



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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## Newsletter - May 2002

"This stretch of the trip between Maungahuka and Kime Huts had been worrying me a bit. There are some turns in the ridge which are tricky when there is heavy clag around- like now. The ground trail not being very distinct in places. I wanted to be through this section before it got dark."

Gary Goldsworthy, from "A day on the range", his solo 25.5 hour Schormann Kaitoke, December 1989

### NEWS; Photo Competition, Trip Card, and Snowcraft

#### REVIEW; Shaun Barnett's latest book

TRIP REPORTS; Honeycomb Rock, Mikimiki,  
Atiwhakitu, Roaring Stag Lodge.  
The Manawatu Gorge Track  
Coppermine Creek  
SAREX, TCA, & MLSO  
Nelson Lakes

#### CLUB NIGHTS

- MAY 9** South Westland Summer, with Terry Crippen and Jonathon Astin.
- MAY 30** Western Australia, with John Phillips.
- JUNE 6** Committee Meeting
- JUNE 13** What's up DOC?
- JUNE 27** Annual photograph competition.

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. As a guide, a reasonably proficient trapper can be expected to cover the graded 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.

**May 9 Club night**  
**South Westland Summer, By Jonathon Astin and Terry Crippen.** The objective of the club's South Island trip this summer was to do some tramping in Westland and climb Mts Hooker and Brewster. Four club members had excellent weather and a successful trip, so come along and see.

May 11- 12 Rangitikei Triangle  
 Richard Lockett 323 0948

A traditional area in the mid western Ruahines will be visited on this tramp, with good variety of forest, tussock, and river tramping. Nice huts.

May 12 Bannister- Arete F  
 Derek Sharp 326 8178

Derek plans an energetic day on the north eastern Tararua Tops, leaving early and finishing late. Strictly for keen people.

May 16 Thursday Trampers  
 John Rockell 04 902 4415

May 18- 19 Kawekas, The Lakes E  
 Tony Gates 357 7439

This is a lovely camping spot just off the Napier Taihape Road, with numerous day walks from our base camp, which will be right next to our cars.

May 19 Caving Introduction E/ M  
 Graham Peters 329 4722

A day trip to Limestone country at Coonoor, (behind Pahiatua), as a "sampler" trip for those interested in going underground. Bring torch, overalls, and stout footwear. Transport to be organised closer to the day.

May 23 Thursday Trampers  
 Graham Pritchard 357 1393

May 25- 26 Kime Hut- Mt Hector  
 M  
 Warren Wheeler 356 1998  
 Depart 8.00 AM Saturday. In from Otaki Forks, to Field Hut, Kime Hut, then a romantic moonlight stroll up to Mt Hector.

May 26 Manawatu Gorge E  
 Duncan Hedderley 350 4351(bus)  
 d.i.hedderley@massey.ac.nz

Leave PN at 8.30 (am) for a pleasant walk through the bush along the DOC track on top of the Gorge - now with daylight added.

**May 30 Club night**  
**Western Australia, by John Phillips.** John spent many of his earlier years tramping and motorbike-touring in this part of Oz where he grew up. He will take us on a slide tour of his old haunts from the FAR side of the ditch, from the forests and coasts of the southwest to the red grandeur of the outback..

June 1- 3 (Queens Birthday Weekend)  
 Queen Charlotte Walkway M  
 Janet Wilson 329 4722

Janet plans to travel by the Inter Islander, then undertake a flexible approach to tramping this lovely area of the Marlborough Sounds. There are numerous options for accommodation, transport, and distance to tramp, so Janet requires an early expression of interest.

June 1- 3 Tararua Peaks F  
 Jonathan Astin 354-040

The high central Tararua Ranges offer trampers numerous challenges. Perhaps the most challenging, Tunui and Tuiti peaks (commonly known as the Tararua Peaks), are Jonathon's destination on this chilly weekend. There should be a new wire ladder installed by then. A tough but rewarding trip. Good huts, gorgeous forest, and maybe a bit of snow and ice. Crampons and ice axe should be carried.

