

PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

P.O. BOX 1217, PALMERSTON NORTH

Newsletter - August 2002

O'er pathless rocks, through beds of matted fern and tangled thickets, Forcing my way, I came to one dear nook, unvisited.

Rev William Colenso, 1847, at Te Atu Mahuru peak, Ruahine Ranges.

REPORTS:

A lost aeroplane and pilot in the Ruahines- 1935
Beehive Creek
The new Waiopehu hut
Storm on Cattle Ridge
Deadmans track

CLUB NIGHTS

August 8 The Southern Ocean Peter Wiles

August 29 Mongolia Climbing Terry Crippen/ Andrew Lynch

September 5 Committee Meeting

September 12 Mt Aspiring Bruce Van Brunt

September 23 Interclub Photo Competition MUAC.

Coming up Interclub Quzz MUAC.

Club nights are held for all club members and visitors on the second and last Thursday of each month at the **Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North**. All club nights commence at 7:45 pm **sharp**, winter or summer. The PNTMC Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

At the club night: Please sign your name in the visitors book. A 50c door fee includes supper.

UP AND COMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Trip Grades

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially the weather. A reasonably proficient tramper can be expected to do the trips in the following times:

> Easy (E): 3-4 hrs Medium (M): 5-6 hrs Fit (F): about 8 hrs

Fitness Essential (FE): >8 hrs

T refers to technical trips requiring special skills.

Aug 8. Club Night

Peter Wiles. The Southern Ocean, and Ross Sea, Including visits to Campbell Island travel through the pack ice, Cape Adare, Cape Hallet, Terra Nova Bay, Ross Island, McMurdo Sound, Franklin Island and the Auckland Islands. The trip visited three historic huts on the continent. I will be discussing some of the related history.

Aug 10- 11 Blue Lake, TNP. M/ T Harley Betts 353

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On this alpine tramp and camp in from Mangetepopo, you will require some warm stuff, and ice axe and crampons. Good training for Snowcraft, and great scenery.

Aug 11 Kauterawa Valley E Kevin Pearce 357 0217

Depart 9.00 AM Sunday. A pleasant river valley close to town with an opportunity to climb to the hill tops. The track is a bit rough in places, so be sure to bring stout footwear and winter clothing. Swimming is optional.

Aug 14 (Wed) Snowcraft evening (for participants)

 Aug 17/ 18
 Snowcraft 2
 F/ T/ I.

 Terry Crippen
 356 3588

Refer notices, July 2002 Newsletter.

Aug 18. K2 and Mt Cook E Warren Wheeler 356 1998

Depart 6.00am for a dawn assault on the South Face of K2 (elevation 32,000mm). We will set up base camp and use full climbing gear (crampons, ice axes, ropes etc) to ensure all expedition members summit out. An attempt will also be made on the world record for the fastest solo ascent without oxygen (26 seconds, unofficially). After a champagne breakfast we will journey to the Bainesse Plains and attempt the south face of Mt Cook (58,000mm) before noon. Our descent will be along the easy East Ridge to avoid any extensive rope work.

Aug 24- 25 Te Hekenga Classic F Tony Gates 357 7439, 025 246

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A classic Ruahine tramp, with all the ingredients of winter alpine tramping to the prominent mountain at the head of the Oroua Valley. In via Longview Hut, to Howletts luxury, then a day climb of Te Hekenga, and out via Daphne. Come prepared. The full moon may allow us an evening climb.

Aug 25 Pohangina Walkways E
Janet Wilson 329 4722
There are planty of easy walks in this delightful

There are plenty of, easy walks in this delightful valley close to town. The tramp is guided by a local resident who knows the area well.

Aug 28 (wed evg) Snowcraft 3 (ref notice, July 02)

Aug 29

Club Night

Mongolia Climb, Terry Crippen/ Andrew Lynch Recently, Terry and Andrew had a successful climbing trip to the Mongolian Altai Mountains, adjacent to the border with Russia and China. As well as plenty of climbing, they enjoyed the hospitality of the Mongol, Kazakh and Tuvan nomads, and the delights of Ulaan Baatar, the capital of this central Asian country. Come along and hear their story.

(NOTE: this talk has been bought forward and swapped with Bruce's Aspiring talk which is now on Sepember 12).

