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New Member Enquiries:	Stan Wilder	260 2340	Contact Stan to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters
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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.

<p>Tues 13 March</p> 	<p>Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm followed by Club Night.</p> <p>The formal notice of meeting is under the PTC Notes section</p> <p>FMC 2017 Photo Competition</p> <p>The FMC 2017 Photo Competition produced 450 entries. Following the AGM Brian Smith will present a selection of the images from each of the six categories.</p> <p>Supper Duty: Lynne Lochhead</p>
<p>Tues 10 April</p>	<p>PTC Alpine Tramping Trips – Geoff Spearpoint and Others</p> <p>Join PTC members talking about the alpine tramping trips to the Murchison and Tasman Glaciers in February 2017 and the Marion Plateau in February 2018. Some tall tales but mostly true about the club's alpine travel in some of the South Island's beautiful mountain scenery.</p>



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, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip. If the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader or if you use email check the Communicator the day before for trip updates.

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

The Club has a mountain biking section, Fat Tyre Fanatics, who head out on casual day trips throughout the year. For details on biking trips contact Chris Leaver 322 6445, or ptc75@clear.net.nz.



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| 10-14 Mar | Elcho - Broderick | H37,H38 BY14 |
| | Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 | |
| ***** | Moderate-hard circuit between the Hopkins and Landsborough Rivers at the head of Lake Ohau.
List closes 24 Feb | |
| 10-Mar | Worsleys Spur - Governors Bay | M36 BX24 |
| Saturday | Margot Bowden 332 7020 | |
| * | Easy walk up Worsleys Spur to the summit road, then down to Governors Bay for lunch then returning the same way
Meet 8am Top of Worsleys Rd | |
| 17-18 Mar | Bealey Spur--Bruce Stream | BV20 |
| | Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help | |
| ** | A moderate circuit up Bealey Spur then along the ridge leading to Jordan Saddle continuing up the spur and dropping into Bruce Stream to return to the cars
List closes 11 Mar | |
| 18-Mar | Flagpole—Mt Etna | L35 BQ23,BR23 |
| Sun | Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help | |
| * | Easy-moderate ramble along the Lady Barker Range behind Whitecliffs to 897m Flagpole and 736m Mt Etna
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Approx cost: \$11 |
| 24-25 Mar | Seldom Inn Hut | BV23 |
| | Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help | |
| ** | An easy-moderate circuit from the end of Virginia Road to this hut in a branch of Seaward River. We walk on Whitnow Station in the shadow of Mt Whatno and Mt Meehan
List closes 18 Mar | |
| 25-Mar | Paterson Hill | L34 BW21 |
| Sun | Kerry Moore 359 5069 | |
| * | An easy-moderate circuit up to this 1113m hill overlooking Staircase Gully at the SE end of the Torlesse Range
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Approx cost: \$11 |