### **June 6 Committee Meeting**

June 9 Oroua Valley E/ family  
 Liz Morrisson 357 6532

The Oroua Valley, in from Apiti, provides a variety of good tramps.

June 9                    Tunupo  
M                    Richard Lockett                    323-0948  
The prominent peak of Tunupo, on the Ngamoko Range, is reasonably easily accessible from Table Flat Road, Apiti. Good views. There is a good track in the bush. You might need ice axe and crampons for the top section.

June 10                    DOC user group meeting,  
Palmerston North. Details TBA.

**June 13                    Club night**  
**What's up DOC?**  
A talk by a DOC staff member, to be arranged.

June 13                    Thursday trampers  
Liz Flint                    356-7654

June 15-16                    Taumatataua-Howletts                    M/F  
Lance Gray                    356-6454

A real traditional stomping ground for PNTMC, with a good mix of tramping on the tops, a great hut, and plenty to see. In via Longview Hut, out via the Tukituki River (or vice versa)

June 16                    Longview Loop  
M                    Stephen Liddal                    357-6978  
Planning to join up with the above party, but doing the tramp in one day.

**June 27                    Club night**  
**Annual Photo Competition.**  
As at last year's event, Murray Woodcock will be the judge. There are several different categories, as listed in the notices below. Come along and show your best photos.

#### **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

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

#### **LIST OF DUTIES**

The PNTMC Committee delegates various duties to members to assist with the smooth running of the club. It may look like a long list, and some of the duties may appear to be administrative and boring, but they are all essential. Not all of these duties take a great deal of work to do, and most of them are a lot of fun. They are;

**Trips Co ordinators** Janet Wilson, Terry Crippen, Andy Lynch.  
**Overdue trips contact** Terry Crippen, Mick Leyland, Janet Wilson.  
**SAR contacts** Terry Crippen, Mick Leyland, Warren Wheeler.  
**Gear custodian** Mick Leyland  
**Club Evenings** Warren Wheeler  
**Evenings Host** Warren Wheeler  
**Supper duties** Elaine Herve  
**Phone Tree** Terry Crippen  
**Archives** Peter Wiles.  
**Library and scrapbook** Dave Grant.  
**MUAC contact** Dave Grant  
**MTSC contact** Warren Wheeler  
**Mtn Safety contact** Terry Crippen  
**FMC contact** Mick Leyland  
**Map and FMC orders** Peter Wiles  
**Funding applications** Bruce Van Brunt  
**Snowcraft** Bruce Van Brunt, Terry Crippen.  
**Conservation** Andrew Lynch, Tony Gates  
**Advertising** Monica Cantwell, Warren Wheeler.  
**Membership enquiries** Warren Wheeler, Mick Leyland, Elaine Herve.  
**Editor** Tony Gates  
**Newsletter/ Trip card publishing and distribution.** Peter Wiles

### **SNOWCRAFT INSTRUCTION 2000. by Terry Crippen**

2002 is the year of the Mountains. So, its that time of the year again; start thinking MOUNTAINS, SNOW, and the clubs yearly snowcraft instruction programme. This traditional, very worthwhile programme is designed to equip club members and other trampers with basic and intermediate skills so they can safely get out and about in snow on winter trips, and alpine trips down south over summer: from straight forward walking on easy snow slopes to simple snow climbing and aspects of technical mountaineering. A progressive approach is used: Snowcraft 1 assumes nil or only minor previous snow experience, Snowcraft 2 and 3 build on the previous levels.

Some people may enter at Snowcraft 2 level. Some people just do Snowcraft 1 and 2. Numbers are limited. Be in early. Pass the word round to any of your tramping friends.

The instruction consists of three weekends away a fortnight apart, two at Mt Ruapehu and one at Mt Egmont, and three week night evenings (one prior to each weekend):

Snowcraft 1 3-4 Aug (+ evg TUES 30 July)

Snowcraft 2 17-18 Aug (+ evg WED 14 August)

Snowcraft 3 31 Aug- 1 Sept (+ evg WED 28 Aug)

For further info, costs and registration form: contact Terry Crippen (356 3588), Bruce van Brunt 328 4761, or Warren Wheeler (356 1998).