August 31-Sept 1 Snowcraft 3 M/F/I for info contact Terry 356 3588

Sept 1 Waikanae area E Liz Morrison 357 6532

A nice, easy stroll through some good native bush quite close to the main drag, in the foothills of the Tararuas. It might be a bit muddy.

Sept 5 Committee Meeting, at Tony's place.

Sept 5-8 Tape O Nuku climb F/T Alisdair Noble 356 1094

We will be leaving late Thursday evening, and crossing via the InterIslander to Picton. We plan to tramp up the Hodder River to the pleasant Hodder hut on Friday, and do the climb to the big mountain on Saturday. Sunday is then for retreat back down the river. We will probably return home late on the Sunday evening.

This is a good opportunity for Snowcraft graduates to see some of alpine South Island. Come prepared for chilly weather.

Sept 7-8 Top Maropea E/M
Richard Lockett 323 0948
A good jaunt up into the beech forest and tussock of Hawkes Bay, to a pleasant, to small, DOC hut. You will need warm stuff, and ice axe and crampons. Will meet up with day trippers.

Sept 8 Sunrise Hut E/M
Duncan Hedderly 355 1820
One of the more popular Ruahine spots, Sunrise
Hut is easily accessible, and offers great views of the ice, snow, and crags of the Ruahines.

Sept 12 Club Night

Bruce van Brunt, climbing in the Mt Aspiring Region, one of NZ's most popular areas and peaks. Bruce has spent some time here up on the ice and snow, and is familiar with many of the routes.

Sept 14-16 Please note, the Whakapapa climbing trip has been cancelled, and a leader is to be arranged for a day trip climbing on Ruapehu.

Sept 14-15 Avalance Awareness, Mt Ruapehu Each year the NZ Mountain Safety Council has a series of lectures and field days on Avalanche Awareness, a good follow-on from our Snowcraft Programme and essential stuff if you intend to head into the snow covered hills and mountains, winter or summer. Vern Meyer of Outdoor Experiances is running this one: Evening Lecture Whakapapa Village 7pm Sat 14 Sat, followed by a field day on Ruapehu's slopes Sunday 15. Cost \$105. Contact Vern directly: phone 07 333 7099 email outdoorexperiances@xtra.co.nz (phone Terry Crippen 3563-588 or Bruce van Brunt 328-4761 for addition info if you like)

Trip participants:

If you are interested in going on a trip, please contact the leader at least three days in advance.

Trips usually leave from the Foodtown carpark in Fergusson Street with transport provided by car-pooling. A charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance travelled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance. For general information or any suggestions for future tramps please contact one of the trip co-ordinators Terry Crippen (356-3588), Janet Wilson (329-4722) or Andrew Lynch (325-8779).

Trip leaders: Please discuss with the trip co-ordinators, as soon as possible, if there is any doubt that you will be unable to run your trip as scheduled. This is so that alternatives can be arranged, put in the newsletter, or passed on at club night.

*** OVERDUE TRIPS ***

Enquiries to: Mick Leyland (358-3183), Terry Crippen (356-3588), or Janet Wilson (329 4722)

NOTICES

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES can be Emailed to tony.gates@horizons.govt.nz, or stuff can be delivered to him at home or work.

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You may get an e-mail reply from the horizons 'postmaster'. Don't worry, all material gets through once it is checked for viruses etc. by horizons' staff.

The deadline for anything for the Newsletter is the FIRST THURSDAY of the month.

COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL

For those of you who use Email, we request that trip leaders Email trip details to a Club Trip Coordinator prior to departure. In the unlikely event of a delay, or the need to contact others, we believe that information stored in digital format can (sometimes) be made available more easily, more rapidly, than other forms of storing the information.

EMAIL ADDRESS LIST

Committee members who are connected to Email are listed below. Please note that changes to this

list may occur from time to time, so we will try to keep it as up to date as possible.

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NEW MEMBERS.

A warm welcome, and happy tramping to; Andrew Halsall 3A Maddison Apt, 4 Queen Street, Palmerston North, Ph 06 354 4813 ahalsall49_1999@yahoo.com

COOKER FUEL FOR SALE

For all your tramping trips; Terry has got bulk white spirits (Shellite/ Pegasol/ Calite- various names) available for your cookers. At \$3.50 a litre, it is much cheaper than up to \$8 when you have to buy it in the one litre containers from a garage. Contact Terry 356 3588. Bring you own container if you have one.

