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Sunny family trip to Beehive Creek Walkway, Pohangina Valley.

[Maho Strachan]

Club Nights

All are welcome to our club nights. Doors open at 7.15pm for a cuppa before making a start at 7:30pm on the second and last Thursday of each month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

13 April 2017

Blue Mountains

Anne & Martin Lawrence

Last September Martin and Anne spent a week exploring trails in the Blue Mountains National Park. Just a 2 hour train ride from Sydney, this is an easily accessed park that offers plenty of interest. Come along and hear about it.

27 April 2017

California Adventures

Chris Tuffley

Last year Chris had a three month sabbatical in California, spending the weeks doing mathematics and the weekends plus a couple of weeks of leave on many and varied adventures of the hiking and climbing variety. Come and see some of his pictures of the deep canyons, smooth domes and myriad lakes of this granite playground. (He promises no equations will feature in the talk.)

Upcoming Trips

1-2 April

Tongariro NP Explorer E/M

Kathy Corner 027 618 5722

This is a nice easy weekend exploring short walks in Tongariro National Park. Rough plan depending on the weather is to walk to Lake Surprise, then afterwards walk to Blyth Hut for the night. Sunday is a walk to Tama Lakes and Silica Rapids. Leave at 7.30am.

2 April

Roaring Stag M

Martin Lawrence 357 1695

A popular trip in the eastern Tararuas behind Eketahuna. The track crosses two swing bridges as it sidles along the river before climbing steeply then dropping down a long ridge through magnificent rimu forest to the hut. Camping beside the river is an option.

8-9 April

Arthurs Pass M

Annett Patzold 021 189 4647

East of Arthurs Pass, Classic Roundtrip Andrews Shelter/White Road End via Casey Saddle and Binser Saddle, which is considered a longish easy to medium tramp along rivers and over two easy passes. There is the option to make this harder by traversing the tops between Casey and Binser Saddle, either on the first day or the second and walk out via Andrews Stream Valley. Tent/fly is required as Casey Hut has burnt down but also for spending Friday night at the shelter for an early start on Saturday.

8 April (Sat)

Manawatu Gorge E

Gina Fermor 359 0096

Enjoy a little exertion while experiencing an easy excursion through the tawa and nikau forest to a lofty lookout or two.

14-17 April

Easter Eggmont Explorer E/M

Warren Wheeler 356 1998

Plan A is a circuit of the mountain by car with side trips in to Waiaua Falls Hut, Pouakai Hut, Maketawa Hut and a clamber to the summit. Other options include Dawson Falls, Waingorongoro Hut, Lake Dive and Syme Hut. BYO Easter eggs and hot cross buns. Depart 7.30am.

22-25 April

Ruahine Cnr Long Anzac w/e M/F

Grant Christian 354 5843

A four day circuit in the northern Ruahines including a visit to Ruahine Corner Hut.

23 April

Atiwhakatu E

Terry Crippen 356 3588

Note change in trip leader.

Depart 8.00am. This popular walk takes us up the beautiful Atiwhakatu valley in the eastern Tararuas.

29-30 April

Makeretu Hut M

Richard Lockett 323 0948

Note change in trip leader.

Up onto the tops via Longview before dropping down to Makeretu hut for the night, returning via the stream and river and Moorcroft saddle.

Possibility of some stoat trap work.

29 or 30 April

Farm Walk M

Malcolm Leary 06 327 7825

Another popular excursion over the farmed hills behind Hunterville offers expansive views and invigorating exercise.

6-7 May

Waterfall Hut M/F

Mary Lund 06 374 7811

This iconic hut in the middle of the Ruahines offers numerous challenging options to get there and back. Contact Mary for more details.

7 May

Arawaru/Quartz Ridge Loop M/F

Dave Grant 328 7788

Keep travel time to a minimum getting to this tramp in Hardings Park in the Tararuas, close to PN. Tramp up the Sledge Track to the Otangane Loop, branching off just before Pukenaenae (new name for the Nipple) to head up to Arawaru for lunch. Great views on a fine day. Then it's almost all downhill along Quartz Ridge back to the Kahuterawa – bit steep where we drop back into the creek. Leave Milverton Park at 7.30am. Should be back by 4pm.

