

**Newsletter of the Otago Tramping  
and Mountaineering Club (Inc.)  
P.O. Box 1120, Dunedin.**

**The OTMC meets socially at 3 Young Street  
every Thursday - doors open at 7.30pm,  
programme begins at 8.00pm.**

### *President's Piece*

As I write this month's note, 16 of our members are participating on the Snow Craft Course in Queenstown. Judging by the weather forecast for tonight they may not have had to leave Dunedin for the snow.

This will be my last President's Piece, as I will not be standing for the position again. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the new Club President every success in the coming year.

Wishing you all safe and happy tramping.

Terry Casey,  
President.

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**FOR SALE**



**Kathmandu Moonraker  
down sleeping bag**



Size regular, right hand zip. Water-resistant fabric cover on foot-box. Four seasons - has been fantastic for trips all time of year with the club. Three years old, excellent condition, \$200 (is \$620 new).



Contact Deb Carr 4780 363, [d.carr@otago.ac.nz](mailto:d.carr@otago.ac.nz)



**Caps** bottle green or navy, \$18

**Dri-fit T-shirts** - red, navy, khaki, orange and pale blue, on display at club, try them for size, very small sizes available on request. Usual retail price \$59, special OTMC price \$48.

All have the OTMC logo, order yours at club from Fiona, payment required with order.

1. Half mast
2. Robin Hood
3. Reverse strategy
4. Season ticket
5. Jumbo jet
6. It's about time
7. Top soil
8. Unfinished business

Brain Teaser answers from last month's quiz:-

# PIZZA

## FILADELFIOS

3 North Rd (by the Bot. Gardens)  
Saturday 21 August @ 7.30pm

For \$13 we have a set menu of wedges, garlic bread and pizza - yum!!! This is a fun night, no tramping boots required, bring family and friends.

To confirm numbers please contact Fiona on 487 - 8176, or email [fionaw@tekotago.ac.nz](mailto:fionaw@tekotago.ac.nz)

# PIZZA

# 5 SUMMITS IN 5 HOURS

## 25 July 2004

Behind Port Chalmers are five named summits that surround the Cedar Creek Reservoir. This trip was not really an “M” trip as there are no tracks up Mt Cutten or Mt Martin and the descent from Mihiwaka is rather horrid. This was not a round trip but rather we would be going up and back to a central base a number of times. Therefore everybody did not have to go up every summit.

A party of 21 started and at least 15 reached the summit on all five tops. Mts Martin and Cutten are the most difficult to get to as the gorse in the pines planted on the north flank is rapidly becoming impassable. What amazed me was that 21 people followed me into a sea of gorse and afterwards said they loved the trip! It took me three days to extract the last splinter of gorse out of my hands. Some of the party were in running shoes and shorts. Ouch!!!

We climbed the summits in order of height.

1. Mt Martin (478m) is possibly named after the Martin brothers who were with Kettle's survey party and went to settle in the Toko area. We had to declare a particular rock the summit as it was very difficult to find a high point.
2. Mt Cutten (530 m) is named after William Cutten who helped launch the ODT and was the builder of Belmont, a fine house in Sunshine. The easiest way up Cutten is not to follow the Ridge

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between Martin and Cutten but climb through the older native bush on the north face. Vigorous artistic interpretations were made of the Len Lye sculpture on the southern peak. This may symbolise old fashioned communication that continues through the path of life, creating reflections radiating out in all directions. Life is represented by the round shape of the womb and the angular arms of the adult. Death is represented by the slow decay of the wood while the stainless steel represents ongoing life. Clearly it is not an old telegraph pole with a piece of stainless steel wrapped around it! We had lunch on the clay bank of the Cedar Creek Reservoir and the kids (*of all ages? Ed*) had a great time playing with the ice that extended over part of the reservoir.

3. Mt Kettle (545 m) was the old name for Flagstaff. Kettle, who was Dunedin's first surveyor, has ended up with this much less visited summit. The best views are from the track which climbs the ridge on the South East side.
4. Mt Chalmers (550m) is the knob of rock just to the south of the Mihiwaka trig and is named on a 1922 Lands and Survey map but not on more recent ones. It is a short scramble up a rock face and has great all round views.
5. Mihiwaka (561m) is a strongly traditional name and there is evidence it was the Maori name for Mt Cargill. It is the highest point but is also a bit of an anticlimax as it's the edge of a flat plateau which obscures all views to the north. The scramble back down to the road below Mihiwaka was rather steep and slippery but everybody got down without incident.