### **REMINDER; SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions for 2002/03 are due now.

The fee is the same as last year.

\$30 adult,

\$35 family,

\$15 junior.

A junior subscription is available for donation to a needy person by our club Patron, Lawson Pither, if so required.

### **NEXT SIX MONTHLY EVENTS CARD**

This is well under way, and should be delivered with your June 2002 newsletter. LEADERS and IDEAS may however still be wanted.

There will be plenty of sunny trips on snow covered tops, then spring and early summer as well. Contact Janet Wilson (329-4722), who is chief Trips Co-ordinator, if you have any more ideas for this.

Also we want suggestions for club night speakers and events - contact Warren (356-1998) or.

### **MAP ORDER.**

The current map order is with FMC, and the maps will be available soon. If you ordered any maps, then expect notification. Please ensure that payment is forthcoming.

### **FOR SALE**

Contact: Fiona Donald 3561095 (A/ H)

Kathmandu "Navigator" goosedown: standard 700 gms semi-rectangular blue bag. (left side zip and pillowcase built in hood). 3-4season;

construction: chevron box wall baffles. Weight 1.70 kg. Retail \$539.50 To sell \$230.00 ono (Included is stuff sack and calico bag with instructions for care.) Excellent condition, bought new in March 2000, used 12 times indoors.

### ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

The PNTMC annual Photo Competition is at the end of June 2002. Murray Woodcock, from Extraeye Photography, has agreed to be the judge, as he was last year.

Despite Harley Betts having just returned from a photographic tour of South America, (and we will no doubt see some of his work from there), there will be plenty of good local photographs in this competition. Members are encouraged to enter a few slides and/ or prints. Harley deservedly does well in our photo competitions, but he cannot scoop all the prizes (or can he?). Can a photographic tour of Mongolia compete with photos of the mountains and deserts of South America?.

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### BOOK REVIEW, By Andrew Lynch. **Natural New Zealand, by Shaun Barnett (2001). Craig Potton Publishing.**

Award winning writer and photographer Shaun Barnett has published a pictorial book, titled NATURAL NEW ZEALAND.

Shaun has spent many years tramping to all the compass points in our country, and has magnificently captured with his camera his interpretation of what is good and beautiful about our natural homeland. He takes us on a whirlwind tour around New Zealand, starting on the West Coast of the South Island, and finishing in the north of the North Island. And in doing so, has avoided the idyllic farming scenes, towns, cities and human influence. Although some of the places portrayed are mere minutes out of our largest cities and accessible to all, others are only for technically able and very skilled people. But a lot photos come from popular tramping areas, great walkways and national parks. All areas of our natural heritage are touched on, including, marine reserves, coastal environments, forest lands, and alpine areas. We see flowers and

Rules and categories in next newsletter.

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grasses, rocks and streams, and a collection of birds and reptiles.

The well researched introduction leads into seventy pages of images that are titled only. It is a joy to relax and look at the photos without being compelled to read pages of information. NATURAL NEW ZEALAND has been priced below \$20; (this does not do justice to the quality) making it extremely attractive to those travelling our country who want a pictorial essay to either take home with them or to post to friends.

This is a book full of images we have seen in our travels but not had the ability to capture on film and are kept in memory only. Although there are a lack of photos taken in inclement weather (that most people who have tramped in New Zealand are only too aware of), it does leave you with a warm feeling for how beautiful our country really is when the sun shines.

A recommended addition to your library, and an excellent present for friends and family here and overseas.

## TRIP REPORTS

### **HONEYCOMB ROCK COASTAL WALK,**

**Jan 26. By Fiona Donald.**

This is a fascinating coastal walk particularly if you are searching for something different to do which would suit family and friends, not too far away from Palmerston North, out in the open air, seeing the local wildlife and admiring the geological formations.