13-14 May

Leon Kinvig Hut M

Richard Lockett 323 0948

Starting from the west heading up and over the Ngamoko Range before dropping down and across the Pohangina River to Leon Kinvig Hut for the night returning via the same route. Possibility of some stoat trap work.

14 May

Herepai Hut M

Woody Lee 357 2390

A trip into the eastern Tararuas behind Eketahuna. We will walk up from the Putara Road end and climb steadily up the hill after the second swing bridge.

Trip Grading

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient trampers should expect 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):	over 8 hrs
Other grades:	
Technical skills (T)	
Instructional (I)	

Trip participants

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips leave from Milverton Park. A charge for transport will be collected on the day.

Gear for trips

Minimum gear for day trips is appropriate footwear, pack, lunch and snacks, waterproof jacket, overtrousers, gloves, warm hat, torch, toilet paper, matches or a lighter, sunblock, first aid kit, and a survival bag or space blanket. Each person needs to be equipped to survive overnight.

Personal Locator Beacons – Free for trips

The club has purchased two PLBs for members' use. If you want to take one of these on a trip, contact Martin or Anne Lawrence on 357-1695. Note that this applies to any trip you are going on - it doesn't need to be a club trip.

Trip leaders

Complete the trip intentions form and leave with one of Overdue Trip Contacts or drop into 44 Dahlia St or email to pntmctrips@gmail.com with the date and trip name in the subject line. If you are unable to run your trip as scheduled, advise a trip coordinator as soon as possible so that alternatives can be arranged.

Overdue Trips

If a club trip is late returning, please do not worry unduly as there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone one of the Overdue Trip Contacts:

Janet Wilson	329-4722
Martin and Anne Lawrence	357-1695
Terry Crippen	356-3588

Articles for the newsletter

Send by the 20th of each month to Warren Wheeler, the newsletter editor, direct or via our web site <http://www.pntmc.org.nz/mail/>

Notices

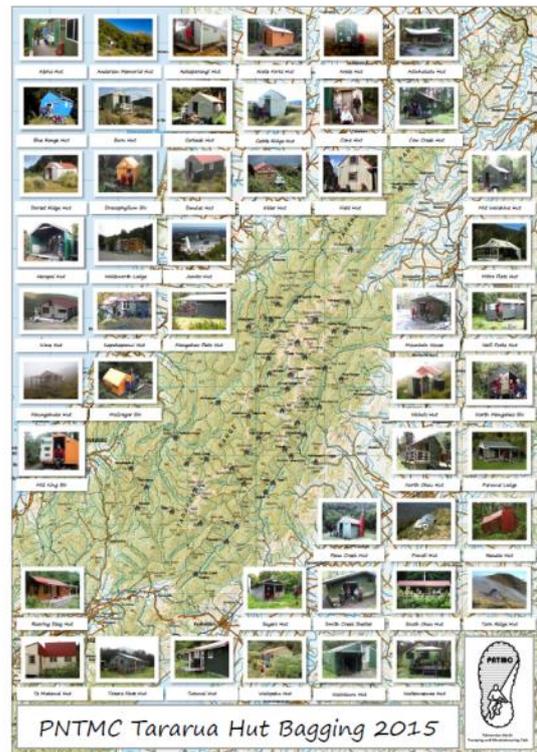
Rangi Hut Booking Trial Extended

DOC is looking to extend the Rangi and Sunrise Hut Booking Trial to Anzac Day and have asked the PNTMC Committee for feedback on the idea. The Committee have suggested it would be even better extended until the following weekend to tie in with the end of the April School Holidays.

Hut Wardens Wanted

Any member interested in being a volunteer or paid hut warden, particularly at Rangi Hut, please contact Nicole or Allanah at DOC Palmerston North Office as they are always on the lookout.

PNTMC Hut Bagging Posters



Posters are still available for both the Ruahine Hut Bagging 2012 and Tararua Hut Bagging 2015.

Size	Members	Non Members
A2	\$8	\$12
A1	\$16	\$24

Post and tube is about \$15 extra depending on where it is being sent.