WEDNESDAY TRAMPING GROUP

We go out every second Wednesday, on easy tramps. Come and join us. For more information, please phone Judy 06 357 0192, Jennifer 06 323 3914, or June 06 355 2690.

WANTED TO BUY

A Leki telescopic walking stick (or similar). Phone Monica, 06 326 9691.

MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT NEWS

This note is to inform you that I am leaving Mountain Equipment in mid-August to take up the position of Manager at Smiths Sports Shoes in Tauranga. It is with some sadness that I'm leaving Palmerston North, as I have enjoyed living here for the last 15 years and made many friends that we'll be leaving behind. I'm looking forward to the challenges of the new job, as well as that of parenthood. Cathy is pregnant and due in early January, and by being in Tauranga we'll be able to have one set of grandparents-to-be nearby. I'd like to thank you all for the years of custom at Mountain Equipment and the friendships that have formed. I know that Mountain Equipment is in the good hands of Dave Grant and the team

who will ensure that Mountain Equipment will always be the ultimate outdoor store in the Manawatu. Thank you once again for your business over the years, as it is appreciated very much.

Kind regards, Russell Lake.

ALPINE AND ANTARCTIC CALENDARS

I have seen some Craig Potton and Hedgehog house 2003 calendars in the shops already, so was reminded about our annual PNTMC order (with a bulk buy discount). I'm not sure of the actual price, but with the competition selling for nearly \$20.00, The Hedgehog House Alpine and Antarctic calendars are excellent value. And the Alpine Calendar stresses some areas of great interest to club members.

The Committee will be soon sorting out an order list, so contact one of them if you are interested.

INTERCLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

Massey University Alpine Club are organising the 2002 interclub photo competition, to be held on Monday September 23, at 7.30 pm. The venue is Ag Hort 1, and the judge may be Murray Woodcock). Please bring entries beforehand.

Categories are for slides and prints, in each of; People Rock and alpine Landscape Flora and Fauna Action Humour.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Tricia Eder, our Taihape correspondent and regular Ruahine tramper, informs us that she was recently involved in a successful search and rescue operation. After being requested to prepare for a ground search near the River Valley lodge, Rangitikei River, and meeting her fellow searchers before dawn, Tricia ended up not even getting her feet wet. The local helicopter pilot, Brian Goodwin, had used his local knowledge. and flown over the likely area before dawn. The lost person had the good sense to fire his camera flash at the pilot to give away his location, so the helicopter could land nearby (well, not actually land, so much as hover). The rescue party jumped an estimated one metre to the ground, only to find it more like three metres!

HISTORICAL REPORT RUAHINE PLANE CRASH MYSTERY July 1935, by Tony Gates. On Monday July 24 1935, farmer Hamish Armstrong crashed his De Havilland Fox Moth aeroplane into the Ruahine Ranges. He was on a routine flight from his family farm at Akitio to Hastings, and was caught in bad weather. The aircraft was discovered in the tussock near Sunrise Hut, as the photograph shows, on Monday August 5 1935. Hamish's body was never found. Armstrong Saddle is named after him.

Like any air disaster, Hamish's disappearance attracted considerable media attention, more so because of the novelty of aeroplanes. Local newspapers were full of information, possible sightings and search details. It was a large scale search, with a total of 45 000 miles flown. Some planes flew 7 hours each day of the week long search. The area of the Ruahine and Kaweka Ranges (and farmland) covered was estimated to be 65 000 square miles. Many areas, including Armstrong Saddle, were flown over more than once. Some locals had reported seeing smoke, but extensive searches came to nothing.