The track is part of the New Zealand Walkways network and is found solely on the private property of Glenburn Station, east Wairarapa coast, about 50 km from Carterton via Gladstone and Te Wharau. The track is closed for the lambing season between August and October. Firearms and dogs are not allowed. I had not walked this track for a while and thought it would be a good time to refresh my memory plus show a few club members what this area of the Wairarapa has to offer. We four went on a splendid jaunt on a lovely summery day. It was a coastal walk to see the Rock only two and a half hours away! (drive time from P.N.) So, this could be the walk for you if you can walk 8 kms return through a variety of long and at times needle-sharp grass, thistles, boggy bits and beach while at the same time looking for the orange markers on the posts.

The ultimate risk is crossing the bull paddock, from one stile to the next; the bulls appeared harmless they didn't bat their eyelids as we straggled past them. Fortunately Warren had sharp eyes and was out in front leading the way to the next stile although I was a bit concerned that he had a bright red patch on his shorts .... the colour red... well-known for inflaming the bulls? I quickened my pace because, help, if those bulls moved then it would be helter, skelter cos there ain't no shelter!

At the Rock – climb it – go right to the top – it's awesome fun; inspect its composition (see "Reading the Rocks..." Lloyd Homer and Phil Moore) to explain how the cell-like honeycomb pattern occurs and the rock's age, go beachcombing, go for a swim, (watch out if there are jellyfish washed up on the foreshore) view the remains of the Fijian Trader "Tuvalu" which ran aground in 1967, try a spot of rockclimbing and sidle up to the seals.

This trip is going to the Rock on 7 December 02, allow 2.5 hours to drive there, 3.5 hours walk, 1.5 hours to climb etc so come and do it.

This trip: Warren Wheeler (according to his Xmas pressie he walked 16000 steps?), Monica Cantwell, Neil Campbell and Fiona Donald (pseudo leader)

### **MIKIMIKI, March 10. By Fiona Donald**

The cicadas were clearly heard through the open car windows, rasping their merry summery songs as we drove up the Kiriwhakapapa Road. The track goes between two valleys and you can drive up either the Mikimiki or Kiriwhakapapa Roads from State Highway 2 north of Masterton. You can do a return trip (4 hours) or have two cars and exchange keys halfway for a 2 hour walk.

It was perfect mild weather, ideal for a leisurely bush tramp and the crossing of a few streams. Seven of us enjoyed a very pleasant wander along the well-benched track through the fabulous bush to our lunch stop. We stopped at the 1930's tree nursery (now abandoned) and sat under the trees relishing the cool contrast from the heat of the tramp.

A 15 minute walk, beyond the nursery, is the end of the track: it isn't a very appealing walk as it is part of a private farm property.

On our return, Jacqueline felt the strong presence of Monica Cantwell ( Monica is well known for her regular nude watery dips when she hasn't got her togs with her) and suddenly announced she was going to have a dip at the second stream we crossed. Margaret joined her and the rest of the party discretely left them to it. It was very obvious they were enjoying themselves; we heard lots of delighted shrieks echoing up and down the gorge.

We were: Fiona Donald (leader) Margaret May, Pauline Knuckey, Tracey Francis, Jacqueline Aust, Duncan Hedderley and Neil Campbell.

**SAREX, IRON GATES, 9- 10 March. By Peter Darragh.**

Team Members were; Jonathon Astin, Heather Bewick, Graham Peters, Peter Darragh, with hangers on Warren Wheeler and Janet Wilson.

Goals achieved;

-Embarkation and dis-embarkation of a hovering helicopter

-Brief by Rescue helicopter pilot

-Use of GPS

-Map and compass skills

-TCA (Track and Clue Awareness)

-Use of radios and preparing scheds.

-Search techniques eg sound lines

-Lost party processing

Overall a successful weekend with fine weather, good company, great food, superb campsite and plenty of learning done. Apart from the Icon radios not able to be used on Sunday due to a discharged repeater battery, all else went to plan. Thanks to Police, Airforce and Amateur radio personel as well as Search Management team for an excellent weekend.

**MANAWATU GORGE TRAMP AND CAFE. March 14. by Fiona Donald**

At the previous Thursday meeting Terry had asked Warren to lead an easy trip on Sunday.

