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

Our Club

The PTC caters for people of all ages who tramp for recreation. We run trips regularly, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. In addition to the monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held every month.

Club Nights

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

Tuesday 8 Mar



AGM then Members' Photos

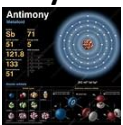
AGM starts at 7:30. Details over-page



Members' Photos

For our photo show, all you have to do is email two good photos to **Kevin, ptc@nivek.co.nz** by **Mon 7 Mar** and he'll do the rest.

Tuesday 12 April



Modified Bohm's theory for abstruse measurements

Application to layer depth profiling by Auger spectroscopy.

Alas, the author can't do the talk so we need a member to stand in for him.

Please let Merv know if you can help

Notice of 2022 AGM Tuesday 8 March 2022

The PTC 90th Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, on **Tue 8 March** starting promptly at **7.30pm**, prior to our normal club night.

The agenda will include:

- **Election of officers and executive members.** Nominations for positions, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, may be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting. In addition, nomination forms will be available on the night.

Merv Meredith secretary@ptc.nz

Social Events

Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden and Picnic Saturday 5 March

Enjoy 100 artworks in a native garden setting at **1-199 Cossars Rd.** Gates open 10am to 4pm. Arrive when you like then meet back at the entrance at 12 NOON to find a picnic spot. BYO rug and food. Coffee cart available. \$10 entrance fee and vax certificate required. No dogs.

Enquiries to Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778 or <mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com>

Captain Thomas Track then coffee in Sumner Tuesday 15 March

Meet 9.15 am at the end of Sumnervale Drive at Sumnervale Reserve. It's about an hour to Evens Pass. After a short break to admire the views, we'll head down Scarborough Bluffs Track. Coffee in Sumner afterwards. If it's hot we could have a swim. No dogs please.

Enquiries to Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778 or <mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com>

NOTES

President's Message

It is a lovely time of year for tramping so we will try to keep our tramping program up and running as best we can while the virus wave progresses. If day trips do not run for any reason, you will be informed on the Communicator email system a few days beforehand. Some leaders may be unwell or unwilling to run their trips while omicron is circulating widely. In that case, just let me know and I will take appropriate action. The annual reports are all included with this mailout and we would welcome more nominations. Meantime, stay well and enjoy whatever is possible at this time.

Diane

TRIPS

6-Mar

[Mt Alexander](#)

Sun

Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726

- Easy-moderate wander in open, rolling North Canterbury farm country, to this 750m lookout near Scargil.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

12-13 Mar

[Hunts Creek Hut--Mt Barron](#)

Sat-Sun

Doug Forster 337 5453

- We walk up the Kellys Creek Track, over Hunt Saddle to stay at Hunts Creek Hut then a moderate-hard exit on Sunday over Mt Barron

Book by 6 March

- 13-Mar**
Sun
● [Mt Somers Walkway](#)
Awaiting leader
From Woolshed Creek carpark, we'll take the Rhyolite track to the Bus Stop, descend to Woolshed Creek Hut and return on the Coal Miners track.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 19-20 Mar**
Sat-Sun
●● [Casey Tarn](#)
Chris Leaver 322 6445
Parking at Ryton Station. A moderate climb onto the Birdwood Range to camp high at Casey Tarn. Exiting via Triangle Creek, Avoca River and Gargarus Saddle.
Book by 13 March
- 20-Mar**
Sun
● [Takamatua--Le Bons Bay track](#)
Names to Kerry M 359 5069
An easy-moderate tramp from near highway 75 to Ellangowan Reserve returning via the Old Le Bons Track
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 26-30 Mar**
Sat-Wed
●●●●● [Lake Jeanette--Wangapeka Saddle](#)
Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz
A moderate multi-day trip in the Matiri Valley, Thousand Acrea Plateau, Wangapeka area
Book by 20 March
- 26-27 Mar**
Sat-Sun
●● [Walker Pass - Tarn Col - Edwards](#)
Kevin Hughes 332 6281
One of the classic Arthur's Pass NP tramps. This moderate trip takes in the Hawdon and Edwards valleys, a couple of attractive alpine passes, an attractive alpine tarn and views of what's left of Falling Mountain. Needs a Fri afternoon start from Chch.
Book by 20 March
- 2-3 Apr**
Sat-Sun
●● [Green Hill--Castle Hill](#)
Merv Meredith 322 7239
From the Andrews Shelter we go via Casey Saddle to camp at the tarns near 1391m below Castle Hill with a day trip from there, along the tops to Castle Hill and Green Hill then back to the tarns to pack up and return to Andrews shelter. Moderate
Book by 27 March
- 3-Apr**
Sun
● [Mount Herbert crossover](#)
Names to Kerry M 359 5069
A moderate walk from Gebbies Pass to Packhorse Hut on the Te Ara Pataka Track, then to 919m Mount Herbert and on past the Monument to Purau Saddle. Another group will do the walk in the reverse direction. Both groups start from high-points.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 9-10 Apr**
Sat-Sun
●● [Dillons Hut--Kelly Range](#)
Names to Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com
A moderate circuit from the lower Taipo valley then up a steep track over the Kelly Range to the Otira area. People wanting an easy trip could return from Dillons to the cars and drive to Kellys picnic ground to meet the others.
Book by 3 April