A most enjoyable day, getting back by 3 pm in time for ice creams in Port Chalmers. Next time we should do them in alphabetical order. The area also has great potential for a decent set of tracks connecting up these summits and linking to the Skyline track.

Antony Hamel for Gavin McArthur; Janet Barclay; Laurel Dunn; Jonette Service; Jill MacAliece; Garry Moos; Roy Ward; Ran Turner; Sally Gray; Pam Bardsley; Holly and Naomi Peacock; Tracy, Richard, Vincent and Rosa Pettinger; Andrea Schwander; Ross, Gaye and Laura Davies.

# Triplist

## CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

Weekend trips are in a lull at present due to the time of year. After 30 people attended the Winter Routeburn with Wolfgang no one wanted to venture away to Green Lake with Peter. Hopefully the Monowai trip can be rescheduled to another time of year (another trip to add to the list!).

The trip programme for the period covering November 2004 to May 2005 is all but finished, with only some minor tweaking to be done. Even though some of the destinations may not be familiar to everyone, there are options on most trips to cater for all members. I have deliberately tried to avoid the more touristy spots and get back to what I would term the traditional form of OTMC tramping – a mixture of tracked and untracked country, complete with dodgy huts/shelters (or no huts at all) and more nights under the stars. I also think it is important to try to maintain the remoteness of our backcountry by limiting the number of trampers in each area. Each area has scope for a greater variety of trips within the encompassing area – there is no need for every party to follow the one in front (we're not being snobby, as we have social trips as well!). Check out the programme now (it is on the website) and mark those dates on the calendar.

**Routeburn Climbing (M/C)**  
**28—29 August**  
**Trev Deaker 473 8477**

The final chance to sign up for this trip is tonight (19 August) - in light of the recent snow conditions, contact Trev to see if the trip is still happening. Options he has mentioned are many, among them Conical Hill, Ocean Peak, Mt Zenicus, Mt Erebus, Emily Pass from the east, and there are also purely tramping options.

**Makarora Region (M/C)**  
**11-12 September**  
**Ann Burton 4762360**

Another trip to my favourite tramping area – the Makarora Region in Mt Aspir-

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ing National Park. A definite starting destination for this weekend is the rarely visited Wills Valley, from the Gates of Haast Bridge. The lower gorge section of the Wills is quite interesting, and will challenge some trampers – but the effort is worth it. The Wills opens up into large flats in the vicinity of Wills Hut. Other options are an overnight trip to Brewster Biv (Mt. Armstrong may be an option), a trip up Cameron Creek to the hut, or exploring in the area of the Blues or Fish valleys. The Wilkin and Young valleys don't offer a lot for a 2 day trip, but then there is still Teal Creek....

**Caples/Kay Creek/Scott Creek (All)**

**25-26 September**

**Rob Lawrence 474 1620**

The main trip for this weekend is the through trip of Caples/Kay Creek/Scott Creek. This is more-or-less a fit trip for a weekend (average of 9 hours tramping per day). It does help to tramp up the Caples at least to Mid Caples hut on Friday night. There is a track up Kay Creek to bushline, and down Scott Creek from bushline. You will need to camp near the Kay/Scott saddle on Saturday night, complete with magnificent views of Earnslaw.

If the through option doesn't appeal, there is scope to base yourself in the Caples valley for the weekend, hence the 'all' grading on this trip. Another possibility (depending on snow levels) is Steele Creek from the Greenstone.

Trip list closes 16 September

**West Matukituki (based at Mt. Aspiring Hut) (All)**

**9-10 October**

**Bruce Bernasconi 455 2411**

The West Matukituki offers several opportunities for days trips, basing yourself at Aspiring Hut. On the way into the hut, Rob Roy Glacier is well worth a visit - allow a good half a day to really enjoy it. (There is a foot-bridge across the West Matuki.) From the hut you can do day-pack trips to either Liverpool Biv, French Ridge, or even further up the Matuki from Pearl Flat. Shotover Saddle offers good views but the snow level above bushline will be dangerous in September. For the 'unsnooby' (see note above) there is a social night in the Aspiring Hut.