30-Mar -2 Apr Easter ****	Tekapo Base Maureen Whalen 027 819 9251 Lots to explore including new Te Araroa Trail link, Lake Alexandrina. Star gazing at night, optional hot pools. Opportunities for mountain biking. Fri night start. List closes 20 Mar	I37 BW21
30-Mar -2 Apr Easter ****	Te Araroa: Mesopotamia--Lake Tekapo Heather Hughes 332 6281 A section of the Te Araroa trail traversing the Two Thumb Range between Mesopotamia and Lake Tekapo. We should see great views over the lake. This is a moderate 4 day tramp with short first and last days. Probably leaving Friday morning unless transport logistics require a Thursday evening drive. We're hoping the Tekapo base camp people can assist with a car placement List closes 20 Mar	BY16,17
30-Mar -2 Apr Easter ****	Mt Owen Merv Meredith 322 7239 A circuit up the Fyffe Rr to Branch Creek Hut and up to fascinating karst country around Mt Owen. From Mt Owen we can descend a moderate-hard route via Bulmer Lake or a moderate route via Sunrise Peak List closes 24 March	M28, M29, BR23
01-Apr Sun *	Captain Thomas - Godley Head Helen Harkness 384 2890 An easy , popular walkway, taking in coastal views and old millitary buildings. Starting up the Captain Thomas Track behind Sumner to Evans Pass, before continuing along the ridge to Godley Head and returning to Sumner through Taylors Mistake. Meet: Sumner Clock Tower 8.00am. <u>Reminder: Daylight Saving finishes Sunday 1 April</u>	M36 BX24
7-8 Apr **	Kellys Creek--Hunts Creek Hut Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help A moderate trip in Arthurs Pass NP to some less-visited country. Staying at Hunts Creek Hut where you can hear kiwi calls at night. Returning the same way. List closes 1 Apr	BV20
08-Apr Sun *	Cutty Grass Hut Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help Near Mt Hutt, this easy-moderate walk starts on the Mt Alford track, climbs a little and then crosses to the track that leads up-valley to Cutty Grass Hut Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd	K36 BX20 Approx cost: \$15
14-15 Apr **	Sylvia Tops Merv Meredith 322 7239 Moderate tramp over this 1500-1600m range between Nina and Doubtful valleys in the Lewis Pass area. Crossing the Nina low down to climb up through the bush then travel the length of these great tops to Devils Den Biv, perched above the saddle at the western end. On Sunday, returning down Blind Stream to Nina Hut and a cruisy walk from there out to the road. List closes 8 Apr	M31 BU23
15-Apr Sun *	Camp Saddle - Lyndon Saddle Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help Easy-moderate loop that gets you above 1500m in the Craigieburn Range. Features some nice ridge walking, with great views of the range and its beech forests. Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd	K34 BW21 Approx cost: \$17

17 Apr Wed	<u>TRIP PLANNING MEETING FOR 2018-19</u> Bring your suggestions to the planning meeting at <u>Sue and Stan Wilder's 7.00pm, 54 Warden St., Richmond</u> . If you can't attend, please give your trip descriptions Kerry M 359-5069 or a committee person.	
21-23 Apr	Campbell Pass--Gorgy Creek Diane Mellish 337 5530	BV20
***	A moderate-hard climb via Campbell Pass to a beautiful tarn at the head of Gorgy Creek List closes 15 Apr	
21-Apr Sat	Montserrat Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help Easy-moderate walk in farm country to a 457m hill overlooking North Canterbury coastline including Motunau Island Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St	N34 BV25
*		Approx cost: \$12
28-29 Apr	Zampa Tops Gary Huish 332 7020	M31 BT23
**	Moderate hike near Cannibal Gorge in the Lewis Pass area. We'll stay at Ada Pass Hut Saturday night and get an early start Sunday to go along Zampa tops via the big tarn and 1710m Zampa List closes 22 Apr	
29-Apr Sun	Hidden Valley Track Jill Fenner 980 6228	
*	An easy walk up Bowenvale's Hidden Valley Track to the Summit Rd then along Crater Rim to the Bridle Path Memorial and back the same way Meet 9am at the car park	
5-6 May	Carlyle Hut, Glenhope Station	M32 BU23
*****	Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help An easy-moderate trip up Carlyle Stream to the hut among the forests and peaks on the north side of the Lewis Pass road. Should be a bit of snow around which will add to the ambience. Staying in a character hut with an open fire. List closes 29 Apr	
6-May Sun	Tiromoana Bush Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help Easy coastal trip east of Waipara, through bush and wetlands to a remote beach. Great views to Pegasus Bay and Banks Peninsula. Nice walk and pleasant day out. Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St	N34 BV24
*		Approx cost: \$10
12-16 May	Milford Track Peter Umbers 359 9118	D40,E40 CB09,10
*****	New Zealand's world famous walking track, timed out-of-season so normal hut fees apply. Awsomely spectacular in any weather. Moderate . List closes 22 Apr	
13-May Sun	Lake Rubicon - Bobs Knob Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help Popular moderate round-trip up to a ridge below the Torlesse Range, with good views of the latter, taking in Lake Rubicon. An enjoyable tramp not far from town. Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd	L35 BW21
*		Approx cost: \$11