- 9-Apr
Saturday
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- [Wharfedale Track](#)
Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726
A round trip on the Wharfedale Track to the west of Mt Oxford
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 15-18 Apr
Fri-Mon
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- [Hopkins Valley--Boanerges--Huxley](#)
Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz
Situated near the confluence of the Huxley and Hopkins rivers is the 2254m peak Boanerges. An alpine climbing trip via the south-east ridge from Huxley Forks and descending into the vicinity of Brodrick Hut.
Book by 8 April
- 15-18 Apr
Fri-Mon
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- [Hopkins Valley Base or another suggestion](#)
Names to Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com
Moderate day trips from a tent camp base several hours walk up the Hopkins Valley. Possibilities include exploring the upper Hopkins Valley, Dasler Pinnacles, explore north Huxley Valley, climb Brodrick Pass, day trip to Paradise Valley.
Book by 8 April
- 17-Apr
Sun
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- [Christchurch 360 sector](#)
Names to Kerry M 359 5069
The leader will decide which section of the Chch 360 and notify you later.
- 23-25 Apr
Sat-Mon
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- [Potts Hut and Boundary Creek](#)
Merv Meredith 322 7239
A moderate trip in Hakatere Conservation Park exploring these old farming huts and vicinities. An easier option is via the Dogs Range, retuning via Mystery Lake on good walking tracks. The harder option involves climbing to over 2000m with great views of the surrounding areas.
Book by 15 April
- 24-Apr
Sun
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- [Gebbies—Packhorse Hut—Kaituna Valley](#)
Awaiting leader
Easy-moderate, starting at Gebbies Pass on the Te Ara Pataka Track to Packhorse Hut then down to Parkinsons Road in Kaituna Valley.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 30 Apr-1 May
Sat-Sun
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- [Mount Tekoa](#)
Names to Kerry M 359 5069
A moderate trip in the North Canterbury hills that includes climbing the 1612m Mount Tekoa
Book by 22 April
- 30-Apr
Sat
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- [Joyces Stream--Hill 1284](#)
Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726
Head into the Torlesse area for a walk up Joyces Stream to reach Hill 1284 inland from Kowai Bush
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

7-8 May

[Leader's Choice](#)

Sat-Sun

Awaiting leader

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Your choice of where we go for this weekend. Scour topomap for a suitable trip

Book by 1 May

8-May

[Mt Enys from Porters Lodge](#)

Sun

Merv Meredith 322 7239

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We're using the Porters Ski Road to do some of the climbing onto the main Craigieburn ridge heading for 2194m Mt Enys via points 1997,1961, 2029, 2040. Take ice axe and crampons.

Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

TRIP REPORTS

Turtons Saddle – Point 1810 Circuit – Wed 24 November 2021

This was another trip when the flexibility of the post-employment stage of life allows many of our club members to choose their weather and avert another nor-west weekend cancellation. It started with the re-run of the three-day Nina-Boscawen-Rough Creek trip I had scheduled to start on Saturday 27th. A southerly was due, so I postponed Boscawen to a three-day window, hopefully not too far ahead in our programme. So, was a one-day substitute possible? Obviously not on the wet weekend but the forecast suggested a one-day window on Wednesday 24th before the nor-west started again. I was due to lead Turton Saddle – Point 1805 on Sunday 5th Dec. So, I moved that trip, fired out an email and at 7am Wed met at the usual week-day spot on Yaldhurst Rd, past the Russley Rd lights. We were four, in Bill's vehicle.

The weather transpired as forecast—mostly blue skies and nothing more than a light to moderate nor-wester on exposed ridges. Calm as, coming back down-valley. Turtons Saddle is on the Te Araroa route, up Glenrock Stream from the south bank of the Rakaia. From the saddle a broad face ascends west up a spur to point 1805m on a ridge, running south for our trip, but originating in the Godley Peak, Mother Miller Spring area. Actually, there are two other 1805m points close by, plus an 1810m and 1809m. Try picking those by sight. To the west of our ridge, Petticoat Lane descends from Godley Peak into lacy channels in the valley far below. Our route from 1805m was south, along the ridge. We had first followed this route in October 2009, travelling along the easy ridge to the last of the high points at 1691m and descending north-east from there into Turtons Stream.

With a 7am start, we were tramping up Glenrock Stream by 8.50am, in fine weather. The stream was sheltered and very green with spring growth. The poled route picks up the farm track and continues up the zig-zag to Turtons Saddle where John was content to stay and not go higher. After a steady slog up the spur we three reached Point 1805 at 12.20pm. The view west of the snow-covered south-face of the ridge connecting us to Godley and Moorhouse was impressive.

After lunch, we continued south, on mostly easy terrain, along the snow-free ridge to point 1762m, deciding to drop from there to stay with the south-east spur, down into Turtons Stream. From the stream it was only a short walk up-stream to the turn off, up Comyns Stream to the A-frame Hut, arriving, 3pm. We had anticipated John would have waited for us there but no sign. So, after a break, we continued on the steady plod up Turtons to return to the saddle and reunite with John at 4pm. It was then a pleasure to return down the zigzag and trundle steadily downhill in our green river valley and calm late afternoon conditions to arrive at the road. Even at 5.30 the car thermometer read 20°C. We'd had a great day out and it was good to do this circuit again, particularly the top ridge travel.

We were: **Merv Meredith, (leader), John Robinson, Bill Templeton and Peter Umbers.** 🏔️ MM



The A-frame hut

Waipara Valley Vineyard Trail

Sunday 27 February 2022

Instead of a long drive to Lake Heron our five opted to walk the Waipara Valley Vineyard Trail. As we came into Woodend the traffic slowed and backed up. We were caught in the "Convoy for Freedom" - a bunch of idiots heading north and being cheered on by more idiots who stood on the side of the road, cheering them on. They drove through Amberley at less than 40km per hour as though they were a motorcade of VIPs. They were certainly impeding our freedom to travel on the state highway.

We started our walk at the Glenmark Reserve and walked through Sherwood Downs, Greystones, Muddy Waters, Mountford, Black Estate and Waipara Springs vineyards. A little foraging and sampling of grapes took place. There was an apple tree with delicious windfall apples on the track and a plate sized mushroom was taken home for dinner. The walk was 11.5km and we were: **Diane Dixon, Kathy Ramsay, Sha SG, Lissa Toscano and Henk Boer.** 🏠 DD





Snack-time. Photo by Diane



No need to walk in single-file on this track. Photo by Kathy

Weather Humour



WHEN THE FOLKS AT THE WEATHER OFFICES
SEE YOU REFRESHING THE RADAR TOO OFTEN,
THEY START TEASING YOU.



***There's a technical term for
a sunny, warm day which
follows two rainy days.***



It's called Monday

What's the difference between weather and climate?
You can't weather a tree, but you can climate!