Trip list closes 30 September.

Regards

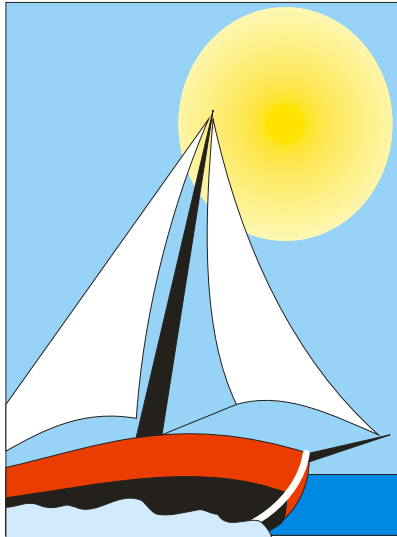
Antony Pettinger

# DAYTRIPS

## **Taieri River (E) 5 September**

The day trip will be up the Taieri River from Outram Glen to Lee Stream and will be lead by Terry Casey. It is an easy to medium trip of approximately four hours return. Bring lunch with you and we depart from the clubrooms at 9am.

Contact: Terry Casey: 454 4592



## **Port Chalmers Area (E) 12 September**

Our day will commence with a walk to Graham's Bush (Sawyers Bay) and return. Then park by United Church in Ajax Rd, Port Chalmers for a bush walk and lunch at Scott's Memorial/Centenary Lookout. Return options include a museum visit (gold coin donation) and/or liquid refreshments at Careys Bay Hotel.

Graeme Donaldson 455 0994

## **Government Track (M)**

### **19 September**



The Government Track is a remnant of a formed dray road built in the 1860's to transport goods to the Lawrence Gold-fields. The track starts from the roadside near Berwick and climbs gradually (1:130 gradient). Some lovely bush walking and as one gains height there are some good views of the lower Waipori Gorge. One downside to the track is that it is not a round trip so return to vehicles will be by the same route.

Distance is approx. 12-14 km and expected time 5 hours (including a leisurely lunch break). The track is classified as a tramp so boots are the appropriate footwear.

Meet at the clubrooms at the usual time of 9 am. Cost \$5 given to the drivers (not \$10 as stated in the trip list).

Greg Powell 454 4828

## **Hermit's Cave (M)**

### **26 September**

Past Green Hut site, round edge of Painted Forest, we will find our way to the bottom of the staircase, approach Hermit's cave from Rocky Ridge and out. Round trip 4-5 hours.

Doug Forrester 487 6416

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# Social Programme

## Coming Thursday Night Meetings

- 26 Aug** **AGM** - you've been warned / waiting for it, and here it finally is! All members cordially invited to attend. Come and have your say!
- 2 Sept** **B.Y.O.** - Snowcraft, Routeburn climbing, any other snowy goings-on which circumnavigated the weather, or other photos/tales of interest.
- 9 Sept** "Warm and dry - how do they do that?" **Deb Carr** will talk on her area of special expertise - fabric qualities - and help you differentiate fact from fiction.
- 16 Sept** **Danillo Hegg** will discuss Tramping and Environmental Issues in Fiordland, illustrating this with some amazing photos.
- 23 Sept** **David Paulin** - showing videos and slides, some quite historical, of past trips to the Rock & Pillars and their huts.
- 30 Sept** **B.Y.O.** - Makarora, Caples/Kay/Scott Creeks, and more!

Any ideas, and contact names in particular, are welcome for the Thursday evening activities. Please contact Fiona Webster (Social Convenor) if you can help - see the Committee member list.

Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the October Bulletin, deadline is 16/09/04, publication 30/09/04. You can submit material on floppy disc (PC not Mac please), email 'rbell@pooka.otago.ac.nz' (without the quotes), or post to Robyn Bell, 8 Roy Crescent, Concord, Dunedin. Thanks.