- 18-19 May Bobs Camp Circuit** **M34 BW23**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
**** Easy-moderate** ridge circuit via Pinchgut Hut, Whare Track, Bobs Camp Track and Cattle Peak Route in the Mt Thomas area.
List closes 12 May
- 19-23 May Wellington Base** **BQ32**
Sue Piercey 384 9567
********* Doing a range of easy trips in Wellington province. **List closes 1 May**

SOCIAL EVENTS

<p>Wed 7 March</p> 	<p>Croquet and dinner</p> <p>Join us for a evening of entertainment and competition playing croquet at St Martin's Croquet Club, 11C Gamblins Road, St Martins at 6pm. No previous knowledge of croquet or skill required. Cost \$10.00 per person.</p> <p>Dinner at Formaggio's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, 150 Colombo Street, Beckenham (next to the Police Station). Pizzas from \$23.00, pasta and spaghetti from \$22.50. For full menu see: https://formaggios.co.nz/menu-list/.</p> <p>If interested please let Margot know by Friday, 2nd March.</p> <p>Email: margot.bowden@gmail.com or phone 332 7020.</p>
<p>Wed 11 Apr</p> 	<p>Court Theatre, Bernard Street, Addington , 7.30pm</p> <p>'Easy Money' Written by Roger Hall Directed by Ross Gumbley</p> <p>Featuring: Roy Snow and Luanne Gordon</p> <p><u>We have booked the best seats in the Court Theatre, Bernard St, Addington.</u></p> <p>Book your seat, \$49 discount price by Monday 19th March, with Brian Smith Ph 355 9945, 027 740 3035, or brian21x@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>"All it takes is a little confidence"</p> <p>"If you listen closely, you might hear the neighbours whispering through Auckland's high-end apartment complex, The Cutlass. They're whispering about the glamorous new Australian couple, Trudi and Stephen, who have moved in down the hall. Rumour has it they've moved to New Zealand for a new business opportunity: selling the Auckland Harbour Bridge.</p> <p>Trudi and Stephen are whispering too. They know Sir Robert Kingswood, long-time resident of The Cutlass, is worth millions. Not to mention Catherine who lives upstairs — since her husband died her bank account has been looking very healthy indeed. They've noticed poor young Trevor doesn't have much money, and they've also noticed he's a gullible fool.</p> <p>With double-crosses, dirty tricks and all the dodgy dealings you can throw at a JAFA, Roger Hall's rejuvenation of The Alchemist is a laugh-a-minute satire of how fools and their money are soon parted."</p>

NOTES

Subscriptions

Thanks to all who have paid their 2018 subscription due 28 February. There are still a few outstanding. Members must be financial to nominate Executive Committee members and to vote at the AGM. Subscriptions for new members who joined after 1 October are valid to 31 December the following year (up to 15 months).

There is one unidentified cash deposit sub payments: \$30 paid on 13.02.18. Please contact Sue Piercey if you made this payment.

WANTED! PTC Treasurer

Sue Piercey will not be continuing as Treasurer this year. The position, which is mostly computer input, requires making and receiving payments, maintaining the accounts database, and overseeing membership.

Please give Sue a ring (telephone 3849567, 0276390186) or email pierceysm@icloud.com)) if you would like more information about the position.

Membership:

The PTC *welcomes* new member **Carol Cheong** and accepts with regret **Graham Burnip and Linda Creeds** resignations

Deadline for the April Newsletter: Thursday 1 March – send items for the newsletter to Raymond: fordm@snap.net.nz

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 27 March 2018

Trip Photos: The Club maintains a gallery of photographs on its website. Keeping this up to date allows people to see what recent trips the Club has undertaken. Can trip leaders send or nominate someone to send some photographs from each trip to Kevin Hughes, ptc@nivek.co.nz, so we can keep this record current.