Sale proceeds go towards our maintenance of Mid-Pohangina and Ngamoko Huts.

Contact Warren 356-1998.

PNTMC Jubilee Book

Old Boots & Packs - The First 50 Years of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club (PNTMC) will interest and amuse mountain users, historians, photographers, hut baggers and tree huggers. Read about current and past members' exploits, which include climbing our highest peaks (sometimes with boots on the wrong feet) and powering a car on white spirits cooking fuel.

Order your copies directly from the editor Doug Strachan 353-6526 and get ready to put your feet up with this great read, all for only \$35.

(Also makes a nice gift to friends and family who might otherwise wonder why you enjoy tramping so much!)



PNTMC Travel Club - Nepal

Would you like to join Jo and Lawrence O'Halloran on two treks with Ann Young "Trekking Adventures" later this year?

- 14 - 29 Sept Annapurna Sanctuary Trek
- 29 - 30 Sept in Kathmandu
- 1- 28 Oct Kanchenjunga Trek

After the treks you would be free to depart Nepal anytime after 28 October or stay on as long as you like.

Please confirm your interest asap as Ann needs to firm up these dates with her guides so they don't book themselves up with other treks. She also needs to book the flights etc. The

Kanchenjunga trek has a lot to organize with exact dates being really important.

Interested people could talk to Ann Young directly: ann@trekkingadventures.co.nz

Newsletter Download Problem

By Webmaster Peter Wiles

Downloading the Latest Newsletter Problem?

Sometime ago I heard that someone was having difficulty downloading the current newsletter (PDF) file from the website – (Woody, I believe?). At the time I tested the program on the three common browsers that run on a Windows PC – Internet Explorer (now replaced by MS Edge), Google's Chrome and Mozilla's Firefox. The latest newsletter ran fine on all these and I dismissed the problem.

Recently, in a discussion with Warren, he mentioned it again - that more than one person was having problems. Currently, in addition to having a Windows PC, my new secret weapon is an iPad which being an Apple device runs their Safari browser. And guess what, yes, sure enough only the first page of the newsletter is downloaded! Grrrrrrrrrrrr.

That is the bad news bit, and to make matters more complex but provide some good news, if you get a list of past newsletters – from the link on the Newsletters page you will find (I hope) that regardless of browser i.e. including Safari, you can download the complete newsletter! Why the difference in output depending on whether it's the latest, or an older newsletter? This is because the way the two types of links are constructed (and the things going on behind the scenes) are somewhat different i.e. a problem of my making. Oh dear.

However to absolve myself of some of the blame, a Google search turns up several blogs that indicate there is a known bug in iOS (the Apple operating system used across their iDevices) that causes only the first page of PDF files to be displayed. Some suggested simple possible fixes, have not worked.

Some FAQs come to mind:

If I download the Chrome browser to my iPhone or iPad, will that avoid the problem? No, the bug still occurs (on my iPad). Similarly, if you download the Adobe Acrobat Reader (and Chrome), that does not help either.

Jonathan & Conan's report (Trip highlights)

Splashing. Falling in the creek and getting soaked. Getting our shoes stuck in the mud. Having a water fight. Eating the Buzz Bars and ice cream.

We were: Duncan Hedderley, Warren Wheeler, the Daynes family (Lee & Chris, Ella, Jonathan), the Strachan family (Maho & Doug, Minami, Conan).

25-26 February 2017

Applied Tramping – Top Gorge Hut Photo Essay by Warren Wheeler



Rebaiting the traps south from Otumore



Morning cuppa at Top Gorge campsite.



Ready to leave 2-bed Top Gorge Hut



Low cloud for new upper Pohangina trap line



Back down the track from Longview Hut

Who Has Done What 2016-17

Compiled by Terry Crippen.

Here is the "Who Has Done What" list for March 2016 to February 2017 including a few omissions from last year's list in December 2015 and January 2016.

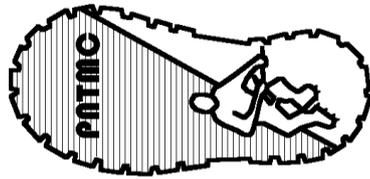
It is an attempt to keep a record of what club members get up to (the cumulative list now goes back to April 2000); and to enthuse people to do different trips.