On Thursday Aug 1, a memorial service for Hamish was held at Akitio. On Monday August 5, a chance discovery was made of Hamish's areoplane by experienced mountaineer lan Powell. He had been looking for ski areas along the Ruahine Range, and quickly recognised the aeroplane. It was located, as the photograph shows, in open country, right on what is now

known as Armstrong Saddle. It appeared to be a survivable landing onto relatively flat land, in a pancake landing. The aircraft was relatively Its silver and green paint had unscathed. effectively camouflaged it from the searchers, despite them searching this area. The snow, in place 10 ft deep, had turned to ice, and partially buried the plane. Hamish Armstrong was not there, nor was there any sign of him. Shuteye shack, located just down the hill from Sunrise Hut, was a useful search base. Searchers were still looking on Thursday Aug 8, but held little hope of finding him, what with the snow and ice. leatherwood, waterfalls, and thick forest. He was ill prepared for the conditions, with neither good clothing nor footwear. He had no food or shelter, and it was also highly likely that he was injured to an extent. It is highly possible that he headed off west, into the Maropea catchment. If, however, he tramped east, towards the nearest farmland, he probably didn't realise the rugged nature of the terrain, and succumbed to exposure where the searchers were unable to find him.

Some tramping club groups noted the aircraft wreckage next summer. The engine was removed, and the rest of the aeroplane, being wood and canvas, was burnt on site. By early 1939, there was very little of the wreckage left.

References: Dannevirke Evg News, August 1935. Huts of the Northern Ruahine, by Mathew Wright (1986) NZFS.



lan Powell inspecting the Fox Moth wreckage Armstrong Saddle. [Lloyd Wilson]

Poem to Hamish Armstrong.

Our feet still sound upon the outside road The noisy road, the rugged road of life Soiled with its dust, and wearied with strife But ye have cross'd the river, Scaled the heights Passed the dark valley And forgot all pain In your new life, the worth of life Has come again TRIP REPORTS

Beehive Creek- Totara Reserve, June 30. By Graham Heap.

Rain on the old tin roof at 6.30 am had cleared by the time we headed out of Palmerston. The mist rising from the wet earth by the warmth of the sun briefly gathered itself around the foot of Wharite and deserved a photograph. I had forgotten my camera again.

After meeting up with Monica with the other half of the party we arrived punctually at Beehive Creek. Electing to walk up the road first we ignored the lovely views of the sunlit Pohangina valley and began earnest conversations on exalted and esoteric topics. Nearly all of us were over dressed - as the sun warmed up, tops came off. The climb up the farm track slowed the pace of conversation briefly, but you cannot keep good talkers down for long.

Beehive Creek was also looking good in the sunshine and the stream was running high. At times it almost reached ankle depth, especially when we stepped into quicksand - unnerving stuff. The fantails were out in force as usual.



Rata tree at Totara Reserve [Graham Heap]

The laggards thought the next stop was the Waterford, but those made of sterner stuff determined that we should inspect the Totara Reserve. A short car ride and we were at the campsite. The solitary Italian lady, previously camping at Coppermine Creek, was there. We did not speak to her. Fiona coveted her hat.

The nature trail does not take long. The various points of interest along the way are marked by numbered posts. As we did not have the little guide we had to work out as much as we could. The totara, we discovered, are distinguishable from the Matai by their bark. At post No 6 there was a hollow and hump from a fallen tree and lan elaborated on the mechanism of its formation. Some chicken and hen ferns were growing around the hollow. Highlights were a very old, very large Totara which is, and sounds, hollow standing out on the skyline and a Northern Rata (see picture) high on the embankment on the opposite side of the road.

The sun was still shining when we got to the Waterford. Sitting outside the conversation turned to limericks and children's games. Relaxing chatter after a relaxing walk. A most pleasant way to spend a Sunday. We were Monica Cantwell, Helen Davidson, Fiona Donald, Ian Harding, Hilda and Graham Heap and Warren Wheeler.

You all know to recite Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor, Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief when counting your plum stones in order to find out what you will be when you grow up. Well, here is one which we think is more appropriate for the 21st Century: Hacker, Backpacker, Spindoctor, Sir; Cypernaut, Juggler, Entrepreneur

One of the limericks: There once was a woman from Hyde; Who ate a sour apple and died; The apple fermented; Inside the lamented; And made cider inside her inside.

Freezing at new Waiopehu Hut, July 13- 14. By Tony Gates

Miserable winter weather has brought the PNTMC a few less than well patronised tramps. I was the only one on this stroll to the new Waiopehu hut, It was cold, the hut was lovely, and the exercise was fun. With easterly weather, I had some sunshine, and lots of nice photographs.