Notice of 2018 AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 86th Annual General Meeting of the Peninsula Tramping Club (Incorporated) will be held in the Baptist Church Hall, corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace, entrance off Madras, on:

Tuesday 13th March 2018 starting promptly at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Presentation of the Executive Reports
5. Presentation of the Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st Dec 2017
6. Election of Officers and Executive members **
7. Election of Auditor
8. Notified motions #
9. General Business

** Nominations for positions, approved by the nominee, proposer and seconder, may be sent to the Secretary to arrive prior to the meeting. In addition, nomination forms will be available at the door,

NB: At the time of circulation, the Executive is still seeking a nomination for Treasurer, to replace Sue Piercey who is resigning as Treasurer and retiring from the Executive.

In addition, we are still hoping to receive further nominations for Executive members. Please do make this the year for you to help run our club

TRIP REPORTS

Banks Peninsula Traverse 25 Feb 2018

Having a small group simplified logistics for a crossover trip and soon leader Dan headed to Purau Saddle with Norman and Helen while Kerry went to Pettigrew's Road near Hilltop, with Hank, Penny and Joy.

Dan's team starting about 9.10am, Kerry's at 9.35. Cloud made for pleasant walking but a north-east wind soon made its presence felt. New red markers highlighting the Ara Te Pataka/Summit Walkway (Gebbies Pass to Hilltop plus alternative entry tracks), assisted navigation. Dan's team gave Herbert Peak a miss, as did Kerry. We all sidled around a section of the Monument track which though short, proved to be rough and lumpy.



Crossover groups often meet and lunch together at Waipuna Saddle with its photogenic old totaras and where there is now a side-track to Rod Donald Hut. This time, Dan's group passed without sighting the others. About 1.15 pm, the groups spied each other and decided that a rocky outcrop above the track was the spot that could provide some shelter from the now lively wind. Food, conversation, photos before the necessary exchange of car keys and the groups parted.

At 4.15 pm Dan's team arrived at Pettigrew's Road. While they relaxed in the Hilltop Tavern, Kerry's team reached their car at 4.45 pm having had a greater battle with the wind. They made a rapid escape to nearby windless Purau Bay to change their clothes.



Many thanks Dan for leading this 20+ km trip of scenic bays, arty weathered tree stumps and attractive reserves.

We were: **Dan Pryce, Norman Burden and Helen Harkness, Kerry Moore and team Hank Boer, Penny Coffey and Joy Schroeder. HH**

Harper - Avoca - Basins Hut – 17-18 Feb 2018

Nor-west rain had filled the potholes as we drove past the small lakes beside the Harper Road and quickly got walking in patchy weather. Raincoats stayed off by the time we got to the Avoca River and left the Te Araroa Trail. We met a commercial possum hunter in a 4WD, who'd decided to park and cross the semi-flooded Avoca on foot to place bait in a patch of beech.

We avoided crossing and found a high track above bluffs then crossed the river when we got opposite Centre Creek. Basins Hut is on the true right so another crossing was required. Two motorbike owners had obviously decided not to risk a crossing and parked. We crossed as a threesome and were soon met by six quad-bikes churning through muddy 4WD tracks. They were having a “stag do” based at the house in the pines near the Harper-Avoca corner. Basins Hut was empty when we arrived at 5:45pm. We settled in, brewed a cuppa on the super-fast Coleman stove and had a lentil spaghetti meal with instant pud dessert. Pat made the hut surrounds tidier by picking up rubbish. People had lit fires on the grass close to the hut and left cigarette butts. Comments in the hut book refer to the “piggyness”.



We left the hut at 0745 on a fine Sunday. Walking alongside the Avoca River we were pleased to see it had dropped a little and was less turbid. We'd abandoned any idea of climbing Thesis Peak. A side trip to Lake Lillian was worthwhile and took a total of 45 minutes. We had a cuppa at lunch time looking up to a broad, treeless Mt Ida, continued into a freshening wind and were back to the car by 3.30. We were: **Pat McIntosh, Kathrin Meuller and Kerry Moore. KM**