We three women met at Foodtown, drove out to collect Warren at James's Line then continued on to the Ashhurst end where we were joined by Ian. It was a warm and calm day while we leisurely strolled along the track pausing often to listen to the birds.

Later, we met Anya and Lance Gray; they were out on a quick constitutional walk prior to lunching at the "Over the Bridge" café.

Terry met us at the Ballance end just in time to see us physically encircle the circumference of a large totara tree. Next, Terry, Warren and Ian discussed the tree's theoretical length if it happened to crash down. Terry proceeded to step out, several times, the tree's approximate length.

Finally, we were on our way to the food! By this stage I was getting very hungry. It was also noted by Terry that I wasn't averse in checking out what other people had on their lunch plates. Over lunch, various topics were discussed including

another navigation course and a combined tramp/horse trek to the wind farm.

A beaut day peppered with good humour and sterling company.

A big thank you to Terry for driving us to the cars at the Ashhurst end.

We were: Warren Wheeler (leader), Fiona Donald, Hilda Heap, Barbara and Ian (sorry no last names for these two – I forgot to ask); Terry, Anya and Lance-part of the lunch crew.

**TO COPPERMINE CREEK, March 24. By Pauline Knuckley.**

We had a leisurely start to the day, leaving Foodtown shortly after 9am. After collecting a few people along the way, our party of 7, plus Max the dog, met at the end of Coppermine Road and set off. We wandered up to the old mine reading the historical information boards along the way and checking out the old magazine. Party leader Terry did manage to entice everyone into the cave to see the wetas although some members of the party didn't linger too long.

We then crossed the stream and headed up the ridge. Up until this stage, those who thought we were out for a pleasant Sunday stroll had got exactly what they expected. The steep incline changed all of that and conversation suddenly came to an end as we panted and puffed our way upward. Max was enjoying himself immensely running between the first and last members of the group checking up on everyone. We were very grateful to DOC for having cleared the track - some tales of previous tramps focused on the unpleasant bush bashing all the way up.

We had lunch amongst the undergrowth at the top of the hill where we learnt about Tararua biscuits and were encouraged to enter the competition at the upcoming AGM.

After lunch we meandered down to the farmland boundary and down on out to the cars at the road end. Some of the female members of the party had a quick dip in the river while Elaine was kept busy with Max who caught a possum. All in all a good walk in beautiful warm Autumn sunshine.

The party was Terry, Jacqueline, Pauline, Neil, Tracey, Monica, Elaine and Max.

**THE CADBURY'S NELSON LAKES TO LEWIS PASS EASTER JOKE SHOW, March 29- April 7. By Terry Crippen**

*Breakfast joke for Day 1. Where do joggers wash their trainers?*

Nigel and I cruised out of Palmy, noting the lack of cafes open in Wellington on Good Friday morning and picked up Jonathan who had been sleeping around Picton, calling into Nigel's Dad's in Blenheim, before heading off to St Arnaud. Shuttle to Lake Rotoroa then water taxi up to D'Urville Hut. Even though it was 4:30 pm, on arrival being instantly attacked by sandflies and with the hut over-heated by the residents, we quickly headed up valley for about an hour setting up the tent on the riverflats.

*[answer: in running water]*

*2. Why did the idiot put cheese on his head?*

Light rain greeted us the following morning. According to the weather forecast from the mountain radio, it was going to be grotty over the next few days. There was no need to try to get to the top of the valley that day. It was therefore a morning stroll in the rain to Ella hut, and that afternoon various attempts to dry out gear in patches of sunlight that occasionally appeared.

*[because he was crackers]*

*3. How do you make a band stand?*

A relaxed afternoon tramp the next day took us up to D'Urville Biv, with cool temperatures, variable weather and fresh snow. Fortunately the 7 "Tongue and Meats" (WTMC) fit-grade party we met on arrival were just having a rest stop so we had the cosy 2 bunk bivvy to ourselves.