I followed the well trodden route across the farmland, then up the gentle gradient track to the new hut. It can be a boring and seemingly never ending ridge, but the Waiopehu Hut and peak route provides direct and river free access to the big bush of the Otaki, and the high Tararua tussock tops beyond. The hut is a fine example of DOC's work, catching both evening and morning sunshine. I arrived just on dark amidst snow flurries.

Sun came streaming into the hut on Sunday morning during breakky. There was fresh snow around the hut too, and the promise of a fine day. With hut resident Trevor, who was also up in the ranges for some exercise, I nicked up onto Waiopehu peak. The tussock basins of the summit is only 10 minutes from the hut. Over to Twin Peak, I paused to photograph the grave and memorial cross to Ralph Wood. He had perished there in a fierce storm during 1936. As a mark of the severity of the storm, you can still see tree trunks that were blown over then. Trevor looked like a terrorist with his full face black balaclava.



A snowy sunrise on the luxurious new Waiopehu Hut, Waiopehu Peak [Tony Gates]

Over to Richards Knob, and down Gable End track, the track was overgrown, and the snow on the vegetation very wet. I made it back to the car in sunshine, exactly 24 hours after I had left.

Ruamahanga- Roaring Stag- Cattle Ridge Hut, July 20- 21. By Logan Westwood.

We set of from PN about 8.30 am in Martin's spacious wagon, and headed for the claggy winswept hills of the northern Tarauas. Tony kept us fully entertained with tales of recent adventures until we hit the Putara road end mid morning. Our hearts sank as we spied another vehicle in the carpark, not just any vehicle, a Hutt Valley Tramping Club 12 seater mini bus! Lance and Tony decided it safest to take 2 tents just in case, after all cattle ridge sleeps only 5.

Once we were geared up, we set off along the Mangatainoka before hitting our first swing bridge. After crossing, we shed some layers, and made good time up to the second swing bridge, with Lance and Anna (?) following at a gentler pace behind. As we climbed towards the Roaring Stag-Herepai T intersection, we stopped and chatted to some HVTC members Tony knew, who were "nibbling" away at the track, ie 1 minute walking 5 minutes resting. We were happy to learn that they were staying at Herepai for the night, and only 3 of their number were planning the ascent to Cattle Ridge. We carried onto the T intersection to wait for Lance and Anna, refuelled and chatted to 2 further HVTC members. After a 20 minute stop we carried on for the final leg to Roaring Stag hut for lunch and a brew. Arriving at Roaring Stag mid day we had a brew of herbal tea and a tomato soup-chinese noodle broth, while chatting to the 3 HVTC guys going to Cattle Ridge. 90 minutes later we crossed the 3rd swing bridge for the ascent to Cattle Ridge.



Anya Scholz and Lance Gray in the leatherwood. [Martin Lawrence]

The weather looked promising as we ascended further, with views over to the next ridge line and the Ruamahuga river below, but once we hit the leatherwood, all hopes of clear blue skies and undisturbed views were all but blown away by the nor-westerly wind flow bringing in nasty misty cloud and bone chilling wind. Spotting cattle ridge hut almost brought a tear to my eye, after 9 months absence from any form of tramping, smoking and drinking far to much (and a recent bout of glandular fever) I was shattered. My legs felt like concrete blocks. Tony and Martin took a few snaps as we approached the hut, before seeking refuge inside where we were greeted with toasty warmth thanks to the 3 HVTC guys we had met earlier, immediately fogging up my glassesnice! After a brew we set about pitching the tents in ever increasing wind, Martin and I painfully numbing our hands placing snow around Tony's Olympus, while he dug a trench with his ice axe to divert any water that might threaten us in the night. Lance cooked a well earned dinner of veges, pasta and bacon (compliments) before we settled into AB's vs Springbok rugby commentary thanks to one of the HVTC guys and his hand held radio. After a few stiff whiskeys it was off to bed, Lance, Martin and I made our way out to our tents in what was now gale force winds with what must have been 180kmh gusts, I exaggerate not! Settling into our chicken feather fart sacs it felt as if we would be picked up at any second and splattered against the side of the hut or blown away into the valley below. About 4 am I decided that the hut was the only place sleep could be achieved as the floor was quite wet and the tent walls were blowing in around me. After waking Lance (were you actually sleeping?!) we fixed the problem (a vestible peg had come out and the wind was forcing it's way under the front of the tent threatening to launch it into space!) and I said adios, and staggered into the hut for some well earned kip. Lying on the hut floor trying to achieve some form of sleep. I could here the wind gusting over cattle ridge and scream down into the hut, rocking it to its very foundations. I was sure daylight would bring us looking out the hut door wondering where to start the search for Martin! 6 am, Martin bowled in still in on piece, and the breakfast process was started. Porridge and a brew were had before we kicked back, said goodbye to the HVTC guys, and read the Saturday Dominion Post and chatted. waiting for Tony's workmate Peter Kerr, we set off back down to cattle ridge, with Tony stopping us in very precarious locations to pose for photos. The wind had not let up and at a few stages actually blew me over! We quickly scurried down the steep track (every Tararua tramp has at least one steep track I'm told) to find shelter amongst the trees of the bush. Meeting Peter half way down, we had a quick chat, where he decided to poke his head above the bush line for a peek.