It is also a list of who to contact for info about different places. It follows the same format as previous years: i.e. it excludes the usual shorter Tararua, Ruahine, TNP, ENP etc trips; and concentrates on further afield trips, overseas, and multi-day trips.

The listings are both private trips done by club members and longer club trips. Note that only members and past members names are listed plus some others, so a single name doesn't necessary imply a solo trip. As usual it is biased towards what club members have told me they have done. So no doubt they are many brilliant trips omitted.

NP = National Park, FP = Forest Park, CP/CA = Conservation Park/Area.

WHEN	AREA	TRIP	ASCENTS	CLUB Members & others
December 2015	Lewis Pass area	St James Walkway	Mt Princess	Bruce van Brunt, Alasdair Noble
	Kaimanawa, Kaweka FP	Kaweka-Kaimanawa traverse		Bruce van Brunt, Jonathan Astin
January 2016	Subantarctic Islands			Anne and Martin Lawrence
March	Nelson Lakes NP	Nelson Lakes -Lewis Pass		Chris Tuffley
	Marlborough	Hellfire/Misery/Branch Valleys		Graham Peters, Janet Wilson, Jean, Ivan
	Aspiring NP	Routeburn track		Craig and Stephen Allerby
April	Rotorua	Spirited Womans Adventure Race		Tina Bishop, Ange Minto, Yvette Cottam, Janet Wilson. (Richard Lockett, Terry Crippen support team)
	Lyell area, Westland	Old Ghost Road MTB		Chris Tuffley
June	Great Britain	John O'Groats, Lands End. Brecon Beacons, Wales, and Cairngorms NP, Scotland.	Pen y Fan, Ben Nevis, Meall a' Bhuachaille	Malcolm and Edith Leary
	Western Samoa	MTB and Kayaking		Warren Wheeler, Tina Bishop, Kathy Corner
July	Alice Springs, Australia	World Rogaining Champs		Graham Peters, Janet Wilson, Yvette Cottam
August to October	Ukraine	Kiev, Poltava, Odessa, Illichivsk, Kharkiv, Lviv, Myrhorod		Terry Crippen, Nina Nazarenko
September	Australia	Blue Mountains	Solitary	Anne and Martin Lawrence
	Canada	Banff and Yoho NP		Woody Lee
October	Inland Kaikouras	Hodder Valley	Tapuaenuku (Tappy)	Mary and Hannah Lund, Ash Mellow, Malcolm Leary
November	Mauritius	Le Morne Branant, Black River Gorges		Bruce van Brunt
	Stewart Island	Rakiura Track		Janet Wilson, Marilyn Barka
	Mt Aspiring NP	Rabbit Pass		Mary & Hannah Lund, Grant Christian
December	Mt Cook NP	Ball Pass		Hannah Lund and Ash Mellow
	Ohau area	Gunsite Pass		Hannah & Mary Lund, Ash Mellow, Grant Christian
	Aspiring NP	Mt Earnslaw area		Hannah & Mary Lund, Ash Mellow, Grant Christian
	Ruahine FP	7-day Traverse		Geoff Phillips, Lindsay Middleton
	Lewis Pass	Nina Hut		Hannah & Mary Lund, Ash Mellow, Grant Christian
	Tasmania	Overland Track, South Coast Track		Esther Pothuis
January 2017	Whanganui River	Canoed Taumarunui to Pipiriki 5 days		Malcolm Parker
	National Park	42nd Traverse		Sally Hewson
	Ruatawaha CA	Hopkins Valley	Mt Jackson	Don French
	Lake Taupo	Kayaking		Sally Hewson, Yvonne van der Does
February	Wilkin Valley	NZAC summer camp	Perseus	Ange Minto, Grant Christian
	Mt Aspiring NP Mt Cook NP		Pollux, Earnslaw Ball Pass, Annette	Grant Christian
	Waikaia, Southland	Australasian Rogaining Champs		Janet Wilson, Yvette



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Get out and about with us!

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