*[take away their seats]*

*4. What do you call a baby whale?*

The route up to David Saddle is straight forward (but the route guide book is incorrect - my edition anyhow - the track is up the spur on the true right of the side stream). By the time we got into the basin below the saddle we were well into soft fresh snow. While a bit icy just on the windward side of David Saddle the snow in the steep gut down into the East Matakitaiki proved straightforward. (We were armed only with walking poles since we had decided, on leaving St

Arnaud, not to take our ice axes as there was no snow anywhere to be seen on the tops). By the time we got to the grass flats the weather had packed in again and we had some light snow as we headed down the pleasant valley to the equally pleasant East Matakitaiki hut.

*[a little squirt]*

*5. Why are elephants wrinkled?*

Overnight and in the morning extremely strong wings raced across the tops and periodically rolled down the valley shaking the hut. There was more fresh snow on the tops. (This was the weather that caused the Cook Strait ferries to be cancelled.) Thus our plans to climb Una were abandoned. Una, the fair and fresh heroine of Edmund Spenser's Faerie Queene allegorical epic poem would have to wait for another trip. So we continued down valley, then up the West Matakitaiki, stopping to inspect Bobs Hut and grave (see FMC bulletin Nov 2001). A reasonably straight forward grunt took us into a snow covered high basin under Faerie Queene where we proceeded to hunt for a suitable tent site as evening approached and temperatures started to plummet with the cold southerly change. With a bit of digging we produced what must be the only suitable tent site in this basin as boulders and rocks of all sizes are everywhere. Feet, in wet boots, soon became numb as we simultaneously pitched the tent, did the radio sched and cooked dinner, before rapidly retiring into our pits.

*[have you ever tried to iron one]*

*6. What is red and wobbles in the sky?*

A clear blue frozen morning (including boots and socks) greeted us, so we emerged out of the tent just in time to have the sun upon us. An excellent day to attempt Faerie Queene. We hit the Spenser Range divide just south of the summit and scrambled along rocks and fresh snow to the summit. The ranges all about were covered with fresh snow - perhaps the first main snowfall of autumn. A low flying DC3 returning from Warbirds over Wanaka cruised by. Down below us we could just pick out where Christopher Hut on the St James Walkway is. We choose an alternative descent to our camp site checking out tarns and our route for the following day.

*[a jelly-copter]*

*7. Why did the radish blush?*

This was our high level route day, heading initially via basins and tarns to the saddle just south-east of Gloriana (again one of Spenser's characters; representing Queen Elizabeth the 1st). Dumping our gear we headed up the rock ridge, with some interesting sections and an excellent snow filled gully, then easier slopes to the summit. Back to our packs, down to the large "Camera Gully Tarn" and then a high level route, keeping at about 1900m, into the basin in the head of the east tributary of the Right Branch of the Maruia river. (For the record; the standard 3 tarn pass route crosses into the west tributary of the Right Branch of the Maruia river- confused? Check the map out). We headed down the flight of basins and bush spur to the shelter of Ada Pass Hut, since the radio weather forecast was for deteriorating conditions the next few days.

*[it saw the salad dressing]*

#### 8. *What's a cobblers favourite music?*

The weather forecast turned out correct, so any thoughts of climbing onto the Freyburg Range were scrubbed, and it was a fast pace out to Lewis pass via the start (or end) section of the St James walkway. Then a equally fast trudge the six kms down to Mariua Springs to set up camp, soak in the hot pools (Japanese bathhouse and rock pools outside), eating and drinking.

*[sole music]*

#### 9. *Why do cows lie down when its raining?* 10. *Why did the tap run?*

The next morning there was more hot pool soaks, more eating, then complex transport rearrangements, due to the fact we were out a day early and it being the school holidays.

We got back to St Arnauld by two buses and the shuttle. Then off to Nigel's Dads for the night before managing to get on an earlier ferry back to the NI.

*[to keep each udder dry. because it saw the kitchen sink]*

The team; Nigel Scott, Jonathan Astin, Terry Crippen. Our daily breakfast jokes: the result of the Tararua biscuit competition 1st prize Easter Egg that came on the trip - so blame Warren, the presenter of prizes. Usually its Kinder Surprises!