It took us 75 mins to descend to Roaring Stag. After a brew and a good rest we pushed on in worsening weather, the track in places had become a stream, and in others boggy mud holes (ah, yes, real NZ tramping). The track back to the T intersection seemed twice as long, although most of it was up hill. We timed it very well and met a day MTSC group, with Jenny McCarthy and freinds, then Warrens party returning from their Herepai day tramp. No one felt like standing around in the rain talking about the weather so we all quickly made our way back to the car park, which also seemed to drag on for ages. Sleep deprived, traumatised by the wind and with tired legs I dragged myself the last few steeps to Martins car, where sodden clothing was replaced with nice warm dry ones, and we packed up and set of for Eke's cafe. After a nice feed we made the short journey back to PN.

Lesson from this tramp- after a long absence from tramping, it's easy to forget there's a whole other world up in the hills away from daily routine life, and even if the weathers nasty up there, youre sure to met some great likeminded people and share some good yarns. Can't wait till next time.

We were Logan Westwood (scribbler), Tony Gates (walking, talking Tararua encyclopedia), Martin Lawerence (driver), and Lance and Anya Gray (chef and German language tutor respectively).

DEADMAN'S SNOW, July 28. Warren Wheeler. This was a spur of the moment trip arranged on Saturday after Warren received a couple of phone calls. The weather looked hopeful with SE winds and fine weather forecast – however on Sunday as we set out there were snow-clouds on the Ruahine Ranges. "Lets go and have a look", said Carolyn. So off we went, agreeing that the Rangi-Deadman's area would provide the nicest trip.

A father-son combo driving down from the Rangi carpark informed us that it had taken them an hour to bush-bash around the top of the big slip, which had slipped some more and was now "impassable". We decided to check it out anyway and walked up the track about 20 minutes in light patchy showers. The rocky vertical head across the slip-face looked a bit too fresh and unstable, the drop to the stream looked really scary, and there appeared to be a big gut on the far side rising to the main slip head that looked fresh and incised to the point of being yes, "impassable". We agreed that it would be foolhardy to even step out onto the roughly marked route across the slope. OK, we chickened out, but we were happy. So we back-tracked to the carpark to head up the Deadman's Track. Despite the dodgy weather we were not the only ones out and about. At the carpark we advised a young family to forget Rangi and do Deadman's instead, but another fit solo hiker decided he was "definitely going to Rangi".

Flattened ferns and broken branches suggested that there had been quite a lot of snow down low a week or so ago, but it took us more than 30 minutes to reach the first remaining patches in the bush. As we continued upwards into the cloud a wonderful snowscape developed with fresh snow lying ankle deep on the track and the trees and alpine scrub festooned with ice and snow.

Being on the lee side of the ranges the cloud was breaking up at times and let the sun through momentarily to put a real shine on our dials what a brilliant magic place to be. A flurry of snow blew over us as we approached the tussock line and the more exposed windy part of the ridge.

2 hours up, enough already, we huddled down for a quick lunch. With feet getting cold we then headed back down, with the odd slip and slide in the snow and lower muddy sections. We couldn't believe that the family group had given up soon after we passed them on the way up – the muddy track obviously put them off, but oh, what a fantastic time they missed up in the clouds.

We were Jenny Doyle and friend 'Tine, Carolyn Brody (rogue MTSC), and Warren Wheeler

LIST OF MEMBERS- 2002- 2003

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