margot's. Thanks Margot for an enjoyable day and of course to Gary for his delicious cake!