**T.C.A. (TRACK & CLUE AWARENESS)  
Sometime in March.... ah no... April 7th! By  
Peter Darragh (with Derek Sharp)**

Lessons learnt:

- Track pursuit drill
- Lost track Procedure
- Various Probes and Casts
- Hut clue procedures

The morning was spent at the police S.A.R. office while the afternoon was spent out at Ballance Reserve. This is a skill not easily picked up over a few hours but we covered the fundamentals.

#### **ATIWHAKITU- HOLDSWORTH- GENTLE ANNIE, April 7 2002. By Monica Cantwell.**

The Herepai- Bottles track trip, with MTSC and PNTMC, did not take place due to bad weather. Plan 2 was the Bruce Hill track- but alas, the weather was the same. Plan 3 was the Holdsworth area, from where we set off at 9.50 AM. We took the Atiwhakatu Valley track, then the ridge track to Mountain House. The sign post at the start of the climb had been newly erected by DOC, but one could easily miss it, as it had been placed off the track, on a bank higher up.

We arrived at Mountain House at 12.00 PM. There were lots of comings and goings on the tracks, it still being school holidays. Lots of people arrived at Mountain House whilst we were there. Then the rain came, and we departed at 12.30 PM, coming down the Gentle Annie, thus doing a round trip. We arrived back at the car at 2.00 PM.

It was disappointing to see only three people on a combined trip, 2 from PNTMC, and myself, a member of both clubs. It is great to see our President doing easy tramps (with easy people).

We were; Warren Wheeler, Neil Campbell, and Monica Cantwell.

#### **ROARING STAG HUT, SUNDAY APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>. By Duncan Hedderley.**

We assembled at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning - all apart from Malcolm (our leader), who it turned out had eaten something that disagreed with him on Saturday night. Still, the weather looked good, and the rest of us were keen, so armed with a couple of Park Maps and two people who had been to Herepai before, we set out. There were half a dozen vehicles at the Putara road-end, which surprised us. We ran into the owners of a couple of them as we slogged up the 500m ascent

beyond the second swingbridge. They were hunters, and both gave us discouraging assessments of how long it would take to get to Roaring Stag, and the state of the hut once we got there. At the junction at the top of the slope I suggested we could go to Herepai, but Fiona wanted to go to Roaring Stag "because I've never been there before". So we turned left and followed the gently descending ridge to Roaring Stag, arriving about midday (Almost exactly to Malcolm's original plan). We had lunch by the river, enjoying the sun, then retraced our steps along (and up) the ridge. Stopping for a breather at the junction where the tracks to Roaring Stag and Herepai join the path to the roadend, we ran into the owners of the other vehicles - half a dozen trampers from Wellington who had stayed the night at Herepai. We had a quick chat, then headed downhill so they did not clog up the swing bridges ahead of us. We got back to the cars about 4, again, more or less as Malcolm had outlined. Though the dairy in Eketahuna which sold scoop icecream seems to have morphed into a cafe which never appears to be open, we did find another (opposite the 4 Square) which was, even

at the unpromising end of a Sunday afternoon. So, a good day out, with decent weather, not much mud, and the company of Fiona Donald, Andrew Halswell, Graham and Hilda Heap, and Barbara More.

**MLSO (MANAGING LAND SEARCH OPERATION), April 27-28. By Peter Darragh.**

Course Covered;

-Search Management

-Preplanning

-Intellegence and Interviewing

-Lost subject behaviour

-Search Probabilities

-Establishing the search area, and lots more interesting stuff

Course Focus "In the best interest of the subject"

A very good course, cut down to two days from the normal five day course, but covers most of the things that search team members may ask themselves during a search. Ross Gordon runs good courses and any of them are well worthwhile to get on.

**THE SECOND WHO DID WHAT LIST: 2001 - 2002 compiled by Terry Crippen**

This is the second Who Did What List (the first was in the last years April Newsletter). Again, the list has been compiled to show who has done longer/different/SI trips over the last year (April to March), club or private ones, NZ or overseas. Hopefully it will encourage us to try that South Island trip we have been thinking about, do longer ones, or to do some tramping etc while overseas. If you want some info about a particular trip/area, I'm sure the club members listed will be only too keen to help.

Note: In many cases there is only one name listed against a trip; that DOESN'T imply that it was a solo trip (ie I'm not recommending solo tramping here). Its just that only club and ex-club member names are listed. Also I have only included one 'local' trip (Tararua, Ruahine, TNP) - ask round for info on trips in these areas. Some pre April 2001 trips omitted from last years list are included. Apologies for any errors or if I've left your ones out. NB\* denotes ascents

**April 2001**

Darren Mis; Fiordland NP. \*Madeline

Derek Sharp

**May 2001**

Vanoise NP; France

Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne

Jura Mountains; France

Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne

**June 2001**

Kowhai Stm; Seaward Kaikouras. \*Fyfe

Andrew Lynch

Travers-Sabine; Nelson Lakes NP. \*Kehu

Terry Crippen, Nigel Scott

**July 2001**

Arthur's Pass NP. \*Rolleston

Bruce van Brunt, Andy Backhouse

Copland Valley; Mt Cook NP.

Bruce van Brunt

**August 2001**

Arthur's Pass NP: \*Aitkin

Bruce van Brunt

**September 2001**

St James Walkway, Lewis Pass

Janet Wilson

**October 2001**

Franz Joseph \*Spencer, \*Aurora, \*Conway, \*Frederick Gardiner Dave Henwood, Don French

**November 2001**

Cobb Valley, Mt Arthur Tablelands; Kahurangi NP Merv Mathews  
 Caving; NW Nelson Janet Wilson, Graham Peters  
 Fox Glacier; Westland NP Bruce van Brunt

**December 2001**

Grand Plateau; Mt Cook NP: \*Cook Andrew Lynch  
 Wanganui River canoe; Whanganui NP Liz Morrison  
 Tasman Valley; Mt Cook NP: \*Dixon Terry Crippen, Nigel Scott  
 N-S traverse; Ruahine FP Jonathan Astin  
 X-country skiing; Sweden Warren Wheeler, Kristina Mattsson  
 Tasman Valley; Mt Cook NP Chris Underwood  
 Pyrenees, Spain Tony Gates, Sally Hewson

**January 2002**

Cass, Harper Valleys; Craigieburn FP Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne  
 Hauroko, Dusky Sound, Manapouri; Fiordland NP John Phillips, Alan Bee, James Gordon  
 Landsborough \*Hooker, \*McCullough Terry Crippen, Jonathan Astin, Heather Bewick, Peter Wiles  
 Wangapeka, Mt Arthur; Kahurangi NP Barry Scott  
 Mangapuru Valley; Whanganui NP Liz Morrison  
 Hauroko, Dusky Sound, Manapouri; Fiordland NP Christine Taylor  
 Haast; Mt Aspiring NP: \*Brewster Terry Crippen, Jonathan Astin, Heather Bewick, Peter Wiles  
 Ruakitiri Valley; Urewera NP Terry Crippen, Trevor Lupton

**February 2002**

West Matukitiki; Aspiring NP Pete McGregor, Sarah Pettus, Troy Baisden  
 Auckland, Campbell Is, Ross Sea area of Antarctica Peter Wiles  
 Cook River; Westland NP Bruce van Brunt, Derek Sharp  
 Sealey Range; Mt Cook NP: \*Sealey, \*Annette Bruce van Brunt, Derek Sharp  
 Waitaha, Whitcombe Valleys; Westland: \*Evans, \*Beaumont, \*Bloomfield. Dave Henwood, Don French

**March 2002**

Perito Moreno Glacier- Fitzroy- Atacama Desert, Argentina Harley Betts  
 Faerie Queen\*- Gloriana\* Terry Crippen, Jonathon Astin, Nigel Scott.  
 Sled dog riding, Norway Mike Hewett

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